Westford's Chris O'Neil wins bronze medal at Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria

Chris O'Neil of Westford captured a bronze medal in the Advanced Super-G slalom skiing event at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Schladming, Austria, on Sunday.

O'Neil, 27, finished the course in 1:19.22, shaving more than four seconds off his time in a preliminary round Saturday.

Jesse Honkonen of Finland (1:16.68) won gold in the event, and Mihail Yakimov of Bulgaria (1:16.90) took silver in the Men's Division 4 final.

O'Neil, son of Sun Publisher Mark O'Neil and his wife, Andrea, will ski in the Advanced Slalom event later this week.

O'Neil is one of four Massachusetts competitors in the World Games. Joining him are Concord's Becky Robinson, who is his teammate on the Nashoba Valley Shooting Stars, and Greater Springfield residents Patrick Adams and Alyssa Neil.

In the 2015 Massachusetts Special Olympics competition, O'Neil won two gold medals in downhill skiing and the grand slalom categories, and he learned the following January that he had made the U.S. team.

The Winter Games feature 2,700 Special Olympians from 107 countries.