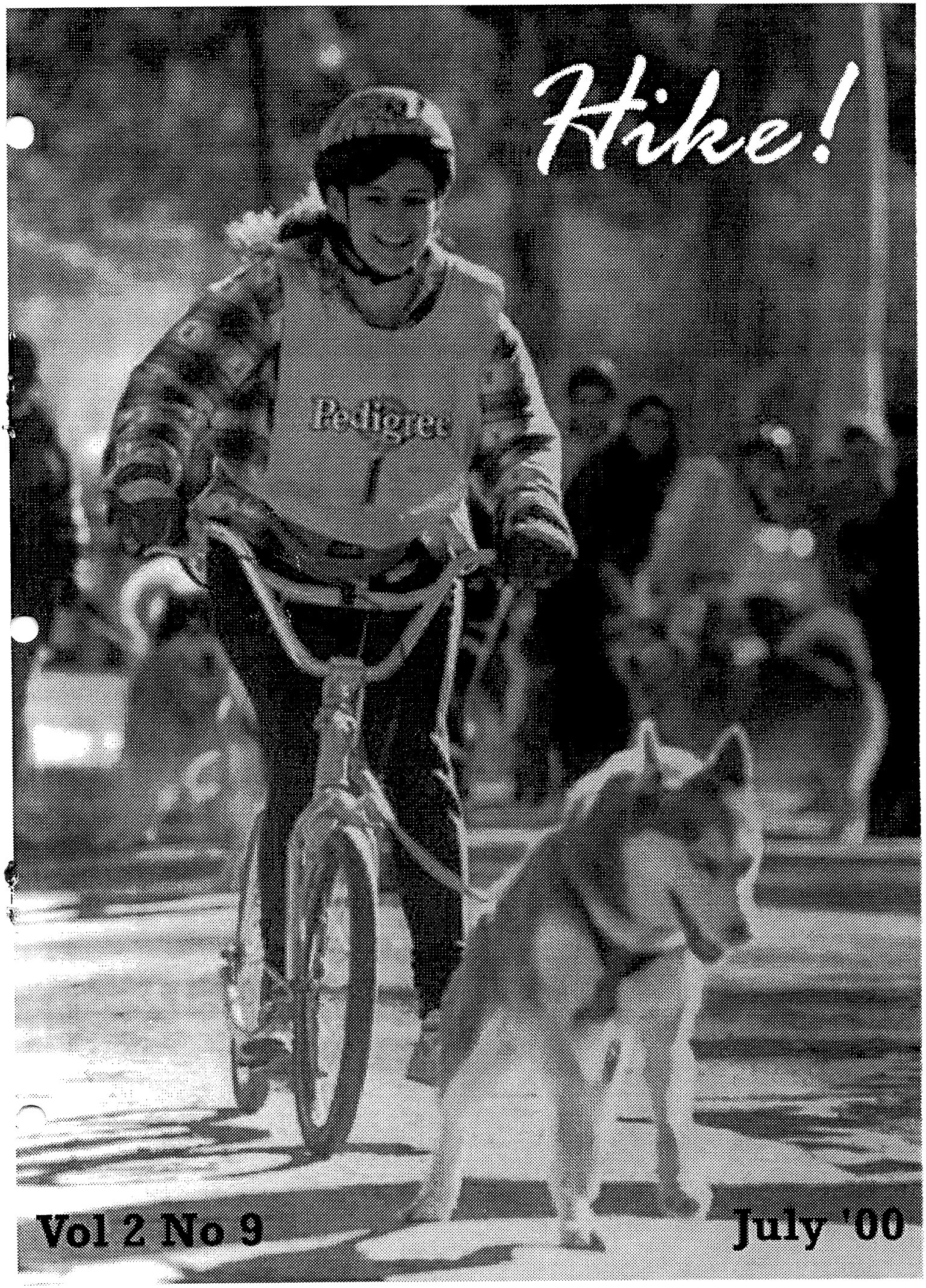
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The Kid'n'Mut

Kathy Frost

Readers will recall that the May edition featured an article about the need - in the absence of a junior circuit - for rules to be more flexible to allow teen mushers to fully participate in races. As luck should have it, my article was followed by some serious discussion on a number of mushing email lists about the merits of allowing 'juniors' to compete in adult races. Kathy Frost kindly allowed me to reprint her posting on the issue. This article sets out some facts about the role of the IFSS and participation by 'junior' mushers in national events.

There are several problems as I see it with assuming rules are rules and therefore that's the way things are....

There is NO standard age at which mushing organisations consider it suitable for a young person to compete with the seniors. It varies from very young (<12 or 14) to older than 18. Thus, although rules are made for a reason, different people have made different rules for the same (or different) reasons.

"Some juniors may be able to handle adult races, others may not.." The same may be said of adults. Some of the adults who race shouldn't be doing so, as they are clearly so stressed that they show poor judgment , lose respect for others, and lose all communication with their dogs. We don't ban everyone from races to protect them from the 10% who have a serious problem with competition. The race marshal's job is to take care of such problems.

Seems to me this brings us back to where we started. In the past (speaking regardng IFSS, now), it has been up to each National Federation to decide who is and is not eligible to compete in IFSS World Championships (WCh). Obviously, there is a point at which IFSS collectively WILL want to set some minimum standards. However, I personally think they should be liberal...and allow the national federations to be more conservative if they wish. Sleddog sports exist at many levels of development around the world. In a country where the sport is not widely practiced, it may be that there are few if any young people who are experienced enough to compete in an open WCh. However, in countries like Canada and the USA, where mushing is widespread, there are many young people who grow up on the back of a sled. Several families that come to mind are Streeper, Wright, Taylor, Erhart. Those kids shouldn't be arbitrarily penalized by IFSS just because they are young.

This is where national federations and the selection process come in. Each federation has a process by which they select teams to compete in the WCh. That system is performance-based - meaning that the "best" teams in a nation qualify. For that to happen, those individuals must have competed against others and demonstrated their ability. For example, for a 14 year old to qualify for the US team, he/she must be one of the top teams in the US. That means they have already been racing with adults, and done very well. Clearly, if they were immature, or unable to handle racing with adults, they would not be winning races and qualifying for a spot on the team !!!!! Basically, internal national practices will dictate what these minimum ages become. If two or three little towns have races that allow 6 year olds to compete with adults, that will have no effect on the big picture becasue this is a small local phenomenon. The "big" races that are likely to influence qualification do not allow such young people, so they will not qualify on a national level. On the other hand, kids like Sara and Buddy Streeper who DID compete at home at very young ages, clearly demonstrated proficiency. When they went away form home, other race organizations made special exceptions because these kids were so good. And at the same time began to rethink their age limitations. The end result in Alaska has been that some kinds of participation (the Open North American) still require special permission for someone younger than 18, but other classes have been opened to teenagers 15 and older.

IFSS has not interfered with the business of national federations in chosing their teams. If Scandinavia does not allow people younger than 18 to race, that is OK. But the US has sent young competitors to many WChs - and they have placed very well! As junior programs produce more qualified young mushers, it is likely that the minimum age for participation in adult events will decline...because the kids are more capable. It will become more likely that a very good young musher might qualify for a World Championship. That would be appropriate - they have earned it!!! But it is still the decision of each naiton whether or not to allow this.

If I were to personally recommend a minimum international age for participation in IFSS World Championships, I think I would recommend 14. Any other age restrictions should come through the NAtional Federations' selection processes.

My two cents for the day....

Teen Mushers at the Sydney Sprint Photo S Komidar

Musher Profile – Michael Herbst

Michael Herbst

Age 32. Lives north of Adelaide in Lewiston, South Australia on 2.5 acres of land that my wife Liz and myself moved onto 5 years ago. We have a son, Ryan, 5 years old and he is a great help with the dogs. I am a Maintenance Ground Officer employed by the SA Education Department. I have recently transferred from the Primary School scene to a hostel and am working with Aboriginal kids from northern SA.

Club/Team

Kennel: Arcticstarr Sled Dogs

Team: Member of the Pedigree Professional Sled Dog team and Team Co-ordinator

Member of the SHAM Club of SA, VSDRA, The International Siberian Husky Club and Wild Dog Mushers Association.

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When Did you Start Mushing

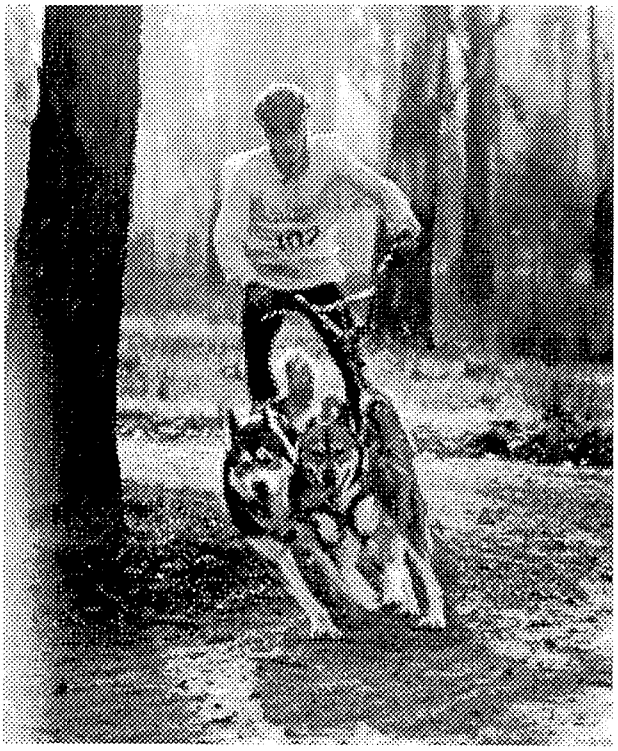
I first started looking for a Sibe in 1989 and came across some guys that were running their dogs with their racers (bikes) just for fun. In 1990 the SHAM Club had its first race and that was the start for me. In 1993 I first travelled to Victoria for a Chartes Cup race and have been making the trek interstate ever since to one race or another. Back then we raced with BMXs with no pedals, no helmets and would wear jeans and a flannel shirt. Times have changed.

