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For Immediate Release:

The third and final leg of Pack Burro Racing's Triple Crown was run on Saturday, August 12 as part of Buena Vista's annual Gold Rush Days.

In this competition, a team of racers, consisting of one human runner and one asinus equis (burro) compete against other teams for the first place money, and a chance at winning the coveted Triple Crown of Pack Burro Racing. Pack burro racing is an imperfect art form that requires cutting a deal with your animal so you can get some cooperation from this large mammal while you do a back woods-mountain tundra-trail ballet for three to thirty miles as fast as you can. This requires the primitive skills of orienteering, endurance running, wrestling, mountaineering, common sense, and most of all... humility. You must empathize with a jackass. This race marks the THIRD LEG of the Triple Crown competition in pack burro racing. One wins the Triple Crown by being the first place team in all three of the Triple Crown races each year. The Triple Crown races are: Fairplay, Leadville, and Buena Vista. To win the Triple Crown is incredibly difficult, requiring the racing team to be the fastest in the world over *sixty one miles* of the highest, toughest Colorado terrain in existence. It is so difficult that it does not happen every year, but it can.

This year we do have a female Triple Crown winner and her name is Barbara Dolan!

It is quite an honor to be able to write about such an outstanding athlete. Notice that I did not say woman athlete. If there is a woman athlete who can compete with the men on an equal basis it is Barbara. There also is not a more modest athlete, when it comes to talking about her accomplishments. Barbara grew up in Boulder, Colorado and during her college years in Boulder Barbara was on the Olympic Bicycle Racing Team. Among the woman burro racers she is in a class by herself. Barbara, a professional Dental Hygienist, has been racing burros since 1991. She decided to try a race at the request of a friend. Her first race was the woman's course at Fairplay. She remembers being totally amazed at the quick, raucous, high energy start of the race. She was a runner before her first race, however, she had never run so fast before. During the race she kept telling anyone who would listen how awful she felt. After finishing in fourth place she told everyone that "I'll never do that again". Obviously she continued racing and has developed a real knack for training and communicating with Burros. Barbara says she enjoys understanding her Burros, knowing their quirks and their funny ways. Her racing partner for this season was Chugs, a 5 year old gelding. Barbara usually wins the women's races, rarely finishing out of the top three. She also has been an overall winner, having beat the men. She has won the coveted "Triple Crown" of burro racing three times. One of the years she won the triple crown she also ran the

Leadville Trail 100 mile ultra marathon. She was the second woman finisher. Two weeks before that she participated in the Leadville Trail 100 Mountain Bike Race. Truly an amazing athlete. Barbara, age 44, lives in Twin Lakes, CO with her husband Donald Mann. When the snow flies, Barbara breaks out the snowshoes and continues her winning ways. Cross country skiing also helps her stay in shape during the long mountain winters. Barbara's desire for the future is to finish the 29 mile Fairplay burro race with a "strong second half of the race", and beat all the men. All you men racers, watch out!!

The Triple Crown winner receives a large, gold, traveling trophy and over \$500.00 in prizes. The trophy will be awarded at the Western Pack Burro Ass-ociation annual awards banquet which this year will be held this fall in one of the Triple Crown Towns. The trophy is held by the winner until the beginning of the next season.

The results of the Buena Vista Gold Rush Days pack burro race:

MEN'S FINISHERS - 12 miles

1. Tom Sobal - Bullwinkle 1:16:21
2. Rob Pedretti - Peckinpah 1:19:10
3. Hal Walter -Spike 1:22:04
4. Dave TenEyck - Smokin'Jack 1:39:44
5. Clyde Archuleta - Herbie
6. Bill Lee- 911

WOMEN'S RACE - 12 miles:

1. Barbara Dolan - Chugs 1:23:49
2. Mary Walter - Clyde 1:39:53
3. Sue Conroe - Oscar 1:54:58
4. Melissa Jane Clarkson-Horace 2:33:51
6. Rose Norby - Opal 2:34:20

For more information about the Triple Crown or burro racing contact Sue Conroe at the Western Pack Burro Ass-ociation. (719) 539-3874, email: sueconroe@amigo.net.

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Western Pack Burro Ass-ociation

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Cripple Creek, Co - The second annual Cripple Creek Pack Burro Race was held on Saturday, June 25. Over twenty human runners and their ass-ociates lined up at the starting line in Victor, Co (elevation 9,500') for the start of the 10.2 mile course. The first Cripple Creek race of the new millennium began under gathering clouds favored by the human racers.

