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Hike!/ASSA 2001 National Champions – Sprint

Unfortunately, *Hike*! has yet to receive results for all Marathon races – so only the Sprint Champions can be published in this edition. Hopefully, results for the Marathon Champs wills appear in the October edition.

6 Dog Class

1. Owen Robertson
2. Terry Mace
3. Jason Strenger

4 Dog Class

1. Alex Theuma
2. Owen Robertson
3. Mitch Blockley

3 Dog Class

1. Nigelle Holl
2. Beth Bobroff
3. Lawrie Coutts

2 Dog Class

1. David Hodgson
2. David Hutchison
3. Scott Glover

1 Dog Class

1. Darren Kent
2. Michael Herbst
3. Mark Mulcahy

Hike!/ASSA 2001 National Sprint Point Score

6 Dog

Name	Place	Points	Races	State
Owen Robertson	1	4140	Best 4	Vic
Terry Mace	2	3977	4	Vic
Jason Strenger	3	2978	3	NSW
Jozsef Toth	4	2841	3	Vic
Henry Cordani	5	2503	3	NSW
Jason Walkom	6	1305	2	NSW
Wayne Baker	7	985	1	Qld
David Cole	8	914	1	Vic
Geg Badior	9	758	1	Vic
Karen McCarthy	10	756	1	Vic
Micheal Sheedy	11	738	1	SA
Daniel Odgers	12	719	1	Vic
Sean Thompson	13	677	1	Qld
Paul Tye	14	591	1	NSW
Tony Greenway	15	591	1	Vic

4 Dog

Name	Place	Points	Races	State
Alex Theuma	1	4256	Best 4	NSW
Owen Robertson	2	4168	4	Vic
Mitch Blockly	3	4157	Best 4	Vic
Kim Snibson	4	4140	Best 4	NSW
Terry Mace	5	4008	4	Vic
Kasie Losurdo	6	4001	Best 4	NSW
Clem Bittendorfer	7	3880	Best 4	NSW
Annie Jackson	8	3846	Best 4	Vic
Rick Van Driel	9	3742	Best 4	Vic
David Potts	10	3649	4	NSW
Mark Waldock	11	3620	Best 4	NSW
Craig Turner	12	3589	Best 4	NSW
Liz Van Driel	13	3372	Best 4	Vic
Merv Turner	14	3368	Best 4	Vic
Donal McIntyre	15	3154	4	NSW
Beth Bobroff	16	2945	3	ACT
Lawrie Coutts	17	2827	3	Vic
Geoff Carter	18	2819	3	ACT
Jason Strenger	19	2814	3	NSW
Henry Cordani	20	2647	3	NSW
Tamsyn Pitt	21	2463	3	NZ
John Hodgson	22	2430	3	Vic
Dugal Baird	23	2339	3	Vic
Michael Sheedy	24	2290	3	SA
Mario Suban	25	2238	3	Vic
Paul Snibson	26	2035	2	NSW
S Hodgkinson	27	1828	2	Vic
John Rozman	28	1697	2	Vic
Karen McCarthy	29	1565	2	Vic
D Cordani	30	1544	2	NSW
Chris Cobb	31	1455	2	ACT
Jason Walkom	32	1377	2	NSW
Phil Jones	33	1361	2	NSW
Daniel Odgers	34	1347	3	Vic
Stephen Slater	35	1208	2	NSW
Di Baker	36	1000	1	Qld
Sean Thompson	37	1000	1	Qld
Jessica Baker	38	992	1	Qld
Rob Losurdo	39	982	1	NSW
Mark Geroge	40	961	2	NSW
Jozsef Toth	41	956	1	Vic
Andrew Colvin	42	931	1	NSW
George Podger	43	835	1	Vic
Helen Pettifer	44	797	1	Vic
Darryl Gardner	45	751	1	NSW
Greg Badior	46	732	1	Vic
Natalie Brown	47	710	1	NSW
Anna Paxton	48	697	1	NSW
Anthony Cook	49	672	1	SA
Russell Andrews	50	653	1	Qld
James McIntyre	51	610	1	NSW
Natalie Church	52	599	1	NSW
Don Walters	53	480	1	NSW
Steve Moore	54	453	1	NSW

3 Dog

Name	Place	Points	Races	State
Nigelle Holl	1	4080	Best 4	NSW
Beth Bobroff	2	3871	4	ACT
Lawrie Coutts	3	3842	Best 4	Vic
Natalie Colvin	4	3723	Best 4	NSW
Jason Workman	5	3029	4	NSW
Mark George	6	2725	3	NSW
Dugald Baird	7	2150	3	Vic
David Debono	8	1643	2	NSW
Chris Cobb	9	1431	2	ACT
Paul Snibson	10	1030	1	NSW
Raelene Kwong	11	860	1	Vic
Darren Higgins	12	858	1	Vic
Steven Blanch	13	807	1	Vic
Peter McCann	14	752	1	Vic
D Cordani	15	743	1	NSW
Jason Walkom	16	730	1	NSW
Jayson Montanari	17	724	1	NSW
Merv Turner	18	706	1	Vic
Jessica Baker	19	695	1	Qld
Karen McCarthy	20	679	1	Vic
Tony field	21	673	1	Vic
Anthony Cook	22	662	1	SA
Helen Pettifer	23	660	1	Vic
Tony Hosie	24	655	1	NSW
Don Walters	25	655	1	NSW
Simon Creely	26	648	1	Vic
Graeme Hall	27	644	1	ACT
Steven Slater	28	592	1	NSW
Stewart Cuming	29	576	1	NSW
Brian Dron	30	563	1	NSW
Mark Bank	31	530	1	Vic
Natalie Church	32	529	1	NSW
Nancy Peloesi	33	490	1	NSW

2 Dog

Name	Place	Points	Races	State
David Hodgson	1	4120	Best 4	Vic
David Hutchinson	2	4095	Best 4	NSW
Scott Glover	3	4088	Best 4	NSW
Daniel Skakal	4	4041	Best 4	NSW
Darren Higgins	5	4030	Best 4	Vic
David Pettifer	6	3990	Best 4	Vic
Raelene kwong	7	3876	4	Vic
Peter Komidar	8	3816	Best 4	NSW
Steven Blanch	9	3778	Best 4	Vic
Karl Persson	10	3722	Best 4	Qld
Geoff Carter	11	3676	4	ACT
David Potts	12	3634	4	NSW
Rob Clive	13	3613	Best 4	Qld
Roseanne Shailer	14	3514	Best 4	Vic
Andrew Gersbach	15	3472	4	ACT
Tony Hosie	16	3426	4	NSW
Daryl Gardner	17	3218	4	NSW

Rob Losurdo	18	3196	4	NSW
Danny Bruce	19	3175	Best 4	Vic
Kelly Gardner	20	2975	4	NSW
James McIntyre	21	2885	4	NSW
Chris Neave	22	2863	3	SA
Darren Scragg	23	2838	3	Vic
Kirsten Lindsay	24	2673	3	Vic
Merv Turner	25	2639	3	Vic
Joel Hines	26	2497	3	Vic
Darren Cassar	27	2482	4	NSW
Liz Van Driel	28	2313	4	Vic
Anthony Wilson	29	2304	3	Qld
Thomas Lunney	30	2208	4	ACT
Gary Clarkson	31	2043	3	Vic
Donald Maillet	32	1965	2	Qld
Mike Allsop	33	1881	2	SA
Pino Ulanio	34	1855	2	Vic
Rob Tolhurst	35	1835	3	NSW
Tony Field	36	1782	2	Vic
Michael Turkal	37	1771	3	NSW
Peter Neale	38	1747	2	Qld
Chris Proctor	39	1716	3	NSW
Steve James	40	1642	2	NSW
Simon Creely	41	1619	2	Vic
Jacqui McNicol	42	1600	2	Vic
Grant Myers	43	1598	2	NSW
Ashley Polley	44	1566	2	SA
Jayson Montanari	45	1564	2	NSW
Graeme Hall	46	1558	2	ACT
Tracy Carter	47	1543	2	ACT
Glenn Hollow	48	1533	2	Vic
Jesse Bugden	49	1457	2	SA
Murry McGregor	50	1433	2	NSW
Owen Piper	51	1409	2	Vic
Kim Webber	52	1340	2	NSW
Matt Rowcliff	53	1288	2	NSW
Natalie McIllree	54	1280	2	WA
Mike Dutton	55	1261	2	NSW
Darren Kent	56	1027	1	Vic
John Nobel	57	1026	2	NSW
Adam Johnson	58	1000	1	Qld
Lawrie Coutts	59	996	1	Vic
Travis Smith	60	988	1	Vic
Rodney O'Donell	61	988	2	NSW
Nigelle Holl	62	918	1	NSW
Richard Bennet	63	910	1	Vic
Peter McCann	64	899	1	Vic
Mark Mulcahy	65	896	1	ACT
Lyndon Reid	66	895	1	Vic
Stephen Paul	67	894	1	NSW
Ashley Taylor	68	866	1	Vic
John Hodgeson	69	865	1	Vic
David Buswell	70	853	1	NSW
Rob Stevens	71	846	1	Vic
Col Seare	72	838	1	Qld
Daniel Odgers	73	825	1	Vic
Brett Meehan	74	804	2	NSW
Jamie Thomas	75	785	1	Vic
Anthony Cook	76	770	1	SA
Amanda Morris	77	763	1	NSW QLD
Chris Mangione	78	762	1	NSW
D Limnatitis	79	758	1	NSW
Daniel Ciguenza	80	747	1	NSW
Haydon Eden	81	723	1	Qld
Mick Whittaker	82	711	1	SA
Peter Kypers	83	709	1	NSW
Garry Turner	84	704	1	NSW
David Layton	85	695	1	Qld
D Montomery	86	678	1	Vic
Rebecca Everest	87	673	1	Qld
Geoff Styche	88	670	1	NSW

