



Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race®

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IDITAROD XLII FINISHER'S BANQUET AWARD WINNERS

PenAir Spirit of Alaska Award

- Presented since 2000, to the first musher to reach McGrath
- Musher receives an original "Spirit Mask," specially created for this event by Bristol Bay artist, Orville Lind, and a \$500.00 credit on PenAir towards travel or freight shipments
- Presented by Danny Seybert, of PenAir in the McGrath checkpoint and re-presented by Dave Hall, Chief Operations Officer of PenAir at the finisher's banquet in Nome.
- Winner - **Sonny Lindner**

GCI Dorothy G Page Halfway Award

- Presented by GCI since 1994, in honor of the late Dorothy G. Page, the "Mother of the Iditarod".
- Presented at the halfway checkpoint, Iditarod in odd numbered years and Cripple in even numbered years.
- First musher to the checkpoint receives a trophy and \$3,000.00 in gold nuggets
- Presented at the checkpoint by Eric Endell, Retail Store Specialist for GCI and re-presented at the Finishers Banquet by Gary Samuelson, from GCI.
- Winner **Aaron Burmeister**

Millennium Alaskan Hotel First Musher to the Yukon Award

- Presented to the first musher to the Yukon, this year presented in Ruby, Alaska
- The Millennium Alaskan Hotel First Musher to the Yukon Award is a five-course meal the meal consisted of Alaskan Sablefish & Blue Mussel Stew, followed by Red King Crab Cajun Bruschetta, The third course was Baby Arugula & Smoked Spotted Shrimp Salad. The entrée was Peppercorn Crusted Filet Mignon & Fried Oysters. For dessert, Roasted Pear Crème Brulee Tart. Wine and champagne pairings accompanied each course.
- "After Dinner Mint" of \$3,500.00 presented on an Alaskan Gold Pan accompanied by a bottle of Dom Perignon it was presented by Patrick Cashman, Millennium Alaskan Hotel Food and Beverage Director. The meal was prepared by Executive Chef, Bobby Sidro.
- The Millennium Alaskan Hotel First Musher to the Yukon Award was re-presented by Patrick Cashman, Millennium Alaskan Hotel Food and Beverage Director, at the musher's finisher's

banquet.

- Winner-**Jeff King**

Bristol Bay Native Corporation Fish First Award

- Presented to the first musher to Galena.
- Check for \$1,000.00, Twenty-Five (25) Pounds of Bristol Bay salmon and a commemorative jacket
- Re-presented at the Nome banquet by Jason Metrokin, President & Chief Executive Officer, Bristol Bay Native Corporation.
- Winner-**Aliy Zirkle**

Wells Fargo Gold Coast Award

- Presented by Wells Fargo since 1993, to the first musher to the “Gold Coast” given at checkpoint and again at Awards Banquet in Nome
- The award was presented by Jake Slingsby, Nome Business Manager & Scott Johnson, Northwest Community Banking President at the checkpoint and . Re-presented in Nome by Scott Johnson, Northwest Community Banking President.
- Winner-**Aliy Zirkle**

Jerry Austin Rookie of the Year Award-

- Presented since 1980, to the top place rookie (defined as a musher who has never before started the Race)
- Musher receives check for \$1,500.00 and trophy
- Presented at the Nome banquet by Clara Austin (wife of Jerry Austin) and Family of St. Michael
- Winner-**Nathan Schroeder**

Nome Kennel Club Fastest Time Safety to Nome Award

- Presented by the Nome Kennel Club since 1973
- Winner must be in top 20
- Musher receives \$500.00
- Presented at the Nome banquet by Chrystie Salesky, President Nome Kennel Club
- Winner-**Jessie Royer and Ray Redington Jr.**

Horizon Lines Most Improved Musher Award

- Honors the musher who has bettered his/her last previous finish by the most number of places
- Winner receives an engraved trophy plus \$2,000.00
- Presented at Nome banquet by Kenny Gill, Senior Director of Operations for Horizon Lines.
- Winner-**Richie Diehl**

Sportsmanship Award

- Musher receives an engraved trophy Recipient chosen by fellow mushers
- Presented at the Nome banquet by Aaron Burmeister, President of Iditarod Official Finishers Club
- Winner receives a check for \$1,049.00 from ITC and a plaque.
- Winner- **Michael Williams Jr.**

EXXONMOBIL Musher's Choice Award

- Each year the official finishers make the decision as to who was the most inspirational musher on the trail.
- The award has been presented by EXXONMOBIL since 2010
- The Iditarod Limited Edition Gold Coin is valued at \$3,900.00 and it's surrounded by a gold chain

rope.

- Presented at the Finishers banquet by Karen Hagedorn, Production Manager for Alaska
- Winner-**Aaron Burmeister**

Northern Air Cargo Herbie Nayokpuk Award-

- Presented to the musher chosen by vote of the checkers along the coast which incorporate the Bering Straits Native Corporation who most closely mimics Herbie: "The Shishmaref Cannon Ball" in his/her attitude on the trail
- "Recipient receives free freight allotment on Northern Air Cargo and a trophy, plus \$1,049.00 in "pocket change" inside of a NAC jacket.
- Presented at the Nome banquet by Blake Arrington, Director of Marketing, for Northern Air Cargo.
- Winner-**Newton Marshall**

Golden Clipboard Award-

- Presented by the mushers since 2000 to a special checkpoint
- Voted on by the mushers
- Presented at the Nome banquet by Mark Nordman, Race Director/Race Marshal
- Winner-**Checkpoint of Galena**

Alaska Airlines Leonhard Seppala Humanitarian Award

- Presented since 1982 to a top 20 team
- Based on specific criteria to determine who has best demonstrated outstanding dog care throughout the Race while remaining competitive.
- Recipient received a lead crystal cup on an illuminated wooden base
- Presented by David Booker, Station Manager of Alaska Airlines and Chief Veterinarian, Dr. Stuart nelson, Jr., D.V.M.
- Winner-**Martin Buser**

City of Nome Lolly Medley Golden Harness Award

- Originally presented by the late Lolly Medley, Wasilla harness maker and one of two women to run the second Iditarod in 1974.
- Embroidered gold colored harness
- Goes to an outstanding led dog, chosen by the mushers
- Presented at the Nome banquet by Denise Michels, Mayor of Nome
- Winner-**Beatle, Dallas Seavey's Lead Dog**

Wells Fargo Winner's Purse Award

- Awarded at the finish line and again at the Awards Banquet in Nome by Scott Johnson, Northwest Community Banking President
- Winner-**Dallas Seavey**

Anchorage Chrysler Dodge Official Truck Award

- Presented to the Iditarod winner since 1991
- 2014 Dodge Ram 4x4 quad cab pickup truck or similarly priced new Dodge, Jeep, or Chrysler vehicle valued at \$39,200
- Presentation made at finish line by Chuck Talsky and again at the Nome banquet by Kathy Nicolson, Events/Social Media Manager of Anchorage Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Center.

Winner - **Dallas Seavey**

Wells Fargo Red Lantern Award

- Presented by Wells Fargo Bank since 1993, given to the last musher to finish the race.
- Musher receives a trophy made from a red lantern
- Presentation made on the street as musher comes to finish line and again at the Red Lantern banquet by Tyler Hull, Store Manager, Wells Fargo Nome
- Winner-**Marcelle Fressineau**

Northern Air Cargo 4-Wheeler Drawing-

- New 4 Wheeler will be given to a musher who has finished the race, and whose key, is chosen randomly by the mushers, and starts the 4 wheeler.
- Presented at the Nome Banquet
- Winner-**Robert Sorlie**