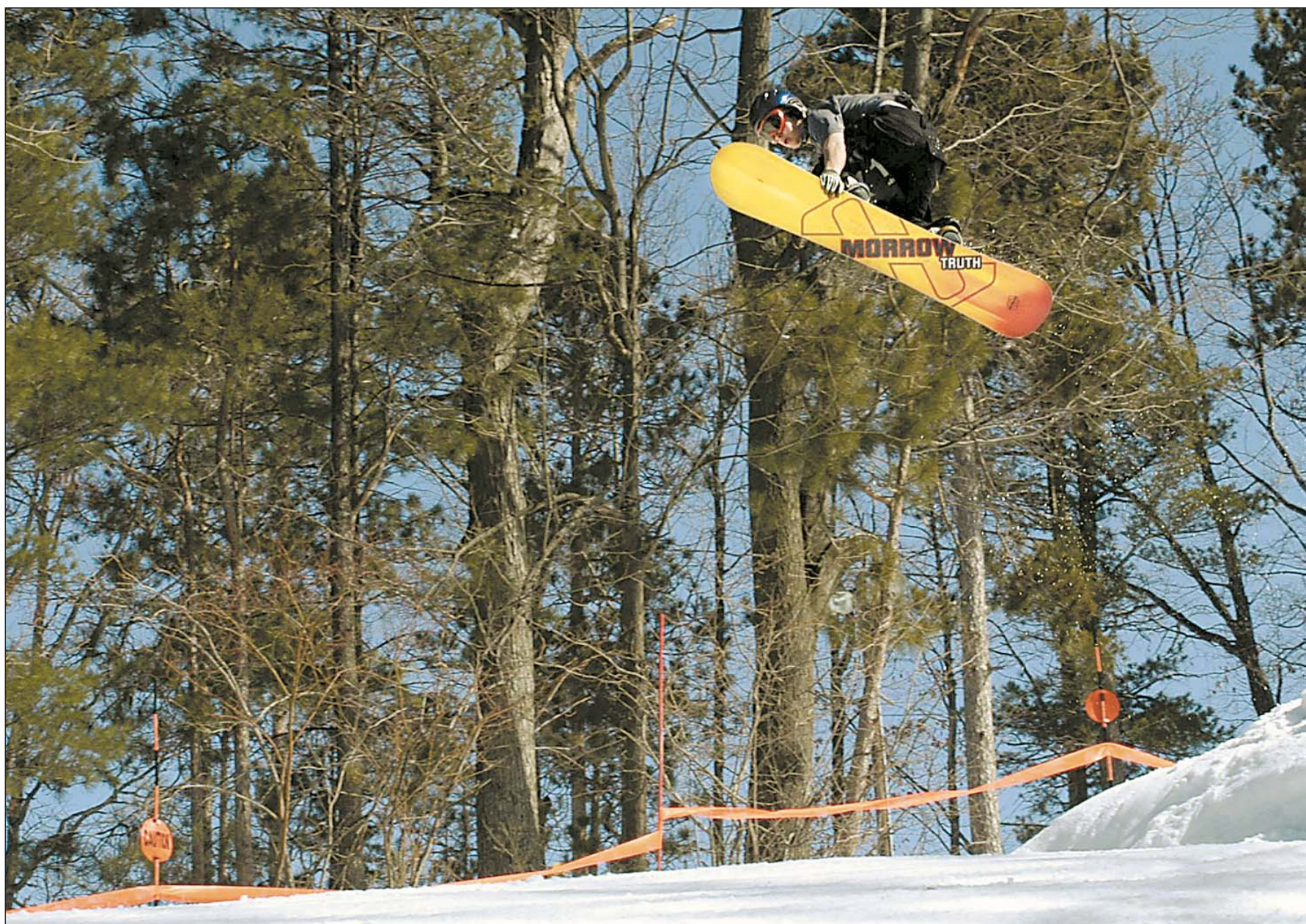


WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2004



Mountain Mayhem snowboard and ski competition winners:

- Slope Style:**
- 15 and Under Skier
 - 1st – Dante Vacetao
 - 2nd – Tyler Cook
 - 15 and Under Snowboarder
 - 1st – Sam Trippe
 - 2nd – Mike Hertler
 - 16 and Over Skier
 - 1st – Luke Waldo
 - 2nd – Spencer Trippe
 - 16 and Over Snowboarder
 - 1st – Ryan Flaska
 - 2nd – Adam Morisette

