

Waterville Valley Academy and the BBTS Ski Club sponsored a number of fun activities in Waterville Valley over Columbus Day weekend for the membership as well as the community.

The WVBBS annual Ski Swap took place in one of WVA's new classroom spaces in Town Square on Saturday, October 9. Many WVBBS and Waterville community members and visitors came out to support the event.

On Sunday morning Waterville Valley Academy and the BBTS Ski Club held their annual road race. There was a Tot Trot for the little ones in the crowd at Packard's Field along with a 1.6K Family Fun Run and a 5K Road Race. Over 125 runners (a record number of not only WVBBS families and coaches, but other running enthusiasts from the local area to as far away as Florida) took part in the event. The barbeque and awards ceremony held afterwards at Legends (a partial sponsor of the barbeque) had over 200 people in attendance. Congratulations to Sam Harding (a WVBBS Snowboard coach) who was the first place male in the 5K and Sally Grand (a WVBBS parent) who was the first place female in the 5K! Race results for the Family Fun Run and the 5K can be found on the WVBBS website at www.wvbbs.org.

Following the barbeque and awards ceremony, Waterville Valley Academy hosted over 70 WVA parents and student athletes in its new classroom space in Town Square for its Parent/Student Orientation. Peter Stokloza, WVBBS CEO and Executive Director, and Gary Benedix, WVA Headmaster, along with the rest of the WVBBS executive team shared lots of information about the organization as well as academics, athletics and student life for the upcoming season with WVA parents and student athletes. The WVBBS Columbus Day weekend activities culminated in an Hors d' Oeuvres Reception sponsored by Diamond's Edge North Restaurant attended by over 100 Club and Academy parents and athletes.

"It was great to see so many Club and Academy families as well as community members and visitors take part in the weekend's activities" stated Peter Stokloza, CEO and Executive Director of WVBBS. "And having a town as beautiful as Waterville Valley as the "campus" for our organization makes events like our Road Race/Barbeque and Academy Orientation Session even more special."

Waterville Valley Black and Blue Trail Smashers Ski Educational Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit education foundation, operates Waterville Valley Academy and the BBTS Ski Club. Waterville Valley Academy is a five month full time academic and snowsports academy and the BBTS Ski Club is a full season weekend training program for alpine, freestyle and snowboard athletes. For more information about Waterville Valley Academy or the BBTS Ski Club please contact Sharon Schmidt, Director of Development and Communications, at sschmidt@wvbbs.org.