M Robinson	89	664	1	SA
Racheal Sutton	90	662	1	Vic
Stephen Slater	91	657	1	NSW
Russell Andrews	92	657	1	Qld
Jaime Silva	93	655	1	Vic
Ken Moore	94	654	1	Qld
Don Walters	95	654	1	NSW
Mandy Church	96	651	1	NSW
Kathy Kypers	97	646	1	NSW
Vanessa Neale	98	643	1	Qld
George Podger	99	639	1	Vic
Leon Gubin	100	599	1	Vic
Anitra Dunshea	101	594	1	Vic
Alison Slater	102	556	1	NSW
Leanne Haller	103	547	1	SA
Dave Brown	104	541	1	SA
Bob Bob	105	539	1	NSW
Paul Morgan	106	533	1	NSW
Dave Boulden	107	527	1	SA
Nicole Wooley	108	520	1	SA
Maryanne Bates	109	490	1	SA
David Turner	120	453	1	Vic
Trevor Cooney	121	444	1	Vic
Shane Moise	122	420	1	NSW
Phil Friedlander	123	315	1	NSW

1 Dog

Name	Place	Points	Races	State
Darren Kent	1	4250	Best 4	Vic
Michael Herbst	2	4233	Best 4	SA
Mark Mulcahy	3	4184	Best 4	ACT
Ross Kinnane	4	4135	Best 4	Vic
Trevor Taylor	5	4114	Best 4	Vic
Darren Higgins	6	3754	Best 4	Vic
Steven Blanch	7	3731	Best 4	Vic
Merv Turner	8	3507	4	Vic
Peter McCann	9	3462	Best 4	Vic
Roseanne Shailer	10	3338	Best 4	Vic
Natalie Higgins	11	3092	Best 4	Vic
Gabi Piper	12	2974	4	Vic
Josh Martin	13	2768	3	Vic
Steven Bradbury	14	2658	3	Vic
Jason Turner	15	2516	3	NSW
Stewart Bain	16	2461	3	NSW
Jayson Montanari	17	2375	3	NSW
Rachel Munday	18	2072	3	NSW
Karl Persson	19	1952	2	Qld
Fiona Matthews	20	1788	3	NSW
Andrew Matthews	21	1783	3	NSW
Simone Groves	22	1763	2	Vic
David Buswell	23	1731	2	NSW
Brendan Heinicke	24	1730	2	SA
Debbie Young	25	1729	2	Vic
John Potter	26	1698	2	NSW
Darren Browne	27	1667	2	Qld
Ian Dobson	28	1640	2	Vic
Grant Myers	29	1638	2	NSW
Gary Clarkson	30	1635	2	Vic
D Limnatitis	31	1623	2	NSW
Jacqui McNicol	32	1585	2	Vic
Owen Piper	33	1584	2	Vic
Sam Creely	34	1577	2	Vic
Donald Maillet	35	1562	2	Qld
Steve James	36	1553	2	NSW
Daniel Ciguenza	37	1552	2	NSW
Adam Payne	38	1551	2	NSW
Stewart Cumming	39	1524	2	Vic
Joel Hines	40	1475	2	Vic
Carmen Schrader	41	1455	2	NSW
Sharon Komidar	42	1430	2	NSW

Daniel Odgers	43	1417	2	Vic
Alf Tetslaf	44	1408	2	Vic
Carolyn Browne	45	1370	2	Qld
Chris Proctor	46	1368	2	NSW
Bec Thorpe	47	1366	2	NSW
Christine Reynold	48	1350	2	Vic
Scott Shaw	49	1326	2	NSW
Andrew Myers	50	1284	2	SA
Oliva Ciguenza	51	1210	2	NSW
Leon Gubin	52	1153	2	Vic
Barry Cook	53	1134	2	SA
Chris Smith	54	1132	2	NSW
Simon Fabrikant	55	1078	2	Vic
S Pierce-Adams	56	1058	2	Qld
David Hodgeson	57	1008	1	Vic
Mike Allsop	58	1006	1	SA
Brian Poole	59	1000	1	Qld
Peter Neale	60	979	1	Qld
Daryl Morris	61	972	1	Qld
Brownie ?	62	968	1	Qld
Wayne Baker	63	961	1	Qld
Rob Thomson	64	940	1	ACT
Lawrie Coutts	65	936	1	Vic
Peter Komidar	66	934	1	NSW
Adrian Fasham	67	923	1	Vic
Lyndon Reid	68	913	1	Vic
Mark Knowles	69	905	1	NSW
Jamie Daziel	70	902	1	SA
Murray McGregor	71	893	1	NSW
Simon Creely	72	873	1	Vic
Rik Walter	73	872	1	Vic
Ken Dickson	74	867	1	Vic
Emma Kirby	75	866	1	SA
Chris Mangioni	76	851	1	Vic
Chris Neave	77	849	1	SA
Robert Davey	78	846	1	Vic
Erin O'Shea	79	844	1	Vic
Stuart Moroney	80	842	1	Vic
Kent Scott-Mclean	81	841	1	ACT
Adam Johnson	82	839	1	Qld
George Podger	83	835	1	Vic
Ashley Polly	84	834	1	SA
Glen Nicholson	85	830	1	NSW
Jason Tutty	86	819	1	Qld
Kim McGregor	87	817	1	NSW
Stephen Haren	88	816	1	SA
Christine Clarkson	89	813	1	Vic
Natalie Chiera	90	813	1	SA
M Macklin-Shaw	91	804	1	SA
Andrew Warren	92	795	1	ACT
Tony Hosie	93	789	1	NSW
Melissa Turner	94	772	1	NSW
Kieran Glaser	95	771	1	SA
Mandy Graham	96	747	1	SA
Clint Graham	97	745	1	SA
David Layton	98	744	1	Qld
John Bunyon	99	744	1	SA
Jessica Allen	100	743	1	Vic
Gary Turner	101	740	1	NSW
Sam Townsend	102	739	1	SA
Rob Clive	103	731	1	Qld
Linda Hewat	104	729	1	Vic
Megan Grieve	105	729	1	Qld
Sam Podger	106	725	1	Vic
Adrian Hurst	1-7	719	1	SA
Cathrine James	1-8	714	1	NSW
Eric Evans	1-9	711	1	Vic
Lisa Gersbach	120	699	1	ACT
Liz Van Driel	121	689	1	Vic
Helen Pettifer	122	682	1	Vic
Charles Robinson	123	662	1	Qld

1968 pts
2 RACES
19th place

Anthony Wilson	124	660	1	Vic
Stephen Thompson	125	659	1	Qld
Paul Morgan	126	657	1	NSW
Rod Paule	127	645	1	NSW
Gavin Purtell	128	641	1	Qld
Danny Gardner	129	639	1	NSW
Nicole Hammond	130	637	1	Qld
Nancy Teldesi	131	634	1	NSW
Greg Antiss	132	631	1	NSW
Kevin Wood	133	620	1	SA
Kieran Sadler	134	608	1	NSW
Steve Burger	135	602	1	SA
Mike Kirsten	136	601	1	NSW
Tracy Carter	137	579	1	ACT
D Cunningham	138	575	1	NSW
Trent Hayman	139	571	1	NSW
Dean Craker	140	570	1	Vic
Gary O'Meara	141	570	1	Vic
Rob Vitkunas	142	552	1	SA
Mandy Church	143	537	1	NSW
Jennifer Rahmoy	144	533	1	NSW
Karin Curman	145	533	1	NSW
Karen Fabrikant	146	530	1	Vic
T Coddington	147	524	1	NSW
Rosie Santangelo	148	507	1	NSW
Ainslie Randall	149	499	1	Vic
David Sanders	150	495	1	Vic

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The Hike! 2001 Far Side Awards!

Weirdest encounter Training No 1

Kim Snibson out on a training run one night trying to get her team around a parked car on the trail, upon passing the car Kim shined her light into the window and was confronted with a naked couple sharing an intimate moment. Shocked Kim yelled to her leader "Nick! HAW!" Thinking on her unfortunate choice of words she made a hasty retreat back to Paul and Hutch who wanted to take their teams out again.

Weirdest encounter Training No 2

Hutch, Paul and Kim Snibson being questioned while out running by a security guard as to what they were doing. They had a complaint about organised dog fights being held in the area.

Weirdest encounter Training No 3

Hutch, Paul and Kim Snibson being questioned while out running by the Military Police as to what they were doing. They had a complaint about organised dog fights being held in the area.

Weirdest encounter Training No 4

Hutch, Paul, Kim, Beth and Mark George all out training one Saturday night, Hutch leaves early and sees police cars drive past towards where he just come from, the last car stops and Hutch says "are you looking for us?" Police look at the rig and dogs and say "NO". Hutch heads home, Police turn up at training area guns at the ready to Kim and Beth waving at them. It seems that they too had a complaint about organised dog fights in the area so the all police from the area went on a big raid to get the culprits.

Equipment failure

Annie Jackson's sled basically falling apart before her eyes on the second heat at the snow, taking her out of the running.

