

Far West Masters 2009-2010 Season Awards

Special Awards

Each year at the Far West Masters season awards banquet we make several special awards. The Rookie of the Year award recognizes racers who are new to our masters racing program and who demonstrate enthusiasm and sportsmanship. The Most-Improved Racer award recognizes racers who have been competing and who have demonstrated significant improvement in their racing.

Neither award is necessarily about being the “best” racer – it’s about enthusiasm, enjoying the competitive challenge provided by masters racing, and working to improve racing skills.

Rookie of the Year

Thanks to all the new racers who competed with us this year – it’s great to have new faces and new friends; we look forward to seeing you all next year!

The Rookie award for 2009-2010 goes to **Kelly Akins (W01)**. In her first year of masters racing, Kelly entered 19 races, competed in SG for the first time ever, and ended the season ranked fourth in the women’s overall standings. Best of all, Kelly always had a big smile and had as much fun as anyone on the hill as she challenged herself along with dad Tom Akins in the family derby. She’ll look great next year in her yellow #4 bib!

Most-Improved Racer

The most-improved award is usually our toughest choice – and also the most fun! It’s an opportunity to recognize racers who’ve been working hard, sometimes for many years, and have demonstrated significant improvement throughout the season. These competitors aren’t necessarily on the podium every week, but that’s part of the satisfaction of this award. These are folks with a “Wow” factor from their fellow competitors who know them best – “Wow, they’ve been skiing great, they’ve really gotten better!” is a key factor in selecting these candidates.

The Most-Improved racer award for 2009-2010 goes to **Don Merritt (M10)**. Moving up this year as he turned 70 to class 10, a strong class both in the Far West division and nationally, Don stepped up his racing to a new level and impressed us with some great skiing all season, including winning the SL at regionals and a great GS at nationals that barely missed the podium with some of the strongest racers in the country.

Appreciation Awards

Outgoing president Marietta Frinell gave special appreciation awards to recognize and thank some of the people who contribute time and energy to our program.

- **Sasha Glushenko** for his hours spent on the hill photographing the races and sharing them with all of us, including many of his shots that we used in our newsletter.
- **Eddie Mozen** for the tremendous job he has done with the scholarship program, giving us something to brag about each year at the National Committee meeting.
- **Randall Sussek** for being there when Marietta needed him, for hosting our Mammoth parties at Giovannis.
- **Mike Kennedy** for being at most of the races doing registration, and doing an *exceptional* job of keeping all our paper work in order for USSA so we can continue to offer weekend licenses.

SEASON CLASS AWARDS – WOMEN

Class standings are scored by total World Cup points accumulated across each racer's best 75% (18 finishes) of the 24 scored Far West division races in the 2009-2010 competition season.

Total number of starts: 1547

Average starters per race: 64

Ave starters SL: 60 (478 SL starts, 8 races)

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Ave starters SC: 67 (67 SC starts, 1 races)

Total number of competitors: 209 (167 men, 42 women)

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Average starts per racer: 7

Ave starts men: 7 (1230 starts, 167 competitors)

Ave starts women: 8 (317 starts, 42 competitors)

NN. Racer - Points - num starts (num finishes)

Races: [

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Women Class 13 (85+)

1. Cantanho, Teddy - 300 - 12(12)

Women Class 10 (70-74)

1. Frinell, Marietta - 300 - 15(12)

2. Richter, Margarethe - 280 - 12(12)

3. Mosher, Janet - 130 - 7(7)

Women Class 9 (65-69)

1. Hogan, Sandy - 340 - 15(14) in W09 + 4 open class results

2. Pettigrew, Marcie - 285 - 12(12)

[*not eligible due to insufficient starts: 3. Barnett, Marcia - 90 - 5(5)]

Women Class 8 (60-64)

1. 1. Griswold, Guna - 175 - 7(7)

2. Faris, Kathryn - 70 - 3(3)

[illness waiver invoked on the min starts requirement for Kathy, it was a victory just to have her back on skis by the season finals]

Women Class 7 (55-59)

1. Spicher, Lora - 175 - 9(7)

*[*not eligible due to insufficient starts: 2. Colton, Judith - 95 - 4(4)]*

Women Class 6 (50-54)

1. Feddis, Mary - 390 - 16(16)

*[*not eligible due to insufficient starts: 2. Anderson, Grania - 25 - 1(1) in W06 + 4 open class results]*

Women Class 5 (45-49)

1. Kennedy, Elizabeth - 340 - 16(15) in W05 + 1 open class result
2. Mirviss, Annette - 120 - 7(5) in W05 + 10 open class results

