

Far West Masters 2018-2019 Season Awards

Special Awards

Each year at the Far West Masters season awards banquet we make several special awards. The New Racer 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. The Cantanho "Spirit of Masters" award honors a competitor who exemplifies participation with cheerfulness and joy, as well as contributions to our program to encourage others to share the enjoyment of masters racing. And new in 2019 is the President's Award, a special recognition award selected by the President of Far West Masters.

These special awards are not solely about being the "best" racer – results are certainly important, that's how we measure progress, but it's also about enthusiasm, sportsmanship, tackling the competitive challenge provided by masters racing, and working to improve racing skills.

New Racer

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 New Racer awards for 2018-2019 go to:

- Cherie Williams (W02)
- Wolfgang Virostek (M01)

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 2018-2019 go to:

- Nancy Gieske (W07)
- Kirk Swanson (M07) and David Piermarini (M07)

The competition for the men's award was particularly vigorous this year, with a large number of worthy candidates, but ultimately the decision was... the first-ever joint award, to Kirk and David whose season-long battle in M07 came down to the final race of the season to settle!

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 2018-2019 goes to Shawn Mason (M06). Shawn competed in every race this season, and his joyous smile and cheerful attitude was a gift shared with all of us on the race hills this season.

President's Award

New in 2019, Far West Masters president Ray Tulloch started a new award which is decided solely by the president to recognize outstanding accomplishments and contributions.

The first-ever President's Award was made to a tough, resilient competitor who has overcome enormous challenges both mental and physical to return to racing after a life-changing skiing accident at the 2017 national championships. Welcome back and resounding cheers for a man who has inspired all of us throughout his continuing recovery with his grit, determination, and optimism - Don Merritt (M11).

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

We had 9 competitors who raced in all 15 races held this season: Kris Buttenberg, Sam Crowell, Jonathan Garey-Sage, Deb Lewis, Mark Mirviss, Shawn Mason, Kirk Swanson, Randall Sussek, Ray Tulloch.

SEASON CLASS AWARDS - WOMEN

Class standings are scored by total World Cup points accumulated across each racer's best 75% (12 finishes) of the 15 scored Far West division races in the 2018-2019 competition season.

Total number of starts: 797

Average starters per race: 53

Ave starters SL: 53 (264 SL starts, 5 races)

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Total number of competitors: 136 (112 men, 24 women)

Number of qualifiers: 141 (115 men, 26 women)

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Women Class 12 (80-84)

1. Frinell, Marietta - 300 - 5(3)

Women Class 8 (60-64)

1. Easel, Kimberly - 780 - 9(8)

Women Class 6 (50-54)

1. McGlashan, Caroline - 400 - 7(4)

Women Class 2 (30-34)

1. Williams, Cherie - 300 - 4(3) + 4 Open class starts

Women Open Class)

1. Panke, Liesl (W06) - 1080 - 13(12)

2. Lewis, Deb (W08) - 840 - 15(14)

3. Braun, Ingrid (W06) - 640 - 13(13)

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Men Class 13 (85-89)

1. De Mattei, Gaetano - 1100 - 14(11)

Men Class 11 (75-79)

1. Smith, Don - 1120 - 14(14)

2. Dugan, Jim - 940 - 11(10)

3. Merritt, Don - 500 - 11(8)

Men Class 10 (70-74)

1. Simmons, Dan - 760 - 9(9)

2. Thomsen, Ronald - 200 - 5(3)

Men Class 9 (65-69)

1. Crowell, Sam - 960 - 15(14)

2(t). Doolin, Corey - 470 - 10(7)

2(t). Smith, Paul - 470 - 8(6)

Men Class 8 (60-64)

1. Skeen, Jeffrey - 700 - 9(7)

2. Guy, Hubert - 500 - 9(7)

3. Bosin, Pavel - 400 - 6(4)

Men Class 7 (55-59)

1. Swanson, Kirk - 730 - 15(14)
2. Piermarini, David - 720 - 9(9)
3. Bailey, Ken - 640 - 10(10)

Men Class 6 (50-54)

1. Mason, Shawn - 1160 - 15(14)
2. Moberly, Rick - 625 - 10(8)
3. Dimino, Eric - 470 - 7(7)

Men Class 5 (45-49)

1. McGregor, Paul - 580 - 7(6)

Men Class 3 (35-39)

1. Marshall, Mark - 580 - 6(6)

Men Open Class)

1. Braun, Michael (M07) - 900 - 13(13)
2. Sady, Scott (M06) - 841 - 14(12)
3. Papazian, Ara (M06) - 600 - 6(6)

SEASON BIB AWARDS

TOP FIVE WOMEN

1. Panke, Liesl (W06) - 1080 - 13(12)
2. Lewis, Deb (W08) - 840 - 15(14)
3. Braun, Ingrid (W06) - 640 - 13(13)
4. Crowell, Linda (W08) - 582 - 11(11)
5. Wentworth, Kim (W06) - 507 - 13(13)

TOP TEN MEN

1. Braun, Michael (M07) - 900 - 13(13)
2. Sady, Scott (M06) - 841 - 14(12)
3. Papazian, Ara (M06) - 600 - 6(6)
4. Buttenberg, Kris (M07) - 585 - 15(13)
5. Fulton, Doug (M08) - 423 - 11(10)
6. Tulloch, Ray (M08) - 412 - 15(15)
7. Anderson, Jeff (M07) - 410 - 8(8)
8. Sussek, Randall (M08) - 386 - 15(13)
9. Monico, Archie (M06) - 377 - 13(12)
10. Garey-Sage, Jonathan (M08) - 317 - 15(15)