

# The MACC Numbers for 2004

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This season our turnout at Boyne rose slightly from last year. However, we had our lowest overall turnout on record. The trends in recent years continue: (1) we lose racers from the young intermediate classes, (2) Supervet numbers remain steady, and (3) our numbers grow in the elite classes. On average, we had 33 racers in VE1 and VE2 men, another 24 in E1 and E2 men, and 11 in E1 and E2 women.

An encouraging sign is that we had significant mid-season registrations, with the result that our best turnout was race 8. This is the first time in our history that the highest number of racers was not during race 1. Next year, we might need to drop a class (AW), and should reallocate the classes on the courses.

## Analysis and Possibilities

### Classes

Attendance was OK for all of the classes except two: supervet A men, and A women. The Supervet A class does not have enough members showing up. However, the class was created to provide a haven from the north hill, and we should probably keep it for that reason. The combined size of the A women and vet A women is 12; the young women averaged a little under 3 per race (with only 1 at four of the races). These classes should be merged unless some new A women join by the first race of 2005. (If 6 or more show up for race 1 that would justify the class.)

### Courses

Course 1 at Boyne gets the most brutal pounding, and had the most racers (59 on race 8). Course 5 is the least used, with a season maximum of 23. If our numbers stay the same for 2005 (or grow), we should move some of the classes. If our numbers drop, we must go to four courses.

### Keeping Our Racers

Our current racers fall into three categories:

1. Those who will leave the program no matter what,
2. Those who will stay with the program no matter what, and
3. Those who will stay if things go well, but will leave if we screw up or take the fun out.

Group 3 is the one we can influence by continuing to work on quality control. The general perception is that things have run well in recent years (starting on time, finishing with reasonable speed), which is leading to nice testimonials from some of this year's new racers.

### Getting New Racers

Ski clubs continue to be less and less effective at bringing in new racers. Our main sources of new racers are friends and families of existing racers. Word of mouth and the web site appear to be our best publicity at this time.

The guest racer option is becoming an effective way for new racers to join the program. Although it could still stand improvement, we have improved the “friendliness” of the guest racing option, and this has led to the first year in which the best-attended race was late in the season.

The mentoring and coaching on course 5 by Jackie Giles should be extended, with scheduled instruction as a way to make the program more fun for beginning racers.

### 16-Year Old Racers

We have about five under-18 racers, all girls. They are enthusiastic and should be encouraging eligible friends to join. They also offer the potential of advocating MACC for college racers in a few years.

### Data for 2004

Table 1 shows our turnout for each year since 1992 (except 1995—no data). All numbers shown in this report are based on attendance, not registration. Our numbers this year were the lowest so far early in the year, but they rose as the year progressed. Our best turnout was race weekend #4 (races 8 and 9 at Boyne). It appears that the guest racer policy is finally paying off. We have had several new racers every weekend, some of whom run as guests and then register.

**Table 1. Turnout per race.**

Year	Ave	Byne	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1992	286	312	360	353	316	320	203	204	299	297	246	286	267		
1993	256	284	333	339	275	278	208	195	209	205	247	236	237	288	272
1994	262	287	304	293	298	292	282	269	191	214	212	232	286	268	
1996	209	236	280	275	226	221	206	207	129	153	142	200	240	234	
1997	212	250	254		253	261	255	259	129	127	122	204	244	229	
1998	191	212	230	221	221	220	198	208	138	142	136	178	213	190	
1999	203	226	245	230	225	210	214	226	153	158	152	194	229	?	
2000	181	222*	238	221	227	226	217	203	143	134	133	143	179	108	
2001	185	203	231	218	220	220	187	198	140	147	128	158	193	144	
2002	176	210*	225	210	227	211	117	128	126	196	188	156	150	?	
2003	162	182	201	200	194	195	114	121	123	176	163	149	181	123	
2004	156	184	192	183	170	179	104	112	112	193	190		182	100	

\*Average of first 6 2000 / 2002 races (normal weather). Cantor Cup totals not included.