Domestic Violence Award

To the couple at the Southern Cross race – where the police were called!

Dirty Dancing Award

Jozsef 'snake hips' Toth at the A5000

Crash and Burn 1

Most famous crash & burn - Pottsie at the snow, who lost skin from both knees an elbow & his bottom, won an award for it and then was featured on Rove Live. One wonders whether he will learn from this experience and put some clothes on?

Crash and Burn 2

Scott Glover and his many encounters with the ground, gravel, dirt leading him to run a rig on the second heat on two occasions.

Crash and Burn 3

Scott Glover – running Alex Theuma's team back to the camp after a heat at the SX race – flipped the rig!

Crash and Burn 4

How many times did Scott fall off at Bannockburn?

Quote of the Year 1

Jozef at the NSW Freight Race race yelling "Rock n Roll" for most of the Saturday night.

Quote of the Year 2

Jozef at the NSW Freight Race proclaiming that "it was a two guinness trail".

Quote of the Year 3

Henry Cordani at the snow race making an acceptance speach for Jason Strenger "I'm sure that he would like to thank his sponsor....pause...Pro Plan...I mean Eagle Pak!"

Quote of the Year 4

Corinne from Rove Live meeting her team of mals for the celebrity race at the snow saying "Im sure that if my dogs don't beat the opposition they'll eat them..."

Quote of the Year 5

"The dogs were genetically challenged" Terry Mace.

Best Catering

Cheryl Taylor – Gold Seekers Race – who single handedly catered for 40 people in the kitchen of a caravan – and everyone came back for seconds!

Most forgetful Musher

Mark Waldock – forgot to bring his tent fly to Southern Cross race.

Biggest Dog Trailers

USS Constitution (The Snibsons) followed by USS Independence (2 metres shorter – D and N Higgings – but who says size counts!)

Cabin Fever Award

11 Adults, 7 kids and one dog in one cabin for one week – Team Eukanuba – A5000

Best name Faux Pas – Race Results and others

Mick Turner (AKA Merv Turner)
Cliff Bittendorfer (Aka Clem)
No Gell Hall (AKA Nigelle Holl)
Oven Robertson (AKA Owen)

Best trail command

"Push It Out" heard at the SX race.

New trail terminology

'Digging trenches for Telstra' – Olivia Coutts' new terminology for people when liberally applying the sled brake down hill at the snow race.

Claytons Bib Draw Award

Drawn in Alphabetical Order (4 Dog class Sprint only) Canberra Race.

5 Star Resturant Award

Team Eukanuba rotisserie bbq!

Best Spinicker Award

The Tarp Mahal – Canberra Race – during the fierce winds

Most Dedicated Handlers

Paul Tye, Mick Guinness and Anna Paxton – who virtually did everything for Jason Strenger bar race for him at the Sydney Shield Race

Mid Distance Stake Out Line award

Karen McCarthy

Moonshine Award

Luke Elliot, Mark George, Rick Van Driel, Scott Glover and Alex Theuma who mooned Dave Hutch at the Sydney Shield Dash in the Dark race – caught for posterity on helmet cam!

Most successful Musher

Olivia Coutts – who emulated her father's unbeaten feat of winning every race she entered this season! – 5 out of 5!

Best Dog Name

'Tinkie' (someone at the SX race) which should be matched up with Finn Jensen's Po.

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Doing the right thing

Hayley Coutts

It saddens me somewhat to put pen to paper on this issue. Good friends of mine have been guilty of perpetrating some of the issues I am about to write about. I hope that this article does not jeopardize those friendships. You might ask then, why write it? I'll try to answer that but firstly the issues. My family and I were fortunate enough to spend a week at Dinner Plain. We, like many others had entered the A5000 event but also stayed on for the following week to enjoy what was left of the snow. Unfortunately, for the first time in the ten years I have been mushing, I was embarrassed by the behaviour of some, and I stress the word some, of the mushing community.

At last years event the A5000 club went to great lengths to arrange a carpark /dog lot facility where it was expected that mushers would keep their dogs for the weekend of the race AND the following week. At last year's event, the dog lot was so full that you could barely open your trailer doors without hitting the trailer parked beside you. I could not say that the same was applicable this year. The dog lot was just about empty by comparison. On the Sunday morning of the race at about 10.30 am I was in the carpark. A quick count of the trailers saw me come up with a total of 25 dog trailers in the car park. Allowing for the 20 odd trailers on the road gives us a total of about 45 trailers. With entries at about 80 for the event, even allowing for the four or five mushers who had multiple entries, it's not hard to work out that there were a lot of dog trucks not in the place where they should have been. Even Greg Badior, who by the way has an Alpine permit for the entire Shire made sure his dogs were in the carpark during the A5000 race. It would seem that the Alpine Shire must have distributed a lot of permits this year to themushing community. Or, were the same old people, year in, year out just doing their own thing and flagrantly abusing the rules of A5000 ? I'm not going to name names but you know who you are. Your communal howl at 2.30am on Sunday morning in the vicinity of Big Muster Drive, may be funny to you and perhaps even appreciated by those of us that race. To the dog hating cross-country skiers, our dogs are the bane of their weekend. By breaking the rules you give them fuel for the fire toward banning dogs at Dinner Plain. Those of you who think you are bigger than the rules put the future of this event at great risk. Personally, I wish that the ranger had come around and asked you to leave the mountain. It is not about dodging the ranger or getting away with it. It is about DOING THE RIGHT THING. A lot of the people who were doing the right thing had every reason (young babies in lodges etc) to take their dogs up to the lodge but they didn't. They considered the hard work by the race giving organization and left the trailers in the dog lot. At least there won't be so much dogshit left in the carpark this year. Why? Because some one, who has left their names with the tennis court booking service left all their dog crap in the tennis court.

We were fortunate to get some time in the tennis court. Some of our dogs had been in the trailer for nearly two and a half weeks. What a wonderful facility the courts were for those dogs trapped in trailers for extended periods of time. The court had been booked for Monday. By this time, the snow had melted and it became obvious, that once again, people chose to do the wrong thing. The tennis court was pasted with dogshit. Not only is this unhygienic for those that come behind you but, once again it gives fuel to the fire to stop us having a race in the snow. Luckily Mark Waldock did the right thing and removed the faeces. We are dog people and we were pretty unimpressed by what we saw. Imagine if we'd been the unhappy cross-country skiers mentioned previously?

While I'm still on the dog poo issue. How on God's earth, could you not notice your dog taking a dump on someone's sled? We arrived at the dog lot only to find that someone's dog had taken a dump on Jason Walkorn's sled. What is wrong with the person that allowed this to happen? Jason's small son could easily have ended up with your dog's shit all over him as he clambered about on his Daddy's sled. Whoever you are you should be ashamed.

In the many years that we have been participating in sled dog sport, we have been lucky enough never to have any equipment stolen. Clem Bittendorfer can't say the same. At the same time, we are hoping that his missing snub line and picket were taken by mistake. If you have mistakenly taken Clem's blue and white snub with pink quick release attached to a picket please return it to the Tarp Mahal, no questions asked. If you intend not to return it, beware of the karma of what goes around, comes around!

To the person who chose to "share" stake out lines with us all week-end. Next time you drop and empty your dogs on our picket, try asking if it's okay. We would have been more than happy to "share" our picket with your dogs. However, next time you take up territory on someone else's turf, do what all good animals do, clean up the crap you left behind so that no-one ever knew you were there in the first place. Fair dinkum!

My final whine is about those who insist on waltzing their dogs

through the. main drag (Big Muster Drive). Are you completely blind? There are signs all the way down the road that read "No dogs allowed without a permit." Apart from the fact that you are breaking an Alpine Shire by-law, you, once again contravene the rules of the race. Believe it or not, most of the skiers and holiday makers at Dinner Plain could not care less about looking at your dogs parading through the village. Most of the village visitors cross the street when they see you, the village idiot coming the other way. Get real, this dog sport is only of interest to those of us who are involved in the sport. Sure, they like to see the dogs working but they don't want your dog shoved in their faces. And, they don't want to walk in your dog's faeces. Do everybody a favour and keep your dogs in the carpark and off the street.

Finally on a positive note, although the snow was not brilliant I think A5000 put on a great event this year. I have whined for years about the lack of a sausage sizzle at this event. Their sausage sizzle-come-snack shop was brilliant. The best I've seen at a race since D-Pop did Bannockburn. Well done Altitude, you have held a wonderful event. Now it is just up to the entrants to continue to, or start doing the right thing.

I have spoken to an Altitude spokesperson about these issues and they hoped that someone would write an article to Hike. They hope# the letter would come from someone not involved in the race as they did not want to appear to be continually complaining. I don't even have the opportunity of racing at this event but I am acutely aware that we are very lucky to have access to this area of Alpine Victoria. We must behave in a manner that will see this access preserved for many years ahead. Think about what you do for it may have long lasting ramifications for the 90% of mushers who chose to DO THE RIGHT THING For the other 10% get your act together for the sake of the future of sled dog sport in Alpine area's and for that fact ALL area's. If you don't want to pick up after your dogs, then leave them at home.

Editors Note: Clem's snub line was since found by Daniel Skakel and returned to its rightful owner - Onya Dan!

Litter Announcement

Mark and Melody George became the proud parents to baby Cameron Fletcher. He weighed in at 9lb 1 oz!! Mum and baby are both doing well.

