

Duck women ski to second place

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The Oregon club sports ski team turned in a mixed bag of results on the sunny slopes of Mount Bachelor last weekend at the Central Oregon Community College Invitational ski race.

The women's team placed in the top three in both Saturday's giant slalom and the slalom on Sunday. The men's team continued Oregon's time-honored tradition of falling and being disqualified.

The highlight of the weekend came on Sunday when freshman Summer Swanson and sophomore Heidi Binder paced the squad to second place in slalom and second place overall for the weekend.

Swanson's fourth-place mark in the slalom came after a 12th-place finish in the previous day's giant slalom. Binder placed fifth in the slalom after leading the team to third place Saturday, finishing 11th in the giant slalom.

The first run of the women's slalom was the grueling 75-gate course that challenged even the top racers. Of the 35 women who started, 10 were disqualified or failed to finish the first run, among them Oregon's Amy McNeas and Kristen



Photo by Ted Burnham
Oregon's Jeff Jewett slices his way to a 21st place finish in the giant slalom Sunday at the Central Oregon Community College Invitational ski race at Mount Bachelor.

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However, Swanson, Binder and freshman Karissa Schwartz held tough for Oregon and were able to race the second run.

Although the next course

claimed another eight victims, the remaining three Oregon women skied well enough to place second behind Central

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Club sports fencing wins season opener

The Oregon club sports fencing team won its season opener last weekend at an Oregon State collegiate tournament.

The Ducks outdueled both the Beavers and UCLA to win the tourney. Four Oregon teams were victorious over three Oregon State teams and one Bruin squad, with an 8-1 score in each match for a 32-4 total.

Oregon also had individual finishers in three of the top four spots. Oregon's Peter Patchen

was the top individual. Mark Staples took second and Ian Valentine was fourth.

The fencing team next hosts a one-year-and-less novice tourney Feb. 2 at the University. For more information, contact team coordinator Ian Valentine at 686-1195.

In other Oregon Club Sports news:

• The Oregon club sports men's volleyball team competed in a tournament Jan. 11 at Linn-

Benton Community College, placing third out of a possible 12 teams.

"We got great play at all positions, especially the middle," coordinator/captain Dan Gilkison said. "Everybody worked hard all day."

The team went 5-1 in pool play before bowing out in the semifinals.

Oregon's next match is Feb. 9 at Chemeketa Community College.

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