Attendance for the Cantor Cup was low, leading to the question of whether we should continue the format.

Table 2 shows our attendance by class. Note that the A women started with two classes that were merged after the first weekend, then split again at the end of the season.

**Table 2. Class attendance in 2004.**

Class	Ave	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	12
A Men	7.72	7	7	12	11	5	5	5	8	9	10	6
A Women	2.63	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	6	7	4	2
B Men	4.09	7	6	3	4	2	2	2	6	7	4	2
B Women	4.90	6	6	3	2	5	6	6	6	5	5	4
C Men	8.27	9	8	8	10	5	6	6	9	10	12	8
C Women	4.18	5	7	3	5	2	2	2	5	4	7	4
D Men	5.54	7	6	5	7	3	3	4	7	7	7	5
D Women	2.27	4	4	4	5	2	1	2	1	1	1	
Elite-1 Men	15.54	15	15	18	18	12	13	13	22	19	18	8
Elite-1 Women	4.90	6	5	6	6	3	3	3	8	7	6	1
Elite-2 Men	8.36	12	11	10	8	4	5	6	13	11	10	2
Elite-2 Women	5.72	8	6	5	5	4	5	5	7	6	8	4
Supervet-A Men	2.18	6	3	4	4				1	1	4	1
Supervet-B Men	8.45	11	11	9	11	6	6	6	9	11	7	6
Supervet-C Men	6.54	9	9	7	7	5	5	5	7	7	6	5
Supervet-D Men	10.18	12	12	9	13	7	8	8	12	12	12	7
Vet-A Men	8.90	15	14	10	10	6	6	5	8	7	11	6
Vet-A Women	6.63	9	9	7	7	5	5	5	9	8	6	3
Vet-B Men	6.27	8	5	7	8	2	4	2	10	10	9	4
Vet Elite-1 Men	16.54	18	19	19	18	12	12	12	22	21	18	11
Vet Elite-2 Men	15.81	16	18	20	18	13	14	14	16	19	16	10

Table 3 shows the attendance for the courses. Course 5 had a maximum of 23. If our numbers stay the same for 2005 (or grow), we can keep five courses but should move some of the classes as indicated in Table 4. (The number in the table show average turnout for the classes in 2004, excluding guests.) If our numbers next year are any lower, we should go to four courses so we do not run short of workers..

**Table 3. Course attendance.**

Course	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	12
1	47	45	48	47	74	52	77	59	54	50	50
2	50	50	52	47	30	35	35	45	46	47	50
3	32	28	21	23		25		37	37	28	
4	40	38	31	37				32	33	37	
5	23	22	18	25				20	20	20	

**Table 4. Course possibilities for 2005.**

Course	2004 Classes	Ave	2005 Classes	Ave
1	E1W, E2W, VE1M, E1M	51	VE1M, E1M	32
2	VE2M, VAM, E2M, AM	41	E1W, E2W, VE2M, E2M	35
3	VAW, AW, BW, VBM, BM	25	VAW, AW, VAM, VBM, AM, BM	36
4	CW, SVAM, SVBM, SVCM, CM	30	BW, SVAM, SVBM, SVCM, CM	30
5	DW, SVDM, DM	18	CW, DW, SVDM, DM	22

Table 5 shows how the numbers have changed since 1992 by class. Overall, we are gaining elite racers, keeping old racers, and losing intermediate young racers.

