



# NEMS @ MITTERSILL

1-22-22: THE HOCHGEBIRGE!  
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*The Hochgebirge Challenge Cup*



*Fastest Team - The Scary Larrys*



*Fastest Racers: Matt Dodge and Carley Jefferson*

## RACE 3: MITTERSILL HOCHGEBIRGE CUP

NEMS was excited to return to Mittersill for the 84th Hochgebirge Challenge Cup this season. Missing from the calendar in 2021, there is no race on the schedule quite as anticipated, or historic, as Hochgebirge. Some legendary head-to-head, and team, battles have taken place at this race. You never know what the races that day will bring, but you can always feel the excitement in the air.

An added bonus was our first view of the newly opened Performance Center at the base of the Taft race trail, as well as a new start house at the top of Taft. The Performance Center stands as the centerpiece of it all, consisting of two levels with massive windows accompanied by ample outdoor space, allowing for optimal viewing of all the action on the hill.

On the race side of things, the Hochgebirge is one of the only races where NEMS incorporates a team aspect, with racers competing for one of the coveted Ski Club Hochgebirge trophies. The competition is fierce, with teams often calling in favors from outside speedsters in order to improve their chances of having their names forever engraved into the history books. Congrats to this year's winners!

## TOP 10 RACERS

### Men: Race 1

1. Matt Dodge (1:28.01)
2. AJ Pratt (+2.53)
3. Eric Vitiello (+4.71)
4. Brandon Wilson
5. Rich Jefferson
6. Luke Robins
7. Lee Ormiston
8. John Rannestad
9. Leonard Kwan
10. Reid Hutchins

### Women: Race 1:

1. Carley Jefferson (1:31.03)
2. Becka Padgett (+11.22)
3. Christina Pligavko (+13.61)
4. Patti Lane
5. Cynthia Berlack
6. Abigail Lestina