



Watson teenagers win Family Trophy in 2002 Kosciusko Tour

Dear Tourers and Marshalls

A sunny sky, clear views of the Main Range and a fresh breeze greeted skiers in the Canberra Cross-Country Ski Club (CCCSC) 2002 Kosciusko Tour on 15 September as we banished the predicted gales to Monday. The groomed tracks were initially firm but softening. 117 skiers, starting at the top of Thredbo Crackenback Chairlift, got their adrenalin pumping up first long rise and the long downhill to Snowy Bridge. They then swept down the rest of the spectacular 12km high country trail along the Kosciusko Summit Road through the Charlotte Pass drink station to finish at Spencers Creek.

The first skier across the line was Ben Sim in 0:34:07. Camille Melvey, the first woman home, was close behind in 0:41:54. Michael McCluskey (in 0:43:10) and Rosemary Longstaff (in 0:58:10) were the fastest CCCSC members.

The Family Trophy was won by the teenage Watsons (Aimee, Callum & Ewan) averaging 0:45:48.

The Navy team (Ralph Loeding, Garry Lewis & Timothy Baird) won the Interservice Trophy averaging 0:56:08 from RAAF, Army and ADFA.

Fastest Club Team Boonoona (Camille Melvey, Nic Almoukov & Chris Darlington) averaged 0:38:08.

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.

Moulin Rouge (Carol Green, Louise Rose and Jo-Anna Clancy) overcame strong team fancy dress opposition from Birthday Party (Lyndall Hatch, Robin Gibson and Margaret McCawley). Anne Campbell (Elf), Kathy Saw (Birthday Girl), (Lord) Bruce Lowe and (Lady) Amanda East won individual fancy dress prizes, presented by Superman (Fil Giles).

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

Canberra Cross-Country Ski Club looks forward, with good weather and your continuing support, to running an even more successful 2003 Tour.

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