



**ODART** ontario disabled alpine racing team

## **O.D.A.R.T. Hands Out The Hardware For The 2005/2006 Racing Season**

The Ontario Disabled Alpine Racing Team honored their members at their annual awards banquet this past weekend in Kitchener. The team also raised over \$1000 at the first annual ODART bowl-a-thon, held the same day at Kitchener's Brunswick Lanes. Thank you to all participants and sponsors for your support.

This year's most improved racer was Neil Mosburger of Kitchener, who turned in some impressive results at his first ever Canadian Disabled Ski Championships, this past March at Mount Washington B.C. The "Most Dedicated Racer" award went to veteran team racer Bill Brouse of Puslinch. Just like the Energizer rabbit... well, you know the rest. The infamous "Perseverance in the Face of all Adversity" award went to Brampton's Jan Hymers, for her conquering of the icy Mount Washington race courses.

"Rookie of the Year" honors went to Toronto's Will Goessaert, who, at the tender age of 14, most certainly has a bright future in disabled ski racing. Will brought home several medals for Ontario this season, and hopes to some day be doing the same for Canada. The ODART National Disabled Race Series Point Champion for 2005/2006 is Andre Nasvytis of Dundas. Andre continued his assault on Canadian race courses, the results of which put him at the top of the National Series standings. Last, but not least, this year's "Racer of the Year" was Rob "Franz Klaamer" Scott of Whitby. Rob, or "Franz" as his team mates call him, lived up to his moniker, by turning in the fastest raw times at the majority of the races and training sessions he attended this season.

A special recognition award was presented to long time ODART member, and Canadian Paralympic Team member Jeff Penner of Kitchener. Jeff represented Canada proudly at the 2006 Paralympic Winter Games in Italy, as well as at several World Cup events over the past season. Yet Jeff still finds time to visit, and work with, and encourage new athletes at several ODART training sessions and events during the season. This kind of experience and expertise is invaluable to programs like ODART, and it is rare that an athlete returns to his roots to give back to the program.

ODART wishes to again thank all its supporters for another fabulous season, especially the ski clubs, coaches, and volunteers that donate their time so graciously. We could never do it without YOU !!! See you next season...