

WESTERN PACK BURRO ASS-OCIATION

From the newsletter editor: The 1999 season has come to an end and lives only in the record book and in memories. I was preparing to write a review saying this year was a wild, unpredictable, unbelievable season, one the likes of which we have never before seen...then I realized that during my seven seasons of pack burro racing every season turns out like this. I do not mean to minimize the events of this season and I believe there were some incredible finishes. What I am attempting to say is that pack burro racing, by its very nature, lends itself to this kind of unpredictability. And that is the major attraction of this sport. This unpredictable nature is why the *Triple Crown* of pack burro racing is such a difficult accomplishment. It is darned hard to have the fastest ass three times in a row. The 1999 season started out looking like the longest season in history. Three new races were added this year; unfortunately, three races were

lost. One of the losses, Frisco will be back next year. This shows how fragile the sport is and how hard we all must work to ensure its survival.


In thinking about the season I am amazed by the close finishes this year. There were three men's races where 1st and 2nd place were less than two seconds apart. In the women's races, we witnessed two races where 1st and 2nd place were decided by three seconds or less. For a season that included the most video coverage ever, this is an excellent outcome. I couldn't have scripted it any better myself! Hal Walter, who wowed us with his stunning push across the finish line last year in Fairplay to beat Rob Pedretti by less than a second, lost this year's race to Rob when Rob pushed his burro across the line less than a second ahead of Hal. What symmetry! Tom Sobal, who finished about a second behind Hal Walter in Cripple Creek, found a different racing companion for Leadville and ran away from everyone finishing 17 minutes ahead of

Curtis Imrie of Buena Vista, CO.

Events were just as wild for the women's side of our sport. A newcomer to the sport, Nancy Dolan, won the first race of 1999 in Winston, NM. She beat, by one second, her identical twin and long time burro racer, Barbara Dolan. At the inaugural Cripple Creek race, Barbara beat Mary Walter by a mere three seconds. And in Leadville's women's race Barbara turned the tables on her newcomer sister, Nancy and beat her by 17 seconds, after running 12 miles.


On a personal note, I managed to finish most of the races I entered. I am choosing to place the blame for my slow times on my affliction for jennet racing partners. I will be switching burro genders for next year, so watch out all of you fast racers! Also, my daughter, Erica entered and finished the amateur course in Platoro this spring.

Here for the record, and your enjoyment, are the complete 1999 season pack burro race results:




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Winston, NM-Inaugural 14 miles of dirt, rock and hills. A long drive but the people made it worthwhile! Since this is the first race they are all record times.

Men

1. Hal Walter/Spike 1:47:00
2. Rob Pedretti/Zapata 2:03:20
3. Dave TenEyck/Matchless 2:14:25
4. Bill Lee/Bullwinkle 2:52:50
5. Ed Mighell/Amos 5:03:05

Women

1. Nancy Dolan/Sailor 2:03:00
 2. Barbara Dolan/Tucker 2:03:01
 3. Mary Walter/Clyde 2:45:10
 4. Kendra Cowhey/Virgil 2:45:11
 5. Rose Norby/Opal 5:03:00
- DNF Diane Rigeway/Oscar

Platoro, CO-Inaugural 18 miles of steep, rocky roads. Fantastic scenery and

friendly folks! New record times!

Men

1. Hal Walter/Spike 2:17:30
 2. Rob Pedretti/Peckinpah 2:17:31
 3. Curtis Imrie/Oscar 2:36:45
 4. Roy Hughes/Clyde 2:45:01
 5. Wayne Archuleta/Herbie 2:45:02
 6. Clyde Archuleta 3:10:50
 7. Bill Lee/Bullwinkle 3:15:30
 8. Jim Feistner/Honky 3:44:22
 9. Ed Mighell/Andy 4:24:22
- DNF Dave TenEyck/Xena (a Jennet)

Women

1. Barbara Dolan/Chugs 2:44:55
2. Sue Conroe/Peckinpah 3:44:50
3. Rose Norby/Opal 4:24:22

Cripple Creek, CO-Inaugural 9 mile loop through very scenic, historic, mining country. Best marked course of the

year (important the first time) and some of the friendliest locals we have run into! New record times.

