

Bend Steps Up To Host a National Snowbike Race

Round 3, 2022 NASBA Pure Adrenaline Motorsports National Championship Snow Bike Series, February 12 – Bend, Oregon

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Round three of the 2022 NASBA (North American Snow Bike Association) Pure Adrenaline Motorsports National Championship Snow Bike Series, ran on a fun, fast. Spectator-friendly, ¾ mile track at Wanoga Sno-Park, near Bend, Oregon.

This was the first of two National Snowbike Series events slated to be held in the Cascades in 2022, (the other, set for March 12, has run for five years at Diamond Lake). Local snowmobile club, the Moon Country Snow Busters, teamed up with series promoter Ron Dillon, and the Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District to make this event fly; and 50 racers and 300 spectators were treated to a sunny, calm, and surprisingly warm day in the snow, just down the hill from the Mt. Bachelor Ski Resort.



Redmond's Darrin Mees, (#9) who is a top-five in the world snowbike racer, won the men's pro class, but he had to work to get it done. Here, he dices with Northern Idaho pro Cory Kelley (#27).

A little over two feet of rock-hard snow were groomed into a surprisingly good race track through the hard work of OSSA and groomer operator, Donnie Summers, who carefully tweaked the snow over a couple of days to carve out a track of jumps, bumps, whoops, and banked turns.

Snowbikes are the original stars of the show, and over 30 of them turned out to wow the crowd with wild racing action, egged on by pro wrestling announcer and DJ Mike Hill. Although there were plenty of crashes, snow is much more forgiving than dirt and rocks, and only one injury (a dislocated shoulder) was reported all day. Young Idaho racer River Rogers has been on a tear as of late, and is currently leading the pro men's series points, so there was much anticipation when the pro men lined up to do battle, since super-fast Darrin Mees was also in attendance. This was Mees first snowbike race since he shattered his heel in a motocross accident two years ago, and there was a question as to whether he still had his legendary speed. Rogers won the first moto and



looked to be on his way to getting the job done, but Mees came back to take the second moto and the overall. Pro riders were hauling the mail, cutting a number of 43 second laps on the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile track, and additional incentive was provided by local powersports shop, Three Creeks, who kicked in an additional \$3,000 in prize money, making this the richest snowbike race run in years.

Defending Women's National Snowbike Champion, Northern Idaho's Jamey Parks, once again won both of the women's races, but she had to earn it, as Boise's Ryan Evans, pushed her harder than ever. Ryan is getting really fast. And the likable husband and wife duo of Jason and Tina Weis, from Hamilton, Montana, both had great days, with Jason taking home another win in the packed 40+ senior class (and getting a hard-earned third in the 450 trophy class), and wife Tina winning the Trophy Women's class as she often does.

Snowmobiles are becoming a bigger and bigger part of the series, with classes for both short and long tracks, as well as boys and girls on much smaller sleds. Also of note was the incredible generosity of Bend-based Three Creeks Powersports, who put up an extra \$3,000 in prize money, making this the richest snowbike race held in years.

The day of racing ended with the eagerly-awaited UTV (4-wheelers) taking to the line, and like just about every race in the series, the crowd was treated to several crashes when Reed Young hammered his machine when he landed a crazy sky jump, and Mo Wylie actually, somehow, managed to land a 360 front flip and keep going, (it was later confirmed that the landing bent his frame, totaling his machine).

Round 4 of the 2022 Pure Adrenaline Motorsports National Championship Snow Bike Series will be held at the legendary Fossil Bowl Raceway, near Clarkia, Idaho on February 26. The fifth and final round of the series returns to the Cascades at Diamond Lake, Oregon on March 12.

Partners for the Bend race were: Pure Adrenaline Motorsports, Three Creeks Powersports, US Air Force Special Warfare, Pro Caliber, Cascade Motorsports, Idaho Custom Arms, Rockwell Time, Rale Snowbikes, M9 Suspension, Cascade Snowbikes,

and Giant Loop. Special thanks to The Moon Country Snow Busters, Donnie Summers, Darrin Mees, Melanie West, Mrs. Sikes, Jeff Razzler, and the US Forest Service.