How many and what type of dogs do you have?

We have 5 Siberian Huskies, Blade 9 years old, Slash 8 years old, bred by ourselves, Spice 2 ½ years old from Cardiprin Kennels, Slyder 17 months old and Adder 6 months both bred by ourselves. Our first Sibe was Yalhky who is no longer with us. We have recently imported semen from Sweden with Igloo Pack lineage and are planning a litter early next year and will be adding at least two more dogs to our kennel. Maybe more if I like them all!

Most Memorable Incident Mushing

Most memorable moment – there are so many. Themost recent that comes to mind is the 1998 Canberra Classic when I dropped back to one dog with Blade (7 ½ years old) and was coming second to Darren Kent with Levi by only 1 second after the first heat. That was the year it absolutely pissed down with rain and Blade loved the water and just ploughed me through it like a steam train. There has been several other moments such as top three finishes at Undera back in the early days, Sled Dog Cup win in SA and just when you come back from a run and you know that your dogs have given you all they had.



Michael & Team at Undera 2000 Photo: D Limnatitus

Stupidest Indicent

This time was not one of my mistakes but back in 1994 at Undera (back at the old Scout Hall) I was coming second to another South Oz musher by only 5 seconds. Chasing him on the second day I had caught him by at least 15 seconds and was heading for the finish line when a spectator stepped over the bunting and walked in front of my dogs and yes we ran straight into her and lost the race by 2 seconds! Stupid Yes. Stupid Spectator. Maybe the only chance I had to get my name on one of those sought after trophies. It is much harder these days with the new style of dogs expecially the Alaskans and GSPs. I've also done the common thing of wheel wraps throwing me over the handle bars. And sometimes going for a training run on track that I haven't seen before and found myself running down hills with all the brakes locked up and still passing the dogs. Ooops!!

Funniest Incident

Years ago, I used to have these track suit pants that I would race in. They were fine if it was dry, but one day it was raining very heavy and the track was full of water as well. By the end of the first km they had got pretty wet and then I had to go through a creek with plenty of water. By the time I came out of the other side, they had soaked up plenty of water and the elastic wasn't going to hold all that weight. I spent the rest of the race with the track pangs either around my knees or holding onto them, leaving only one hand to steer with. Fine when the trak is straight, but every time I had to turn a corner using both hands my pants would fall down. These days I use bike pants, much better.

Your Personal Goals in the Sport.

Goals! I have had many different goals over the years of running and they have developed with the quality of dogs that I have had and have raced against. But one thing I have learnt over the years to set as a goal is to always enjoy the effort your dogs put in. The day you get frustrated with their effort is the day you need a break.

A couple of years ago, I set myself a 5 year plan or goal as it may be. That was to seek out a sprint racing kennel oversees somewhere, preferably away from the mainstream US teams. This led me to a kennel in Sweden called Vnisak Kennels. I wanted to import semen to try and develop my own line of sprint dogs and hopefully take those dogs to a National Circuit Race win, or at least be the first Siberian team home. Well I now have the semen and now need to breed and develop those pups over the next three years and see what happens.

If there is one thing I've learnt in this sport is to set simple goals for the short term and be very persistent for those large goals. This is a sport for the passionate person, because a good team can take several years to build up.

One of my special goals is to teach my son the value of running dogs and hopefully see him continue on with dogs that we have bred and have some success with them (We will have to see how the teenage years go – GIRLS – DOGS!)

What Turns you on About Mushing

I think it is the adrenaline I get when the dogs and myself are working hard together and all is running well. You can return from a run totally stuffed, but pumped to the max.

I like it when you start running with a young dog that you have had since a pup and watch that dog start to react to you in a different manner than ever before. Running a new dog seems to bring the bond between musher and dog much closer.

Michael & Ryan Photo C/o Micheal Herbst

I also get enjoyment from watching my son Ryan interacting with the dogs and seeing his face when he gets to go for a run with them.

Advice for the Unwary

Watch those gang lines and keep them tight or otherwise have the first aid kit ready, because you are gonna need it!

Training Tip

Set yourself a plan, thinking which races are coming up, taking into consideration the type of track and the distance you will be covering. Vary your training conditions to expose your dogs to as many different conditions that you can. You need to try and avoid exposing them to new conditions or experiences in a race, that when you need everything to run smoothly, if there is such as thing! Being consistent is also a big factor to success, having good dogs is only a small part of it. You need to have a trust and bond with your dogs and that comes with them relying on your judgement for their welfare. So always watch your dogs for any signs of stress or injury and know when to stop or slow down. This is very important with your young dogs as they will run flat out for you as stupid pups and they have their trust in you not to push them too far or too fast. They will have plenty of years of racing in front of them. Just be patient.

Hike! Pointscore remains unchanged.

With a total of 36 Hike! subscribers registering a vote on this issue, the final count was 42% in favour of a best of three pointscore and 58% in favour or remaining with the current best of 4 formula.

So that's where it stays for now and forever – or at least for the foreseeable future.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the vote!

A Thank You

Tammy Hutchison

If you have room in the next issue of Hike! could you put in a Big Thank you to Alex Theuma and Liz Van Driel for helping me out with Lach and Paddy in the peewee classes at Southern. I was stranded at the start line with 2 kids, 2 dogs and all other required equipment, except a scooter and a couple of extra pairs of hands. Liz and Alex were quick to jump in with a rig and extra hands to help me and the boys until Hutch finally made it. Their help was much appreciated, especially by the boys.

Boulding, Philip and Ellis

All winners of the IFSS 2000 World Cup

Sally O. Bair IFSS Secretary General & Tim White IFSS President

The International Federation of Sleddog Sports (IFSS) has announced the winners of the 2000 IFSS World Cup Series. IFSS accredits World Cup races in long distance events, mid-distance, sprint (Unlimited Class, 8 Dog, 6 Dog and 4 Dog classes) events, and skijoring and pulka events. This past season saw competitors from many countries in events in Europe, Japan and North America.

Charlie Boulding of Alaska won by little more than the breadth of a husky's howl over Jeff King of Alaska to take home the IFSS World Cup title in the Long Distance class. Boulding's first place win in Alaska's Kusko 300 race put him in the top position for the World Cup by a mere one point, 1201.91 points to King's 1200.43; but King's third place finish in the Iditarod had him nipping at Boulding's heels. The third place World Cup in the Long Distance went to Paul Gebhardt of Alaska with a total 1188.61 points.

For the top spot in the Mid Distance class, Jacques Philip of Alaska was running harness to harness with Grant Beck of Yellowknife, Canada, in the race &in the standings up to the finish of Yellowknife's Canadian Championship Dog Derby, where he placed 2nd behind Buddy Streeper of Canada. Beck finished 5th in Yellowknife, clinching the IFSS World Cup title for Philip, who racked up 712.21 points, sealing a second place title himself in the IFSS Mid Distance World Cup with 705.60 points. Third place World Cup went to Ken Anderson of Alaska, who amassed a total of 686.84 points.

There were no surprises in the Open class IFSS World Cup standings. Egil Ellis of Sweden with his team of awesome Eurohounds easily coasted to the winner's circle with a total 598.73 points, taking first place in most of his races, his only second place finish being to wife, Helen Lundberg, in Alaska's Stanley Dayo race. Ellis successfully defended his 1999 winning season position, even breaking a track record in this year's Open North American in Fairbanks. Ross Saunderson of Canada was second in the 2000 Open Class World Cup (578.02 points) and Jeff Conn third (546.47 points).

With a total 600 points, Helen Lundberg of Sweden took the top honor in the 8 Dog class Cup, besting second place finisher Carolyn Johnson of Minnesota by 28 points. Arleigh Reynolds of Alaska was a close third with 570.88 points. Lundberg had first place finishes in all of the races she ran, whereas Johnson and Reynolds vied for second, third or fourth place finishes in many of their races. Lundberg said of her title: "I had a great season and look forward to the 2001 IFSS World Championship in Fairbanks where I plan to start in the 8-dog."

In a virtual dead heat, Mary Jo Downey of Pennsylvania captured the 6 Dog title by two points top positions. Downey finished first in Alaska's Gold Run; Stern was second. Downey was third at the North Pole race; Stern was first. Downey placed third in Fairbanks'(598.30 points) over Gerry Stern's 596.23 points and was less than seven points ahead of Mike Marsch of Wisconsin, who took home third place with 591.90 points. In the various races Downey and Stern bandied for the Limited North American; Stern finished fourth.

