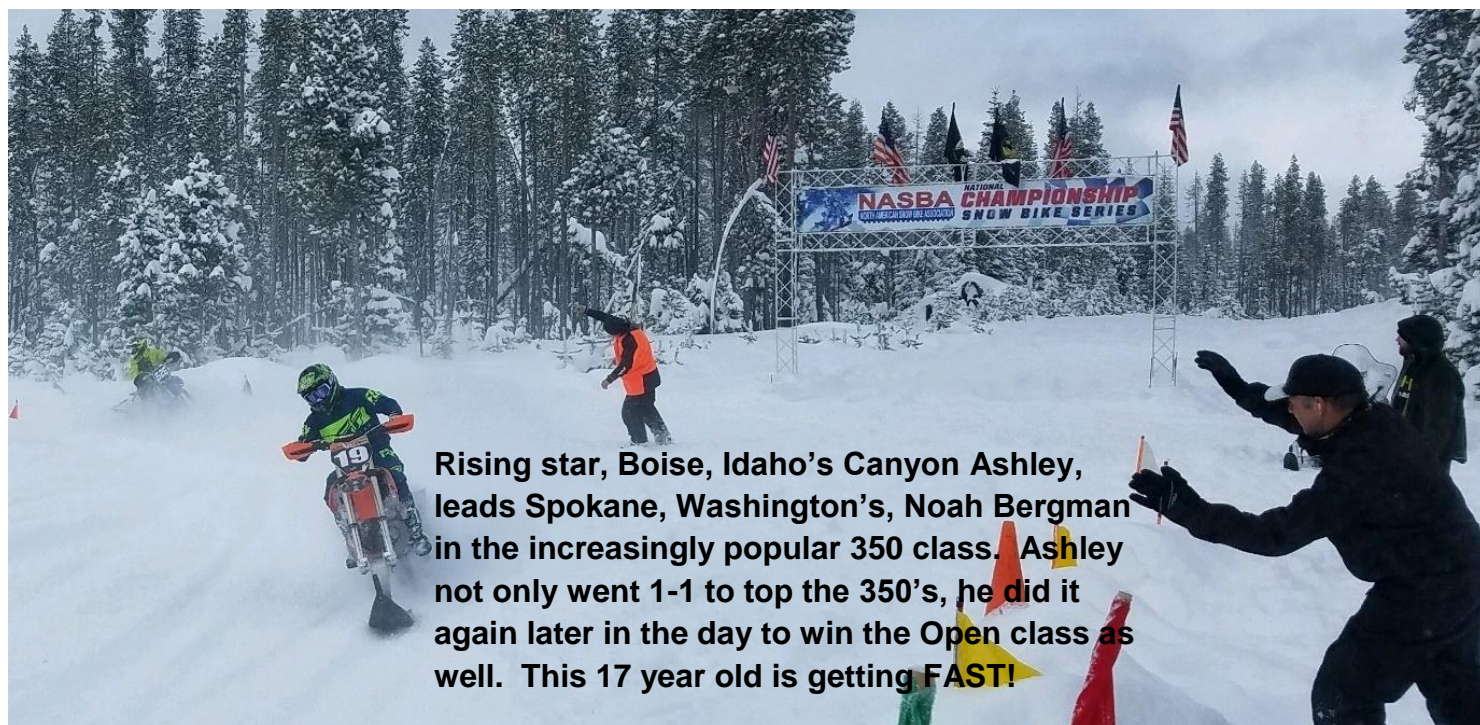


Heavy-Duty Snow Falls at Oregon's Only Snow Bike Race

Round 2, 2019 NASBA 509 National Championship Snow Bike Series, February 9 – Diamond Lake, OR

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Round two of the 2019 NASBA (North American Snow Bike Association) 509 National Championship Snow Bike Series pulled in 44 entries and some of the heaviest snowfall to hit the Central Oregon Cascades in years. It snowed a foot the night before the race and it snowed another foot during the race, and then it snowed some more after the race. Severe weather advisories keep spectators down to under 200, closed many roads and even stalled snow plows. The irony was not lost on some however, as last year's event was cancelled due to a LACK of snow! In the end, everyone soldiered on and the day ended with more great snow bike racing in the books, and promises to return next year, and one of the wildest snow bikes ever built also debuted half way through the day.



Rising star, Boise, Idaho's Canyon Ashley, leads Spokane, Washington's, Noah Bergman in the increasingly popular 350 class. Ashley not only went 1-1 to top the 350's, he did it again later in the day to win the Open class as well. This 17 year old is getting FAST!

