



ALASKA WINTER STARS



Alaska Winter Stars ski team was recently honored by the United States Ski Association as it's 2010 Cross-Country Club of the Year, which is presented to "a USSA Competition Club...having distinguished itself in providing direction to young athletes through high-level competition programs resulting in athletic success." The past season saw great achievements by AWS skiers, with four athletes qualifying for the U.S. World Junior Championship Team, a men's Senior National title, and multiple Junior National titles. Alaska Winter Stars skiers include Scott Patterson (3x State Skimeister for South High School and 2010 World Junior team), Eric Packer (current Dartmouth and former South High standout and 2010 World Junior team member), Caitlyn Patterson (current UVM and former South High skier, State Skimeister and 2010 World Junior team), and Tyler Kornfield (current UAF and former Service High standout, 2010 US National Classic sprint champion and US World Junior Team).

In addition to this award, Alaska Winter Stars head coach Jan Buron was honored as the USSA Cross Country Domestic Coach of the Year. The award was made based on "outstanding contribution to either the domestic program or international program, resulting in high-level performance of his athletes in domestic or international competition during the past season." Previously this season, AWS also won the club awards at the Junior Olympic Championships held in Presque Isle, Maine, sweeping the Men's, Women's and Combined Club trophies. This was the second time in the past three years that AWS racers have earned those honors. The coaches of the Alaska Winter Stars ski team would like to congratulate all of their skiers on a successful 2009-2010 season, and to thank them for their dedication and effort. We look forward to your continued success and growth!

Jan Buron, Head Coach

Ben Arians and Erin Hamilton, Assistant Coaches

