

The 2013 Ski Your Age in Kilometers

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MORE THAN 2,600 KILOMETERS SKIED AT 2013 SKI YOUR AGE

More than 120 people skied just over 2,600 kilometers on Saturday at the Ski Your Age in Kilometers. The event, presented by Banner Health / Fairbanks Memorial Hospital (FMH), drew more than 120 people to Birch Hill Recreation Area ranging in ages from 78 to 7.

Josie Adasiak and Lucie Meyer, both 7, were the youngest participants who signed



up. Carol Devoe, 78, was the oldest. Devoe and her grandson, Eric DiFolco, were the only grandparent / grandchild pair in the family category. They skied a combined total of 30 kilometers.

An impressive number of people under 20 skied their age or more. Nearly 40 young skiers, some skiing twice their age or more, reached either the Platinum (top) or Gold (second) achievement levels. Just fewer than 40 skiers of all ages reached the Platinum level, while 26 reached the Gold level, 27 reached the Silver level, and 19 reached the Bronze level.

This was the tenth year of Ski Your Age, which is organized by Fairbanks Cross Country (FXC), the junior race-training program of the Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks (NSCF). The event serves as a fundraising for FXC and this year raised just over \$2,000.

"We really appreciate the support of Banner Health and Fairbanks Memorial Hospital for this great community event," said Eric Troyer, FXC parent and event organizer. "After being cold all week, the temperatures warmed enough on Saturday to make it a lot of fun to be out on skis. It was awesome to look outside and see the trails full of skiers all day."

The Birch Hill Cross Country Ski Center, owned and operated by the Fairbanks North Star Borough, was open for the event. People brought in food to share and the center was the focal point of the day.

"The skiers, especially those skiing their age or more, really appreciated the hot food and desserts," Troyer said. "Many thanks to those who contributed and to all the volunteers."

A big part of the event has always been the several individual, couple, and family categories for most kilometers skied.

Bill Husby, a longtime NSCF member and trail groomer, skied the most kilometers for an individual. He skied his age of 61 and added 1 more for good measure, for a total of 62 kilometers. Corrine Leistikow skied the most for a woman, skiing her age of 54 plus 1 more for a total of 55 kilometers.

Five people met the 50-50 Challenge by being 50 or more years old and skiing 50 or more kilometers. Nine skiers met the Century Challenge, in which their age and kilometers skied equaled at least 100.

Max Kaufman was the only person to meet the Sunup-Sundown Challenge, which requires a skier to ski at least 50 kilometers between the official sunrise at 10:57am and sundown at 2:49pm. Kaufman skied 51 kilometers.

In the couples category, Corrine Leistikow and Eric Troyer skied the most kilometers at 109. They were also the only couple to reach a Double Century, in which the total age in years plus the kilometers skied equals at least 200. Leistikow and Troyer had a combined total of 216. (To be available as organizer of the event, Troyer skied on Friday.)

The family category the achievements were gained by several families. The Rueters (Jose, Helena, Gabe and Adela) had the most kilometers for a family of 4 or more with 124. The Leistikow-Troyers had the most by a family of 3 with 115 kilometers. The Rueters also took the father/son subcategory with 82 kilometers. The father / daughter subcategory went to Dan and Tjarn Bross with 73 kilometers. Leistikow and Montana Troyer took the mother / daughter subcategory with 61 kilometers. Donna and Eric DiFolco took the mother / son category with 76 kilometers. Eric DiFolco also joined with his grandmother, Carol Devoe, to ski 30 kilometers, the most by a grandparent and grandchild.

Longtime ski club members and volunteers Chris and Byron Broda created their own category by each skiing 20.5 kilometers, which combined equals the 41 years they have been married.

Below is a listing of all the category achievements by those who signed up and listed their final kilometers skied.

