

Far West Masters 2019-2020 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. 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 2019-2020 go to:

- Joan Blumenfeld (W10)
- Stan Vasily (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 2019-2020 go to:

- Nancy Gieske (W07)
- Shawn Mason (M07)

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 2019-2020 goes to:

- Linda Crowell

Not only did Linda have a successful race season, continuing her recovery from a serious race crash in 2017, but she really stepped up her game this season helping with event organizing and race-day checkin, an often overlooked but important role to welcome racers and get us all out on the hill to play.

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 2020 President's Award will be announced in the fall when our delayed season-ending party and awards are held at the start of the 2021 season.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

We had 11 competitors who raced in all 13 races held this season: Tom Bullard (M09), Doug Fulton (M08), Andrea Levy (W02), Shawn Mason (M07), Annette Mirviss (W07), Scott Sady (M06), Don Smith (M11), Kirk Swanson (M07), Randall Sussek (M08), Stan Vasily (M08), Radek Vingralek (M06).

SEASON CLASS AWARDS - WOMEN

Class standings are scored by total World Cup points accumulated across each racer's best 75% (10 finishes) of the 13 scored Far West division races in the 2019-2020 competition season.

NOTE: Due to the covid-19 pandemic, the Masters National Championship races in March and the Far West Masters season finals scheduled for Apr. 9-11 with the final 4 scoring races planned for the season were cancelled.

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Average starters per race: 57	Number of qualifiers: 151 (122 men, 29 women)
Ave starters SL: 56 (393 SL starts, 7 races)	Average starts per racer: 5
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Women Class 12 (80-84)

1. Frinell, Marietta - 100 - 2(1)

Women Class 10 (70-74)

1. Blumenfeld, Joan - 300 - 4(3)

Women Class 9 (65-69)

[there were no competitors in W09 with the min 6 starts required to be eligible for season awards]

*[*not eligible due to insufficient starts: 1. Colton, Judy - 400 - 4(4)]*

Women Class 8 (60-64)

1. Easel, Kimberly - 900 - 9(9)

*[*not eligible due to insufficient starts: 2. McCue, Linda - 260 - 4(3)]*

Women Class 7 (55-59)

1. Gieske, Nancy - 500 - 6(5)

Women Open Class)

1. Levy, Andrea (W02) - 940 - 13(12)

2. Panke, Liesl (W06) - 740 - 9(9)

3. Mirviss, Annette (W07) - 515 - 13(10)

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Men Class 14 (90+)

1. De Mattei, Gaetano - 600 - 8(6)

Men Class 12 (80-84)

1. Merritt, Don - 800 - 9(8)
2. Manter, John - 540 - 6(6)
3. Chang, Ji - 100 - 4(1)

Men Class 11 (75-79)

1. Smith, Don - 940 - 13(12)
2. Dugan, Jim - 740 - 9(8)
3. Barnett, Robert - 300 - 4(4)

Men Class 10 (70-74)

1. Crowell, Sam - 860 - 12(11)
2. Smith, Brian - 720 - 9(8)
3. Anderson, Dave - 425 - 9(9)

*[*not eligible due to insufficient starts: 3. Simmons, Dan - 440 - 5(5)]*

Men Class 9 (65-69)

1. Palermo, Rees - 960 - 11(10)
2. Bullard, Thomas - 640 - 13(13)
3. Shellhammer, Jeff - 460 - 6(6)

Men Class 8 (60-64)

1. Reeves, David - 820 - 9(9)
2. Spear, Larry - 330 - 6(6)

*[*not eligible due to insufficient starts: 2. Berry, Jim - 400 - 4(4)]*

*[*not eligible due to insufficient starts: 3. Laudenschlager, Paul - 380 - 4(4)]*

Men Class 7 (55-59)

1. Mason, Shawn - 960 - 13(12)
2. Lada Munoz, Wenceslao - 520 - 6(6)
3. Hlubucek, Mark - 485 - 8(8)

Men Class 6 (50-54)

[there were no competitors in M06 with the min 6 starts required to be eligible for season awards]

*[*not eligible due to insufficient starts: 1. Moberly, Rick - 480 - 5(5)]*

*[*not eligible due to insufficient starts: 2. Dimino, Eric - 300 - 4(3)]*

*[*not eligible due to insufficient starts: 3. Nachman, David - 260 - 4(3)]*

Men Class 2 (30-34)

1. Melick, Russell - 500 - 6(5)

Men Open Class)

1. Papazian, Ara (M06) - 840 - 10(9)
2. Braun, Michael (M07) - 520 - 10(8)
3. Sady, Scott (M06) - 429 - 13(10)

SEASON BIB AWARDS

TOP FIVE WOMEN

1. Levy, Andrea (W02) - 940 - 13(12)
2. Panke, Liesl (W06) - 740 - 9(9)
3. Mirviss, Annette (W07) - 515 - 13(10)
4. Crowell, Linda (W09) - 346 - 6(6)
5. Levine, Carol (W10) - 340 - 6(6)

TOP TEN MEN

1. Papazian, Ara (M06) - 840 - 10(9)
2. Braun, Michael (M07) - 520 - 10(8)
3. Sady, Scott (M06) - 429 - 13(10)
4. Buttenberg, Kris (M07) - 412 - 10(10)
5. Filimon, Mihai (M04) - 405 - 6(5)
6. Ritchie, Ryan (M05) - 400 - 6(5)
7. Fulton, Doug (M08) - 372 - 13(11)
8. Belden, Kurt (M08) - 350 - 7(6)
9. Vingralek, Radek (M06) - 260 - 13(10)
10. Vasily, Stan (M08) - 228 - 13(12)

*[*not eligible due to insufficient starts: 6(t). Cronin-Wilton, Seth (M04) - 400 - 5(5)]*