Far West Masters 2012-2013 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 awards for 2012-2013 go to:

- Tatjana Polyakova (W04)
- Tom Bullard (M08)

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 awards for 2012-2013 go to:

- Ingrid Braun (W05)
- Randall Sussek (M06)

Teddy Cantanho "Spirit of Masters" Award

The Cantanho award was started in the 2012 season in memory of Teddy Cantanho, 89 years young when her racing career was cut short, to recognize a competitor who exemplifies participation with cheerfulness and joy, as well as contributions to our program.

The Cantanho "Spirit of Masters" award for 2012-2013 goes to:

• Elizabeth and Mike Kennedy

Season Awards (best 18 of 23 finishes)

PERFECT ATTTENDANCE

We had 5 competitors who raced in all 23 races held this season: Tim Stewart (M08), Pierre Jeangirard (M07), Mark Mirviss (M07), Mike Braun (M06), Dave Melton (M06)

SEASON CLASS AWARDS - WOMEN

Class standings are scored by total World Cup points accumulated across each racer's best 75% (18 finishes) of the 23 scored Far West division races in the 2012-2013 competition season.

Total number of starts: 1329 Average starters per race: 58 Ave starters SL: 57 (566 SL starts, 10 races) Ave starters GS: 55 (492 GS starts, 9 races) Ave starters SG: 68 (271 SG starts, 4 races)

Total number of competitors: 165 (141 men, 24 women) Number of qualifiers: 200 (171 men, 29 women) Average starts per racer: 8 Ave starts men: 8 (1115 starts, 141 competitors) Ave starts women: 9 (214 starts, 24 competitors)

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Women Class 11 (75-79)

1. Frinell, Marietta - 100 - 6(4)

Women Class 10 (70-74)

1. Hogan, Sandy - 375 - 16(15) 2. Marco, Sherrie - 145 - 8(7)

Women Class 9 (65-69)

1. Pettigrew, Marcie - 400 - 18(16)

Women Class 8 (60-64)

1. Colton, Judy - 150 - 7(6) 2. Barneson, Anne - 125 - 6(5)

Women Class 7 (55-59)

1. Andrews, Emily - 255 - 12(11) 2. Spicher, Lors - 255 - 11(11) 3. Cook, Susan - 100 - 6(5)

**Emily moved up to tie Lors for the overall title with a victory on the final day of racing **

Women Class 6 (50-54)

1. Kennedy, Elizabeth - 375 - 17(15) + 1 in WOP

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Women Class 5 (45-49) 1. Wentworth, Kim - 170 - 8(7) + 5 in WOP

Women Class 4 (40-44) 1. Polyakova, Tatjana - 100 - 6(4) + 1 in WOP

Women Class 3 (35-39) [there were no competitors in W03 eligible for season awards]

Women Class 2 (30-34) [there were no competitors in W02 eligible for season awards]

Women Class 1 (21-29) [there were no competitors in W01 eligible for season awards]

Women Open Class)

- 1. Braun, Ingrid (W05) 271 15(14) + 2 in W05
- 2. Marcacci, Lesley (W01) 240 11(11))
- 3. Crowell, Linda (W07) 239 15(13)

**Leslie moved ahead of Linda into second place for the season with a victory on the final day of racing **

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Men Class 12 (80-84)

1. De Mattei, Gaetano - 300 - 14(12)

Men Class 11 (75-79)

1. Sulser, Martin - 325 - 13(13) 2. Pomey, Carl - 245 - 11(11)

Men Class 10 (70-74)

1. Dugan, Jim - 370 - 17(16) 2. Smith, Don - 322 - 18(17) 3. Merritt, Don - 285 - 18(13)

Men Class 9 (65-69)

1. Simmons, Dan - 391 - 18(18) 2(t). Garner, Dave - 145 - 7(6) 2(t). Tilley, James - 145 - 8(8)

Men Class 8 (60-64)

1(t). Stewart, Tim - 315 - 16(13) + 7 in MOP 1(t). Wallace, Blair - 315 - 17(15) 3. Shellhammer, Jeff - 291 - 17(17)

**Tim moved up to tie Blair for the overall title with a victory on the final day of racing **

Men Class 7 (55-59)

- 1. Garey-Sage, Jonathan 261 19(18) + 1 in MOP
- 2. Erickson, Gary 242 15(14) + 1 in MOP
- 3. Mirviss, Mark 212 23(19)

**Jon moved ahead of Gary to take the season title with a 2nd place finish on the final day of racing **

Men Class 6 (50-54)

Melton, Dave - 310 - 22(20) + 1 in MOP
Buttenberg, Kris - 298 - 16(16)
O'Connell, Daniel - 217 - 18(15) + 1 in MOP

**Randall Sussek fell just short of overtaking Dan O'Connell, needing only a finish on the final day of racing **

Men Class 5 (45-49)

1. Monico, Archie - 215 - 10(9) 2. Farnedi, Daniele - 152 - 8(7) + 2 in MOP

[*not eligible due to insufficient starts: 3. Williams, Steve - 69 - 5(5))]

Men Class 4 (40-44)

1. Vingralek, Radek - 260 - 15(11) 2. Sady, Scott - 160 - 15(7) + 2 in MOP

[*not eligible due to insufficient starts: 3. Dobrzanski, Robert - 60 - 4(4)]

Men Class 3 (35-39) 1. Adams, Chris - 250 - 11(10) + 1 in MOP

Men Class 2 (30-34) 1. Masson, Brian - 170 - 8(7)

Men Class 1 (21-29)

1. Marshall, Mark - 150 - 9(6)

Men Open Class)

- 1. Papazian, Ara (M04) 358 17(17)
- 2. Braun, Michael (M06) 259 21(21) + 2 in M06
- 3. Van Stralen, Erich (M04) 212 19(19) + 2 in M04

SEASON BIB AWARDS

TOP FIVE WOMEN

- 1. Braun, Ingrid (W05) 281 17(15))
- 2. Marcacci, Lesley (W01) 240 11(11)
- 3. Crowell, Linda (W07) 238 15(13)
- 4. Levine, Carol (W08) 200 11(9)
- 5. Lewis, Deb (W07) 194 10(10)

TOP TEN MEN

- 1. Papazian, Ara (M04) 358 17(17)
- 2. Braun, Michael (M06) 254 23(23)
- 3. Van Stralen, Erich (M04) 210 21(19)
- 4. Jeangirard, Pierre (M07) 182 23(19)
- 5. Shklovski, Mike (M03) 179 11(10)
- 6. Savage, Matt (M01) 170 7(7)
- 7. Filimon, Mihai (M03) 145 10(8)
- 8. Stewart, Tim (M08) 140 23(20)
- 9. Anderson, Jeff (M06) 129 14(13)
- 10. Cronin-Wilton, Seth (M03) 121 9(9)