Kasie Losurdo at Underra 2001
Photo: Tammy Hutchison

Stromlo Storm

Veronica Bittendorfer

A severe windstorm hit Canberra on the evening of Friday August 17 2001. Wind squalls of up to 100km/hr swept through the Stromlo forest where over 100 people were camped out for the Canberra Sled Dog Classic, which kicked off on Saturday August 18. The strong winds hit the area at approximately 1 am waking sleeping mushers and their families. One of the campers Hayley Coutts said " we woke up about 1.30 am with the tent bending in on top of the kids. We tightened everything up but when the wind came through like a train we bailed to sleep in the car. The funny thing was the kids slept through it."

One of the race organisers and President of the Canberra Sled Dog Club, Andrew Gersbach said he was first alerted to the wind when an 'easyshade' they had erected earlier that day was blown up against the caravan. " My major concern was trees falling as this has happened here in the past, particularly after heavy rain. Luckily it has been pretty dry so we didn't pull people out. It was an option as our main concern was for peoples safety."

Race Marshal Merv Turner echoed Andrew's concerns. "We were worried about everyone's safety and moving them to safer places away from the trees. We made sure we got a weather forecast for the Saturday night to warn people and give them the option to either stay at the campsite or stay with some of the local mushers. Perhaps for future races we need to get a weather forecast prior to make people aware of impending bad weather."

Although luckily there were no injuries there was some damage to property. Scott Glover said that at least three chairs were blown into the fire at their campsite. Not much sleep was had at Stromlo that night. Liz Van Driel commented " I was *#!* scared, pinecones were banging on the roof all night and I couldn't sleep." Luke Elliot said that a few times he thought their tent would lift off the ground. Not everyone however had a broken nights sleep. When Hike! asked Wayne Baker his account of the previous night he replied ""What wind? We stayed at the Styches place!"

With similar weather forecast for the following night with the addition of snow down to 400m, many people packed up their families and campsites to take advantage of the hospitality extended by the locals. Hike! knows for a fact the Komidars place will never be the same again after 7 adults and 7 children sought refuge for the night!

Hike! is pleased to report that despite the forecast issued by the Bureau of Meteorology for the Saturday night the weather Gods were kind and the Canberra Summit Challenge distance race went off without a hitch.

Jason Strenger and his family wish to thank their sponsor for the 2001 season

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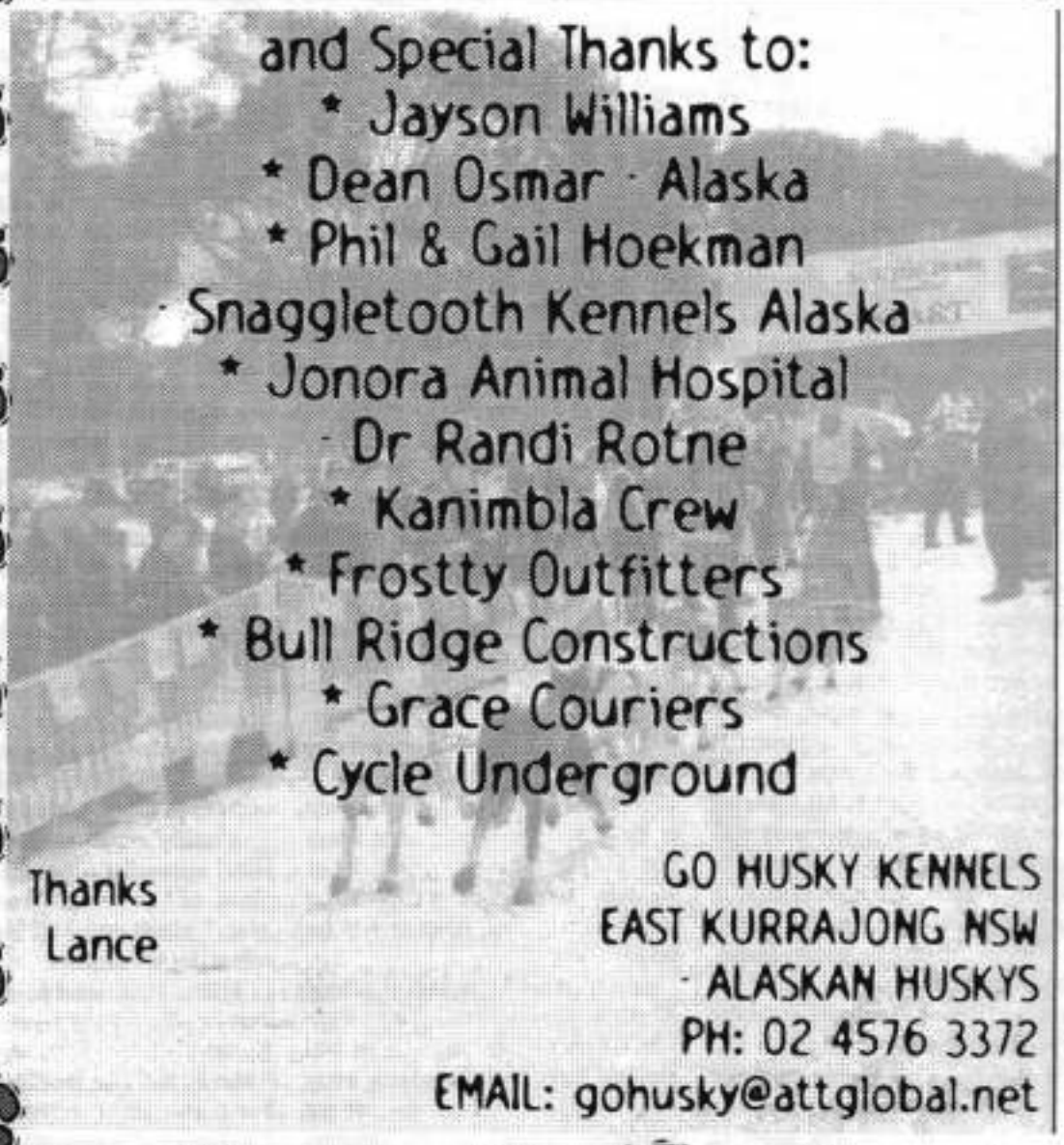

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The SX Race

Michaela Spackova-Paul

The sprint race which I recently entered was cancelled without my knowledge and instead I ended up at a soldier training camp. And I am telling you it was tuff as tuff can be. If only I had suspected that self-infected pain was the object of the race as well as to see who could keep their four-legged friend in one piece - I would not have volunteered my $20 to participate. Nor would I have considered spending a weekend in torture under freezing conditions.

But there are always top mushers in each class who will not complain after all they have fast dogs and they are wining.

When I heard the race Marshall asking all the mushers to keep the language civil so as not to upset the scouts, I was really happy to hear some one considering those who have given up their free time to see a few strange people doing what we do.

But there was no way any body would stop me from swearing my head off when we hit the down hill stretch, and it was obvious that the last three weeks keeping one of our dog's back leg in the right position so it does not slip out of a joint again was absolutely out the window.

I tried to avoid speeding down the hill as much as possible, since I realise that my illness is not curable, and that I must flip over the handle-bars no matter what. So I was very nervous at the start line, then came the hill which was OK until the last 10 meters where I started to feel not so well in the stomach and had to release some of my belly content as soon as the girls hit the top. We managed to run for some time but my stomach was still tender and so second time lucky just before the slope.

Half way down the hill which was sloping at 174 degrees I realised that the sergeant major must have ordered the troops to drop two semi-trailers of crushed rock so all of the people who love self inflected pain can land on their stomach and be dragged for the 50 meters or so for only $20 a head and have the satisfaction of their life. After that we found ourself in no man's land where there was half a dozen people speaking fluent Spanish to their dogs and no body was really moving forward.

I could not believe it when I got my brain to stop hallucinating from too much oxygen and my eyes focused and once again there was another hill. So I follow the orders of my Sergeant who was screaming into my ears to move on women or go back. For the first time in my life I was cursing the last cigarette I had. It took us 20 or so minutes to crawl up this hill and when we got to the top the sun was on the way down, but I did not have the energy to help my four legged friends. I put my jelly butt on the seat and coughed out O.K. and we pick up the speed to a comfortable lope. A couple of turns and a bright blue marker saying ½ km was smiling at me, my eyes clouded over and the tears was coming down my cheeks. "It's over girls" I promised them and they believed me and picked up speed to 12km/h.

But on Monday they still would not talk to me. About 20 meters from the finish line the Sibe pulled back and I almost had an embarrassing wheel wrap. But somehow I managed to avoid it when in front of my eyes my baby Alaskan started to disappear into the ground. If I had waited for 2 more seconds I would have lost her for ever.

Quickly I released the Sibe and then I laid on my stomach and crawled to her rescue. By then she was up to her neck in quick sand. I grabbed her collar and the only thing I could think of yelling was "Out there Twiggy". Somehow she dug in and only her back legs were in the slush. From behind the Sibe started to whimper. I yelled once more "Out there" and Twiggy was out of the hole. There was not much time left. We still had to finish the track and the Sibe was on the other side. But my training regime did not let me down, I called the Sibe over gee and she took off with flying speed to the right side. We waited and waited, the forest was thick and dark after 10 minutes she appeared from the scrub ready for action the only way she knows. I hooked the girls up by the neckline and of we went to finish the survival track.

That Saturday night as we sat around the campfire I thought to my self - God bless N.S.W. Thank Christ for Victorian trails.

Hike! wants your video!

Yep - we are starting work on the 2001 Hike! *Video!*

If you want your footage to be part of "*Hike!* 2001 - A Race Oddessy", all you have to do is send in your tape (8 mm or VHS) to Hike!