INDIVIDUAL

50-50 (50 or more years; 50 or more km skied)

Bill Husby 61, 62k

Corrine Leistikow 54, 55k

Eric Troyer 53, 54k

Jose Rueter 51, 52k

Ned Rozell 50, 50.3k

Century (total age in years plus km skied greater than or equal to 100)

Bill Husby 61, 62k (total 123)
Corrine Leistikow 54, 55k (total 109)
Eric Troyer 53, 54k (total 107)
Maria Berger 56, 47k (total 103)
Jose Rueter 51, 52k (total 103)
Bruce Jamieson 61, 40k (total 101)
Susan Kerndt 54, 47k (total 101)
Ned Rozell 50, 50.3k (100.3)
Carol Haas 60, 40k (total 100)

Sunup-Sundown Challenge (50k or more)

Max Kaufman 51k

Platinum (youngest to oldest)

Josie Adasiak 7, 11k
Christian Souders 8, 20k
Ali Magelky 10, 20k
Ellie Adasiak 10, 20k
Eli Wyatt 10, 10k
Eric DiFolco 11, 26k
Adela Rueter 11, 12k
Eloise Darrow 12, 25k
Tjarn Bross 12, 24k
Jonathan Burrell 12, 19k
Amy Mayo 12, 14k
Laura Mayo 12, 14k
Maggie Whitaker 12, 13.5k
Max Lawler 12, 12k
Pearl Wyatt 12, 12k
Hanna Wuttig 12, 12k
Emma Jerome 13, 26k
Van Levey 13, 26k
Elsa Mayo 13, 13.5k
Ian Ludwig 13, 13k
Quinn Vinlove 14, 20.1k
Lydia Porter 14, 15k
Quinn Freer 14, 14.5k
Peyton Presler 14, 14k
Collin Rogers 14, 14k
Jolie Magelky 14, 14k
Gabe Rueter 15, 30k
Logan Mowry 15, 30k
Bremner Nickisch 15, 15k
Mac Levey 15, 15k
Tristan Sayre 16, 28k
Max Kaufman 42, 51k
Donna DiFolco 49, 50k
Bob Gillis 49, 50k
Ned Rozell 50, 50.3k
Jose Rueter 51, 52k

Eric Troyer 53, 54k
Corrine Leistikow 54, 55k
Bill Husby 61, 62k

Gold (youngest to oldest)

Eliza Lawler 16, 17k
Mackenzie Parrott 16, 17k
Vance Underwood 16, 16k
Enoch Porter 16, 16k
Kirsten Whisenant 17, 17k
Noah Tsigonis 17, 17k
Kelin Reitano 17, 17k
Willie Via 23, 23k
Isabeau Coskey 27, 30k
Patrick Sartz 28, 30k
Laura Johnson 28, 30k
Matt Sprau 29, 31k
Owen Coskey 30, 30k
Erin Trochim 31, 31k
Danielle Tirrell 41, 44k
Kristen Rozell 42, 42k
Scott Jerome 43, 43k
Dirk Nickisch 44, 44k
Sarah Masterman 48, 49k
Alisabeth Thurston-Hicks 48, 48k
Dan Bross 49, 49k
Susan Kerndt 54, 47k
Maria Berger 56, 47k
Carol Haas 60, 40k
Bruce Jamieson 61, 40k
Ray Halderman 66, 33k

Silver (youngest to oldest)

Rahab Porter 13, 8.5k
Noah Snelson 14, 8k
Will Bishop 23, 18k
Kara Dillard 33, 21k
Michael Souders 33, 21k
Charlotte Porter 37, 16k
Margaret Darrow 42, 25
Alina Wyatt 42, 22k
Samantha Wuttig 43, 26k
Jen Reed 43, 15k
Dan Darrow 44, 25k
Helena Rueter 47, 30k
Steve Levey 48, 23k
Lynn Mayo 50, 18k
Clay Triplehorn 50, 18k
Jim Lawler 51, 38k
Pete Mayo 52, 18k
Gretchen Kerndt 54, 15k
Roger Sayre 55, 35k
Jane Lanford 58, 15.5k
Norma Haubenstock 59, 26.5k

Margaret Brophy 59, 18k
Mike Ruckhaus 60, 30k
John Estle 62, 16k
Susan Sugai 64, 18k
Gail Davidson 65, 20k
Don Pendergrast 67, 20k

Bronze (youngest to oldest)

Mallory Presler 11, 4k
Hayly Johnson 16, 10k
Kaleb McCarter 16, 10k
Montana Troyer 17, 6k
Sarah Jackson 19, 10k
Christina Davis 28, 6k
Laura Volmert 39, 10k
Paul Adasiak 40, 7k
Brandy Johnson 42, 14.5k
Rebecca Levey 44, 13k
Tracie Pendergrast 45, 13k
Jeanette Gorda 45, 10k
Don Presler 50, 13k
Katie Barber 50, 12k
Eric Mayo 50, 12k
Brooks Ludwig 57, 6k
Peggy Dargan 59, 8k
Jerome Jackson 62, 10k
M. Via 62, 6.2k