**Table 5. Class attendance since 1992.**

<b>Class</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
A Men	17	11	10	7	9	11	13	10	6		8	8
A Women	9*	8*	11*	9*	11*	8*	11*	13*	14*	6	3	3
B Men	24	19	16	6	9	7	11	9	9	9	5	4
B Women	16*	16*	14*	14*	13*	11	10	8	8	5	5	5
C Men	34*	29*	29*	19*	20*	23*	19*	13*	9	9	7	8
C Women	22*	17*	18*	13*	14*	8	11	12	7	7	6	4
D1 Men	27*	17*	20*	15*	16*	13	4	6	5	5	9	6
D2 Men							2	3	6	5		
D Women	19*	21*	18*	12	8	6	10	6	8	6	5	2
Elite-1 Men	16	18	20	17	18	16	18	12	14	13	14	16
Elite-1 Women	7	5	6	6	4	7	5	5	4	4	4	5
Elite-2 Men	16	11	12	11	9	11	10	11	9	9	7	8
Elite-2 Women							6	4	6	4	4	6
Supervet-A Men											4	2
Supervet-B Men	6	4	6	9	13	12	12	8	10	9	8	8
Supervet-C Men	8	8	9	7	6		9	11	8	8	7	7
Supervet-D Men	9	11	13	15	13	13	10	9	10	9	10	10
Vet-A Women										8	8	9
Vet-A Men	11	17	14	12	12	9	8	8	9	14	10	7
Vet-B Men	28	29*	31*	22*	19*	12	10	10	13	14	10	6
Vet Elite-1 Men	14	14	16	16	19	11	11	11	13	14	13	17
Vet Elite-2 Men						12	15	12	14	11	13	16

\*Number includes vet classes that no longer exist.

Table 6 shows the attendance histories of the clubs since 1992. The main gains came from the new Renegade team and the Skiniks, with minor gains by Ann Arbor and Powerhounds. The main losses were Thunderbirds, with drops also occurring with GM, Jim Dandy, Schussmeisters, Skiwis, and Toledo.

**Table 6. Average attendance by team.**

<b>Club</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
Ann Arbor Ski Club	16	10	10	12	17	14	13	16	12	9	8	10
GM Ski Club	43	42	44	24	20	17	14	9	6	5	6	3
Jim Dandy Ski Club	11	11	15	11	9	11	14	11	12	12	7	3
Lansing Ski Club	34	31	31	26	20	15	14					
Powderhounds	25	17	16	19	21	17	14	12	12	11	7	8
Renegades												6
Schussmeisters	33	30	40	35	41	40	41	33	35	32	27	23
Skiniks	24	20	18	18	17	13	12	14	14	15	12	16
Skiwis	8	9	11	6	10	9	15	26	23	21	17	14
Snow Drifters	7	5	7	10	7	8	8	13	16	19	19	18
Team Rust	27	26	25	15	15	19	17	15	13	12	11	10
Thunderbirds	31	31	35	33	35	29	31	25	25	26	28	19
Toledo Ski Club	7	2					11	13	13	13	15	13

Table 7 shows the club votes for next year, based on the turnout for the 11 races from 2004. It

takes a total of 55 racer starts to get a vote, 132 to get two votes, and 330 to get three votes. GM and Jim Dandy lost their votes and the Renegades gained a vote. The total number of votes is now 16. This means a quorum for MACC in 2005 is 9 voting members (same as 2004).

**Table 7. Votes for 2005.**

<b>Ski Club</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
Ann Arbor Ski Club	1	108	9.81	11	12	10	13	6	6	6	11	10	15	8
GM Ski Club	0	36	3.27	8	7	5	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Jim Dandy Ski Club	0	34	3.09	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	4	3	6	2
Powderhounds	1	89	8.09	13	13	10	10	3	3	3	12	12	10	
Renegades	1	68	6.18	5	5	8	8	5	6	7	8	8	7	1
Schussmeisters	2	255	23.18	30	27	22	25	20	22	21	29	31	23	5
Skiniks	2	171	15.54	21	18	18	20	8	13	13	19	19	17	5
Skiwis	2	151	13.72	19	18	15	15	12	12	12	13	12	15	8
Snow Drifters	2	200	18.18	25	25	21	20	11	11	12	25	23	21	6
Team Rust	1	110	10	15	15	13	13	5	5	4	14	12	10	4
Thunderbirds	2	207	18.81	23	23	22	23	13	13	13	24	24	25	4
Toledo	2	144	13.09	15	15	12	12	12	12	12	17	17	16	4
Unassigned		24	2.18	3	2	3	3	1	3	1	3	3	1	1