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ASPEN

Ajax Cup earns \$265,000 for AVSC scholarships

The Ajax Cup, Aspen Valley Ski and Snowboard Club's primary fundraiser, netted \$265,000 for scholarships from its recent event.

The 2012 fundraiser on Dec. 30 was the biggest and most competitive race in the event's three-year history. All proceeds from the Dec. 30 celebrity ski race on Aspen Mountain, hosted by actor Antonio Banderas, will be used for youth scholarships.

Competition was heated on the cold, late-December day. Team Ganzi, last year's winner, narrowly edged upstart Team Potamkin, a first-year entrant whose members included three AVSC athletes, Hannah, Livi and Elsie Claus, and their dad, Andy Claus, along with former



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Team Ganzi is pictured with its first-place trophy from the third annual Ajax Cup on Aspen Mountain on Dec. 30.

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BRIEFS FROM B2

World Cup skier Kristina Koznick, senior racer Amanda McDonald and Riley Ganzi.

The race was so close and competitive, judges had to compute the team members' handicaps before a final winner could be named.

Team Ganzi, led by Grant Ganzi and including pro Jake Zamansky, Mariah Zanca, Jeremy Oates, Mike Davies, Aaron Priest and Garrett Fisher, edged Team Potamkin in the final run.

With 14 teams dueling it out, the field was the largest in Ajax Cup history. Teams paid \$25,000 for the race's entry fee and the gala apres-ski party at the St. Regis, which was hosted by Banderas. The sold-out party offered a limited number of tickets to the general public.

New York's DJ Kalkutta kept the energy level high while guests danced, feasted on a Spanish-inspired menu and enjoyed a variety of mixed drinks provided by new sponsor Woody Creek Distillers.

"The money we raised will go a long way toward ensuring that every child in the Roaring Fork Valley has the opportunity to ski or snowboard," said Mark Cole, AVSC executive director.

One in three AVSC members is on scholarship, and very few of the athletes' families pay the true program costs, which also are subsidized. This year, there are more than 1,650 kids in AVSC's Base Camp programs, which appeal to recreational athletes.

Sponsors for the Ajax Cup included: Gorsuch, Kjus, Caribou Club, Rowland & Broughton, Aspen Valley Hospital, Red Bull, Aspen Peak Magazine, EKS Events, St. Regis, Tanteo Tequila, Woody Creek Distillers and Aspen Skiing Co.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS

Glenwood firm carries breath-testing devices

A Glenwood Springs company has become the first provider of an in-car device that tests a driver's breath to try to prevent repeat drunken-driving incidents.

Mat Dog LLC, a towing and mechanical repair shop in Glenwood Springs, is offering the Guardian Ignition Interlock devices. The company installs the devices in clients' vehicles and monitors the breath-testing equipment.

Company co-owner Temple Glassier said her firm works with the Colorado Department of Revenue's Division of Motor Vehicles. It sends the information collected by the system to the DMV, which often requires that drivers convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol install the Interlock systems for a certain amount of time as part of their penalties.

The device is hooked into a vehicle's ignition system. A handset with breath-testing capability is tied into a base unit in the passenger compartment. The driver must blow into the device and show he or she is free of alcohol before the vehicle will start. To guard against the driver enlisting someone sober as a substitute, the device periodically requires a test after the vehicle has been started, Glassier said. The vehicle won't shut off while in motion, but drivers must eventually pull over if there is a failed test.

Mat Dog retrieves information from the systems once per month and forwards them to the DMV. The devices report breath-test failures and efforts to tamper with the system.

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