COUPLE

Kilometers skied by a couple

Corrine Leistikow-Eric Troyer - 109k
Kristen and Ned Rozell - 92.3k
Danielle Tirrell-Dirk Nickisch - 88k
Jose and Helena Rueter - 82k
Isabeau and Owen Coskey - 60k
Eric Mayo and Susan Kerndt - 59k
Dan Bross-Peggy Dargan - 57k
Dan Darrow-Margaret Darrow - 50k
Jim Lawler-Katie Barber - 50k
Norma Haubenstock-John Estle - 42.5k
Michael Souders-Kara Dillard - 42k
Chris and Byron Broda - 41k
Lynn and Pete Mayo - 36k
Steve and Rebecca Levey - 36k
Laura Volmert and Paul Adasiak - 17k
Don and Kristin Presler - 17k

Double Century (total age in years plus km skied greater than or equal to 200)
Corrine Leistikow-Eric Troyer - 107, 109k (total 216)

FAMILY

Kilometers skied by a family (4 or more)

Rueter – 124k
Barber-Lawler – 79k
Levey – 77k
Mayo – 64k
Porter – 58.5k
Volmert-Adasiak – 48k
Presler – 35k

Kilometers skied by a family (3 members)

Leistikow-Troyer – 115k
Nickisch-Tirrell – 103k
Bross-Dargan – 81k
Devoe-DiFolco – 80k
Darrow – 75k
Mayo-Kerndt – 72.5k
Dillard-Souders – 62k
Wyatt – 44k

Kilometers skied by father and son

Jose and Gabe Rueter – 82k
Roger and Tristan Sayre – 63k
Dirk and Bremner Nickisch – 59k
Jim and Max Lawler – 50k
Steve and Van Levey – 49k
Michael and Christian Souders – 41k
Steve and Mac Levey – 38k
Brooks and Ian Ludwig – 19k

Kilometers skied by father and daughter

Dan and Tjarn Bross – 73k
Scott and Emma Jerome – 69k
Jose and Adela Rueter – 64k
Eric and Montana Troyer – 60k
Jim and Eliza Lawler – 55k
Dan and Eloise Darrow – 50k
Pete and Laura Mayo – 32k
Pete and Amy Mayo – 32k
Paul and Ellie Adasiak – 27k
Don and Peyton Presler – 27k
Eric and Elsa Mayo – 25.5k
Jerome and Sarah Jackson – 20k
Paul and Josie Adasiak – 18k
Don and Mallory Presler – 17k

Kilometers skied by mother and daughter

Corrine Leistikow and Montana Troyer – 61k
Susan Kerndt and Elsa Mayo – 60.5k
Maria Berger-Maggie Whitaker – 60.5k

Carol Devoe and Donna DiFolco – 54k
Margaret and Eloise Darrow – 50k
Helena and Adela Rueter – 42k
Samantha and Hanna Wuttig – 38k
Alina and Pearl Wyatt – 34k
Peggy Dargan and Tjarn Bross – 32k
Lynn and Laura Mayo – 32k
Lynn and Amy Mayo – 32k
Charlotte and Lydia Porter – 31k
Laura Volmert and Ellie Adasiak – 30k
Katie Barber and Eliza Lawler – 29k
Charlotte and Rahab Porter – 24.5k
Brandy and Hayly Johnson – 24.5k
Laura Volmert and Josie Adasiak – 21k
Kristin and Peyton Presler – 18k
Kristin and Mallory Presler – 8k

Kilometers skied by mother and son

Donna and Eric DiFolco – 76k
Helena and Gabe Rueter – 60k
Danielle Tirrell-Bremner Nickisch – 59k
Kara Dillard and Christian Souders – 41k
Rebecca and Van Levey – 39k
Alina and Eli Wyatt – 32k
Charlotte and Enoch Porter – 32k
M and Willie Via – 29.2k
Rebecca and Mac Levey – 28k
Katie Barber and Max Lawler – 24k
Charlotte and Laz Porter – 19k

Kilometers skied by grandparent and grandchild

Carol Devoe and Eric DiFolco – 30k