We will include your footage on the Hike! tape and then return your tape to you with a complimentary Hike 2001 video.

As with last year's effort all contributors will be acknowledged on the tape.

To beat the Christmas deadline, tapes need to be received by 30 September 2001.

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Children's Races

Tammy Hutchison

Every now and again the hot topic of the moment is that of the Children's Races and how we can improve safety and promote a fun, not competitive atmosphere for our children to participate in our sport. Children's events are run over shorter distances, with a parent component for one age group and a lot of parents are also opting to use a rig for smaller children, which is very good for people not confident on a scooter (like me, unfortunately I made that change one season too late) and all these things are making for safer racing. I know many individual people have openly supported this as well as many clubs around the country, including Undera who took it one step further and introduced a points system to their children's events so that the fastest dog does not necessarily win.

So clubs are trying their hardest to make the children's races as fun and as safe as possible, the rest is up to the parents and this is where I think in some cases it is lacking, greatly. This season my eldest child who is 8 years old had the opportunity to race by himself at 3 races, all of which were organised very well with a lot of help for the children out on the trail if needed. And with these events we have tried to give him the safest, not necessarily the fastest dog we own - one that will run the entire distance, take turns if needed and pass or be passed with ease. But it has come to my attention that not all parents are of this thinking and they are handing their children dogs that are totally inappropriate for the age group and ability.

During the year I know of a parent who allowed his 6 yr old son to race by himself with a known aggressive dog with results that you would pretty much expect, that dog attacked another team. I was also witness to a parent preparing their child for a race who took two dogs to the start line and made the decision on which dog the child would run on the basis of what the teams were like in front - if they were slower teams the dog that would pass was chosen and if the teams were faster then a point and shoot dog would be used, this apparently would give the best possible chance of winning????????

Then there was the final instalment to my list, that being a child given a bitch in season to run and my personal favourite being, the parent who gave their child a dog that when passing comes over and growls and snaps at the team being passed. This is exactly what happened to my child at a race this year, causing his dog not to want to go any further so she turned around and ran back to the start. We were very proud of the way Lachlan handled the situation, but he was visibly upset by the incident and this upset me to no end as this was the second time in this season that this particular dog had been growled or snapped at whilst out on the trail, the first being repeatedly while racing in my husbands team. Luckily it has not seemed to have affected her in any real negative way ie she has not continued the cycle by doing it to someone else.

Okay so everything turned out fine and no one neither dog nor child was harmed (luckily) but it still leaves me with the question of "What are you people thinking!!!" There is no real glory in winning the children's classes, bitches in season, aggressive dogs and growly, snappy dogs have no place in children's events. If you can't think of the safety of your own children and dogs then think about the safety of other peoples children and dogs, cause you are putting them in jeopardy.

Think about it.

Silent laughter is a dog's best-kept secret

Katty Kay
The Times

DOG lovers may have suspected it all along, but now it is official - dogs can laugh. Not only laugh, but giggle, chuckle and even titter.

Although we humans cannot hear our beloved pets guffawing as they romp around the garden, that noise they make as they ransack the flowerbed is laughter.

But owners who think their pets laugh at their jokes may be disappointed. Scientists have found only that dogs respond to the sound of laughter, not the substance behind it. "To the untrained human ear, it sounds like a pant, a 'huh, huh'," explained Patricia Simonet, author of the study and a psychologist at Sierra Nevada College.

Professor Simonet conducted her experiment by standing around in parks with a powerful microphone taping dog hubbub. Not an easy task. The dogs were perfectly co-operative – but the human beings hampered the recording by continually asking what she was up to. Professor Simonet found that dogs use at least four sound patterns; barks, growls, whines and laughs. Most use all four, but only the laugh is reserved for playtime.

This dog humour is a sophisticated business. Do not expect to elicit a full-bodied whoop with a feeble joke. Man's best friend finds different things funny in different ways. Professor Simonet analysed the frequency of her recordings and found a huge range of nuance and tone. Unfortunately these subtleties are lost on humans since the frequency is beyond our ears.

Key to the experiment was testing how dogs respond simply to the noise of other dogs laughing. Professor Simonet played the "huh huh" sound, one by one, to a group of 15 puppies. On hearing the broadcast they picked up toys and romped for joy. Growls brought no response.

So You Wanna Be a Musher – Part VI – The Race

Peter Komidar

At last the time has arrived - your first sprint race. (I've picked a sprint race as for most mushers this will be their first race. Distance races involve larger teams and require considerable experience and therefore it is far more likely that your first race will be a sprint race). What can you expect? Well, let me give you some idea.

Before the race has started, you will need to fill out an entry form & pay your entry fee. Entry forms are included in *Hike!* well in advance of races. You should receive an information pack from the race organisers which will include information on where the race is held etc. The most important document in this pack is the race rules - make sure you acquaint yourself with these rules.

Some races require first-timers to race in a special novice class - rather than in the open race. However, the conditions are essentially the same as described below.

Friday

Unless the race is local, you will arrive at the race the day before it starts. This is because sprint races generally start early on Saturday morning. Arriving the day before allows you to get set up well in advance of the race and gives your dogs a chance to settle down and have a good rest before running.

Upon arrival you'll need to pick a spot, pitch your tent and stake out your dogs. Don't forget to bring all the camping essentials - sleeping bags, cooking utensils, towels, food and drink, a tent, chairs, wet weather gear & toilet paper. If it looks like its going to be wet, its a good idea to bring along some dry wood and paper!

At some stage on the Friday evening there will be a bib draw. All mushers will be called to a central marshalling area. Competitors names will be called out and their bib numbers drawn at random. The bib number will determine the position of the musher at the starting line. (For instance, bib number 5 will be the 5th musher to leave the start chute). However, in many races a seeding system is used - this ensures that the really competitive teams leave the chute first. Along with their bib, mushers will often receive more race information - in the form of a race magazine. There will be some discussion about the race and the rules. It is advisable but not essential that the musher attend the Bib Draw. If you can't make it your bib will be available for collection on arrival.

Saturday

However, the next meeting - the musher meeting - is compulsory. This is held first thing on the Saturday morning. A roll call is taken and in theory, any musher who is not present cannot race!

At this meeting the race marshal provides more detail about the race and racing conditions. But most importantly, the marshal reinforces what she/he considers to be the most important rules - and warns that if the rules are broken the musher may well be disqualified from the race or some other penalty applied.

The meeting breaks up and the mushers return to their camp site. At a set time before the race starts, a warning is given - this is repeated for each class. At this stage mushers are exercising their dogs, making sure that their dogs have been to the toilet, harnessing up their dogs etc. Meanwhile those mushers who are competing in a different class will offer their assistance in handling the dogs for upcoming class. A word of warning - this is a very stressful time for musher and dogs alike - nerves are edgy and tempers often short!

As the start time draws near mushers, their dogs and their handlers will assemble near the start chute. Teams line up in the order of their bib numbers - thus the team with bib number 1 will be at the start of the line. Teams depart at fixed intervals - usually every 30 seconds for the one and two dog class and every minute for the other classes.

Once the team before you has left - you will move your team just behind the start line. Your handlers will keep your dogs under control while you stand ready to depart. The race official will yell out the 10 second interval and then the last 5 seconds "Five, Four, Three, Two, One Go! It is important that in the excitement you do not leave before you hear the word 'Go' or you will be penalised!

The race has begun. Now it's a matter of tactics and observing the rules. As far as tactics are concerned - each musher has their own system. But generally speaking in a sprint race the aim is to go as fast as you can from the very beginning and don't save yourself for the end.

With regard to rules there are a few basic rules which you should commit to memory - but these are the bare minimum and I stress the need to read the race rules prior to every race - no matter how much of a seasoned professional you consider yourself to be!

Equipment Most races require mushers to carry cable cutters - & random checks are sometimes made! Also checks are often made on the quality of your lines and your brakes. Make sure these are all up to scratch before the race - or YOU might be scratched!

Signs When racing, keep an eye out for the signs - you'd be surprised how easy it is to miss them in all the excitement.

- Red Sign - means turn at the next intersection. If the sign is on the right side of the track, turn right. If its on the left side, turn left.
- Blue Sign - indicates that you are travelling in the right direction.
- Yellow Sign - this is a caution sign and warns that there is a potentially hazardous condition ahead.

