



# Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race®

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### **52 MUSHERS ENTER IDITAROD XLII ON OPENING DAY FOR ENTRIES**

**Wasilla, Alaska – (June 29, 2013)** - Thirty-one mushers were on hand today at Iditarod Headquarters in Wasilla to officially enter Iditarod XLII. Another 21 entered by mail. Of the 52 opening day entries, 11 are rookies who have completed their required qualifying races.

Current and two-time Champion Mitch Seavey, four-time Champions Jeff King and Martin Buser, 2012 Champion Dallas Seavey, along with a talented group of perennial top finishers are a part of the 2014 field. Also back for the first time since 2007 is two-time Champion Robert Sorlie of Norway. Sorlie has won twice in only four attempts.

The Iditarod paid tribute to the hundreds of volunteers who were on hand by hosting the annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic. Lunch was catered by race sponsor Golden Corral and 200 pounds of fresh Bristol Bay sockeye salmon was flown in by race sponsor PenAir for the occasion.

Mike Williams, Jr. of Akiak and rookie Yvonne Dabakk of Oslo, Norway, won their \$3,000 entry fees back in a final drawing that marked the end of the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic.

Mushers have until the close of business on Friday, November 29 to enter. It is expected that the starting field will be between 65 and 70 teams.

Following is a list of mushers in order of their draw to be held during the Mushers Banquet on February 27, 2014. Tickets are available online at [www.iditarod.com](http://www.iditarod.com) or by calling (907) 352-2203.

| # | Last    | First   | City        | State    | Country | Status       |
|---|---------|---------|-------------|----------|---------|--------------|
| 1 | Bejna   | Charley | Addison     | Illinois | USA     | Rookie       |
| 2 | Buser   | Martin  | Big Lake    | Alaska   | USA     | Champion (4) |
| 3 | Janssen | Scott   | Anchorage   | Alaska   | USA     | Veteran      |
| 4 | King    | Jeff    | Denali Park | Alaska   | USA     | Champion (4) |
| 5 | Smyth   | Ramey   | Big Lake    | Alaska   | USA     | Veteran      |

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| 6  | Seavey         | Mitch     | Sterling     | Alaska            | USA               | Champion (2) |
| 7  | Norris         | Lisbet    | Willow       | Alaska            | USA               | Rookie       |
| 8  | Casillo        | Rick      | Palmer       | Alaska            | USA               | Veteran      |
| 9  | Stielstra      | Ed        | McMillan     | Michigan          | USA               | Veteran      |
| 10 | Dabakk         | Yvonne    | Oslo         |                   | Norway            | Rookie       |
| 11 | Seavey         | Dallas    | Willow       | Alaska            | USA               | Champion     |
| 12 | Jonrowe        | Dee Dee   | Willow       | Alaska            | USA               | Veteran      |
| 13 | Savidis        | Justin    | Willow       | Alaska            | USA               | Veteran      |
| 14 | Willomitzer    | Gerry     | Whitehorse   | Yukon             | Canada            | Veteran      |
| 15 | Berkowitz      | Jake      | Big Lake     | Alaska            | USA               | Veteran      |
| 16 | Lanier         | Jim       | Chugiak      | Alaska            | USA               | Veteran      |
| 17 | Moore          | Allen     | Two Rivers   | Alaska            | USA               | Veteran      |
| 18 | Beals          | Travis    | Seward       | Alaska            | USA               | Veteran      |
| 19 | Burmeister     | Aaron     | Nome         | Alaska            | USA               | Veteran      |
| 20 | Schroeder      | Nathan    | Chisholm     | Minnesota         | USA               | Rookie       |
| 21 | Abbot          | Cindy     | Irvine       | California        | USA               | Rookie       |
| 22 | Marshall       | Newton    | St Ann       |                   | Jamaica           | Veteran      |
| 23 | Redington Jr.  | Ray       | Wasilla      | Alaska            | USA               | Veteran      |
| 24 | Fressineau     | Marcelle  | Whitehorse   | Yukon Territory   | Canada            | Rookie       |
| 25 | Mackey         | Jason     | Wasilla      | Alaska            | USA               | Veteran      |
| 26 | Peck           | Aaron     | Alberta      |                   | Canada            | Veteran      |
| 27 | Gallea         | Cindy     | Wykoff       | Minnesota         | USA               | Veteran      |
| 28 | Turner         | Christian | Karratha     |                   | Western Australia | Rookie       |
| 29 | Drobny         | Paige     | Fairbanks    | Alaska            | USA               | Veteran      |
| 30 | Perano         | Curt      | Ruxburgh     |                   | New Zealand       | Veteran      |
| 31 | Leifseth Ulsom | Joar      | Rana         |                   | Norway            | Veteran      |
| 32 | Dixon          | John      | Fairbanks    | Alaska            | USA               | Veteran      |
| 33 | Smyth          | Cim       | Big Lake     | Alaska            | USA               | Veteran      |
| 34 | Petit          | Nicolas   | Girdwood     | Alaska            | USA               | Veteran      |
| 35 | Kaiser         | Pete      | Bethel       | Alaska            | USA               | Veteran      |
| 36 | Williams Jr.   | Mike      | Akiak        | Alaska            | USA               | Veteran      |
| 37 | Shvarts        | Lev       | Willow       | Alaska            | USA               | Rookie       |
| 38 | Jordbrudal     | Tommy     | Longyearbyen |                   | Norway            | Rookie       |
| 39 | Phillips       | Michelle  | Taigish      | Yukon Territories | Canada            | Veteran      |
| 40 | Maxiner        | Kelly     | Big Lake     | Alaska            | USA               | Veteran      |
| 41 | Guenther       | Gustave   | Clam Gulch   | Alaska            | USA               | Veteran      |
| 42 | Sorlie         | Robert    | Hurdal       |                   | Norway            | Champion (2) |
| 43 | Halverson      | Ellen     | Big Lake     | Alaska            | USA               | Veteran      |
| 44 | Gebardt        | Paul      | Kasilof      | Alaska            | USA               | Veteran      |
| 45 | Hendrickson    | Karin     | Wasilla      | Alaska            | USA               | Veteran      |

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| 46 | Kaduce     | Dan    | Fairbanks  | Alaska     | USA     | Veteran |
| 47 | Royer      | Jessie | Darby      | Montana    | USA     | Veteran |
| 48 | Pettersson | Mats   | Kiruna     |            | Sweden  | Rookie  |
| 49 | Zirkle     | Aliy   | Two Rivers | Alaska     | USA     | Veteran |
| 50 | Steves     | Jan    | Edmonds    | Washington | USA     | Veteran |
| 51 | Diehl      | Richie | Aniak      | Alaska     | USA     | Veteran |
| 52 | Zappa      | Monica | Kasilof    | Alaska     | USA     | Rookie  |

Complete archival race information is available [here](#).

Iditarod XLII will get underway on Saturday, March 1 in downtown Anchorage at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and D Street.

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