Modern pack burro racing began **52 years** ago with a 23 mile race starting in Leadville, Co and ending in Fairplay, Co after traversing Mosquito Pass. The rules are simple:

Each burro will be required to be equipped with a regulation pack saddle, packed with prospectors' paraphernalia and must include a pick, shovel, and gold pan. The combined weight of the pack saddle and paraphernalia shall be a minimum of 33 pounds. It is strongly recommended that all participants carry at least one quart of water, food (such as a power bar), and clothing (such as a wind breaker). Water, food and clothing worn during the race shall not be part of the 33 pounds. This weight will be checked at the start and finish of the race. Loss of all or part of the pack and paraphernalia will eliminate the contestant. The burro will be lead by a halter to which is attached a rope not to exceed 15 feet in length. This rope may be single knotted or looped. It is recommended that the rope be 1" diameter or larger. No other rope or strap may be attached to either the burro or the saddle. The race route must be followed. It will be marked by signs, people, or aid stations. Do not cut switchbacks. Any burro leaving the course must be returned to the course without shortening the distance of the course. Failure to follow these rules will result in disqualification. Any contestant mistreating his animal will be disqualified. No needles, electric prods, narcotics, clubs, whips, other than the halter rope may be used. Contestant and burro starting the race must remain a team throughout the contest. No assistants will be allowed to accompany any team. The runner may push, pull, drag, or carry the burro. The contestant shall at no time progress except under his own power.

Pack Burro racing has evolved from that single race to a series of six races in Central City, Cripple Creek, Frisco, Fairplay, Leadville, Buena Vista. The last three are considered the Triple Crown of pack burro racing. A Triple Crown winner receives a cash award and a travelling trophy.

Results of Sundays race are:

Total Purse - \$1910 1:30 PM Start

Women

- 1st Barb Dolan/Chugs (1:11:14) Buena Vista \$500
- 2nd Sue Conroe/Oscar (1:21:36) Salida \$250
- 3rd P.J. Cruse Sollazzo/Laredo (1:27:22) Fort Collins \$100
- 4th Wendy Hartman/Mr. Ziffle (1:34:54) Golden \$ 70
- 5th Rosemary Norby/Opal () Blackhawk \$ 35

Men

- 1st Hal Walter/Spike (1:09:11) Westcliffe \$500
- 2nd Curtis Imrie/Peckinpah (1:15:39) Buena Vista \$250
- 3rd Wayne Archuleta/Herbie (1:23:34) Sanford \$100
- 4th Clyde Archuleta/Rusty (1:23:35) Sanford \$ 70
- 5th Ralph Herzog/Cochise (1:29:29) Fairplay \$ 35

For more information on Pack Burro Racing, contact Sue Conroe, WPBA President (719) 539-3874

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On Saturday, July 15 the Town of Frisco hosted their third annual pack burro race. Twenty humans and their racing ass-ociates lined up under threatening skies for the one o'clock start. The course was six miles of typical pack burro racing country consisting of steep, narrow trails, stream crossings, trees, and fast running.

A team of racers, consisting of one human runner and one equis asinus (burro) compete against other teams for a total of \$1,600.00 in prize money, and are warming up for the coveted Triple Crown of Pack Burro Racing. Pack burro racing is an imperfect art form that requires cutting a deal with your animal so you can get some cooperation from this large mammal while you do a back woods-mountain tundra-trail ballet for ten miles as fast as you can. This requires the primitive skills of orienteering, endurance running, wrestling, mountaineering, common sense, and most of all... humility. You must, after all, empathize with a jackass.

The results of the Frisco race:

MEN'S RACE

1. Tom Sobal - Bullwinkle 44:12
2. Rob Pedretti - Samaritan 45:12
3. Hal Walter -Spike 45:15
4. Curtis Imrie - Peckinpah 59:35
5. Steve Hart - Vern 61:54

WOMEN'S RACE

1. Barbara Dolan - Chugs 48:55
2. Mary Walter - Clyde 58:15
3. Sue Conroe - Oscar 59:35
4. Lisa Berry - Sailor 61:56
5. Rosemary Norby - Amos 94:53

Pack burro racing has thrived in the Rockies for 53 years. The competition for the coveted Triple Crown of Pack Burro Racing starts in two weeks in Fairplay, followed in one week by Leadville, and finishing one week later in Buena Vista. The Triple Crown totals 67 miles of high elevation racing in a three week period.

Seven towns this summer will host a burro race including Los Sauces on June 9, Cripple Creek on June 23-24; Frisco on July 14; Fairplay-July 29; Leadville-August 5; Buena Vista-August 11; and Idaho Springs on September 15th.

