

# Duxbury Boosters

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Happy New Year and welcome to the sixth issue of the Boosters Newsletter. The goal of this newsletter is to spread the word about the Duxbury Boosters and the numerous ways the Boosters contributes to the success of the Duxbury High School athletic programs. Response to these newsletters has been great. If you happen to have missed any past newsletters, they are all archived on the Boosters website at [www.duxburyboosters.org](http://www.duxburyboosters.org). While you are there, take a moment to sign up and become a member of the Duxbury Boosters.

## Boosters Grant Feature: Ski Team Two-Way Radios

Communication is fundamental to success in many aspects of life, especially in sports. In a sport like skiing, where the playing field is a mountain, contact between coaches and teammates is crucial. Coaches and teammates must interact to ensure the safety of all members of the team, and for instruction purposes. When the Duxbury High School Ski Team approached the Duxbury Boosters requesting a grant to fund a pair of two-way radios, the Boosters recognized the need for these devices and didn't hesitate.

Coach Kevin Nolan is in his sixth year as head coach of the Duxbury high School ski team and has been with the team from the beginning. He was an assistant under then coach Alec Petro when the team began competing in the 2004-2005 season. Kevin's daughter, Abby Nolan, is now in her second year as the assistant coach. Abby was on the Duxbury High School ski team in its inaugural year when she was a sophomore at Duxbury High School. The team had 12 members then, but is now bigger than ever with 50 members.

Assistant Coach Nolan says the two-way radios are helpful when she is setting the course or giving pointers. The two-way radio is designed so it can be strapped onto a jacket where it can attach to a cord and microphone for easier access to communication. This way Nolan doesn't have to worry about the radio being dropped or lost. With so many kids on the team it is important to know who is where. There is usually another team sharing the course during practices, so skiers often separate when practicing the slalom and giant slalom alpine racing.

Most meets take place at Blue Hills in Canton where the varsity team races on Thursdays. On Mondays and Wednesdays the team practices at Blue Hills. The ski team is made up of roughly 20 girls and 30 boys. The Duxbury Boosters are proud to support the Duxbury High School ski team, and funding the two-way radios is one of the many ways the Boosters gives back to the Duxbury High School athletic programs.



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## Boosters DHS Coach Feature: Ski Team Coach Abby Nolan

### Coach Nolan's Favorites:

**Favorite Food:** Lobster

**Last book read:** *Water for Elephants* by Sarah Gruen

**Favorite Movie:** All of the Harry Potter movies!

**Pet Peeve:** This time of year .... Blinking Christmas lights

**Favorite Sport:** Ski racing

**Favorite Professional Sports Team:** The New England Patriots

**Person I would most like to meet:** Christian Bale – big fan!

**Favorite thing about Duxbury:** All the old houses in town



## Boosters Antique Show

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Duxbury Spring Antique Show is quickly approaching. A traditional part of spring in Duxbury, this year's show takes place on March 16 and 17, 2013. Plans are already underway for the nearly 50 antique dealers to make the trip to Duxbury High School, and it promises to be another successful year. The bake table is always an important part of the weekend, so don't be surprised if you are asked to contribute a homemade baked good for this important fundraiser. It takes many volunteers to keep this event going and any help is always appreciated.



## Concession Stand

The Duxbury Boosters Concession Stand at the Thanksgiving Day football game was very profitable this year. About \$4,000.00 was raised and will go directly to funding grants for the Duxbury High School Athletic programs. A new feature was added to the concession stand this year and it was very well received. A bake table offering all sorts of treats for Thanksgiving Day guests was a huge hit. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who participated and contributed before, during and after the game! We couldn't have done it without you.