Wisconsin mushers cornered all the top finishes in the 4 Dog class. Kourosh Partow was delighted to hear the news that he had garnered the first place Cup in the 4 Dog class. His wife, Deanna Partow, took second. Throughout the season, this duo jockeyed for the top finishes in nearly all the races in which they competed. Kourosh scored a total of 588.45 points and Deanna stacked up 580.20 points. High schooler Jenna Dittmar placed third with 571.44 points. Deanna commented upon hearing the news that "I am honoured by this recognition. The IFSS' World Cup and World Championship programs have been key to our sport's attaining a World-Class level, enabling teams from all over the world to compete together. This can only further endeavours to be recognised as an Olympic sport."

Alaskans swept up all the Cups in the 2 Dog Skijoring class. Jim Herriges skated to a first place victory with wins in Birch Hill, Eielson, and the Limited North American, piling up 600 points. Coming in second at several paw prints behind Herriges was Carol Kleckner with 571.75 points. Grabbing third place was Mike Malvick, who raked in 564.15 points.

The first three finishers in each class in each region in the sprint and skijoring categories are assured of berths in the 2001 IFSS World Championships in Fairbanks. IFSS is considering a mid distance 2001 World Championship event as well.

Race and World Cup organisers expressed satisfaction with the results and the overall program, which had been expanded and improved in many ways this year compared to previous IFSS World Cup circuits. For the first time, long distance and mid distance classes were included in the World Cup. With only a few exceptions, the major events in all classes were those recognised and established over time as the most competitive races attracting the best competitors worldwide.

Two long distance racers who were expected to place higher in the rankings were disappointed but fairly treated by the system. Robert Sørlie of Norway was the winner of Femundlopet; however his nephew and partner, Bjørnar Andersen, ran the team in the Finnmarkslopet race, so the total points were split between them. Similarly, Doug Swingley of Montana won the Iditarod, but his partner, Melanie Shirilla, placed third in the Wyoming Stage Stop race while Swingley won the Grand Portage Passage race, a new event in Minnesota which was not World Cup accredited. The World Cup, like IFSS, its parent, is healthy and growing.

IFSS 2000 World Cup Champions

IFSS World Cup Long Distance

1. Charlie Boulding, Alaska (1201.91 points)
2. Jeff King, Alaska (1200.43 points)
3. Paul Gebhardt, Alaska (1188.61 points)
4. Ramy Brooks, Alaska (1172.20 points
5. Hans Gatt, Canada (1162.70 points)

IFSS World Cup Mid Distance

1. Jacques Philip, Alaska (712.21 points)
2. Grant Beck, Canada (705.60 points)
3. Ken Anderson, Alaska (686.84 points)
4. Sam Perrino, Canada (685.52 points)
5. Fran Maruenda, Spain (488.45 points)

IFSS World Cup Sprint Open

1. Egil Ellis, Sweden (598.73 points)
2. Ross Saunderson, Canada (578.02 points)
3. Jeff Conn, Alaska (546.47 points)
4. Eric Lanser, Alaska (479.73 points)
5. Greg Taylor, Alaska (465.55 points)

IFSS World Cup Sprint 8 Dog

1. Helen Lundberg, Sweden (600 points)
2. Carolyn Johnson, Minnesota (571.97 points)
3. Arleigh Reynolds, Alaska (570.88 points)
4. Egil Ellis, Sweden (479.14 points)
5. Tammy Saunderson, Canada (467.91 points)

IFSS World Cup Sprint 6 Dog

1. Mary Jo Downey, Pennsylvania (598.30 points)
2. Gerry Stern, Alaska (596.23 points)
3. Mike Marsch, Wisconsin (591.90 points)
4. Josh Kooiman, Wisconsin 587.39 points)
5. Christian Taveau, France (583.58 points)

IFSS World Cup Sprint 4 Dog

1. Kourosh Partow, Wisconsin (588.45 points)
2. Deanna Partow, Wisconsin (580.20 points)
3. Jenna Dittmar, Wisconsin (571.44 points)
4. Mike Bosman, Wisconsin (546.38 points)
5. Debbie Duncan, Wisconsin (498.30 points)

IFSS World Cup 2 Dog Skijoring

1. Jim Herriges, Alaska (600 points)
2. Carol Kleckner, Alaska (571.75 points)
3. Mike Malvick, Alaska (564.15 points)
4. Alina Evans, Alaska (512.80 points)
5. Lulie Williams, Alaska (488.30 points)

Vetsearch Hints

Toe Injuries

John Kohnke BCSc, RDA

Injury to the ligaments on the side of the outside toes will often cause sideways deviation of the toe joint and development of a 'sprung toe'.

Unfortunately, sprung toes can recur if they are not carefully treated and protected once the greyhound returns to regular galloping. Although there are various methods for treating sprung toes, as an owner you should take every precaution to keep the toes straight and reduce flexion when the greyhound is being walked.

Many vets put a stitch in the side of the toe, and inject a compound that increases reaction under the skin in the area of the torn ligament. This aids in the healing and strengthening of the ligament. However, it is essential to ensure the greyhound's feet are strapped and toes are kept together during the first 7-10 days following this treatment.

Many trainers take the greyhound home, and let it walk around without any support to the toes. A simple foot bandage can be applied by packing a small amount of cotton wool between each toe and under the dew claw, and wrap with an overwrap of Vetrap Bandage. This s a very simple method of keeping the toes comfortable and avoiding them rubbing together (particularly at the area of the enlarged 'sprung' joint).

The bandage should be wrapped around the whole lower limb, starting above the dew claw area and wrapped downwards in a spiral fashion with a loop over the end of the toes to keep the toes together, then rewrapped up the leg again to the starting point. This will help cushion the toes and provide plenty of elasticity without allowing the toes to move excessively. The bandage can be replaced each day until your vet re-examines the toes.

Once the greyhound starts to gallop again a simple rubber band, about 5 mm wide cut from an inner tube of a racing bicycle, fits very comfortably as a toe strap to keep the two toes together and support the injured toe. The toe strap can be put on and the greyhound walked and handslipped to help support the injured toe until it heals. A toe band can be applied for 3-4 weeks after the toe has initially been treated.

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One Dog

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Darren Higgins	3107.159	3
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David Hutchison	2789.786	3
Travis Smith	2045.846	2
Mark Mulcahy	2026.792	2
Trevor Taylor	2003.097	2
Chris Neave	1936.565	2
Jamie Dalziel	1886.271	2
Fiona Matthews	1837.947	3
Lyndon Reid	1825.182	2
Peter McCann	1738.447	2
Josh Martin	1727.312	2
Vicki Burton	1670.621	2
David Potts	1647.811	2
George Podger	1603.28	2
Brett Jarvis	1583.338	2
Kim McGregor	1555.303	2
Joe Abela	1543.039	2
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Matt Rowcliff	671.9768	1
Adam Payne	654.9567	1
Brian Dron	641.5828	1
Helen Pettifer	637.3401	1
Daniel Hamann	636.1388	1
David Boulden	615.7579	1
Rob Tolhurst	615.0876	1
Natalie Riley-Brown	613.69	1
Tony Hosie	598.3029	1
Craig Heard	587.7059	1
Peta Jones	585.7312	1
Alison Slater	510.3651	1
Jamie Silva	501.3856	1
Adam Smith	498.8251	1
Trevor Cooney	462.2343	1
Phillip Friedlander	378.5917	1

Three Dog

Nigelle Holl	1020	1
Paul Snibson	1013.658	1
Brian Dron	1000	1
Mark George	915.2115	1
David Pettifer	914.4798	1
Hayley Coutts	876.2421	1
Dugald Baird	820.4309	1
Graeme Hall	800.0858	1
Ralph Koch	778.2594	1
Anthony Cook	746.9009	1
Scott Glover	696.9884	1
Daniel Hamann	592.9871	1

Austrian Dog Shoots Cat

C/o ABC News 27 April

A frenzied Austrian hunting dog has shot dead a cat, by proxy. The dog leapt on his owner as he was putting his gun in the car boot, according to local newspaper reports.

The dog was apparently driven wild by the smell of the cat and surprised the hunter from behind, triggering a shot which ripped through his car door before killing the feline.