- Big Air:**
- 15 and Under Skier
 - 1st – Tyler Cook
 - 2nd – Dante Vacetao
 - 15 and Under Snowboarder
 - 1st – Mike Hertler
 - 2nd – Brandon Geff
 - 16 and Over Skier
 - 1st – Ry Bassett
 - 2nd – Luke Waldo
 - 16 and Over Snowboarder
 - 1st – Ryan Flaska
 - 2nd – Ron Yerrick

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Mayhem at Mt. Holiday

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He also took second place in the Big Air skiing for the 15 and under field. An avid skier, he relished the relaxed atmosphere of the event.

“It is not so competitive here, just everyone having fun,” said Cook, a skier for nine years who hits the slopes as often as he can. “You can just take your runs and see how they compare to everyone else’s.”

Watching other skiers and snowboarders hurtle down the course also gave Cook some ideas for moves he might add to his repertoire next season.

“It’s so late in the year, it is hard to learn moves now, but it is fun to see what others are pulling down,” he added.

Marco Dedenbach, the Community Living Center coordinator at Traverse City High School, conceived of the event because a number of his students are skilled snowboarders. He approached Smith, who had already been thinking of holding a second competition this season; a rail jam in early February was

very successful.

With the green light from Smith, Dedenbach turned his kids loose. They organized, advertised and solicited sponsors and contributions from the community. Sponsors ranged from Eastern Mountain Sports and Don Orr Ski ‘n Beach Haus to B Extreme and Street Level; Modern Skate and Surf was the title sponsor. Three donated snowboards were raffled off during an awards ceremony late Saturday afternoon.

“I was just completely satisfied at the end, it just felt great to see all the riders leaving with smiles on their faces,” Dedenbach said. “I just didn’t realize there was that much snowboarding and ski talent in Traverse City.”

Dedenbach also noted that the effort helped students at his school, who sometimes chafe at being tagged troubled or difficult, feel a part of the community.

“All the students from our school feel part of something big and wonderful,” he said. “We’re always looking for good activities to get them out in the community and doing

something positive. Basically these kids are going to be in our community for a long time.”

The students also turned out to help Smith sculpt a new course for the event. Working until 1:30 Saturday morning, Smith and his volunteer crew crafted a challenging and fun course.

“The kids want the newest stuff that they see on TV, they always want it to be innovative, with a diversity of terrain, big take offs and big landings,” Smith said. “There’s a lot they look for and it’s very demanding, especially when we’re building it with old groomers, very old machines.”

Other students volunteered at the event, helping out in a variety of ways, including Melanie Krumrie, a senior at Traverse City High School. Krumrie helped create the event by requesting donations from the community and on Saturday helped track participants’ scores.

“I like to volunteer at anything we can get involved in,” said Krumrie, despite not being a skier or a snowboarder.



Traverse City High School students and Mount Holiday, with the sponsorship of various community businesses, presented Mountain Mayhem with the snowboard and ski competition Saturday at Mt. Holiday. The first-ever event featured both slope style and big air competitions. Racers competed in two age divisions: 15 and under and a men’s and women’s 16 and older. Traverse City High School students designed and organized the event which drew about 25 riders. Proceeds from Mountain Mayhem will go to the Mount Holiday Terrain Park.

TC HAPPENINGS

Things to do, places to go, people to see

Wit and Wine

“Wit and Wine” gallery talk, in conjunction with “Wit and Wine: A New Look at Ancient Iranian Ceramics” from the Arthur Sackler Foundation exhibit begins at 2 p.m., Saturday at the Dennon Museum Center. Trudy S. Kawami, director of research for the Sackler Foundation will speak. Admission is included in museum admission, \$4 adults, \$2 children. For more information, call 995-1055.

Way We Wore

Grand Traverse Heritage Center’s “The Way We Wore” vintage fashion show and gourmet lunch begins at 11:30 a.m., Saturday. Tickets are \$20 for the general public or \$18 for Heritage Center members. The Grand Traverse Heritage Center is located at 322 Sixth St. Tickets are available at the Heritage Center, Horizon Books, Bahle’s in Suttons Bay and Harbor Antique Mall in Elk Rapids. For more information, call 995-0313.