Bannockburn Results

2 & 3 DOG CLASS				
BIB	NAME	HEAT 1	HEAT 2	TOTAL
66	Darren Higgins (2)	14:24.6	13:59.2	28:23.9
25	Nigelle Holl (3)	14:33.6	14:05.3	28:39.0
47	Daniel Skakel (2)	14:28.9	14:27.9	28:56.8
35	Lawrie Coutts (3)	14:23.6	14:58.9	29:22.5
34	Pino Ulanio (2)	14:38.3	15:06.8	29:45.1
27	David Pettifer (2)	15:06.7	14:54.5	30:01.1
23	Scott Glover (2)	14:38.4	15:31.8	30:10.2
33	Rob Clive (2)	15:08.7	15:27.4	30:36.2
28	Karl Persson (2)	15:07.3	15:28.9	30:36.2
39	Steven Blanch (2)	15:30.7	15:44.2	31:14.9
24	Natalie Colvin (3)	16:35.1	15:59.2	32:34.3
26	Simon Creely (2)	16:13.3	16:28.4	32:41.7
40	Roseanne Shailer (2)	16:55.6	16:37.5	33:33.1
64	Rob Stevens (2)	16:59.3	16:58.9	33:58.2
30	Raelene Kwong (3)	16:26.7	17:38.7	34:05.4
38	Dugald Baird (3)	18:26.8	18:47.7	37:14.5
48	Dominique Cordani (3)	19:49.6	19:46.3	39:36.0
36	Anthony Wilson (2)	19:07.7	21:22.8	40:30.5
46	Gary Clarkson (2)	20:48.3	22:10.2	42:58.5
29	Helen Pettifer (3)	21:57.8	22:49.9	44:47.7
31	George Podger (2)	16:53.7	28:13.8	45:07.6

1 DOG CLASS				
BIB	NAME	HEAT 1	HEAT 2	TOTAL
3	Darren Kent	07:52.1	08:00.2	15:52.3
2	Ross Kinnane	08:22.6	08:10.8	16:33.4
10	Trevor Taylor	08:37.1	08:37.6	17:14.7
12	Karl Persson	08:46.7	08:49.2	17:35.9
11	Steven Blanch	09:24.5	09:27.6	18:52.1
67	Debbie Young	09:41.2	09:49.7	19:30.9
15	Chris Neave	10:06.2	09:45.1	19:51.2
16	Ashley Polley	10:01.3	10:12.9	20:14.2
20	Merv Turner	09:51.8	10:35.5	20:27.3
37	Ian Dobson	10:06.4	10:51.6	20:58.0
1	Peter McCann	10:10.5	11:22.1	21:32.5
5	Gabi Piper	10:38.6	11:21.2	21:59.8
19	Roseanne Shailer	10:15.3	11:49.0	22:04.3
6	Owen Piper	10:07.8	12:00.1	22:07.9
14	Sam Creely	10:58.6	11:44.9	22:43.5
18	Rob Clive	10:59.4	12:17.9	23:17.4
17	Stuart Cumming	11:39.4	12:47.6	24:27.0
7	Alfred Tetzlaff	12:20.2	13:23.9	25:44.1
21	Anthony Wilson	14:40.8	11:19.4	26:00.2
9	Christine Reynolds	14:06.3	15:20.4	29:26.7
22	Leon Gubin	14:30.7	15:56.6	30:27.3
4	Gary O'Meara	13:47.3	16:44.8	30:32.1

Bannockburn Results

4 & 6 DOG CLASS				
BIB	NAME	HEAT 1	HEAT 2	TOTAL
52	Owen Robertson (6)	18:33.8	18:30.3	37:04.2
49	Alex Theuma (4)	18:52.8	19:04.6	37:57.4
56	Mitch Blockley (4)	19:15.9	20:30.2	39:46.1
61	Jason Strenger (6)	20:00.5	19:50.7	39:51.2
62	Geoff Carter (4)	21:11.0	19:27.5	40:38.5
60	Terry Mace (6)	21:40.4	19:30.0	41:10.4
53	Kasie Losurdo (4)	20:44.9	21:17.6	42:02.5
50	David Cole (6)	20:31.1	21:53.7	42:24.8
55	Henry Cordani (6)	22:08.7	20:41.6	42:50.2
57	Annie Jackson (4)	21:07.3	21:46.6	42:53.9
51	Rick Van Driel (4)	22:50.0	22:42.7	45:32.7
54	Merv Turner (4)	22:54.3	24:39.6	47:34.0
59	Mark Waldock (4)	22:13.1	25:26.3	47:39.4
58	Tamsyn Pitt (4)	29:45.6	23:46.6	53:32.1

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Altitude 5000 Sled Dog Derby
Results - Final
2/3 Dog

Place	Name		Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
1	Nigelle Holl	3 Dog sib	42	00:12:16.78	00:09:59.33		00:22:16.11
2	Lawrence Coutts	3 Dog sib	51	00:12:53.59	00:10:59.75		00:23:53.34
3	Natalie Colvin	3 Dog sib	43	00:14:28.31	00:11:15.77		00:25:44.08
4	Steven Blanch	3 Dog sib	85	00:16:04.93	00:12:34.69		00:28:39.62
5	Peter McCann	3 Dog sib	46	00:16:57.52	00:13:52.59		00:30:50.11
6	Jayson Montari	3 Dog mix	53	00:17:35.90	00:14:29.78		00:32:05.68
7	Merv Turner	3 Dog mal	66	00:17:25.96	00:15:30.36		00:32:56.32
8	Jessica Baker	3 Dog mix	45	00:18:11.01	00:15:17.61		00:33:28.62
9	Dugald Baird	3 Dog sib	41	00:17:46.87	00:15:53.39		00:33:40.26
10	Karen McCarthy	3 Dog sib	65	00:18:38.78	00:15:40.89		00:34:19.67
11	Tony Field	3 Dog sib	88	00:20:02.78	00:14:36.67		00:34:39.45
12	Tony Hosie	3 Dog sib	56	00:19:54.56	00:15:41.93		00:35:36.49
13	Don Walters	3 Dog mal	69	00:19:36.24	00:16:02.63		00:35:38.87
14	Simon Creely	3 Dog sib	62	00:20:16.59	00:15:45.46		00:36:02.05
15	Stephen Slater	3 Dog sib	79	00:22:16.28	00:17:22.53		00:39:38.81
16	Stuart Cumming	3 Dog mal	75	00:21:10.65	00:19:37.40		00:40:48.05
17	Brian Dron	3 Dog mal	87	00:22:48.78	00:18:55.87		00:41:44.65
18	Mark Banks	3 Dog sib	67	00:23:23.02	00:21:09.76		00:44:32.78
19	Nancy Peleesi	3 Dog mal	54	00:29:18.37	00:19:07.58		00:48:25.95
1	David Hodgson	2 Dog sib	83	00:14:08.56	00:11:10.63		00:25:19.19
2	Darren Kent	2 Dog sib	52	00:13:45.02	00:11:38.83		00:25:23.85
3	Scott Glover	2 Dog sib	78	00:14:11.02	00:11:56.26		00:26:07.28
4	David Hutchison	2 Dog sib	86	00:14:27.01	00:11:57.49		00:26:24.50
5	Darren Higgens	2 Dog sib	61	00:14:39.12	00:12:33.21		00:27:12.33
6	David Potts	2 Dog sib	70	00:15:01.01	00:13:02.02		00:28:03.03
7	Kirsten Lindsay	2 Dog sib	55	00:15:29.96	00:12:33.89		00:28:03.85
8	Raelene Kwong	2 Dog mix	72	00:16:26.12	00:13:01.90		00:29:28.02
9	Andrew Gersbach	2 Dog mal	82	00:16:29.62	00:13:08.07		00:29:37.69
10	Daniel Skakal	2 Dog sib	60	00:16:15.43	00:13:33.07		00:29:48.50
11	David Pettifer	2 Dog sib	84	00:16:28.59	00:13:33.98		00:30:02.57
12	John Hodgson	2 Dog sib	74	00:16:13.87	00:14:05.35		00:30:19.22
13	Chris Mangione	2 Dog mal	76	00:19:15.52	00:15:20.25		00:34:35.77
14	James McIntyre	2 Dog mal	68	00:20:53.01	00:17:13.70		00:38:06.71
15	Mathew Rowcliff	2 Dog mal	59	00:20:50.28	00:17:40.84		00:38:31.12
16	Damien Montgomery	2 Dog sib	48	00:20:44.75	00:18:21.00		00:39:05.75
17	Darren Browne	2 Dog sib	63	00:20:22.18	00:19:42.77		00:40:04.95
18	Rachael Sutton	2 Dog mix	58	00:23:13.56	00:17:16.48		00:40:30.04