Four Dog

Mitch Blockley	3105.717	3
Alex Theuma	3087.177	3
Clem Bittendorfer	3051.325	3
Lawrie Coutts	3003.611	3
Annie Jackson	2928.066	3
Jason Walkom	2202.758	3
Terry Mace	2152.3	2
Owen Robertson	2088.843	2
David Cole	1968.712	2
John Hodgson	1932.239	2
Andrew Colvin	1895.243	2
Mark Waldock	1846.909	2
Ivan Douglas	1789.961	2
Karen McCarthy	1772.334	2
Jason Strenger	1733.594	2
Rick Van Driel	1578.369	2
Merv Turner	1517.22	2
Nola Randell	1381.335	2
Paul Snibson	999.8436	1
Jozsef Toth	998.3629	1
Daniel Skakal	974.8783	1
Chris Neave	961.9599	1
Luke Elliot	947.0252	1
Finn Jensen	877.6759	1
Henry Cordani	847.617	1
Diane Baker	842.0009	1
Anthony Cook	792.1511	1
Ralph Koch	739.8928	1
Daniel Odgers	692.5963	1
Andrew Nolan	601.9122	1

Six Dog

Owen Robertson	1020	1
Jason Strenger	1011.57	1
Jozsef Toth	982.875	1
Diane Baker	848.2325	1
Karen McCarthy	830.196	1

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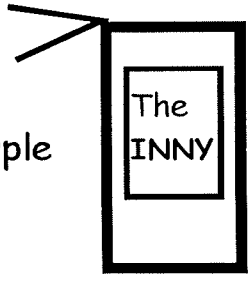

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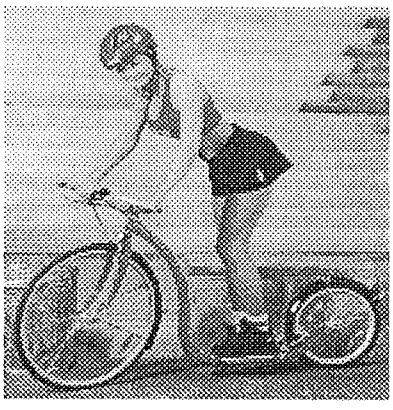

Daily Routine

Rob Clive

The day is divided into 2 sections: mealtime and everything else.

Mealtime

- Just because there does not seem to be anything visible around to eat certainly does not mean thaere is nothing around to eat. The act of staring at the underside of a table or chair on which someone else is eating sets in motion a chain of events that eventually results in food.
- When you actually receive a meal, submerge your head into as you would a shower. Never, never look up again until a minimum of at least 15 minutes after obvious food is gone. This is important. Just because your dish is empty does not mean it is time to stop eating.
- Remember that all food is potentially yours up until the time that it is actually swallowed by another.
- If you really see something you want and all other attempts at getting it have failed, it is only right to grovel shamelessly. As a second tactic, stare intently at the object of your desire, allowing long gelatinous drools to leak like icicles from your lower lip.

Everything Else

Any time that is not meal time is potentially nap time. The best time to take a nap is when you hear you name called repeatedly.

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To subscribe email "DogsLovetoRun-subscribe@egroups.com".

New Zealand Mushing Email List

The Kiwi list is been very active of late discussing issues as diverse as junior mushers and the accreditation of race marshalls. To subscribe, visit:

www.egroups.com/group/mushing

The Fastest Teams!

Undera

The fastest team at the Undera race was Beth Bobroff who clocked up an average speed in the third heat of the two dog class of 34.8 km/h.

The fastest 4 dog team was Clem Bittendorfer who completed the 4.5 km night heat in an average speed of 33.4 km/h. The fastest 3 dog team was driven by Nigelle Holl completing the 7 km 3rd heat with an average speed of 31.1 km/h. Mark Mulcahey rounded out the one dog class, completing the third heat with an average speed of 27.6 km/h.

Sydney Sled Dog Sprint

Beth Bobroff also took out the fastest team at the Siberian Express race - completing the second heat of the 8 km 2 dog course in average speed of 30.4 km/h.

Owen Robertson was the fastest 6 dog team racking up an average speed of 25.39 km/h on day two. Meanwhile Alex Theuma clocked an average speed of 23.19 on day two taking out the 4 dog class. Brian Dron took out the three dog class with a speed of 11.81 km/h on day two. And the fastest one dog team was Darren Higgins who clocked 28.35 on day two.

Thought for the Month

Money will buy you a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of his tail.

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Common Household Pesticide Used in Flea Collars Banned in US

C/o ABC News

The US is to ban a commonly used household pesticide, Dursban, also known as chlorpyrifos, because of its potential neurological danger, especially to children. Meanwhile an Australian government review of the same chemical has been attacked as "totally useless".

In the US, under a recent agreement between the manufacturers, Dow Chemicals and the US Environment Protection Agency, production of chlorpyrifos will cease and there will be a phase-out of all home, lawn and garden uses including its use against termites. In particular, all uses in areas where children could be exposed are to be phased out this year. The EPA's evaluation also led to the significant lowering of allowable residues of the chemical on several foods regularly eaten by children.

A current Australian review of chlorpyrifos use by the National Registration Authority (NRA), due to report in two months has been attacked as inadequate.

"It's totally useless. It doesn't look at the kinds of things the US EPA has looked at. There's no investigation into the neurological impacts of chlorpyrifos on Australian children, and there's no monitoring of the levels of chlorpyrifos in humans and wildlife," claims Mariann Lloyd-Smith of the National Toxics Network.

"In 1990, we argued chlorpyrifos would be the dieldrin of the future. We've always argued that it has no place in the home. It should be immediately withdrawn from domestic use, and there should be a staged withdrawal from other uses." said Lloyd-Smith.

The chemical is related to World War II nerve gasses, and has potential effects on the nervous system and possibly brain development. It is used to kill termites, fleas and many other household as well as agricultural pests.

"Chlorpyrifos is part of a class of older, riskier pesticides, some going back 50 years. Exposure to these kinds of pesticides can cause neurological effects," said EPA Administrator Carol M. Browner. "Now that we have completed the most extensive evaluation ever conducted on the potential health hazards from a pesticide, it is clear that the time has come to take action to protect our children from exposure to this chemical".

Lloyd-Smith argues the Australian investigation is missing some crucial steps. "To assess the risk of a chemical, you need to understand exposure. The NRA wouldn't have a clue how much of the chemical we're being exposed to, so how can they do a proper review?," she said. "I'm particularly concerned about children's exposure to the chemical from flea collars."

Ms Lloyd-Smith said that a study last year by Townsville Hospital had found 59% of newborns had chlorpyrifos in their merconium, and a further study by the Department of Agriculture had found the chemical in pelican eggs on NSW's mid north coast. She said the US EPA had found the chemical in the urine of 89% of children and 92% of adults studied.

Dr Greg Hooper, from the NRA said that apart from the ANZFA's Market Basket Survey of pesticide residues and various worker safety studies, he was not aware of any studies looking specifically at general human or wildlife exposure to chlorpyrifos in Australia.

"Our job is to review all the scientific data and if there are gaps, we will make a judgement as to whether more information is required," he told the ABC. "It may be that in two or three months, depending on the public consultation process, we need to restrict the use of chlorpyrifos."

He said the US had very different pesticide laws - particularly in regards to exposure of children - and there was debate amongst regulatory authorities over whether this was the correct approach to take.

Wayne Baker gives his Alaskan 'Sigoo'a last minute pep talk at the Southern Cross Start Line
Photo: Sharon Komidar

MEDIA RELEASE

PEDIGREE® PAL® 2000 SLED DOG DERBY
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Dinner Plain, Mt. Hotham, Victoria

In the breathtaking valley of Dinner Plain, 8km east of Mt. Hotham on the Victorian snowfields, the arrival of snow this winter heralds the staging of the spectacular PEDIGREE PAL Sled Dog Derby. Held over the weekend of August 12 –13, this annual event showcases the top dogs of Sled Dog racing in Australia and is the only Australian snow-based race of its kind.

Attracting competitors from all over the country and growing international attention, the PEDIGREE PAL Sled Dog Derby is the most prestigious event on the annual Sled Dog racing calendar.

Over 80 Mushers (handlers) and in excess of 250 dogs are expected to compete in this year's event which will feature, for the first time, an exhilarating Twilight Race upping the ante in the skills arena for those Mushers keen to push the boundaries of conventional sled dog racing.

THE SPORT

The sport of Sled Dog racing is huge in Europe and Alaska. The Iditarod Sled Dog race from Anchorage to Nome, a distance of 1049 miles, is perhaps the most well known. It traces the route used in 1925 to transport serum during the famed diphtheria outbreak. The Iditarod, which is in its twenty-third year, attracts phenomenal crowds and is the event of the year in Anchorage, with the whole community supporting the Mushers and their team of up to sixteen dogs.

In Australia, the demand for Sled Dog racing led to the development of the PEDIGREE PAL Sled Dog Derby in 1994, the first and only Sled Dog race on snow in this country. The PEDIGREE PAL Sled Dog Derby is hosted by Altitude 5000 Sled Dog Group Inc. Founding members of the Group and coordinators of the Derby, Sue Simmons and Robert Stevens, have been instrumental in the sports development in Australia, instigating and organising the hugely successful Derby. Both are thrilled at the popularity of the sport in Australia, which has rapidly grown in stature and size each year.

"It's tremendous to see that the sport's profile has increased here in Australia. In 1994 there were only fourteen competitors. With the addition of the twilight race this year there is a lot more excitement and most likely an increase in the number of entries from last year", Rob Stevens comments.

AUSTRALIAN SLED DOG RACING MAKING ITSELF KNOWN OVERSEAS

Australia's PEDIGREE PAL Sled Dog Derby has generated much interest from clubs, participants and spectators from countries spanning across Europe, the United Kingdom, Finland, Germany, Portugal and North America. Canadian sled dog racer, Leigh Gilchrist, made sure he was in Australia last year to be the official race Marshall of the 1999 Derby. Steve Carrick, competitor in the 1998 and 1999 Iditarod, also travelled to Dinner Plain to witness snow-based racing on home turf and the event has caught the eye of media in the USA.