*[*not eligible due to insufficient starts: 3. Eisen, Lisa - 95 - 5(5)]*

Women Class 4 (40-44)

1. Braun, Ingrid - 290 - 13(12) in W04 + 5 open class results

Women Class 3 (35-39)

1. Labrecque, Caroline - 100 - 5(4) in W03 + 7 open class results

Women Class 2 (30-34)

[there were no competitors in W02 eligible for season awards]

Women Class 1 (21-29)

1. Akins, Kelly - 200 - 9(8) in W01 + 10 open class results

Women Open Class

1. Lewis, Deb (W07) - 362 - 18(17)
2. Rolfe, Julie (W06) - 335 - 20(20)
3. Crowell, Linda (W07) - 237 - 14(14) + 1 W07 result

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Men Class 12 (80-84)

1. De Mattei, Gaetano - 450 - 21(21)

2. Mouck, Gary - 20 - 1(1)

Men Class 11 (75-79)

1. Pomey, Carl - 405 - 19(18)

2. Lohman, Rowland - 200 - 8(8)

*[*not eligible due to insufficient starts: 3. Bryant, Donn - 115 - 5(5)]*

Men Class 10 (70-74)

1. Merritt, Don - 425 - 20(17)

2. Feldenheimer, Peter - 380 - 22(20)

3. Sulser, Martin - 315 - 22(20)

Men Class 9 (65-69)

1. Dugan, Jim - 435 - 18(18)

2. Smith, Don - 350 - 21(20)

3. Lamprecht, Hannes - 215 - 12(10)

Men Class 8 (60-64)

1. Probert, Russ - 345 - 20(19)
2. Smith, Brian - 343 - 22(20)
3. Bauer, Reggie - 255 - 17(16)

Men Class 7 (55-59)

1. Wallace, Blair - 349 - 18(18)
2. Bergen, Rick - 194 - 12(11) in M07 + 6 open class results
3. Glushenko, Alexander - 182 - 17(17)

Men Class 6 (50-54)

1. Mozen, Eddie - 307 - 22(20)
2. Laudenschlager, Paul - 245 - 13(12)
3. Sussek, Randall - 222 - 20(17)

Men Class 5 (45-49)

1. Buttenberg, Kris - 253 - 18(15)
2. Lilly, Mark - 196 - 15(13)
3. Anderson, Miles - 164 - 9(9)

Men Class 4 (40-44)

1. Stoilov, Nickolai - 145 - 9(7)
2. Van Stralen, Erich - 75 - 3(3) in M04 + 10 open class results

*[*not eligible due to insufficient starts: 2. McLean, Bruce - 95 - 4(4)]*

*[*not eligible due to insufficient starts: 3. Ader, Jason - 90 - 4(4)]*

Men Class 3 (35-39)

1. Adams, Chris - 115 - 9(5)

*[*not eligible due to insufficient starts: 2. Wilkins, Joshua - 100 - 4(4)]*

Men Class 2 (30-34)

1. Reid, Ewan - 310 - 13(13)

*[*not eligible due to insufficient starts: 2. Smith, Peter - 50 - 2(2) in M02 + 3 open class results]*

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[there were no competitors in M01 eligible for season awards]

Men Open Class

1. Belden, Kurt (M06) - 365 - 21(20) + 1 M06 result
2. Probert, Christopher (M03) - 255 - 16(15)
3. Savage, Matt (M01) - 245 - 10(10)

SEASON BIB AWARDS

TOP FIVE WOMEN

1. Lewis, Deb (W07) - 362 - 18(17)
2. Rolfe, Julie (W06) - 335 - 20(20)
3. Crowell, Linda (W07) - 246 - 15(15)
4. Akins, Kelly (W01) - 217 - 19(18)
5. Hogan, Sandy (W09) - 192 - 19(18)

TOP TEN MEN

1. Belden, Kurt (M06) - 365 - 22(20)
2. Probert, Christopher (M03) - 251 - 16(15)
3. Savage, Matt (M01) - 245 - 10(10)
4. Emmitt, Palmer (M02) - 191 - 18(16)
5. Braun, Michael (M05) - 117 - 18(16)
6. Brookes, Kyle (M02) - 116 - 7(6)
7. Van Stralen, Erich (M04)
8. Stewart, Tim (M07) - 107 - 22(18)
9. Bergen, Rick (M07) - 105 - 18(16)
10. Shklovski, Mike (M02) - 96 - 7(6)