

LOTS OF NEW SNOW FOR BILLY GOAT LOPPET!

The annual Sun Valley Ski Club Billy Goat Loppet sponsored by Backwoods Mountain Sports was once again held this past weekend, Saturday, January 21st, 2012 at the Billy's Bridge cross country venue.

Due to the "Snowpocalypse" organizers were unsure whether they could, in fact, stage the race. First, it was thought we would not be able to even have the race at Billy's Bridge due to lack of snow, and then it became obvious that after two big, fast moving snow storms hit the Sun Valley area Thursday and Friday evening before the race that there was every possibility it wouldn't be staged at all due to too much snow! The popular race usually attracts over 90 racers, but organizers were surprised and happy that 33 diehard competitors turned up to ski the 10 km. in fresh, softer- than-usual conditions.

Many thanks to Hammer Nutrition, Perry's, Atkinsons, Clear Creek Disposal and to all the volunteers who helped make this race happen under challenging conditions. An extra special thanks to Blaine County Recreation District who did a phenomenal job the night before of packing down the course to make it skiable.

The top three overall men were Jon Engen, David Vanderpool and Kris Thoreson. Top three overall women were Morgan Aritola, Brooke Hovey and Muffy Ritz.

Full Results follow:

MEN – 10km

Name:	Time:
JON ENGEN	33.19
DAVID VANDERPOOL	35.54
KRIS THORESON	36.00
DEL PLETCHER	36.01
JEDD YOUNG	36.29
JIM McCLATCHY	39.00
MIKE WOLTER	40.23
JON HOLMQUIST	41.35
JOHN SEILLER	42.18
SIGI VOGL	42.23
GARY BOWLIN	42.44
TOM POMEROY	46.32
TULIO CELANO	47.16
DAVID RIEMANC	59.19

ROGER MILLER DNF

PETER MEIER DNF

WOMEN – 10km

Name:	Time:
MORGAN ARITOLA	32.49
BROOKE HOVEY	35.13
MUFFY RITZ	37.10
KRISTIN MONAHAN	37:21
TRICIA SWARTLING	42.32
SUSAN THORESON	42.39
GABRIELE ANDERSEN	43.22
SUE ENGELMAN	44.46
ROBIN POTTS	45.48
VICKI WISEMAN	50.56
CAROL RANK	50.57
LUCY BOURRET	56.19
KELLY MARTIN	1:01:56
KARENA JENA SIMPSON	1:06:06

FORGEAT VERONIQUE – completed the shorter course 44.29

1 km Course:

Name:	Time:
ELLA WOLTER (10 yrs)	10:05
RAINE FILBERT (10 yrs)	10:09