The official race Marshall for 2000 is Terry Hinesly, who competed in the Iditarod in 1990 and was race Marshall at Dinner Plain in 1998. Hinesly, who commented on the tremendous display of sportsmanship and care for the dogs displayed by the Mushers at Dinner Plain, is again keen to oversee the action in this year's Derby.

NEW EVENT FOR 2000

Racing through the snow across somewhat unstable terrain, in changeable conditions, tests the athleticism, fitness and skill of both Musher and dogs alike at the best of times. Add the element of fading light and an increased distance of 8km., and the twilight race in this year's Derby is set to be one of the most exciting rounds in the event.

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The twilight race is the first dusk race since the Derby's inception six years ago. Mushers decked out in protective snow gear, will compete under exciting and daring conditions as the sun sets over Dinner Plain. Classes for four and six teams will leave the Village between 4.30pm – 5pm and return with the aid of headlamps.

"This is an exciting opportunity for those keen to take the additional challenge of racing in fading light," said Stevens. "We've introduced this race at the urging of the more experienced race competitors . . . . the dogs love being out at this time of the evening. The excited baying of the hounds will be heard across the valley."

THE COMPETITORS

The PEDIGREE PAL Sled Dog Derby attracts competitors from all across Australia, including Queensland, where conditions are considerably different to those at Dinner Plain. Racing is open to experienced Mushers who are required to be over sixteen years of age and have competed in approximately three dirt races. The weekend's racing activities will feature classes for two, three, four and six (combined class) dog teams.

The skill level and ability of participating Mushers has increased dramatically resulting in longer race distances over recent years. This year, in keeping with the heightened skill of the Mushers, racing will feature a route spanning 8km for the four and six dog teams, and a distance of 6km over which the two and three dog teams will compete. Races will be held in heats, with competitors winning on time scores over the two days.

THE DOGS

Weather conditions in Australia prevent many Mushers from training their team of dogs on snow. The alternative is dirt or sand. In training the dogs for Sled Dog racing, Mushers work with their team early in the morning or late evening to ensure that the temperature is below 15 degrees Celsius. This is the maximum temperature specified by the RSPCA for working dogs with thick dense coats. Those dogs who are not acclimatised to Alpine conditions often race in booties to prevent their paws cracking.

Siberian Huskies and Alaskan Malamutes are the most common breeds of dogs raced. They are strong competitors as snow is part of their natural habitat. The Siberian Huskies are quick on their feet, whereas the Alaskan Malamutes are known for their endurance over long distances. In recent years, more unusual breeds have also competed including a Cocker Spaniel, Labradors, and Shepamutes (a cross between German Shepherds and Malamutes).

CELEBRITY MEDIA CHALLENGE

The 1km Celebrity Media Challenge is sure to be a highlight again this year with invited celebrities and media personalities taking to their sleds to race against each other. Terasa Livingston (presenter on The Great Outdoors, Channel 7), Angela Brown (presenter on Totally Wild, Channel 10) and Marcus Lovett (Snow Show) were some of the celebrities that battled it out in the snow in last year's Celebrity Media Challenge.

Stay tuned to find out who the courageous competitors are in the 2000 PEDIGREE PAL Sled Dog Derby Celebrity Media Challenge.

Dinner Plain is the only alpine resort where dogs are allowed to race and then it is only for this weekend. Spectators are welcome, but it is stressed that dogs are left at home if not competing.

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				Heat1			Heat 2					
Drivers Name	**Class**	**Bib**	**Breed**	**Elapsed Time**	**Position**	**Avg. Speed**	**Elapsed Time**	**Position**	**Avg. Speed**	**Overall Time**	**Overall Position**	**Avg. Speed**
Kent, Darren	1 Dog	22	SH	08:18.56	1	28.16	08:22.33	2	27.95	16:40.89	1	28.06
Higgins, Darren	1 Dog	32	SH	08:31.75	2	27.44	08:15.29	1	28.35	16:47.04	2	27.88
Kinnane, Ross	1 Dog	8	SH	08:54.72	3	26.26	08:31.82	3	27.43	17:26.54	3	26.83
Neave, Chris	1 Dog	47	SH	09:19.10	7	25.11	08:41.85	4	26.90	18:00.95	4	25.98
Herbst, Michael	1 Dog	31	SH	09:05.22	4	25.75	09:06.43	7	25.69	18:11.65	5	25.72
Hutchison, Dave	1 Dog	9	SH	09:14.31	6	25.33	09:09.94	8	25.53	18:24.25	6	25.43
Dalziel, Jamie	1 Dog	36	SH	09:27.25	8	24.75	09:04.64	6	25.78	18:31.89	7	25.25
Persson, Karl	1 Dog	12	SH	09:45.84	10	23.97	09:31.87	9	24.55	19:17.71	8	24.25
Knowles, Mark	1 Dog	16	SH	10:24.52	13	22.48	09:03.75	5	25.82	19:28.27	9	24.04
Myers, Grant	1 Dog	20	SH	09:40.59	9	24.18	10:02.55	12	23.30	19:43.14	10	23.73
Bates, Rodney	1 Dog	21	SH	09:10.04	5	25.53	10:33.19	16	22.17	19:43.23	11	23.73
Komidar, Peter	1 Dog	3	SH	10:10.92	12	22.98	09:32.54	10	24.52	19:43.46	12	23.73
Buswell, David	1 Dog	17	SH	09:54.75	11	23.61	10:03.34	13	23.27	19:58.09	13	23.44
Blanch, Steven	1 Dog	37	SH	10:28.87	14	22.33	10:03.72	14	23.26	20:32.59	14	22.78
Gersbach, Lisa	1 Dog	4	AM	11:02.10	17	21.21	09:43.51	11	24.06	20:45.61	15	22.54
Mason, Lea	1 Dog	43	SH	10:57.47	16	21.35	10:13.13	15	22.90	21:10.60	16	22.10
Burton, Vicki	1 Dog	28	SH	10:38.94	15	21.97	11:06.27	18	21.07	21:45.21	17	21.51
Potts, David	1 Dog	25	SH	11:15.94	18	20.77	10:40.09	17	21.93	21:56.03	18	21.34
Nicholson, Glenn	1 Dog	27	AM	11:32.56	19	20.27	11:20.00	20	20.65	22:52.56	19	20.46
Komidar, Sharon	1 Dog	29	SH	12:00.11	23	19.50	11:09.82	19	20.96	23:09.93	20	20.20
Hall, Graeme	1 Dog	18	AM	11:39.32	21	20.08	11:36.70	21	20.15	23:16.02	21	20.11
Quarterman, Andrea	1 Dog	46	SH	11:36.23	20	20.17	12:10.61	24	19.22	23:46.84	22	19.68
McGregor, Kim	1 Dog	34	SH	12:13.32	25	19.15	11:40.89	22	20.03	23:54.21	23	19.58
Kyle, Clem	1 Dog	50	SH	12:01.09	24	19.47	12:11.87	26	19.18	24:12.96	24	19.33
Abela, Joe	1 Dog	49	SH	12:28.79	26	18.75	12:10.99	25	19.21	24:39.78	25	18.98
James, Jeff	1 Dog	40	AM	12:48.31	28	18.27	12:02.09	23	19.44	24:50.40	26	18.84
Cassar, Darren	1 Dog	30	AM	11:51.79	22	19.72	13:06.22	29	17.86	24:58.01	27	18.74
Workman, Jo	1 Dog	23	SH	12:43.94	27	18.38	12:22.67	27	18.90	25:06.61	28	18.64
Walters, Don	1 Dog	39	AM	13:54.06	32	16.83	13:27.31	30	17.39	27:21.37	29	17.11
Slater, Stephen	1 Dog	19	SH	13:33.66	31	17.26	13:57.15	34	16.77	27:30.81	30	17.01
Richards, Jon	1 Dog	14	AM	14:14.91	35	16.42	13:30.84	31	17.32	27:45.75	31	16.86
McIntyre, James	1 Dog	10	AM	12:55.59	29	18.10	14:58.58	39	15.62	27:54.17	32	16.77
Smith, Chris	1 Dog	38	AM	14:08.29	34	16.55	13:55.51	33	16.80	28:03.80	33	16.68
Lunney, Thomas	1 Dog	24	AM	13:33.03	30	17.27	14:43.63	38	15.89	28:16.66	34	16.55
Noble, John	1 Dog	1	AM	14:06.31	33	16.59	14:22.91	36	16.27	28:29.22	35	16.43
Matthews, Andrew	1 Dog	6	SH	15:06.21	38	15.49	14:01.82	35	16.68	29:08.03	36	16.06
Curman, Karin	1 Dog	33	SH	14:43.83	37	15.89	14:36.09	37	16.03	29:19.92	37	15.96
Matthews, Fiona	1 Dog	15	SH	14:37.57	36	16.00	15:00.75	40	15.59	29:38.32	38	15.79
Morgan, Paul	1 Dog	26	SH	16:57.73	41	13.80	13:32.76	32	17.27	30:30.49	39	15.34
Anstiss, Greg	1 Dog	45	AM	15:57.87	39	14.66	16:04.37	41	14.56	32:02.24	40	14.61
Munday, Rachel	1 Dog	13	MIXED	16:04.11	40	14.56	18:23.06	42	12.73	34:27.17	41	13.58
Palmer, Michelle	1 Dog	5	SH	20:41.38	43	11.31	21:24.36	44	10.93	42:05.74	42	11.12
McIntyre, Anne	1 Dog	48	AM	20:11.25	42	11.59	22:26.89	45	10.42	42:38.14	43	10.98
Santangelo, Rosie	1 Dog	2	SAM	21:56.53	44	10.66	21:12.42	43	11.03	43:08.95	44	10.85
Cope, Colin	1 Dog	7	AM	33:52.03	45	6.91	13:05.51	28	17.87	46:57.54	45	9.97
Bleyer, Terry	1 Dog	44	AM	15:16.05	DNF	15.33	SCR	48	-		46	
Lowday, Barry	1 Dog	41	AM	SCR	DNF	-	DNS	50	-		47	
Hosie, Tony	1 Dog	11	GSD	SCR	DNF	-	DNS	47	-		48	
Bain, Sheri	1 Dog	42	SH	SCR	DNF	-	DNS	49	-		49	