Results, Round 3, 2022 NASBA National Snow Bike Series

Pro Men	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1 (2-1)	Darrin Mees #9 & #23 M9, Fly Racing, Rale,	Redmond, OR	YAM - Rale KTM - Timbersled
2 (1-2)	River Rogers #285 Carl's Cycle, Fly Racing, Rogers Motors	Lewiston, ID	KTM - Timbersled
3 (4-3)	Cory Kelley #27 Mac's Cycle, Rogers Motors	Lewiston, ID	HON - Yeti
4 (3-4)	Tallen Mitchell #112	La Pine, OR	
5 (5-5)	Cole Conway #426	La Pine, OR	
Pro Women	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1 (1-1)	Jamey Parks #30 509, CCI Sports, Flirt With Dirt, Motoseat, Rekluse, SXS, Cyclops Adventure, Decal Works	Coeur d' Alene, ID	KTM - Timbersled
2 (2-2)	Ryan Evans #25 Carl's Cycle, Evans Bros. Construction	Boise, ID	KTM - Timbersled
3 (3-3)	Erin Robinson #11	Coeur d' Alene, ID	KTM - CMX
40+ Senior	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1 (1-2)	Jason Weis #23 Fly Racing, Skullcandy, Montana Powersports Products	Hamilton, MT	KTM - Timbersled
2 (3-1)	Zach Evans #15 orange Carl's Cycle, Evans Bros. Construction	Boise, ID	KTM - Timbersled
3 (2-3)	Frank Bushman #263	Bend, OR	HON - Yeti
4 (4-4)	Dameon Pool #25	Grants Pass, OR	KTM - Timbersled
5 (5-5)	Dylan Hellwich #101	Bend, OR	
6 (6-6)	Travis Lukoic #41	Eagle, ID	
7 (7-7)	Joe Snell #051	Spokane, WA	KTM - Yeti
8 (8-8)	Tom Peets #66	Rathdrum, ID	
Open Trophy	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1 (1-1)	Tallen Mitchell #112	La Pine, OR	HON - Timbersled
2 (2-2)	Zach Evans #15 orange Carl's Cycle, Evans Bros. Construction	Boise, ID	KTM - Timbersled
3 (3-3)	Jason Weis #23 Fly Racing, Skullcandy, Montana Powersports Products	Hamilton, MT	KTM - Timbersled
4 (4-5)	Riley Snell #051	Spokane, WA	HON - Yeti
5 (6-4)	Colt Value #20 Fly Racing, Bar Bangers	McCall, ID	KTM - Timbersled
6 (5-7)	Justin Tegman #12	Eagle Creek, OR	
7 (8-6)	Trystin Parent #99	Medford, OR	KAW - Timbersled
8 (7-8)	Thomas Shelman #363	Kuna, ID	YAM - Rale

9 (9-9)	Jordan DuPuis #00	Sun River, OR	HON - Yeti
350 Trophy	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1 (2-1)	Colt Value #20	McCall, ID	KTM - Timbersled
2 (1-2)	Hudson Hawkins #24	Eagle, ID	KTM - Timbersled
3 (3-2)	Kevin Hoglund #10C	Coeur d' Alene, ID	KTM - Timbersled
Trophy Women	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1 (1-1)	Tina Weis #88	Hamilton, MT	KTM - Timbersled
	Fly Racing, Skullcandy, Montana Power Products		
2 (2-2)	Kaylene Snell #051	Spokane, WA	KTM - Timbersled
3 (3-3)	Sybil Hawkins #8	Eagle, ID	KTM - Timbersled
UTV Non-Turbo	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1 (1-1)	Read Young #21	Nampa, ID	Polaris
	Idaho Custom Ironworks, Pro-Moto Billet		
UTV Turbo	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1 (1-1)	Joe Green #541	Cave Junction, OR	Can-Am
2 (3-2)	Justin Goodman #216	Bend, OR	Polaris
3 (2-4)	Mo Wylie #420	O'Brien, OR	Can-Am
4 (4-3)	Steven Sullivan #00	Longreen, WA	Polaris
Short-Track Snowmobile	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1(3-1)	Cale Voos #3	Bend, OR	Ski-Doo
2 (1-3)	Darrin Mees #9	Redmond, OR	Polaris
3 (4-2)	Austin Alvarez #21	Redmond, OR	Arctic Cat
4 (2-4)	Tommy Bunch #784	Bend, OR	Polaris
5 (5-5)	Cody Sikes #36	Bend, OR	Arctic Cat
6 (7-6)	Duane Romero #08	Sun River, OR	Ski-Doo
7 (6-7)	Tre Schaefer #69	Salem, OR	Arctic Cat
8 (8-8)	Mark Christian #11	Happy Valley, OR	Polaris
9 (9-9)	Wade Stahancuk #69	Redmond, OR	Arctic Cat
Long-Track Snowmobile	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1(2-2)	Ben Phillis #37	La Pine, OR	Ski-Doo
2 (1-3)	Jesse Hill #827	Estrada, OR	Polaris
3 (4-1)	Austin Alvarez #11	Redmond, OR	Arctic Cat
4 (3-4)	Tre Schaefer #89	Salem, OR	Arctic Cat
5 (5-5)	Mo Wylie #420	O'Brien, OR	Polaris
Kids 120cc Snowmobile	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1 (1-1)	Macee Wessel #23	Lewiston, ID	Ski-Doo
	Mac's Cycle, Rogers Toyota		
2 (3-2)	Clayton Sike #36	Bend, OR	Yamaha
3 (2-3)	Owen Gill #17	Bend, OR	Yamaha

Moto-2

I started 5th in turn 1. I was passed by # 41 (Lukoic) in turn # 2 of the 2nd lap. I fought hard to pass him back for a couple laps. I finally passed # 41 (Lukoic) back in turn #3 of the 6th lap. By then #25 (Pool) was to far ahead to catch, so I managed another 5th place finish.

I hope this clears things up from 4th place to 8th. I did notice that you have two guys scoring 3rd in the second moto 40+. Unfortunately, I was too far behind the leaders for my camera to catch it. (I'll have to be closer to the front next year)