Set in the heart of stunning Central Oregon, this is the only snow bike race held in both Oregon and in the Cascades and brought out local dealers Central Equipment for Timbersled demos and Pro Caliber for Yeti demo rides, and of course series title sponsor, 509 had their big trailer on hand with cool gear for sale as they continue to support their \$10,000 NASBA rider contingency fund, paying cold, hard cash to winning riders wearing 509 gear.

All eyes were on local fast guy, Darrin Mees, fresh back from an impressive fourth at the X Games. Mees railed in the first moto, winning handily, although former top-ten, national-caliber pro motocrosser, Idaho's Ben Evans, kept him honest for most of the moto. No matter though, as a slew of mechanical issues forced Mees to a halt in the second moto. With Mees (who won a really cool pair of 509 Goggles to grab the day's Hard Luck Award) gone, Evans and the

vastly-improved Jake Hedlund resumed the war that they had at the first round of the series two weeks ago. Hedlund grabbed a holeshot and checked out in moto 2, taking the overall over Evans. Young Jordan Rock showed impressive speed to take third with Oregon's Devin Watson grabbing fourth and Tommy "Machine Gun" Thompson sliding in fifth.

As at round one, rising female snow bike star, Madie Jo Taylor, went 1-1 to win the women's pro class, but Montana's Morgan Holte stayed close all day in her second-ever snow bike race to place second. Arguably, the best racing of the day happened in the Senior, 40+ class as Northern Idaho's Jake Neill and Boise's Zach Evans repeated their epic round one duel, with Evans winning the first moto, but had to settle for second behind Neill in the second and deciding moto. Last year's Senior National Champion, Jeremy Deming, carded 3-3 motos to take third and again took home \$200 in cash from 509 for competing in their awesome gear.



Inventor of the Snow Skeeter, Bryan Senn, made the first public debut of his wild, 199-pound standup snow bike. It uses a 250 Honda Odyssey engine and is really fun to ride!

Round 3 of the 2019 NASBA 509 National Championship Snow Bike Series will be held at the Fossil Bowl MX Track, near Clarkia, Idaho on February 17, followed by Round 4 near Whitefish, Montana on February 23. Beginning with the Clarkia round, racers will be able to purchase, world-class VP race fuel at all of the remaining 2019 NASBA events, courtesy of Carl's Cycle from Boise. There are no fuel restrictions at NASBA events, so high-octane, leaded, and even oxygenated fuels can be utilized in all classes. Partners for the Round One Weekend were: 509 Racing, Central Equipment, Pro-Caliber Sports, VP Race Fuel, MotoTrax, 5CR Powersports, Carl's Cycle, and Excel Fabrication. Special thanks to the Diamond Lake Resort, US, Forest Service and the Cascade Connection Snowmobile Club. The event will return next year, bigger and better than ever, likely expanding to a 2-day format to celebrate one of the coolest race venues ever!

Results, Round 2, 2019 NASBA 509 National Snow Bike Series, Diamond Lake, Oregon

Pro Men:	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
1 (3-1)	Jake Hedlund #59	Rathdrum, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	FXR, C&M Suspension, Burly Racing	
2 (2-2)	Ben Evans #235	Meridian, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle, Zach Evans Construction, KTM, Fly	
3 (5-3)	Jordan Rock #415	Marysville, Washington	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	SRT, O'Neal, RockZtreme, ODI, Rekluse, Factory Backing	
4 (4-4)	Devin Watson #350	Talent, Oregon	KAW, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	M9 Suspension, Central Equipment, O'Neal, DDC Racing Pipe Repair.com, Lectron Fuel Systems	
5 (6-5)	Tommy Thompson #89	Graham, Washington	HON, MotoTrax
	Sponsors:	Mototrax, Alliance Steel Racing, , Fly Racing	
6 (7-6)	Andrew Watson #44	Post Falls, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Jerm Designs, SXS Slide Plates, Lawie Bros.	
7 (8-7)	Austin Barber #721	Rathdrum, Idaho	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Mash Motorsport, Lone Mountain Metalworks	
8 (1-8)	Darrin Mees #9	Redmond, Oregon	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	M9 Suspension, Timbersled, Rooted Hemp, 6D Helmets, Z Max Oil	
Pro Women:	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
1 (1-1)	Madi Jo Taylor #171	Emmett, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle Sales, Zach Evans Construction, Dave Evans Construction, KTM, Fly Racing	
2 (2-2)	Morgan Holte #52	Bainville, Montana	YAM, Timbersled
3 (3-3)	Tina Weis #88	Hamilton, Montana	KTM, Timbersled
Senior +40	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
1 (2-1)	Jake Neill #10	Hayden, Idaho	KTM, Yeti
2 (1-2)	Zach Evans #15	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycles, Seat Concepts	
3 (3-3)	Jeremy Deming #76	Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	St. Maries Saw and Cycle, Timbersled, Bell, Rekluse, SXS, FMF, Vonzipper, Volcom, Jerm Designs	
4 (5-4)	Robert Carroll #797	Puyallup, Washington	KTM, Mototrax
5 (6-7)	John Boyles	Portland, Oregon	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	HMK	
6 (8-6)	Dameon Pool #347	Grants Pass, Oregon	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	A Team	
7 (4-10)	Tom Thompson #89	Graham, Washington	HON, Mototrax
	Sponsors:	Mototrax, Alliance Steel, JMC Motorsports	
8 (10-5)	Read Young #11	Nampa, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Idaho Custom Iron Works, Fastway, Promoto Billet	
9 (7-8)	Dylan Helwich #210	Bend, Oregon	KTM, Timbersled