Altitude 5000 Sled Dog Derby
Results - Final
4/6 Dog

Place	Name		Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
1	Terry Mace	6 Dog sib	26	00:17:02.96	00:11:11.31	00:11:16.28	00:39:30.55
2	Jason Strenger	6 Dog mix	22	00:17:19.24	00:11:41.28	00:11:44.09	00:40:44.61
3	Owen Robertson	6 Dog mix	28	00:17:58.43	00:12:17.87	00:11:47.24	00:42:03.54
4	Jozsef Toth	6 Dog als	27	00:18:13.21	00:12:07.34	00:12:46.02	00:43:06.57
5	Wayne Baker	6 Dog sib	12	00:19:12.68	00:12:37.46	00:11:47.90	00:43:38.04
6	Henry Cordani	6 Dog sib	3	00:24:56.90	00:13:35.21	00:15:17.93	00:53:50.04
7	Greg Badior	6 Dog mix	32	00:24:31.81	00:16:32.01	00:17:13.59	00:58:17.41
8	Michael Sheedy	6 Dog sib	24	00:27:58.50	00:16:46.31	00:15:19.27	01:00:04.08
9	Sean Thompson	6 Dog mix	1	00:27:50.46	00:19:50.78	00:18:31.27	01:06:12.51
10	Jason Walkom	6 Dog sib	5	00:28:04.50	00:19:26.50	00:20:22.57	01:07:53.57
11	Tony Greenway	6 Dog mal	19	00:32:14.31	00:21:33.84	00:23:28.81	01:17:16.96
12	Paul Tye	6 Dog sib	15	00:31:40.78	00:24:10.62	00:21:26.43	01:17:17.83
1	Alex Theuma	4 Dog sib	2	00:17:13.24	00:11:56.56	00:11:48.30	00:40:58.10
2	Rob Losurdo	4 Dog mix	21	00:19:07.62	00:12:48.50	00:12:31.06	00:44:27.18
3	Mitch Blockley	4 Dog sib	13	00:20:58.50	00:13:05.06	00:12:27.45	00:46:31.01
4	Kim Snibson	4 Dog egp	18	00:20:06.31	00:12:39.52	00:14:15.26	00:47:01.09
5	Clem Bittendorfer	4 Dog sib	29	00:20:15.84	00:14:06.37	00:14:49.53	00:49:11.74
6	David Potts	4 Dog sib	16	00:22:06.84	00:16:33.09	00:13:32.57	00:52:12.50
7	Tamsyn Pitt	4 Dog sib	10	00:22:02.31	00:14:38.68	00:16:41.27	00:53:22.26
8	Merv Turner	4 Dog sib	23	00:22:07.65	00:15:35.75	00:15:41.93	00:53:25.33
9	Craig Turner	4 Dog sib	11	00:21:03.56	00:16:42.50	00:16:05.07	00:53:51.13
10	Mark Waldock	4 Dog sib	17	00:21:55.06	00:15:53.09	00:17:22.09	00:55:10.24
11	Rick Vandriel	4 Dog sib	6	00:24:03.43	00:15:39.24	00:16:33.23	00:56:15.90
12	Donal McIntyre	4 Dog sib	25	00:24:17.62	00:16:34.18	00:15:39.57	00:56:31.37
13	Daniel Odgers	4 Dog sib	20	00:24:06.72	00:17:53.52	00:16:35.16	00:58:35.40
14	Karen McCarthy	4 Dog sib	30	00:26:27.18	00:16:58.37	00:15:36.07	00:59:01.62
15	Darryl Gardner	4 Dog sib	8	00:25:20.06	00:17:56.28	00:16:03.14	00:59:19.48
16	Annie Jackson	4 Dog sib	31	00:19:59.87	00:13:42.65	00:26:49.85	01:00:32.37
17	John Hodgson	4 Dog sib	7	00:31:59.84	00:16:28.62	00:16:12.39	01:04:40.85
18	Phil Jones	4 Dog alh	4	00:35:18.06	00:20:19.21	00:18:08.19	01:13:45.46
19	James McIntyre	4 Dog mix	9	00:30:01.52	00:21:07.62	00:23:17.74	01:14:26.88
SCR	Andrew Colvin	6 Dog egp	14		00:00:00.00		00:00:00.00

Total of 31 active mushers

Altitude 5000 Sled Dog Derby
Results - Final
2/3 Dog

Place	Name		Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
19	Michael Turkal	2 Dog mal	64	00:21:01.37	00:20:16.45		00:41:17.82
20	Michael Dutton	2 Dog mal	57	00:20:59.40	00:20:42.10		00:41:41.50
21	Rob Tolhurst	2 Dog mal	89	00:23:29.15	00:19:27.97		00:42:57.12
22	Jaime Silva	2 Dog mal	77	00:24:18.28	00:20:09.67		00:44:27.95
23	Garry Clarkson	2 Dog sib	47	00:25:50.34	00:19:47.86		00:45:38.20
24	Darren Cassar	2 Dog mal	73	00:24:03.15	00:22:01.22		00:46:04.37
25	Leon Gubin	2 Dog sib	81	00:37:59.43	00:27:21.51		01:05:20.94
SCR	Natalie McIlree	2 Dog sib	71	00:19:23.68			00:19:23.68
SCR	John Noble	2 Dog mal	49	00:30:11.24			00:30:11.24

Total of 44 active mushers

Canberra Sled Dog Classic 2001
Results - Final
Junior

Place	Name		Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
1	Olivia Coutts	1 Dog SH	75	00:03:43.64			00:03:43.64
2	Shantelle Gardner	1 Dog SH	80	00:03:50.70			00:03:50.70
3	Corey Gardner	1 Dog SH	79	00:04:01.88			00:04:01.88
4	Graham Bain	1 Dog SH	78	00:04:38.34			00:04:38.34
5	Mathew Hosie	1 Dog SH	74	00:04:41.66			00:04:41.66
6	Todd Foster	1 Dog SH	77	00:04:43.10			00:04:43.10
7	Ashley Hodgson	1 Dog	73	00:05:10.23			00:05:10.23
DNF	Lachlan Hutchison	1 Dog SH	76				00:00:00.00

Results – WD 40

2 heats of 19.1km

Name	Heat 1	Heat 2	Total
Kim Snibson	54: 01	67:01	121:02
Mark Waldock	66:49	17:23	142:12
Craig Turner	64:58	77:15	142:13
Di Baker	85:12	70:17	155:29
Jessica Baker	75:10	86:45	161:55
Daniel Odgers	80:39	82:14	162:53
Ivan Douglas	83:42	88:58	172:40
Anna Paxton	108:19	119:13	184:32

Canberra Sled Dog Classic 2001
Results - Final
One Dog

Place	Name		Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
1	Darren Kent	1 Dog SH	81	00:08:32.38	00:08:30.09		00:17:02.47
2	Michael Herbst	1 Dog SH	114	00:08:41.25	00:08:25.18		00:17:06.43
3	Mark Mulcahy	1 Dog SH	104	00:09:07.34	00:08:30.18		00:17:37.52
4	David Hodgson	1 Dog	99	00:09:35.72	00:08:11.96		00:17:47.68
5	Trevor Taylor	1 Dog SH	110	00:09:42.78	00:08:45.59		00:18:28.37
6	Ross Kinnane	1 Dog SH	87	00:09:23.94	00:09:07.59		00:18:31.53
7	Rob Thompson	1 Dog SH	119	00:09:54.09	00:09:14.78		00:19:08.87
8	Peter Komidar	1 Dog SH	92	00:09:48.94	00:09:28.12		00:19:17.06
9	John Potter	1 Dog SH	98	00:10:32.34	00:09:32.01		00:20:04.35
10	Steve Blanch	1 Dog SH	83	00:10:24.97	00:10:02.52		00:20:27.49
11	Debbie Young	1 Dog GR	108	00:10:56.28	00:09:56.87		00:20:53.15
12	Jason Turner	1 Dog SH	121	00:10:03.81	00:11:16.56		00:21:20.37
13	Jayson Montanari	1 Dog SH	90	00:10:48.03	00:10:32.34		00:21:20.37
14	Roseanne Shailee	1 Dog SH	84	00:10:56.25	00:10:29.90		00:21:26.15
15	Kent Scott-McLean	1 Dog SH	106	00:11:02.15	00:10:30.06		00:21:32.21
16	Stewart Bain	1 Dog SH	82	00:11:01.56	00:10:31.15		00:21:32.71
17	Daniel Ciguenza	1 Dog AM	117	00:10:53.50	00:10:56.50		00:21:50.00
18	Steve Bradbury	1 Dog SH	94	00:10:42.09	00:11:12.68		00:21:54.77
19	Andrew Warren	1 Dog SH	111	00:11:24.22	00:11:28.52		00:22:52.74
20	Steve James	1 Dog SH	103	00:11:47.47	00:11:19.84		00:23:07.31
21	Adam Payne	1 Dog AM	115	00:12:04.09	00:11:25.78		00:23:29.87
22	Sharon Komidar	1 Dog SH	93	00:12:03.88	00:11:56.96		00:24:00.84
23	Rachel Munday	1 Dog SH	107	00:12:03.25	00:12:28.84		00:24:32.09
24	Peter McCann	1 Dog SH	86	00:12:20.25	00:12:12.02		00:24:32.27
25	Kamehn Schrader	1 Dog SH	101	00:12:59.69	00:11:50.50		00:24:50.19
26	Bec Thorpe	1 Dog SH	124	00:12:15.22	00:12:36.31		00:24:51.53
27	Sam Podger	1 Dog AM	127	00:13:31.56	00:11:42.81		00:25:14.37
28	Helen Pettifer	1 Dog SH	89	00:13:28.59	00:13:28.31		00:26:56.90
29	Olivia Ciguenza	1 Dog AM	116	00:13:36.53	00:15:00.78		00:28:37.31
30	Rod Paule	1 Dog AM	97	00:13:59.72	00:14:37.78		00:28:37.50
31	Danny Gardner	1 Dog SH	130	00:15:02.66	00:13:54.75		00:28:57.41
SCR	Nicolas Knox	1 Dog SH	100	00:12:05.81			00:12:05.81
SCR	Anna Paxton	1 Dog SH	123	00:12:41.53			00:12:41.53
SCR	Annemarie Gardner	1 Dog SH	126	00:14:09.91			00:14:09.91
SCR	Natalie Higgins	1 Dog SH	129	00:15:41.18			00:15:41.18
SCR	Joanne O'Leary	1 Dog SH	120	00:17:03.22			00:17:03.22
SCR	Jenifer Rahmoy	1 Dog SH	112				00:00:00.00

