

Canberra Cross-Country Ski Club

2007 - 31st Year of the Kosciusko Tour

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2007 Kosciusko Tour goes classic from Thredbo to Perisher

Dear Tourers and Marshalls

The sun shone on skiers in the 2007 Kosciusko Tour on 2 September but the wind was gusting to 80 kph at Crackenback. The classic tracks had frozen overnight but softened during the race. 40 skiers, starting at the top of Thredbo Kosciusko Express Chairlift at Crackenback, struggled up the first long rise against strong winds before speeding down the long downhill to Snowy Bridge. They then swept down the rest of the spectacular 18km high country trail along the Kosciusko Summit Road through Charlotte Pass to all finish at Perisher.

The first skier across the line was Ben Sim in 0:50:05. Camille Melvey, the first woman home, was close behind in 1:13:26.

The Navy team (Ian Waller, Chris Cole & Wendy Hughes) won the Interservice Trophy.

Fastest Club Team was Bonoona (Chris Darlington, Camille Melvey & Alex Almoukov).

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

The three Santas (Phong Le, Lewis Lee & Jason Hawthorne), looking like the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future, won the fancy dress team prizes. Marge Simpson (Rosemary Longstaff) and the Mt Hotham PR man (Bruce Wharrie) each won an individual fancy dress prize.

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

Your surveys mostly rated this first classic Kosciusko Tour 'good' to 'excellent', with some constructive suggestions for drink stations and publicity. Entries were low after cancellation last year, and must increase in 2008 to justify the huge volunteer effort and logistics vital to deliver this event.

Canberra Cross-Country Ski Club looks forward, with your continuing support and early entries, to running an even more successful 2008 Tour.

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