Canberra Cross-Country Ski Club



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Three generations win Family Trophy in 2000 Kosciusko Tour

The sun shone on skiers in the 2000 Kosciusko Tour on 10 September for one day in a bleak week. Tracks were initially firm with a cover of new snow. 129 skiers, starting at the top of Thredbo Crackenback Chairlift, were blown up the first long rise and got their adrenalin pumping on the long downhills to Snowy Bridge. They then swept down the rest of the spectacular 18km high country trail along the Kosciusko Summit Road through the Charlotte Pass drink station to finish at Perisher.

The first skier across the line was Chris Darlington in 0:45:28. Camille Melvey, the first woman home, was close behind in 0:51:54. Mark Abernethy (in 0:50:40) and Caitlin McCluskey in (1:18:06) were the fastest CXCSC members.

The Family Trophy was won in 4:07:06 by three generations of the Bell-McCullough family (Andrew McCullough, David Bell and Patrick Bell). Their aggregated time was less than some skiers' individual times. Andrew was born in 1927, David in 1960 and Patrick in 1989.

The Army team (Zac Zaharias, Peter Lambert and Roger Grose) won the Interservice Trophy in 3:44:04 from Navy and RAAF.

Boonoona (Chris Darlington, Camille Melvey and Nic Almoukov) were fastest Club Team in 2:24:55.

Maid Marion and her Merry Men (Ruth Gamble, Peter Shergold, Robbie Robertson) overcame strong team fancy dress opposition from Kathy's Klowns (Kathy Saw, Robin Gibson, Lyndall Hatch), Wonder Woman (Carol Green, Geri Vaughan, Debra Robertson) and King Neptune and his Mermaids (Bruce Lowe, Amanda Frain, Emily Frain).

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. 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.

Many thanks for your participation as a tourer or a marshall. 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 at Shop 5a Perisher Centre.

Canberra Cross-Country Ski Club looks forward, with good weather and your continuing support, to running an even more successful 2001 Tour.

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