Canberra Sled Dog Classic 2001
Results - Final
Two Dog

Place	Name		Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
1	Scott Glover	2 Dog SH	46	00:13:11.31	00:12:28.59		00:25:39.90
2	Daren Higgins	2 Dog SH	72	00:12:58.50	00:12:58.38		00:25:56.88
3	Daniel Skakal	2 Dog SH	69	00:13:22.90	00:12:41.78		00:26:04.68
4	David Hutchison	2 Dog SH	55	00:13:35.06	00:12:41.31		00:26:16.37
5	Steve Blanch	2 Dog SH	43	00:14:10.68	00:13:17.50		00:27:28.18
6	David Potts	2 Dog SH	57	00:14:14.62	00:13:19.78		00:27:34.40
7	David Pettifer	2 Dog SH	50	00:14:07.52	00:13:49.88		00:27:57.40
8	Karl Persson	2 Dog SH	70	00:14:16.37	00:14:21.44		00:28:37.81
9	Rob Clive	2 Dog Klp	67	00:14:39.00	00:14:05.53		00:28:44.53
10	Tracey Carter	2 Dog SH	64	00:14:53.46	00:14:22.53		00:29:15.99
11	Roseanne Shailer	2 Dog SH	56	00:15:08.15	00:14:44.94		00:29:53.09
12	Natalie McIllree	2 Dog SH	71	00:15:38.40	00:14:48.00		00:30:26.40
13	Tonie Hosie	2 Dog SH	65	00:15:38.15	00:15:10.66		00:30:48.81
14	David Buswell	2 Dog SH	53	00:15:50.90	00:14:58.75		00:30:49.65
15	Joel Hines	2 Dog SH	48	00:15:21.72	00:15:39.28		00:31:01.00
16	Grant Myers	2 Dog SH	61	00:17:03.02	00:17:21.59		00:34:24.61
17	Kelly Gardner	2 Dog SH	42	00:16:30.18	00:18:38.25		00:35:08.43
18	Graeme Hall	2 Dog AM	62	00:17:44.72	00:17:47.91		00:35:32.63
19	Danny Bruce	2 Dog SH	54	00:17:28.40	00:18:07.09		00:35:35.49
20	James McIntyre	2 Dog AM	59	00:17:52.34	00:18:53.66		00:36:46.00
21	Darren Cassar	2 Dog AM	58	00:20:28.37	00:20:18.75		00:40:47.12
22	Darryl Gardner	2 Dog SH	66	00:16:08.56	00:26:11.66		00:42:20.22
23	Rob Tolhurst	2 Dog AM	52	00:21:07.02	00:22:41.22		00:43:48.24
24	Chris Procter	2 Dog AM	49	00:24:56.34	00:24:30.34		00:49:26.68
25	Rodney O'Donnell	2 Dog AM	51	00:23:51.12	00:25:59.97		00:49:51.09
26	Liz vanDriel	2 Dog SH	47	00:24:09.78	00:26:37.59		00:50:47.37
27	Thomas Lunney	2 Dog AM	63	00:24:08.28	00:28:12.28		00:52:20.56
28	Michael Turkal	2 Dog AM	68	00:30:23.08	00:26:38.56		00:57:01.64
SCR	Trent Haymen	2 Dog SH	44				00:00:00.00

Total of 28 active mushers

Canberra Sled Dog Classic 2001
Results - Final
Three/Four Dog

Place	Name		Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
1	Owen Robertson	4 Dog Mix	29	00:17:41.43			00:17:41.43
2	Alex Theuma	4 Dog SH	5	00:18:22.12			00:18:22.12
3	Kim Snibson	4 Dog Pnt	27	00:18:36.96			00:18:36.96
4	Geoff Carter	4 Dog SH	24	00:18:39.46			00:18:39.46
5	Mitch Blockley	4 Dog SH	2	00:18:42.93			00:18:42.93
6	Terry Mace	4 Dog SH	1	00:18:43.90			00:18:43.90
7	Kasie Losurdo	4 Dog Mix	3	00:18:49.21			00:18:49.21
8	Clem Bittendorfer	4 Dog SH	14	00:19:36.78			00:19:36.78
9	Jason Strenger	4 Dog AH	8	00:20:09.46			00:20:09.46
10	Annie Jackson	4 Dog Mix	6	00:20:11.96			00:20:11.96
11	Craig Turner	4 Dog	7	00:21:22.12			00:21:22.12
12	Tamzin Pitt	4 Dog SH	25	00:21:24.90			00:21:24.90
13	Henry Cordani	4 Dog SH	4	00:22:13.93			00:22:13.93
14	George Podger	4 Dog SH	19	00:22:50.31			00:22:50.31
15	Liz van Driel	4 Dog SH	20	00:23:27.43			00:23:27.43
16	Donal McIntyre	4 Dog SH	16	00:24:46.81			00:24:46.81
17	Phil Jones	4 Dog AH	31	00:25:46.28			00:25:46.28
18	Chris Cobb	4 Dog SH	12	00:26:46.59			00:26:46.59
19	Anna Paxton	4 Dog SH	26	00:27:45.56			00:27:45.56
20	Steven Slater	4 Dog SH	21	00:28:42.28			00:28:42.28
1	Nigelle Holl	3 Dog SH	11	00:18:58.43			00:18:58.43
2	Beth Bobroff	3 Dog Mix	18	00:19:39.18			00:19:39.18
3	Lawrie Coutts	3 Dog SH	15	00:20:15.62			00:20:15.62
4	Natalie Colvin	3 Dog SH	13	00:20:35.28			00:20:35.28
5	Jason Workman	3 Dog SH	28	00:25:52.75			00:25:52.75
6	Jason Walkom	3 Dog SH	23	00:26:21.34			00:26:21.34
SCR	John Hodgson	4 Dog SH	30	00:00:00.00			00:00:00.00
SCR	David Debono	3 Dog SH					00:00:00.00

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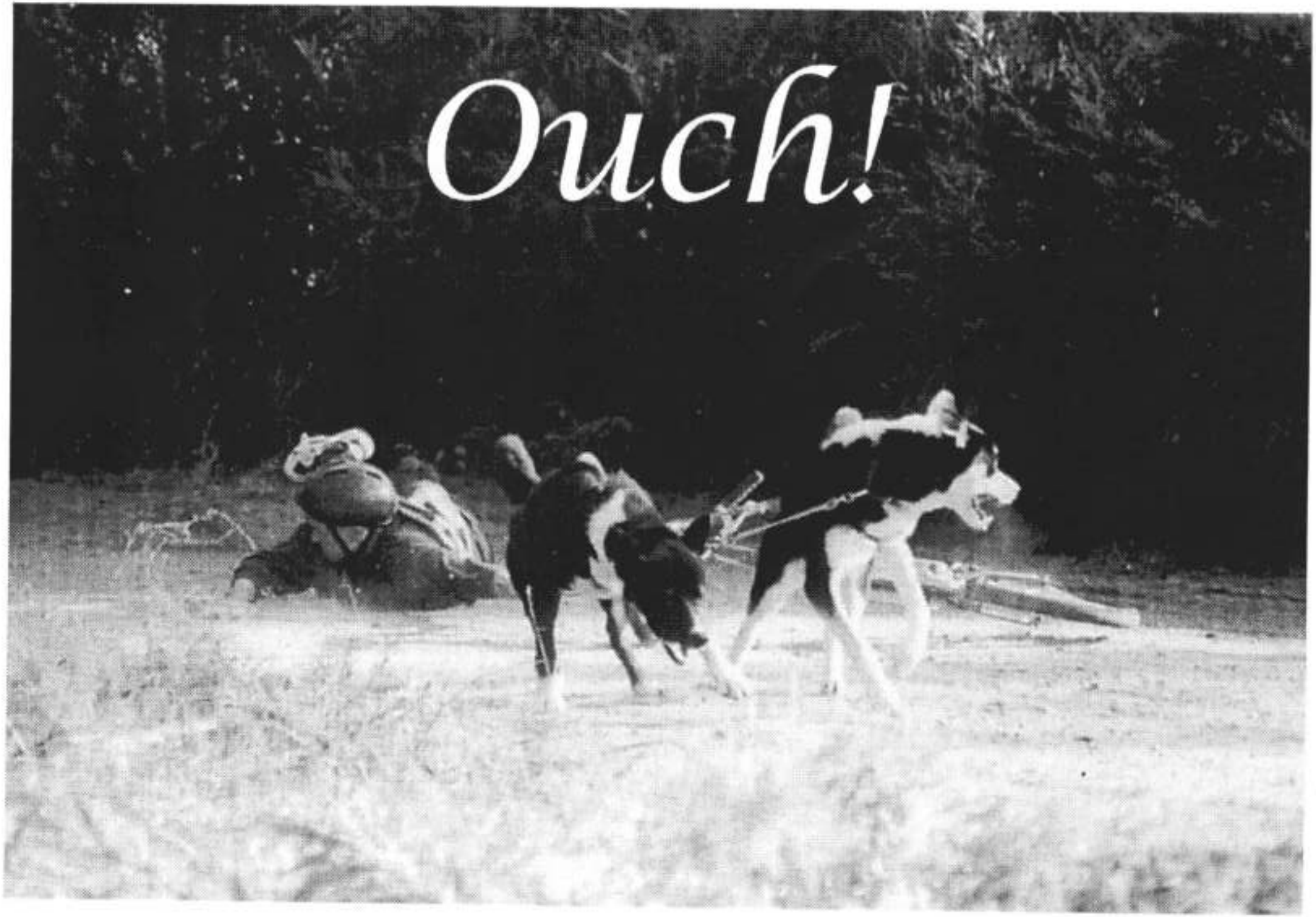
Name	Heat 1	Heat 2	Total Time
Kim Snibson	1:03:42	1:05:14	2:08:56
Jozef Toth	1:04:23	1:11:13	2:15:36
Mark Waldock	1:11:26	1:06:00	2:17:26
Di Baker	1:07:29	1:11:35	2:19:04
Karen McCarthy	1:14:02	1:18:14	2:32:16
Daniel Odgers	1:18:57	1:38:22	2:57:19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