

Perfect Conditions for the 20th Birkie!

The Canadian Birkebeiner Cross Country Ski Festival on Saturday February 10, 2007 at Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area proved to be a great day. The temperature at the start was – 17 C for the 581 skiers in the 55 km events and the 575 skiers in the 31 km Journal Tour. During the day it warmed up to -14 C with bright sunshine. Conditions were excellent on a 30 cm packed base and ten cm of new snow in the days leading up to the Birkie. A light snowfall the night before gave early racers an extra workout. Participants looked happy while volunteers on the trails stayed warm serving drinks and munchies. It takes 650 volunteers to run this winter festival.

Almost 1,900 skiers entered the 20th annual Birkie, coming from as far away as Norway and New Zealand.

Complete results are posted on the Canadian Birkebeiner website and in The Edmonton Journal Friday, February 16, 2007.

Canadian Birkebeiner Ski Festival – Overall Top 3 Results

Rank Time Bib # Name From

55 km Torskeklubben Birkebeiner (with pack)

Male

1 3:14:32 290 ROBIN MCKEEVER CANMORE AB
2 3:16:46 164 WILL CRITCHLEY EDMONTON AB
3 3:23:21 127 ERIK GRIMM ROCHESTER NY USA

Female

1 4:40:26 85 MARION MAYERHOFER EDMONTON AB
2 4:47:49 198 SILKE GUMPLINGER VANCOUVER BC
3 4:56:34 289 MICHELLE WEILER AB

Wood Ski Category of 55 km Birkie (with pack) event

1 4:09:47 147 TOLLY BRADFORD EDMONTON, AB
2 4:29:56 123 GUNTER HOEHNE BURNS LAKE, BC
3 4:45:46 220 MARK WOODHOUSE EDMONTON, AB

55km Birkie Lite

Male

1 2:54:22 1330 CHRISTOPHER JEFFRIES CANMORE AB
2 2:58:51 1336 ERIK CARLETON CANMORE AB
3 3:13:48 1338 BRYON HUGHSON CANMORE AB

Female

1 3:17:56 1278 MILAINE THERIAULT CANMORE AB
2 3:29:57 1306 MARCIA BIRKIGT ATHABASCA AB
3 3:32:52 1311 NIKKI KASSEL PRINCE GEORGE BC

31km Journal Tour

Male

- 1 1:40:03 2517 GEORG JALKOTZY CALGARY AB
- 2 2:03:14 2580 BJORN MORISBAK EDMONTON AB
- 3 2:06:07 2645 KEVIN BAGGOTT CALGARY AB

Female

- 1 2:00:52 2629 KATHY DAVIES AB
- 2 2:00:58 2637 NANCY BURDEN EDMONTON AB
- 3 2:08:51 2158 KATHARINE ARMITAGE CALGARY AB

13km Mini Birkie

Male

- 1 0:48:11 3074 ZACHARY SAUVE REGINA SK
- 2 0:54:00 3305 VAUGHAN COOPER VERMILION AB
- 3 0:58:06 3174 CLAYTON PARENT EDMONTON AB

Female

- 1 0:47:49 3262 HANNAH PERRY ALBERTA BEACH AB
- 2 0:57:48 3032 ARIEL RAUDSEPP ST. ALBERT AB
- 3 0:58:46 3191 DAMARIS LICHTI FT. MCMURRAY AB

5km Snow Shuffle

- 1 0:21:37 4023 SEPP ZIMMERMANN EDMONTON AB
- 2 0:23:21 4167 RYAN ALEXANDRUK EDMONTON AB
- 3 0:23:42 4074 ADRIAN CHRIST RED DEER AB

Female

- 1 0:20:37 4019 TRISTA DICKINSON EDMONTON AB
- 2 0:20:43 4080 ISABELLE LAM EDMONTON AB
- 3 0:25:02 4043 ALEXANDRA SAURETTE EDMONTON AB

2.5km Ole's Two-Bit Tour

Male

- 1 0:18:00 5073 NEAM SANDER EDMONTON AB
- 2 0:23:52 5033 BENJAMIN EGGINK CAMROSE AB
- 3 0:24:04 5025 BRECON WOOD EDMONTON AB

Female

- 1 0:18:01 5074 BARBARA SANDER EDMONTON AB
- 2 0:18:08 5005 KATERINA BELAND HIGH LEVEL AB
- 3 0:19:14 5062 ANNA SELLERS CANMORE AB