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2 Dog

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				Heat1			Heat 2					
Drivers Name	Class	Bib	Breed	Elapsed Time	Position	Avg. Speed	Elapsed Time	Position	Avg. Speed	Overall Time	Overall Position	Avg. Speed
Hodgson, David	2 Dog	43	SH	18:26.02	2	27.99	17:30.10	2	29.48	35:56.12	1	28.72
Holl, Nigelle	2 Dog	57	SH	18:23.54	1	28.06	17:58.74	3	28.70	36:22.28	2	28.37
Bobroff, Beth	2 Dog	27	MIXED	20:06.83	3	25.65	16:58.47	1	30.40	37:05.30	3	27.83
Losurdo, Kasie	2 Dog	53	SH	20:30.50	4	25.16	18:55.41	4	27.27	39:25.91	4	26.17
Skakal, Daniel	2 Dog	47	SH	20:34.33	5	25.08	19:03.79	5	27.07	39:38.12	5	26.04
Higgins, Ian	2 Dog	33	SH	20:47.17	6	24.82	20:25.16	6	25.27	41:12.33	6	25.05
Workman, Jason	2 Dog	34	SH	21:43.67	9	23.75	20:57.32	9	24.62	42:40.99	7	24.18
Debono, David	2 Dog	30	SH	22:18.68	11	23.13	20:43.24	7	24.90	43:01.92	8	23.98
Mulcahy, Mark	2 Dog	36	SH	22:14.08	10	23.21	20:49.58	8	24.78	43:03.66	9	23.97
Gersbach, Andrew	2 Dog	26	AM	21:37.53	8	23.86	21:30.15	10	24.00	43:07.68	10	23.93
Carter, Geoff	2 Dog	39	SH	21:28.88	7	24.02	21:45.79	11	23.71	43:14.67	11	23.86
Allsop, Mike	2 Dog	41	SH	24:20.13	14	21.20	21:59.48	12	23.46	46:19.61	12	22.28
Baker, Jessica	2 Dog	23	SH	23:39.16	12	21.82	22:59.76	15	22.44	46:38.92	13	22.12
Gardner, Darryl	2 Dog	38	SH	24:13.85	13	21.30	22:30.88	13	22.92	46:44.73	14	22.08
Cobb, Chris	2 Dog	52	SH	25:08.72	16	20.52	22:53.73	14	22.54	48:02.45	15	21.48
Blanch, Steven	2 Dog	37	SH	25:06.50	15	20.55	23:33.16	17	21.91	48:39.66	16	21.21
Turner, David	2 Dog	45	SH	25:14.63	17	20.44	24:42.95	19	20.88	49:57.58	17	20.66
Montanari, Jayson	2 Dog	54	MIXED	27:04.66	18	19.06	24:22.59	18	21.17	51:27.25	18	20.06
McIntyre, Donal	2 Dog	49	SH	28:37.54	22	18.03	23:29.93	16	21.96	52:07.47	19	19.80
Gardner, Annemarie	2 Dog	29	SH	28:29.16	21	18.11	27:54.74	21	18.49	56:23.90	20	18.30
Kuypers, Kathy	2 Dog	46	AM	27:46.24	20	18.58	28:49.67	22	17.90	56:35.91	21	18.23
Mcintosh, Brad	2 Dog	40	AM	27:30.67	19	18.76	29:05.58	24	17.74	56:36.25	22	18.23
Rowcliff, Matt	2 Dog	48	AM	28:49.69	23	17.90	28:56.87	23	17.83	57:46.56	23	17.86
Payne, Adam	2 Dog	58	AM	31:53.39	26	16.18	27:30.70	20	18.76	59:24.09	24	17.37
Tolhurst, Rob	2 Dog	31	AM	31:22.47	25	16.45	32:13.08	26	16.02	63:35.55	25	16.23
Riley-Brown, Natalie	2 Dog	28	SH	33:18.29	27	15.49	30:26.72	25	16.95	63:45.01	26	16.19
Heard, Craig	2 Dog	22	AM	33:24.73	28	15.44	33:25.12	28	15.44	66:49.85	27	15.44
Jones, Peta	2 Dog	42	AM	34:17.46	29	15.05	32:47.17	27	15.74	67:04.63	28	15.39
Slater, Alison	2 Dog	50	SH	39:41.89	31	13.00	38:21.61	30	13.45	78:03.50	29	13.22
Silva, Jaime	2 Dog	25	AM	39:29.54	30	13.07	40:07.13	31	12.86	79:36.67	30	12.96
Smith, Adam	2 Dog	32	SH	42:13.13	32	12.22	37:50.79	29	13.63	80:03.92	31	12.89
Friedlander, Phillip	2 Dog	56	MIXED	56:00.74	33	9.21	53:20.96	32	9.67	109:21.70	32	9.44
Potts, David	2 Dog	44	SH	28:53.56	24	17.86	SCR	33	-		33	
McGregor, Murray	2 Dog	55	SH	DNS	DNF	-	DNS	37	-		34	
Hosie, Tony	2 Dog	24	SH	DNS	DNF	-	DNS	35	-		35	
Gava, Dee	2 Dog	51	SH	DQ	DNF	-	DNS	34	-		36	
Pinner, Andrew	2 Dog	35	MIXED	DQ	DNF	-	DNS	36	-		37	

Siberian Express
Sydney Sled Dog Sprint 2000

3/4 Dog

25-Jun-00

Drivers Name	Class	Bib	Breed	Heat1 Elapsed Time	Heat1 Position	Heat1 Avg. Speed	Heat 2 Elapsed Time	Heat 2 Position	Heat 2 Avg. Speed	Overall Time	Overall Position	Overall Avg. Speed
Theuma, Alex	4 Dog	11	SH	35:51.19	7	21.76	33:38.30	1	23.19	69:29.49	1	22.45
Blockley, Mitch	4 Dog	13	SH	35:34.72	6	21.92	34:40.27	2	22.50	70:14.99	2	22.21
Coutts, Lawrie	4 Dog	8	SH	36:13.23	9	21.53	36:16.11	3	21.51	72:29.34	3	21.52
Bittendorfer, Clem	4 Dog	15	SH	36:08.82	8	21.58	37:39.39	4	20.71	73:48.21	4	21.14
Neave, Chris	4 Dog	6	SH	36:35.63	10	21.32	38:46.79	5	20.11	75:22.42	5	20.70
Waldock, Mark	4 Dog	19	SH	36:37.05	11	21.30	38:51.99	6	20.07	75:29.04	6	20.67
Jackson, Annie	4 Dog	18	SH	38:09.18	12	20.44	40:27.21	7	19.28	78:36.39	7	19.85
Douglas, Ivan	4 Dog	12	SH	39:52.81	13	19.56	42:54.98	9	18.17	82:47.79	8	18.84
Jensen, Finn	4 Dog	17	SH	40:18.43	14	19.35	42:39.02	8	18.29	82:57.45	9	18.80
Walkom, Jason	4 Dog	7	SH	46:17.21	15	16.85	51:10.81	10	15.24	97:28.02	10	16.01
Randall, Nola	4 Dog	10	SH	50:54.56	16	15.32	52:38.96	11	14.82	103:33.52	11	15.06
Odgers, Daniel	4 Dog	9	SH	51:15.10	17	15.22	55:13.98	12	14.12	106:29.08	12	14.65
Nolan, Andrew	4 Dog	14	AM	60:15.26	18	12.95	63:24.92	13	12.30	123:40.18	13	12.61
Dron, Brian	3 Dog	20	AM	71:49.58	20	10.86	66:03.14	14	11.81	137:52.72	14	11.31
Church, Nathalie	4 Dog	16	AM	66:43.12	DNF	11.69	SCR	15	-		15	
Snibson, Paul	3 Dog	21	POINT	DQ	DNF	-	DNS	16	-		16	

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6 Dog

25-Jun-00

Drivers Name	Class	Bib	Breed	Heat1 Elapsed Time	Heat1 Position	Heat1 Avg. Speed	Heat 2 Elapsed Time	Heat 2 Position	Heat 2 Avg. Speed	Overall Time	Overall Position	Overall Avg. Speed
Robertson, Owen	6 Dog	2	MIX	36:47.12	2	24.30	35:12.27	1	25.39	71:59.39	1	24.84
Strenger, Jason	6 Dog	4	MIX	36:28.07	1	24.51	36:08.04	2	24.74	72:36.11	2	24.63
Toth, Jozsef	6 Dog	5	MIX	37:01.37	3	24.15	37:44.56	3	23.69	74:45.93	3	23.91
Baker, Diane	6 Dog	1	MIX	41:32.87	4	21.52	45:22.32	5	19.70	86:55.19	4	20.57
McCarthy, Karen	6 Dog	3	SH	43:49.02	5	20.40	45:02.27	4	19.85	88:51.29	5	20.12

