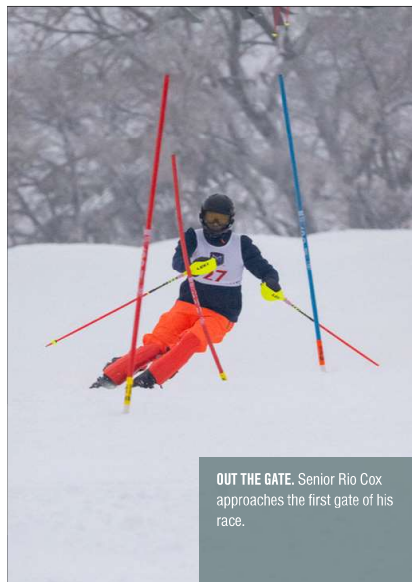
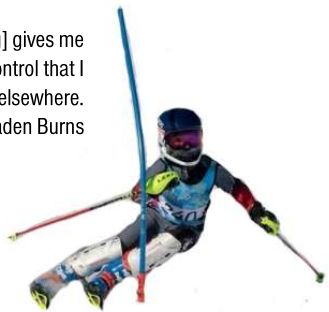


GRIT. Evy Sachs grits her teeth as she makes a hairpin turn around a gate during a race **SUBMITTED**
PHOTOS: Evy Sachs



ON THE SLOPES

“ I guess [skiing] gives me a feeling of control that I don't feel like I have elsewhere. - Caden Burns



OUT THE GATE. Senior Rio Cox approaches the first gate of his race.



TAKE A BREATHER. The alpine team takes a moment to relax on the slopes after a long practice. With winter daylight hours much shorter than other sports seasons, many alpine practices go well after sunset. Thankfully, local ski hills like Buck Hill and Hyland Hills are equipped with large spotlights to illuminate the slopes below.



Joshua Melchert shreds down the slope.



Liam Burns weaves through gates.



SENIOR NIGHT. Seniors Soren Mishra and Maya Sachs stand at the top of the hill after their runs waiting to cheer their teammates on. The blue and gold feather boas were a fashion staple at Senior Night, where the team thanked and celebrated all the hard work put in by the alpine seniors

Alpine captains hold key to team success

By Eliza Farley, The Rubicon

In an individually focused sport like skiing, it might not be typical to have strong team culture but that's exactly what the alpine team had this year. In addition to strong performances in their meets, they also became notably close with each other, forming a tight-knit community that undoubtedly helped them compete at their best.

Sophomore Harper Glass had felt the power of the team's good synergy. "Everyone's really sweet, and we all get along pretty well" she said. "[There's] a very good sense of team community and camaraderie."

As an explanation for the team's closeness, Glass chalked it up to the efforts of the captains: seniors Soren Mishra, Wyatt Tait, Linnea Cooley, and Maya Sachs. "The captains are all really trying to get everyone on the buses, and to get everyone to talk to each other in the hallways and classrooms." Glass said. "That's a huge change, because last year I didn't notice it too much."

She noted that last year was very difficult for team bonding activities because of COVID restrictions. However, it's not only on the bonding front that the team performed well. In their meet on Jan. 11th at Buck Hill, varsity skier Henry Giles and JV skier Mia Collins were both noted to have strong performances. "[Giles] won the entire race for the boys... and then JV, Mia Collins... won the entire thing," Glass said.

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The winning run time of sophomore Caden Burns in the Jan. 25 IMAC ski race