

President's Perspective

Our season is in full swing. Two club meetings behind us, a full slate of social activities, and our earliest snowfall ever. A big THANK YOU to all who have helped to get things rolling this season!

I just finished reading Mitch Mode's column in the November issue of *Silent Sports*. Two passages from his column stand out. The first speaks of the disillusionment with professional sports that I was trying to capture in the column I wrote for the September newsletter:

By trusting in who we are and what we do, we can find both power in serenity. Once we were taught not to worship false idols. Today's sports demonstrate the correctness of that wisdom. We can no longer trust professional sports for wisdom and truth. We must find that in ourselves and at the intimate level at which we partake in sporting activities.

The second passage speaks of unity and inclusion in our sport:

Cross-country skiing offers something for all of us. There is no "right" way to ski. Skiing fast does not make us better than skiing slow; skating is not better than striding, or vice-versa; backcountry trail breaking is not better or worse than Telemark skiing or citizen racing. It is all of value. The only thing we can do wrong is to proclaim that skiing as we do it is somehow better than skiing as someone else does it.

Well said, Mitch!

Larry