The races are open to all. For racing information, contact Ed Mighell, or Kate Larkin, co- presidents of the Western Pack Burro Ass-ociation, (303) 750-4189 or (303) 805-0541



Western Pack Burro Ass-ociation

A large and boisterous crowd was on hand Sunday, July 29 in Fairplay, Colorado for the 53rd running of the World Championship Pack Burro Race. The weather was hot and dry for the entire race which let to a larger than expected crowd.

With 19 entrants and the biggest spectator crowd seen in the last decade, The race started on time at 10:30 AM. Dressed in mining period clothing the racers and racing ass-ociates left town heading to Alma, a 7 mile run, turning west up Mosquito Gulch and up Mosquito Pass and around the Father Dyer monument before heading back to Alma and Fairplay. The race covers a total of 29 miles of the toughest running conditions that Colorado has to offer. A "short course" is 15 miles in length and goes from Fairplay to Alma to Park City and back to Fair play. Total prize money offered is \$3,800.00.

Place	Runner	Burro	Finish Time	Prize Money	Add'l Prize
1	Tom Sobal	Bullwinkle	4:34:48	\$1000	1st to the top- \$200
2	Hal Walter	Spike	5:20:20	\$800	
3	Rob Pedretti	Samaritan	5:20:21	\$500	
4	Barb Dolan	Chugs	6:02:23	\$300	1st woman to finish-\$100
5	Bill Lee	Mr. Ziffel	7:33:58	\$200	
6	Scott Hirst	Nestor	7:33:59	\$100	

Short Race:

Place	Runner	Burro	Finish Time	Prize Money
1	Dave TenEyck	Dakota	2:09:36	\$300
2	Mary Walter	Clyde	2:10:48	\$200
3	Curtis Imrie	Oscar L. Democrat	2:27:52	\$100
4 tied	Clyde Archuleta	Rusty	2:39:19	
4 tied	Wayne Archuleta	Herbie	2:39:19	
5	Jaime Boese	Cochise	2:45:28	
6	Leo Lashock	Braxton	3:12:22	
7	Ed Mighell	Andy	3:12:23	
8	Donn Mann	Zapata	3:15:53	
9	Rosemary Norby	Opal	3:58:45	
10	Diane Ridgway	Firecracker	4:00:16	

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The second leg will be held in Leadville, CO on Sunday, August 5 as part of its annual Boom Days celebration. For more information about the Triple Crown or burro racing contact Dave TenEyck at the Western Pack Burro Ass-ociation. (303)797-2435 , email: daveteneyck@qwest.net.

August 9, 2000

For Immediate Release:

The International Pack Burro Race was held in Leadville, CO this past Sunday (8/5/00) as part of Leadville's annual Boom Days Celebration.

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The Prize winning results of the 52nd anniversary open race, 21 miles:

PLACE	NAME	TIME	PRIZE
1	Tom Sobal	3:00:04	\$1,190
2	Hal Walter	3:40:10	\$ 760
3	Dave TenEyck	4:09:28	\$ 550
4	Ken Chlouber	4:11:04	\$ 250
5	Jaime Boese	4:31:11	\$ 100
6	Kevin Mastin	4:51:02	\$ 80
7	Don Mann	4:57:58	\$ 70
8	Curtis Imrie	5:15:27	\$ 50
9	Bill Lee		Last ass over the pass award
10	Ed Mighell	DQ	

Womens Race, 13 miles

Place	Time	Prize
1	Barb Dolan	1:54:52 \$880
2	Mary Walter	2:09:23 \$450
3	Sue Conroe	2:23:59 \$340
4	Rachel Farrett	2:44:22 \$150
5	Diane Ridgeway	2:44:23 \$100
6	Heidi J. Colley	3:23:16 \$ 60
7	WendyKing	3:37:59 \$50
8	Rose Norby	4:46:11 \$35
9	Melissa Clarkson	DNF

This race marks the **SECOND LEG** of the Triple Crown competition in pack burro racing. One wins the Triple Crown by being the first place team in all three of the Triple Crown races each year. The Triple Crown races are: Fairplay, Leadville, and Buena Vista. To win the Triple Crown is incredibly difficult, requiring the racing team to be the fastest in the world over *sixty one miles* of the highest, toughest Colorado terrain in existence. It is so difficult that it does not happen every year, but it can. This years Triple Crown is still being pursued by Tom Sobal and Barbara Dolan. A Triple Crown winner receives a large, gold, travelling trophy and members of the WPBA are eligible for \$1000.00 in prizes. The trophy is held by the winner until the beginning of the next season.

The third and final leg is held in Buena Vista, CO on Sunday, August 11 as part of its annual Gold Rush Days. For more information about the Triple Crown or burro racing contact Kate Larkin at the Western Pack Burro Ass-ociation. (303) 805-0541 or go to www.packburroracing.com.