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Okemo skiers & riders bring home NASTAR medals

LUDLOW, Vt. - Okemo Mountain Resort sent a record 27 racers to this year's Liberty Mutual Insurance NASTAR National Championships in Steamboat Springs, Colo. Of the 76 participating resorts, Okemo finished in fifth place at the conclusion of the indi-

vidual events.

Three brothers, Ryan, Archie and Lauchie Cameron, made the podium in their respective races. Five-year-old Lauchie became the fourth racer in NASTAR history to win his age group in both skiing and snowboarding. Their grandfather, Okemo NASTAR Coordinator Pat Moore, picked up his 11th National Championship in snowboard racing.

Chloe Blount took third in Girls' 6-7 Platinum Division. Jen Blount won Women's 40-44 Platinum. Marti Brueckner took second in Women's 50-54 Platinum. Okemo

Instructor Florin Castor won his division. Isiah Delage took third in his division. Rob Dexter took second in the 65-69 Platinum Division. Gerard Heckler won the 75-79 Silver Division. Mary Lou Morell took second in the 65-69 Silver Division. Bob Morell took second in the 70-74 Gold Division. Dan Shpak won the 40-44 Bronze Division. Olivia Shpak won the 14-15 Bronze Division. Peter Wepplo took second in the 70-74 Platinum Division.

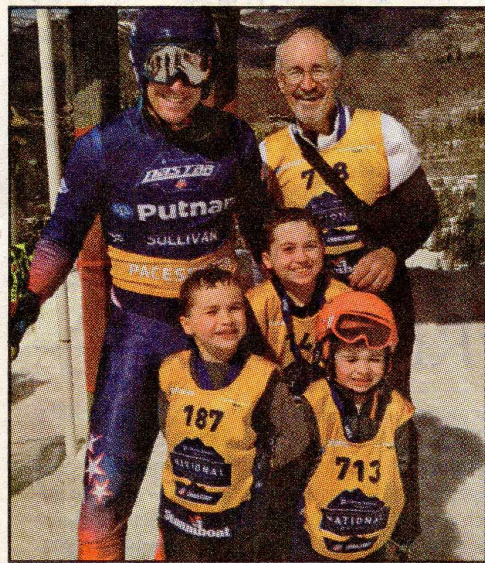
NASTAR stands for NATIONAL STANDARD RACE and is the largest public grassroots ski racing program in the world. Founded in 1968, NASTAR gives recreational racers an opportunity to compete and compare their scores to friends and family regardless of when and where they race, using the NASTAR handicap system. NASTAR was developed by SKI Magazine in



Chloe Blount.

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1968 and now boasts more than 100,000 races at more than 100 resorts around the country. Racers are scored with a handicap system that provides participants with a tangible number, or handicap, that represents their ability against U.S. Ski Team athletes and pacesetters. Today, NASTAR is operated by the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association.



Marco, Pat and the boys.

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