

Canberra Cross-Country Ski Club

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Dear Kosciusko Tourers and Marshalls

Skiers in the 1999 Kosciusko Tour experienced brilliant sunny weather and firm tracks for classic and skating techniques. The 95 skiers, after starting at the top of Thredbo Crackenback Chairlift, got their adrenalin pumping on the initial steep downhill and toiled with wind assistance up the following kilometre rise. They then swept down the remaining 10km of spectacular high country trail and Kosciusko Summit Road through the Charlotte Pass drink station to finish at Spencers Creek.

The first skier across the line was Nicoli Almoukov in a blistering 0:29:57. Camille Melvey, the first woman home, was close behind in 0:32:07.

Team Nordic (Mark Abernethy, Ross Tinker, Warren McCourt) were fastest Club Team in an average time of 0:35:42.

The RAAF team (Hans Foehn, Chalky Thomas, Christina Willmott) won the Interservice Trophy in an average time of 0:49:46 from Army (Zac Zaharias, Peter Lambert, Matthew Guertsen) and Navy (Bronwyn Ferrier, David Michael, Karl Blackman).

Despite losing *Robin* (Vincent Noviello – may the shoulder mend soon) to the first downhill before the race, the other *Heroes & Villians* - *Batman* (Peter Shergold), *Catwoman* (Vincent Sharma) and *Penguin* (Brendan Jacomb) - pressed on against strong team fancy dress opposition from the *Royal Party* (Amanda Frain, Bruce Lowe, Teresa Harrington and Bill Peel), *FlyBuys* (Debra Robertson, Geraldine Vaughan, Carol Green) and *Mr Camouflage* (Robert Freeman, Sean Chadwick, Chris Levy).

The friendly atmosphere of the Tour continued through to the Presentation at Blue Cow's "Top Spot" after the race, which provided an opportunity for skiers to catch up with old friends.

Here the party kicked off with finger food and a parade of the fancy dress contingent. Fancy dress teams could not be separated and all won prizes. *Zarra* - sister of *Zorro* - (Kathy Saw), the *Hawaiian* (Nick Bendeli), a *Wombat on a Hat* (Robbie Robertson) and the *Teddy Bear Pyjamas* vied for best individual fancy dress.

We then got down to the serious business of drawing bib numbers for winners of the thousands of dollars worth of spot prizes listed over the page.

All tourers and marshalls received a badge and many received trophies, spot prizes or both. I would like recipients of a prize to show their appreciation by writing to the sponsor (details over page).

Good Times Photography has 200*150mm colour prints available for \$12 at Shop 5a Perisher Centre. I would also appreciate copies or scans of tourers' photos and permission to use them on our web site.

Canberra Cross-Country Ski Club looks forward, with good weather and your continuing support, to running an even more successful 2000 Tour.

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