

BUENA VISTA

Pack Burro Race Results

A team of racers, consisting of one human runner and one equis asinus (burro) compete against other team for \$1,000 in first place money, and a chance a 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 backwoods-mountain tundra-trail ballet for three to 30 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.

Pack Burro Race

Open Class (21 miles)

1. Tom Sobal, 2:57, \$1,100
2. Hal Walter, 3:23.51, \$700
3. Cole Chlouber, 3:51:22, \$500
4. Dave Ten Eyck, 4:06:55, \$250
5. Steve Hart, 4:10:39, \$100

6. Scott Hirst, 4:10:40, \$80
7. Curtis Imrie, 4:39:59, \$70
8. Neil McGowan, 4:52:46, \$50
9. Leo Lashock, 5:03:52
10. Bill Lee, 5:21:17
11. Wayne Archuleta, 5:31:43
12. Ken Chlouber, 6:23:09
13. Diane Ridgway, did not finish
14. Clyde Archuleta, did not finish

Women's Class (13 miles)

1. Barb Dolan, 1:46:13, \$800 (topped old record by 6 minutes)
2. Mary Walter, 2:02:02, \$400
3. Lisa Berry, 2:27:11, \$300
4. P.J. Sollazzo, 2:27:13, \$150
5. Rosemary Norby, 3:48:43, \$100
6. Heidi J. Colley, 3:48:44, \$60

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 61 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's Triple Crown is still being pursued by Tom Sobal and Barbara Dolan. A Triple Crown winner receives a large, gold, travelling trophy and over \$1,000 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, on Saturday, Aug. 11, as part of its annual Gold Rush Days. For more information about the Triple Crown of burro racing, contact Dave TenEyck at the Western Pack Burro Association, (303) 797-2435, e-mail: daveteneyck@qwest.net.

George Vigil was the closest to guessing the winning time of the burro race. He guessed 2:57:18.9. The official time was 2:57:18.7. Vigil won \$800 for the guess.

Courtesy of Dave TenEyck

