

Alaska Biathletes!!!

Each spring the NSAA Biathlon Committee awards several club rifles, including Menaker and Poss memorial rifles, to promising Alaskan biathletes for use in their training over the following 12 months.

Application for a rifle: In your responses to the statements on the application form, please discuss your commitment to frequent biathlon training sessions, competing in most local biathlon races, and participating in clinics and other sport-specific activities. Also important are your cross-country skiing and biathlon training in the past 12 months, your race experience in these two sports, GPA, and a short essay outlining why you think you should be chosen to receive a rifle. If you are re-applying, indicate specifically how much use you have made of the rifle in the past year.

Jay Poss was an accomplished Alaskan biathlete on the U.S. National Biathlon Team who perished in an avalanche while back-country skiing. To honor his memory, Jay's parents have donated his rifle for loan to a biathlete who aspires to compete at the highest level possible and possesses the qualities of determination, athletic ability, good sportsmanship, and dedication to the sport of biathlon possessed by Jay.

Margaux Menaker was an enthusiastic biathlete whose potential in this sport, and life, was cut short by an unfortunate accident. In memory of her competitive spirit, the Menaker family donated several high quality biathlon rifles for loan to junior biathletes who exemplify the qualities of hard work, athletic ability, good sportsmanship, and academic excellence possessed by Margaux.

Questions: Joel Hubbard (joel_hubbard@yahoo.com) or Rick McClure (shootcleanak@attalacom.net). Please email your application (as an attachment) to Joel no later than 10 May 2009 to be considered for this year's award (application for a rifle may be made at any time as they occasionally become available during the year).

We have had several athletes advance to junior and senior national biathlon teams from our local club. With proper training, equipment, and desire you too could be selected to participate at the national level.

Joel Hubbard
NSAA Biathlon Committee