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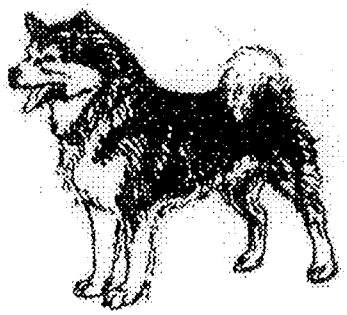

Pedigree Undera Sled Dog Dash 2000
Results - Final
One Dog

Place	Name	Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
1	Mark Mulcahy	28	00:04:24.52	00:04:24.15	00:04:21.15	00:13:09.82
2	Darren Kent	25	00:04:29.40	00:04:25.11	00:04:24.47	00:13:18.98
3	Darren Higgins	22	00:04:31.77	00:04:27.09	00:04:25.17	00:13:24.03
4	Trav Smith	26	00:04:34.09	00:04:27.85	00:04:33.74	00:13:35.68
5	Ross Kinnane	27	00:04:38.49	00:04:26.73	00:04:32.74	00:13:37.96
6	Trevor Taylor	21	00:04:38.23	00:04:28.43	00:04:31.34	00:13:38.00
7	Tony Hosie	42	00:04:59.43	00:04:53.18	00:04:56.22	00:14:48.83
8	Donald Maillet	24	00:05:00.12	00:04:53.17	00:05:02.29	00:14:55.58
9	Jamie Dalziel	30	00:04:50.25	00:04:50.40	00:05:21.03	00:15:01.68
10	Clem Bittendorfer	29	00:05:16.91	00:04:56.79	00:04:59.67	00:15:13.37
11	David Hutchinson	57	00:04:56.53	00:05:14.67	00:05:02.39	00:15:13.59
12	Lydon Reid	69	00:05:10.11	00:04:56.84	00:05:10.81	00:15:17.76
13	Josh Martin	34	00:05:09.00	00:05:04.60	00:05:24.83	00:15:38.43
14	Rob LoSurdo	39	00:05:40.34	00:05:04.81	00:05:04.25	00:15:49.40
15	Peter McCann	61	00:05:32.13	00:05:13.23	00:05:20.54	00:16:05.90
16	Brian Poole	37	00:05:51.59	00:05:16.53	00:05:01.20	00:16:09.32
17	Vicki Burton	67	00:05:36.37	00:05:25.72	00:05:31.94	00:16:34.03
18	Stewart Cumming	53	00:05:36.51	00:05:38.44	00:05:37.09	00:16:52.04
19	David Potts	33	00:05:34.00	00:05:48.00	00:05:32.87	00:16:54.87
20	Chris Mangioni	43	00:06:22.86	00:05:23.56	00:05:27.58	00:17:14.00
21	Joanne Bronstring	56	00:05:53.40	00:05:49.41	00:05:45.76	00:17:28.57
22	Kim McGregor	58	00:06:25.63	00:05:42.10	00:05:27.12	00:17:34.85
23	Brett Jarvis	55	00:06:01.75	00:06:02.85	00:05:39.32	00:17:43.92
24	Anthony Wilson	51	00:06:36.85	00:05:48.51	00:05:30.79	00:17:56.15
25	Kevin Wood	36	00:06:08.53	00:06:03.67	00:05:55.94	00:18:08.14
26	Linda Hewat	64	00:06:07.27	00:06:12.96	00:06:16.75	00:18:36.98
27	Kirsten Lindsay	62	00:07:03.71	00:05:43.27	00:05:51.26	00:18:38.24
28	Rob Davey	52	00:06:02.35	00:06:11.08	00:06:49.48	00:19:02.91
29	Simon Creely	31	00:06:33.47	00:06:19.28	00:06:10.50	00:19:03.25
30	George Podger	46	00:07:11.44	00:05:54.48	00:06:05.65	00:19:11.57
31	Damien O'Neill	32	00:06:11.27	00:06:10.19	00:06:53.62	00:19:15.08
32	Michelle Debono	54	00:06:52.61	00:06:17.26	00:06:07.34	00:19:17.21
33	Dean Liersch	49	00:07:40.17	00:05:55.98	00:05:48.06	00:19:24.21
34	Sharon Komidar	45	00:06:52.46	00:06:19.73	00:07:05.44	00:20:17.63
35	Jon Richards	65	00:06:55.69	00:06:48.81	00:06:49.21	00:20:33.71
36	Andrew Matthews	41	00:07:31.47	00:07:14.77	00:06:24.37	00:21:10.61
37	Karen Johnson	40	00:07:04.64	00:06:37.59	00:07:41.57	00:21:23.80
38	Fiona Matthews	35	00:07:56.71	00:06:49.46	00:06:39.61	00:21:25.78
39	Mark Banks	66	00:07:01.82	00:06:39.86	00:07:48.30	00:21:29.98

Pedigree Undera Sled Dog Dash 2000
Results - Final
One Dog

lace	Name	Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
40	Thomas Lunney	48	00:07:54.54	00:07:01.83	00:06:50.10	00:21:46.47
41	Peta Jones	60	00:08:52.42	00:07:14.82	00:05:58.35	00:22:05.59
42	Phil Jones	38	00:09:36.88	00:06:15.77	00:06:28.82	00:22:21.47
43	Dave Brown	44	00:07:23.46	00:07:42.74	00:08:15.19	00:23:21.39
44	Stuart Vanderpol	63	00:07:50.93	00:07:53.23	00:07:48.53	00:23:32.69
45	Sue Bond	47	00:08:37.41	00:09:03.45	00:08:35.65	00:26:16.51
46	Liz Van Driel	59	00:09:35.58	00:08:48.57	00:08:19.34	00:26:43.49
47	Leon Gubin	68	00:15:18.99	00:06:51.01	00:06:35.86	00:28:45.86
SCR	Jo Abela					00:00:00.00
SCR	Rewa Epstein	50				00:00:00.00
SCR	Chris Neeve					00:00:00.00
SCR	Jacqueline Maillet					00:00:00.00

Total of 47 active mushers

Pedigree Undera Sled Dog Dash 2000
Results - Final
Novice

Place	Name	Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
1	Lea Mason	2	00:05:03.28	00:04:54.91		00:09:58.19
2	Lisa Gersbach	8	00:05:02.63	00:05:25.83		00:10:28.46
3	Andrea Quarterman	12	00:05:23.22	00:05:34.81		00:10:58.03
4	Alan Harbour	13	00:05:45.40	00:05:35.18		00:11:20.58
5	Glenn Hollow	9	00:06:05.12	00:05:52.98		00:11:58.10
6	Melody George	1	00:06:33.88	00:06:06.32		00:12:40.20
7	Tracy Pelka	4	00:06:57.96	00:06:25.15		00:13:23.11
8	Ainsliy Randall	10	00:07:02.80	00:06:52.49		00:13:55.29
9	Amanda Runnalls	5	00:07:11.81	00:07:41.45		00:14:53.26
10	David Turner	3	00:07:27.00	00:08:30.43		00:15:57.43
11	Sarah Jones	11	00:11:18.07	00:08:47.71		00:20:05.78
SCR	Tom Uruski	6				00:00:00.00
SCR	Karen Johnson	7				00:00:00.00

