

2018 LAPHAM PEAK SKI SERIES

Thanks to the many volunteers who made snow, groomed snow, and set up race courses, the 2018 Lapham Peak Ski Series was a tremendous success. Widening the manmade surface and increasing the depth of the snow helped to ensure the snow was available for the entire series. Alas, other ski leagues were not so lucky as rain, warm temperatures, and thin snow depths wreaked havoc on their course. All seven races were held this year; five on the manmade snow and the last two on Mother Nature's snowy lighted loop.

The time for the races was adjusted to get folks, especially students, home earlier and few skiers were unable to make the new start time. Every week a course was posted and skiers tried to follow it; it would be wonderful if we could enjoy the entire lighted loop each week. We can, however, count on consistent snow and a weekly event.

The Lapham Loppet, one of the only races available on a Saturday in January, had a terrific turnout of 134 skiers. They skied a 7 lap course with temperatures over 50 degrees at the end. A veteran timing team and computer expert provided fast and accurate results.

Thanks to the hardy volunteers who braved temperatures near zero, wind, an icy parking lot, and fog. Another big thanks to the coaches who encouraged the Middle School and High School teams to race each week.

Our net income from the Ski Series for snowmaking this year was a record \$8160.84!

Sincerely, Kris Maki