
Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race

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JAN STEVES LAST INTO NOME – WINS WELLS FARGO RED LANTERN

Iditarod XL ends with 53 Official Finishers

Nome, Alaska - Monday, March 19, 2012 – The 2012 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race officially ended at 02:57 Alaska Time when Rookie Musher Jan Steves (Bib #40) from Edmonds, WA made her way under the Burlled Arch on Front Street in Nome, Alaska with 9 dogs on her team. The 55 year old musher made the trek to Nome in 14 days, 11 hours, 57 minutes and 11 seconds.

Steves was awarded the coveted **Wells Fargo Red Lantern**, presented by Scotty Watkins, Wells Fargo's Nome Community Banking Manager.

After the ceremony under the Burlled Arch concluded, the 2012 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race ended with Steves extinguishing the flame in the Widow's Lamp, signifying that all mushers and their teams were safely off the Iditarod Trail.

There will be a Red Lantern Banquet at 6:00 PM today in the Nome Mini Convention Center for Jan Steves and Bob Chlupach (Bib# 49) since both were unable to make the Sunday 2012 Iditarod Official Finishers Banquet. At this event Steves will again be awarded with the Red Lantern award.

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