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Kroisleitner Named 2010 RMISA Alpine Coach of Year
RMISA also releases 2011 schedule

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. --- Lobo Alpine skiing coach Martin Kroisleitner recently was named the 2010 Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate Ski Association (RMISA) Alpine Coach of the Year. It is the second Coach of the Year honor for the four-year member of the University of New Mexico staff in 2010 and the second consecutive year earning the conference honor.

"This is a great tribute to the UNM ski team," said Lobo head coach Fredrik Landstedt. "It shows the strength of our program and that we are competing at the highest level."

Soon after receiving the conference honor, along with the USCSCA national coach of the year award, Landstedt announced that Kroisleitner is leaving the UNM program to become a coach for the Russian national ski team. The 2014 Winter Olympics Games will be contested in Sochi, Russia.

"We are sad to lose Martin, but having two of our alpine coaches offered positions with international World Cup-level teams in recent years shows what a high quality program we have," said Landstedt. In addition to Kroisleitner's appointment with the Russian national ski team, former Lobo assistant coach Christian Mitter was hired by the Norwegian women's national team in 2006.

2011 UNM Ski Schedule Announced ... The RMISA recently announced the intercollegiate schedule for the 2011 season. New Mexico, Montana State and Denver will host regular season meets while Utah will host a regular season meet and the RMISA/NCAA West Regional Championships. The 2011 NCAA Championships will be hosted by the University of Vermont.

The alpine squads will open the 2011 season with the Utah Invitational in Park City, Utah, with a giant slalom race slated for January 8 followed by slalom races on January 9 at the Park City Mountain Resort.

Montana State will host a RMISA Alpine Qualifier giant slalom race on January 14 followed by the Montana State Invitational on January 15-16. On the alpine side with races at the Big Sky Resort in Big Sky, Mont., the giant slalom race will take place on January 15 followed by slalom races on January 16. Nordic action will get underway here with freestyle races on January 15 and classical races on January 16. The freestyle races will be an interval start and the women's distance will be a 5K and the men's a 10K. The classical races will be 15/20K mass start and will take place at the Bohart Ranch Cross Country Ski Center in Bozeman, Mont.

The Nordic portion of the Utah Invitational will then take place at the Soldier Hollow Resort in Midway, Utah, on January 21-22. A 5/10K freestyle interval start race will take place January 21 followed by a 15/20K classical mass start race the following day to conclude the meet.

Headed into February, teams will head south to Red River, N.M., for the New Mexico Invitational on February 4-5. The alpine portion of the UNM Invitational will move from Taos to the River Ski Area and thus consist of two slalom races with no giant slalom. On the Nordic side, teams will compete in a 5/10K classical interval start race on February 4 and a 10K freestyle team start for both genders on February 5 at the Enchanted Forest Cross Country Ski Area.

Action then turns to the Colorado high country as Denver will host its invitational February 10-13. The second RMISA Alpine Qualifier will take place on February 10 at the Winter Park Resort in Winter Park, Colo., and will be a giant slalom race. Both RMISA qualifier races will be giant slalom races to make up for the two slalom races at New Mexico. The giant slalom race that is part of the Denver Invitational will take place February 11 with the slalom races set for February 12. The Nordic teams will head to Aspen where a 5/10K classical race will take place on February 12 followed by a 21K freestyle mass start race for both disciplines on February 13 at the Aspen Valley Ski Club Trails to finish out the regular season.

Teams will converge on Utah again for the RMISA Championships, which double as the NCAA Western Regional races. The giant slalom and 5/10K classical interval start races will take place on February 25 while the slalom races and 15/20K freestyle mass start races will take place on February 26. Like the earlier meet, alpine events will take place in Park City with Nordic competition scheduled for Soldier Hollow.

Those who qualify will then head east to Stowe, Vt., as Vermont will host the 2011 NCAA Championships March 9-12. The alpine events will take place at the Stowe Mountain Resort and Nordic events at the Trapp Family Lodge. Vermont has five times previously hosted NCAAAs and RMISA schools have won three championships there (Utah in 1986 and '97; Denver in 2005) with the Catamounts claiming the other two championships (1980, men's only and '90).

The Lobos have finished third at the NCAA Championships for two consecutive seasons and return several top racers, including All-Americans Petter Brenna, Chris Acosta, Anne Cecilie Brusletto, Kate Williams, Pierre Niess and Martin Kaas.

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