10 (9-9)	Jason Weis #23	Hamilton, Montana	KTM, Timbersled
11 (DNS)	Kevin Diegel #343	Columbia City, Oregon	HON, Mototrax
	Sponsors:	Absolute Ductless HVAC	
Open Trophy	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
1 (1-1)	Canyon Ashley #19	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle Sales, Zach Evans Construction	
2 (2-2)	Zach Evans #15	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycles, Seat Concepts	
3 (3-3)	Jeremy Deming #76	Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Timbersled, St. Maries Saw & Cycle, Jerm Designs, Bell, 509, SXS, Rekluse, Fasthouse, FMF, Defiant Coffee, Volcom, Fast Co./Flex, Artcolab	
4 (4-4)	Curtis Tanner #41	Post Falls, Idaho	HON, Yeti
	Sponsors:	Evo Idaho, CDA Powersports, Kenda Tires	
5 (7-5)	Seth Marshall #777	Puyallup, Washington	KTM, Mototrax
6 (6-7)	Ward White #810	Kamas, Utah	KAW, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	509, Jerm Designs, SX Slideplates	
7 (5-10)	Noah Borgman #23	Spokane, Washington	KAW, MotoTrax
	Sponsors:	Mototrax, Parris Racing, JMC, Stix & Stones, Mike's Power Sports, Fly Racing, Rekluse, PST, Thermobob, Quiver Skis	
8 (11-6)	Mark Symmons 19X	Puyallup, Washington	HON, Mototrax
	Sponsors:	Mototrax, Alliance Steel	
9 (9-8)	Jake Carroll #797	Puyallup, Wasington	KTM, Mototrax
10 (13-9)	Tom Brace #626	Tollgate, Utah	YAM, SnowTech MX
	Sponsors:	SnowTech MX, Zbroz, SnowBike Alliance, Skullcandy	
11 (10-12)	Nate Kingston #16	Caldwell, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Performance Drywall	
12 (12-11)	Joe Treinen #344	Bend, Oregon	HUS, Timbersled
13 (8-DNF)	Cody Moto Buyas #503	Beavercreek, Oregon	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Crazzyt503	
14 (DNS)	Ryan Mejaski #317	Bend, Oregon	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Cascade Snowbike	
15 (DNS)	Jesse Mettiman #125	Central Point, Oregon	KAW, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Central Equipment, Jesse Merriman Racing, Rouge Valley Cannabis	
350 Trophy	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
1 (1-1)	Canyon Ashley #19	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle Sales, Zach Evans Construction	
2 (3-2)	Noah Borgman #628	Spokane, Washington	HUS, MotoTrax
	Sponsors:	Mototrax, Parris Racing, JMC, Stix & Stones, Mike's Power Sports, Fly Racing, Rekluse, PST, Thermobob, Quiver Skis	
3 (2-3)	Jordan Rock #415	Marysville, Washington	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	SRT, O'Neal, RockZtreme, ODI, Rekluse, Factory Backing	

4 (4-5)	Garrett Secord #88	Hamilton, Montana	KTM, Timbersled
5 (6-4)	Nate Kingston #16	Caldwell, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Performance Drywall	
6 (5-6)	Ranger Downs #25	Meridian, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle Sales, Fly Racing, Sum+it Riders	
7 (7-DNS)	Jayden Johnson #X	Graham, Washington	KTM, Timbersled