Men

1. Hal Walter/spike 1:02:32.8
2. Tom Sobal/Peckinpah 1:02:34
3. Curtis Imrie/Waymore 1:10:10
4. Rob Pedretti/Zapata 1:10:11
5. Dave TenEyck/Xena 1:14:28
6. Bill Lee/Bullwinkle 1:25:00
7. Ralph Herzog/Cochise 1:27:16
8. Steve Hart/Vern 1:27:55
9. Roy Hughes/Taco Bell 1:28:25
10. Ed Mighell/Andy 1:45:23

DNF Terry Hull/Ringo

Women

1. Barbara Dolan/Chugs 1:10:09
2. Mary Walter/Clyde 1:10:12
3. Nancy Dolan/Tucker 1:14:27

4. Sue Conroe/Oscar 1:19:25
5. Kendra Cowhey/Ed 1:32:14
6. Columbine Quillen/Virgil 1:45:20

Fairplay, CO The 51st running of the World Championship Pack Burro Race. Same difficult 30 miles of the longest, toughest race on the circuit. This year's race featured a mirror finish to last years race with Pedretti edging out Walter by half a nose.

Long Course Results

1. Rob Pedretti/Zapata 4:50:13
2. Hal Walter/spike 4:50:14
3. Curtis Imrie/Peckinpah 5:00:13
4. Barb Dolan/Chugs 6:24:59
5. Dave TenEyck/Xena 6:25:00
6. Bill Lee/bullwinkle 7:13:23
7. Jim Feistner/Honky 7:40:14

Short Course Results

1. Nancy Dolan/Sailor 2:05:25
2. Mary Walter/Clyde 2:07:12
3. Sue Conroe/Oscar 2:18:44
4. Ralph Herzog/Cochise 2:14:01
5. Steve Hart/Vern 3:00:58
6. Neil McGowan/Sumaritan 3:00:59
7. Wendy Hartman/Brackston 3:11:23
8. Ed Mighell/Andy 3:12:13

9. Melissa Jane Clarkson/Horace 3:52:25

10. Rosemary Norby/Opal 3:52:27
Leadville, CO Boom Days, Home of the International Pack Burro Race. This is the 50th Anniversary season. Twenty-one miles of extreme climbing and descending for the men; 12 miles of straight up and down for the women.

Men

1. Tom Sobal/Bullwinkle 2:51
2. Curtis Imrie/Oscar 3:08
3. Hal Walter/Spike 3:13
4. Rob Pedretti/Zapata 3:13:15
5. Dave TenEyck/Xena 4:13
6. Bill Lee/Mr. Ziffle 4:41
7. Jim Feistner/Honkey 4:46

DNF Clyde Archuleta, Ed Mighell, Ralph Herzog

Women

1. Barbara Dolan/Chugs 1:52:27
2. Nancy Dolan/Sailor 1:52:44
3. Sue Conroe/Peckinpah 2:11:12
4. Mary Walter/Clyde 2:10:58
5. Melissa Jane Clarkson/Horace
6. Rosemary Norby/Opa

7. Wendy Hartman/Brackston
Buena Vista, CO Essentially the same course as the past four years. This is an 11 mile sprint making the Triple Crown contenders be the fastest sprinter as well as endurance champions.

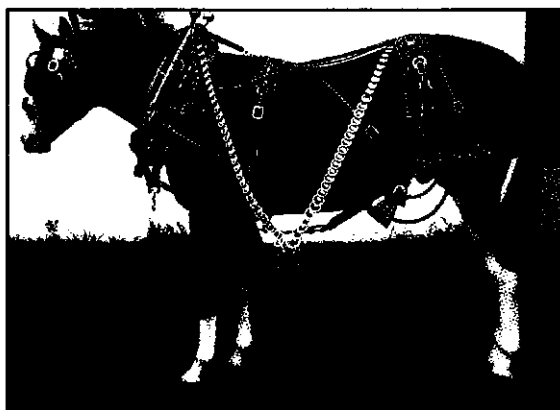
Men

1. Hal Walter/Spike 1:18
2. Rob Pedretti/Zapata 1:18:01
3. Curtis Imrie/Peckinpah 1:26:20
4. Bill Lee/Bullwinkle 1:36:41
5. Dave TenEyck/Matchless 1:44:07
6. Neil McGowan/Nester 1:54:16
7. Sean Herrin/Sumaritan 1:54:20
8. Ralph Herzog/Cochise 2:11:43
9. Jim Feistner/ Honky 2:23:14
10. Ed Mighell/Andy 2:23:16

Women

1. Barbara Dolan/Chugs 1:22:57
2. Nancy Dolan/Sailor 1:25:35
3. Mary Walter/Virgil 1:32:25
4. Sue Conroe/Oscar 1:45:51
5. Wendy Hartman/Brackston 1:54:18
6. Rose Norby/Opal 2:24:01
7. Columbine Quillen/Virgil 2:30:28
8. Barbara Berge/Sophie 2:40:55

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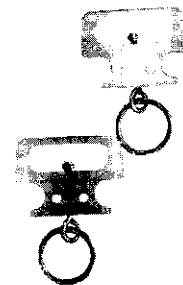
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