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Pinewood Derby Comes To Bradford



The winners! Left to right: Kyle Wallace, Robert Paine, and Brad Julian.

Nascar? Indianapolis 500? Those events paled in comparison to the racing action seen at the Cub Scout Pack 69 Pinewood Derby. The Derby is a competition where Cub and Webelo scouts design, build, and compete with their own racing cars.

The race, which was held before a packed crowd in the Bradford First Baptist Church on April 5, took place on a 32-foot wooden track with an electronic finish line. Four "heats" served to narrow down the competition. First place went to Robert Paine of Bradford. Second Place went to Kyle Wallace of Newbury. Third Place went to Brad Julian of Bradford. However, everyone was a winner and each participant received an award and a "drivers license for the derby."

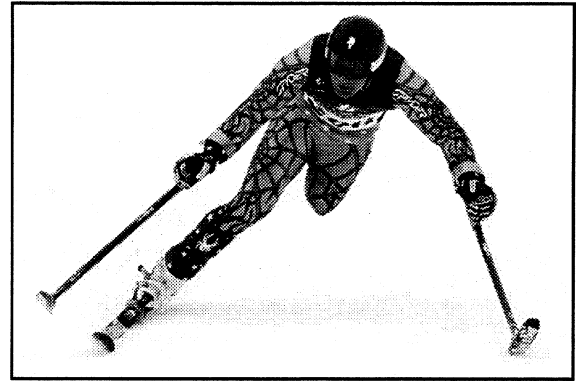
Many thanks to all who contributed. Our certificate award judges were Joyce Teele and Tommy Pitts, and our line judges were Kevin Rowe, Lynn Wallace, and Laurie Dunlap. A special thank you also goes to the Raymond Cub Scout Pack who generously loaned us the use of their wonderful track and accessories.

If anyone is interested in signing up for Cub Scouts (first grade and above), contact David Leathers at 456-2597.

Chris Way, Cub Scout Pack 69

Jason Lalla adds to medal collection

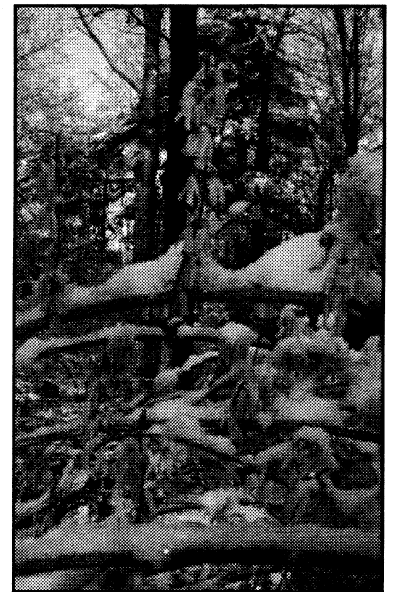
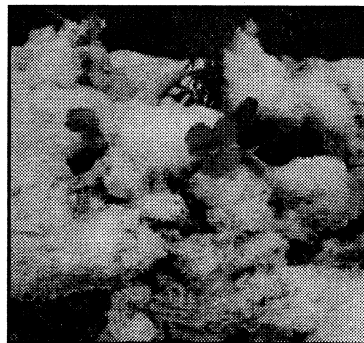
Bradford native Jason Lalla participated in the alpine events at the Salt Lake 2002 Paralympics, March 8-16. As a member of the US Disabled Ski Team, he won a Silver Medal in the Men's Giant Slalom, and a Bronze Medal in the Men's Downhill at Snowbasin. Following the Paralympics, Jason went on to Nationals at Big Sky, Montana March 26-29. In his class, Men's Standups, he placed 2nd in Downhill (Silver), 3rd (Bronze) in Super G, 4th in Giant Slalom, and 2nd (Silver) in Slalom. He was awarded 1st place overall of three classes (mono-skiers, blind and standups). On April 22 the USDST traveled to the White House to meet with President Bush.



Lalla's story is included in a new book just released, *Alpine Achievement-A Chronicle of the United States Disabled Ski Team* by Lori J. Batcheller. This is the first and only book to fully cover the sport of disabled alpine skiing. It is an enjoyable read and a wonderful resource, a historical perspective with stories of athletes' adjustment to their disability and their experiences training for and skiing with the US Disabled Ski Team.

The fire next time?

April was the sort of month that made it hard not to talk about the weather. From temperatures in the 90s mid-month to an earthquake on the 20th, to two snow storms just when we thought the black flies would be out for sure. While it is beyond the scope of the *Bridge's* mission to make predictions for May, we suggest that Bradford residents be prepared...for anything!



