



**NATIONAL  
ABILITY  
CENTER**

P.O. Box 682799  
Park City, UT 84068

435.649.3991 p.  
435.658.3992 f.

[www.DiscoverNAC.org](http://www.DiscoverNAC.org)  
[info@DiscoverNAC.org](mailto:info@DiscoverNAC.org)

Chief Executive Officer

Dale Schoon

Board of Directors

Mark Gaylord  
*President*

Sally Tauber  
*Vice President*

Susan Lockwood  
*Secretary*

Carol Easton  
*Treasurer*

Carlos Alegre

Greg Golding

Susan Fredston-Hermann

Scott Jager

Rena Jordan

Conor Kristensen

Steve Sala

Joy Stanley

Dick Valliere

Honorary Board

Michael Brodsky

Adam Bronfman

Jack Ferraro

Jim Gaddis

Jerry Gilomen

Jon Huntsman

Karen Huntsman

Richard Marriott

Frank Richards

John Shuff

Phil Thompson

Co- Founder

Meeche White

# Doubled Up on Day Two

## Media Advisory

**For Immediate Release  
December 10, 2008**

**Contact: Ryan Jensen  
(435) 200.0990**

**Copper Mtn., Colo.** – One day after winning the first two medals of the season at the 21st annual Hartford Ski Spectacular at Copper Mountain, Colorado, Mikayla Briere [pronounced bree-AIR] (sit ski; Lincoln, New Hampshire) and Sam Blakley (standing; Henefer, Utah) won another pair of medals. This time they did it in the Jr. Division NorAm Level II Giant Slalom races. Briere stood on top of the podium with her second gold medal, and Blakley added a silver to Monday's bronze.

"Mikayla's not afraid of anything," said Rip Pridday [prEYE-day], Ability Ski Team Head Coach. "She loves to go fast no matter what."

"It's great for our young skiers to get some momentum at the beginning of the season," said Assistant Ability Ski Team Coach Sue Greenberg. "They've done the training, they have the confidence and now they're getting the results they've worked for."

### OTHER STORY LINES:

EJ Poplawski (standing; Salt Lake City, Utah), an above-the-knee amputee, received a lot of positive attention on the hill from other athletes and coaches. Poplawski uses a prosthetic knee and leg to ski on two legs. The standard for individuals with an above-the-knee amputation is to ski on only one leg.

Teague Cowley (standing; Park City, Utah) has often been a lone ranger on the ski hill at adaptive ski competitions. Cowley is a skier who has had both an arm and a leg amputated on the same side of his body. While at the Ski Spectacular, he became a mentor to a young girl who is also a double-amputee on one side of her body.

The Ability Ski Team will be staying in Colorado to prepare for the FIS NorAm races next week at the Winter Park Open.

The first chance for Utahans to see the Ability Ski Team in competition on Utah's Greatest Snow on Earth will be February 10-12 at the Huntsman Cup. Those three days of races will be held at Park City Mountain Resort.

For more information on the Ability Ski Team and other adaptive winter programs, contact Ryan Jensen by email at [RyanJ@DiscoverNAC.org](mailto:RyanJ@DiscoverNAC.org) or by phone at 435.200.0990. You can also learn more about other adaptive recreational opportunities by visiting the National Ability Center's website at [DiscoverNAC.org](http://DiscoverNAC.org).