Total of 11 active mushers

Pedigree Undera Sled Dog Dash 2000
Results - Final
Two Dog

Place	Name	Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
1	Beth Bobroff	110	00:08:37.25	00:07:45.52	00:07:41.05	00:24:03.82
2	David Hodgson	101	00:08:02.84	00:08:16.80	00:07:53.63	00:24:13.27
3	Raelene Kwong	125	00:08:48.56	00:08:07.18	00:07:48.18	00:24:43.92
4	Daniel Skakal	104	00:08:54.06	00:08:26.37	00:08:33.57	00:25:54.00
5	Andrew Gersbach	106	00:08:45.07	00:08:55.62	00:08:19.29	00:25:59.98
6	Mike Allsop	108	00:08:57.93	00:08:29.92	00:08:48.17	00:26:16.02
7	Michael Herbst	102	00:09:18.86	00:08:45.63	00:08:36.56	00:26:41.05
8	David Debono	122	00:09:47.29	00:08:33.05	00:08:25.69	00:26:46.03
9	Shaun Butcher	126	00:09:21.84	00:08:49.65	00:08:43.44	00:26:54.93
10	Peter Komidar	107	00:08:55.82	00:08:59.71	00:09:07.65	00:27:03.18
11	Simone Groves	118	00:09:18.12	00:09:02.17	00:08:54.54	00:27:14.83
12	Dave Hutchinson	120	00:09:22.06	00:08:58.00	00:09:14.11	00:27:34.17
13	Craig Turner	119	00:09:39.10	00:08:58.85	00:09:04.33	00:27:42.28
14	David Potts	111	00:09:37.34	00:09:30.49	00:09:20.13	00:28:27.96
15	Tony Field	117	00:09:50.89	00:09:25.29	00:09:25.41	00:28:41.59
16	Adrian Fasham	109	00:10:38.76	00:09:28.76	00:09:30.79	00:29:38.31
17	Tracy Carter	123	00:10:07.13	00:09:52.08	00:09:51.84	00:29:51.05
18	Daniel Odgers	132	00:11:02.46	00:09:47.85	00:09:35.34	00:30:25.65
19	Kassie LoSurdo	103	00:09:27.35	00:12:41.73	00:08:59.52	00:31:08.60
20	Natalie McIllree	135	00:11:00.51	00:10:28.74	00:09:45.15	00:31:14.40
21	John Rozman	124	00:10:39.59	00:10:27.10	00:10:10.77	00:31:17.46
22	Murray McGregor	116	00:11:09.70	00:11:33.38	00:09:52.71	00:32:35.79
23	Clem Kyle	114	00:11:20.57	00:11:03.70	00:10:23.13	00:32:47.40
24	Ken Dickson	129	00:11:57.97	00:11:41.27	00:10:37.00	00:34:16.24
25	Geoff Styche	134	00:11:39.43	00:11:14.33	00:11:40.55	00:34:34.31
26	Natalie Brown	112	00:12:24.75	00:11:10.36	00:11:05.73	00:34:40.84
27	Vicki Bartlett	121	00:11:39.37	00:11:43.88	00:11:41.02	00:35:04.27
28	Liz Van Driel	133	00:12:19.88	00:12:22.30	00:11:55.11	00:36:37.29
29	Jamie Thomas	128	00:14:03.02	00:11:22.10	00:12:07.58	00:37:32.70
30	Mike Dutton	136	00:14:44.19	00:12:31.86	00:11:31.29	00:38:47.34
31	Brian Dron	131	00:13:06.04	00:14:27.51	00:13:49.02	00:41:22.57
32	David Boulden	113	00:12:52.39	00:14:52.69	00:15:32.85	00:43:17.93
33	Tony Hosie	105	00:25:06.59	00:09:48.10	00:09:47.48	00:44:42.17
34	Trevor Cooney	115	00:19:01.31	00:20:47.29	00:20:00.90	00:59:49.50
SCR	Mario Suban	127				00:00:00.00
SCR	Stephen Paul					00:00:00.00
SCR	Henry Cordani					00:00:00.00
SCR	Darren Scragg	130				00:00:00.00

Total of 34 active mushers

Pedigree Undera Sled Dog Dash 2000
Results - Final
Three/Four Dog

Place	Name		Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
1	Clem Bittendorfer	4 Dog	152	00:08:05.40	00:13:26.52	00:13:09.20	00:34:41.12
2	Terry Mace	4 Dog	160	00:08:07.91	00:13:14.53	00:13:34.83	00:34:57.27
3	Mitch Blockley	4 Dog	158	00:08:59.16	00:13:45.81	00:13:15.46	00:36:00.43
4	Owen Robertson	4 Dog	157	00:08:38.01	00:13:57.16	00:13:30.34	00:36:05.51
5	Alex Theuma	4 Dog	156	00:08:41.79	00:14:07.56	00:13:44.83	00:36:34.18
6	John Hodgson	4 Dog	153	00:08:41.40	00:14:20.75	00:13:56.92	00:36:59.07
7	Nigelle Holl	3 Dog	161	00:09:18.31	00:14:12.14	00:13:31.25	00:37:01.70
8	Paul Snibson	3 Dog	172	00:08:49.49	00:14:25.71	00:14:00.68	00:37:15.88
9	Andrew Colvin	4 Dog	164	00:08:55.25	00:14:26.85	00:14:15.06	00:37:37.16
10	David Cole	4 Dog	177	00:09:23.40	00:14:53.68	00:14:19.49	00:38:36.57
11	Annie Jackson	4 Dog	155	00:09:22.13	00:14:50.50	00:14:27.41	00:38:40.04
12	Lawrie Coutts	4 Dog	154	00:08:43.37	00:15:33.63	00:14:47.67	00:39:04.67
13	Karen McCarthy	4 Dog	176	00:09:39.36	00:15:48.01	00:15:23.59	00:40:50.96
14	Henry Cordani	4 Dog	174	00:09:19.93	00:16:29.95	00:15:05.38	00:40:55.26
15	Ivan Douglas	4 Dog	162	00:09:30.13	00:15:29.51	00:16:15.95	00:41:15.59
16	Mark George	3 Dog	182	00:10:46.28	00:15:48.29	00:14:47.19	00:41:21.76
17	David Pettifer	3 Dog	159	00:09:11.38	00:15:47.58	00:16:24.83	00:41:23.79
18	Hayley Coutts	3 Dog	151	00:09:34.40	00:17:38.20	00:16:02.11	00:43:14.71
19	Rick Van Driel	4 Dog	165	00:10:56.49	00:18:21.89	00:16:57.24	00:46:15.62
20	Dugald Baird	3 Dog	168	00:10:32.88	00:18:04.16	00:17:38.59	00:46:15.63
21	Graeme Hall	3 Dog	173	00:10:43.73	00:18:05.53	00:18:38.76	00:47:28.02
22	Merv Turner	4 Dog	171	00:10:26.32	00:19:05.44	00:18:38.60	00:48:10.36
23	Ralph Koch	3 Dog	163	00:10:25.84	00:20:06.56	00:18:17.60	00:48:50.00
24	Jason Walkom	4 Dog	181	00:14:35.52	00:18:54.10	00:16:31.33	00:50:00.95
25	Anthony Cook	3 Dog	179	00:11:44.01	00:20:44.45	00:18:27.94	00:50:56.40
26	Scott Glover	3 Dog	166	00:11:23.56	00:26:43.41	00:16:34.77	00:54:41.74
27	Nola Randell	4 Dog	170	00:11:50.79	00:25:09.94	00:20:46.07	00:57:46.80
28	Daniel Hamann	3 Dog	167	00:12:48.52	00:26:00.35	00:25:48.53	01:04:37.40
SCR	Jason Strenger	4 Dog	175				00:00:00.00
SCR	Geoff Styche	4 Dog	178				00:00:00.00
SCR	Mike Dutton	3 Dog	180				00:00:00.00
SCR	Bill Thorne	4 Dog	169				00:00:00.00

Total of 28 active mushers

2000 Sled Dog Events Calendar

Sprint Races

Race	Distances	Date	Contact
Northern Exposure Classic (Queensland)	1 Dog Class 3 heats of 2.5 km 2 Dog Class 3 heats of 4 km 4 Dog Class 3 heats of 6 km	30/6 - 2/7	Donald Maillet d.maillet@mailbox.uq.edu.au (07) 3822 6427
Great Grey Bound (Victoria)	1 Dog Class 2 heats of 2.4 km 2 Dog Class 2 heats of 6.5 km 4 Dog Class 2 heats of 9.0 km 6 Dog Class 2 heats of 12.7 km	8-9 July	Terry & Narelle Mace weish@primus.com.au (03) 5782 2638
Wild Dog Derby (South Australia)	1 Dog Class 2 heats of 3.6 km 2 Dog Class 2 heats of 5.9 km 4 Dog Class 2 heats of 7.6 km	15-16 July	Dave Brown davebrown@ozemail.com.au
Sydney Sled Dog Shield (New South Wales)	1 Dog Class 2 heats of 3.6 km 2 Dog Class 2 heats of 4.6 km 3 & 4 Dog Class 2 heats of 8.2 km	29-30 July	Ivan Douglas skylaska@zip.com.au (02) 9824 7759
The Burn (Victoria)	1&2 Dog Class 2 heats of 7.5km 3, 4 & 6 Dog Class 2 heats of 15km Junior Class 2 heats of 3.8km	5-6 August	Lisa Hodgson lihuk@netspace.net.au (03) 5281 5283
A5000 Sled Dog Derby (Victoria)	TBA	12-13 August	Robert Stevens sleddogs@ssc.net.au (03) 5428 3285
Canberra Sled Dog Classic (ACT)	1 Dog Class 2 heats of 3.6 km 2 & 3 Dog Class 2 heats of 7.2 km 4 Dog Class 2 heats of 9.0 km	19-20 August	Kate Ord kate.ord@ea.gov.au (02) 6274 1111

Distance Races

Race	Distance	Date	Contact
CHA Distance Run (Victoria)	6 dog class (min 4 dogs) 1 heat of 25K	8 July	Terry & Narelle Mace weish@primus.com.au 03 5782 2638
Southern Highlands Freight Run (New South Wales)	1 Dog Class 2 heats of 7.8 km 2 Dog Class 2 heats of 14.9 km 4 Dog Class 2 heats of 20.8 km 6 Dog Class 2 heats of 20.8 km	8-9 July	Geoff Styche styche@pnc.com.au (02) 4784 2543
B60 (New South Wales)	6 Dog Class (min 4 dogs) 60 km	22-23 July	Stephen Carrick crack@ozemail.com.au
Kooyoora Challenge (Victoria)	2 heats of 25 km 6, 8, Open class (min 4 dogs)	5-6 August	John Hynd 03 5438 7451
CSDC Distance Race (ACT)	To be advised – but approx 40 km	19-20 August	Kate Ord kate.ord@ea.gov.au (02) 6274 1111

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