Pansies and forsythia tried to keep their chins up on April 26.

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Submissions

The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. Send articles or letters to Lyn Betz at the address, FAX number or e-mail address above by May 20.

Selectmen's Update

The street sign selection "contest" we promised at the Town Meeting is over. We had a nice response and the vote is being tallied. We will announce the results in next month's Bridge.

The two new trucks for the Public Works Department have been ordered as has the cruiser for the Police Department. We were able to get a new, year 2000 cruiser for a savings of approximately \$700 per year on the lease. That money will be turned back to the General Fund and will be part of Surplus next year.

Selectman Bruce Edwards is working closely with the Road Committee. He and the committee are in the process of searching for an engineering company that will develop plans for the drainage projects on High and Main Streets that taxpayers approved at Town Meeting. They are also setting up a priority schedule for paving projects.

Our newest Selectman, Peter Fenton, is "learning the ropes" so to speak. Pete has been very busy at the office asking questions, reading, and taking on jobs with enthusiasm.

A comment about the Property Inventory Forms, which are required to be filled out by all property owners: the Board of Selectman wants to thank all the property owners who faithfully returned them to the Town Hall. It will save the town money in the long run and is part of the continuing assessment process. A few property owners are late in turning them in. Unfortunately, RSA 74:7-a requires that a penalty be assessed. The statute reads, "The penalty will consist of 1% of the property tax, not less than \$10 nor more than \$50." The forms were due April 15, and the selectmen have no authority to extend that deadline. The penalty will be applied to the second half of this year's tax bill.

Well, let us hope that the snow is over with, and let us all enjoy the flowers that are sure to come.

—Dick Vitale, Chairman, Board of Selectman

News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office

Vital Statistics

Priscilla Danforth died April 8, 2002 in New London.

Ezra Andreas Schneider was born to Jennifer Higgins and Nicholas Schneider on April 13, 2002.

Roy Moseley and Rachel Teachout were married April 20, 2002 in Bradford.

Tax Liens went into effect in April and all outstanding taxes will be subject to an 18% fee on all balances.

First half tax bills are scheduled to go out in mid-May.

The new extended office hours are now in effect:

Monday Noon-7:00pm

Tuesday 7:00-11:30am, 12:30-5:00pm

Friday, 8:00am-noon, 1:00-5:00pm

The office will be closed on Monday, May 27 for the Memorial Day holiday.

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Parks & Recreation News

May is a busy month for us. Baton Twirling will start Thursday, May 2, 3:30pm at the Bradford Town Hall. We will be marching in the Independence Day Parade again. Please call Jane at 938-2570 for information.

There will be a Paint a Picture workshop on Saturday, May 11, 9:00am in the Senior Room at the BACC. Call 938-2570 to register.

There will be two Kid's Dances this month. Friday, May 4 and Friday, May 25 at the Town Hall, 7:00-9:30pm. We are in need of chaperones to keep these dances going. If you can help call 938-2570.

In conjunction with Bradford, Newbury, Sutton Youth Sports we will hold a "Major League Baseball Diamond Skills Competition" on Saturday, May 11, at Brown Shattuck Park. Rain date is May 12. Registration is at 12:30pm. There are four age groups, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, and 13/14. Diamond Skills is a baseball skills competition that allows youngsters to showcase their talents in batting, fielding, throwing, and base-running with scores determined by individual performances in each event. Winners will advance to Holman Stadium in Nashua for the State Competition in June. They will also see a Nashua Pride game. For more information call Larry Hall at 938-2954 or Joe Torro at 938-5938.

Our Annual French's Park Clean up will be Saturday, May 4 starting at 10:00am. Please bring a rake and join us. Hotdogs and soda will be served at noon.

The date for the summer Swim Program, co-sponsored by the Bradford Women's Club, will be set in early May. Call 938-2570 for more information.

Fresh Air Fund Hosts Needed

The Fresh Air Fund is seeking host families in the Warner-New London-Hillsborough area from July 10 through 24 for disadvantaged children from New York City. Last year 23 children from six to twelve years old enjoyed the simple pleasures of country living: the sound of peepers, the smell of fresh cut grass, swimming in a lake, or just playing with the family dog. Host families can request a boy or girl and a specific age. There are no financial requirements—just a bed and an extra place at the table. "It has been a wonderful experience for our family, especially our children. It gives us a new perspective and helps us appreciate all we have here and take for granted," said Joyce Foley, a long-time host. "It's not hard hosting a child. What's hard is saying good-bye when the two weeks are over."

If you would like information on becoming a host, please call Joyce Foley at 456-3279.

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