

Silver Spoon – Over Too Soon

Perfect weather greeted 232 nordic skiers this past Saturday: sunny and -10 Celsius. The 42nd Silver Spoon cross-country ski races attracted not only a large number of local skiers, but also many from the Ottawa and North Bay areas. Competitors ranged in age from 2 to 82.

The courses were challenging, what with road crossings and long uphill climbs. Racers made it back to the finish line with chests heaving. But there's nothing like the joy of exertion and a clap on the back from a fellow competitor.

The experienced out-of-town skiers earned many of the race ribbons, but something special happened this year. The awards for both the fastest male and the fastest female went to Deep River-born talent: Ewan Craig and Ingrid Hagberg.

The Local Yokel awards, recognizing best race times for local-resident skiers, went to Ewan Craig and Audrey Hagberg.

Results for Classic Races:

Boys 5 & under: 1st of 10 Olivier Tremblay, 2nd Percy Wiersma (DRXC).

Girls 5 & under: 1st of 3 Brigit Thomas (Nakkertok), 2nd Emma Bagshaw (DRXC).

Boys ages 6-7: 1st of 5 William Beedell (Nakkertok), 4th Jack Smith (Deep River).

Girls ages 6-7: 1st of 5 Charlotte Brooks (Nakkertok), 2nd Grace Ding (DRXC).

Boys ages 8-9: 1st of 13 Sam Plestid (Nakkertok), 7th Orion Wiersma (DRXC).

Girls ages 8-9: 1st of 6 Lydia Dillenbeck (DRXC), 5th Jamie Hopkins (DRXC).

Boys ages 10-12: 1st of 21 Damien Vialaret (Skinouk), 11th Raphael Guerout (DRXC).

Girls ages 10-11: 1st of 13 Britt Halvorsen (Nakkertok), 13th Kelly Ding (DRXC).

Girls ages 12-13: 1st of 24 Teagan Shapansky (Nakkertok), 23rd Jiya Dadhiala (DRXC).

Boys ages 13-14: 1st of 13 Mats Halvorsen (Nakkertok), 11th Max Guerout (DRXC).

Girls ages 14-15: 1st of 13 Talia Hennessy (Nakkertok).

Boys age 15: 1st of 5 Graham Daly (Nakkertok).

Girls ages 16-17: 1st of 2 Emily Heroux (Nakkertok), 2nd Audrey Guerout (DRXC).

Boys ages 16-17: 1st Nolan Scheier (Nakkertok).

Men ages 20-29: 1st Ewan Craig (Laurentian University).

Women ages 20-29: 1st of 2 Ingrid Hagberg (XC Ottawa), 2nd Audrey Hagberg (DRXC).

Men ages 30-39: 1st of 4 Peter Tregunno, 4th Robert Wiersma (DRXC).

Women ages 30-39: 1st of 7 Alicia Berthiaume (PAXC).

Men ages 40-49: 1st of 16 Tony Biernacki (Pembroke Nordic), 7th Aubrey Fletcher (DRXC).

Women ages 40-49: 1st of 8 Kathleen Mottershead (PAXC).

Men ages 50-59: 1st of 14 Bryan Aller (Nakkertok), 10th Robert Donders (DRXC).

Women ages 50-59: 1st of 4 Christa Ramonat (Ottawa Racers).

Men ages 60-69: 1st of 5 Perry Kirkey (North Bay Nordic), 2nd Walter Benz (DRXC).

Women ages 60+: 1st of 4 Mary Lynn Benz (DRXC), 2nd Karen Colins (DRXC).

Men ages 70+: 1st of 2 Barrie Greiner (DRXC), 2nd Norm Spinks (DRXC).

11 km Open: 1st of 3 Monica Cameron (DRXC), 3rd Meggan Vickerd (Deep River).

9 km Open: 1st of 7 Doug Ranaltan, 3rd Kevin McDonald (DRXC).

4.5 km Open: 1st of 4 Tristan Jones (Laurentian University), 3rd Tony Hinds (DRXC).

Results for Ski-Skate Knockout Sprints:

Male 13 & under: 1st of 15 Alexis Lacroix (Skinouk).

Female 13 & under: 1st of 25 Carly Little (Chelsea Nordiq).

Male ages 14-18: 1st of 3 Max Guerout (DRXC).

Female ages 14-18: 1st of 13 Talia Hennessy (Nakkertok).

Male 19+: 1st of 5 Ewan Craig (Laurentian University).

Female 19+: (no entries)

Results are posted on the Sportstats website and soon on the Silver Spoon website (google Silver Spoon Deep River).

The Silver Spoon event also recognizes unique contributions to the sport of cross-country skiing.

The (Tony) Hinds family award, for a local family that shows a commitment to and a love of cross-country skiing: to the Audet family (Marc, Anne, Kaitlin, and Bradley). This family skis everywhere, in bad conditions and in good.

The (Mike) Watson award, for outstanding service to cross-country skiing in Deep River: to Barrie Greiner. His long-standing service more recently includes being Head Groomer for the DRXC, and supporting the high school ski team.

The (Aston) Eikrem award, for a person who exemplifies the spirit and sport of cross-country skiing and who participates regularly in the Silver Spoon races: to David Ross. David logs up to 1200 km a year skiing everywhere in the Ottawa Valley and beyond.

The (Henry) Hollo award, for volunteers who have contributed for many years to the smooth execution of the Silver Spoon event: to Bill Diamond. An infrequent skier, Bill has volunteered for the past 10 years with road crossings for the race.

The Memorable Moments award, for a person involved in a funny incident in the previous year's Silver Spoon race: to Robert Wiersma. Last year, Rob was the last to return from the race course, and found that the last road crossing had already been removed!

See you at Silver Spoon 2015.