

Snow-Bike Racing Heats Up West Yellowstone

West Yellowstone, MT, March 13, 2016

The National Snow Bike MX Series sailed into round 3 at the popular West Yellowstone EXPO winter celebration on Sunday, March 13, 2016, and was sponsored by: Timbersled, Tarantula Tequila, Moto Trax, Fox Suspension, Red Bull, Rekluse, Raptor, HMK, Fly Racing, Western Power Sports, Rockwell Watches, Pro Moto Billet, Fastway Performance, CMX, Mountain West Racing, the West Yellowstone Chamber and Pole Position Raceway.

As is often the case with winter time outdoor events, the weather was marginal at best. Winds gusted throughout the day and at various times, the sky dropped snow, rain and hail, but at least it wasn't too cold, with temperatures staying somewhere around 35F for most of the afternoon. Thirty-two 32 racers showed up to compete, with around 300 spectators assembled to watch. The wide, 4/10 mile race course was easy to pass on and featured a blend of banked turns and single jumps, and the fastest riders were turning lap times of around 45 seconds. Even with marginal snow, racers later said that this was their favorite track yet in the series.



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Racers getting ready for the start of the A Main



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Shayna Lier not only remained undefeated in the women's class. She also became the first-ever woman to make the men's A Main.

There were few crashes and zero injuries and this venue provided excellent spectator viewing as well, with a large, raised grandstand area that overlooked most of the circuit.

Sunday's competition consisted of a series of heats, semis and last chance qualifiers to determine who would race in the A, B, and C mains, (there weren't quite enough racers to run a D main) later in the day. The day belonged to the always fast, always versatile off road legend, Jimmy Jarrett

who easily won his heat and then took the coveted A Main, holding off the young and determined, up and coming snow bike star, motocrosser Colton Davis, who won Round 2 of the series in Minnesota several weeks earlier in his first race ever. Both riders had to pass determined holeshot artist Chaunn McAlister from Northern Idaho who, at age 47, led the first two laps, crashed late in the race and still salvaged a fifth in the ultra fast and competitive A Main, beating riders half his age.

Davis wasn't the only fast, young, new rider. Harris Huizenger had another solid weekend, taking third in the A Main and South Dakota's Shayna "No Fear" Lier remained unbeaten and untested, winning the Women's Main event handily, topping several other fast women including AMA National Hare & Hound talent, Shayla Fulfer, and the rapidly improving Sarah Whipple. Lier also made history by being the first and only woman to ever qualify for an A Main and there she finished in a really solid 8th place. This is her first year on a snow bike and it makes one wonder just how much more speed is in Lier's tiny frame.

Once again the Jelinek brothers from North Dakota also had a great weekend: Jay took 9th and Chad took 6th in the A Main, and Lee took a solid 2nd in the B Main. Justin Homan from Redmond, Oregon looked smooth and fast, easily winning the B Main and South Dakota's Gary McNeil easily grabbed the C Main trophy.

Because round four of the series (scheduled for March 19 in Logan, Utah) had to be cancelled due to lack of snow, West Yellowstone awarded 1.5 times points toward the 2016 National Snow Bike MX Series title, (extra points will also be awarded at the fourth and final round). At present there are a number of men who still have a shot at clinching a national title, and several women are also in contention for their championship.

Special thanks are in order to the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce, Robbie and Joe (the groomer operators), and Thad Lawrence and the staff with Mountain West Racing. The last round of the National Snow Bike MX Series will be held at the Bogus Basin Ski Resort, 16 miles north of Boise, Idaho on April 16. Bogus is enjoying a terrific snow year with 53 inches of snow on the ground, so there is little danger of any "lack of snow" cancellations for the final round of the 2016 race season. For more information visit: www.flashpointsnowbike.com.

A MAIN:

1	Jimmy	Jarrett 113	Nampa	Idaho	KTM-Timbersled,
2	Colton	Davis 97	Rocbert	Minnesota	YAM-Timbersled, Fly, Geame, Pro Taper
3	Harris	Huizenger 96	Mendken	North Dakota	KTM-Timbersled, Full Throttle Motorsports
4	Wyatt	Hooper 104	McGreger	Minnesota	KAW Timbersled, Wyatt's Towing, FXR, Zach Michelson
5	Waylon	Caldwell 123	Asotin	Washington	SUZ Timbersled One 16 Yamaha, Moto 365, Stripe-A-Lot
6	Chaunn	McAlister 115	Couer 'd Alene	Idaho	YAM Yeti Yeti Snow Bikes
7	Jay	Jelinek 103	Fordville	North Dakota	KTM Timbersled, Jelinek Bros, Peterka Farms, Johnson Farms
8	Peter	Jacobs 84	McCall	Idaho	KTM Timbersled Ride McCall
9	Shayna	Lier 91	Strafford	South Dakota	HON Timbersled
10	Chad	Jelinek 106	Pitek	North Dakota	HON Explorer, Jelinek Bros, Peterka, McLaughlin, & Johnson Farms
11	Chris	Kachur 109	W. Yellowstone	Montana	YAM SnowTech MX Rocky Mtn. Snow Bike Rental, Snow Tech MX
12	Colt	Reisenauer 94	Pullman	Washington	YAM Timbersled Moto 365, St. Maries Saw & Cycle

B MAIN:

1	Justin	Homan 87	Redmond	Oregon	HON MotoTrax Fly, Metal Mulisha, Pro Caliber, MotoTrax
2	Lee	Jelinek 105	Pitek	North Dakota	HON 2Moto, Jelinek Bros, Johnson Taters, Zack Fast Racing
3	Kamron	Hoffman 114	Clyde Park	Montana	HUS CMX Crazy Mtn. Motorsports,
4	Brad	Tweten 90	Grand Forks	North Dakota	KTM Timbersled
5	John	Arland 102	Farmington	Utah	KTM Timbersled Gage Brothers Motorsports, Motely & Motley
6	Pete	Olson 81	Roosevelt	Minnesota	KAW Timbersled, Pete's Body Shop
7	Matt	Halseth 92	Hawley	Minnesota	HON Timbersled Muscatell, Full Throttle Motors, Timbersled
8	Jeff	Motley 101	Pullman	Washington	SUZ Timbersled Pre-Mix Concrete

C MAIN:

1	Gary	McNeil 110	Stratford	South Dakota	KAW Timbersled Gary's Auto Body
2	Roger	Pinckney 98	Varges	Minnesota	YAM Timbersled
3	Colton	Olson 82	Roosevelt	Minnesota	HON Timbersled, Pete's Body Shop
4	Shelby	Lund 95	Rolla	North Dakota	HUS Timbersled Full Throttle Motors, Wilbur Ellis
5	Jason	Weis 89	Hamilton	Montana	KTM Timbersled, Jerry Wessel Tires, Les Schwab, Hamilton KTM
6	Matt	Hogenson 112	Wilsall	Montana	KTM CMX
7	Jason	Whipple 108	McCall	Idaho	HUS Timbersled Ride McCall
8	Bob	Coffee 83	Livingston	Montana	KTM CMX

WOMEN'S MAIN:

1	Shayna	Lier 91	Strafford	South Dakota	HON Timbersled Gary's Auto Body, Evolution Powersports
2	Sarah	Whipple 107	McCall	Idaho	HUS Timbersled Divas Snow Gear, Ride McCall, ABS Airbags
3	Shayla	Fulfer 111	Nampa	Idaho	KTM Timbersled RK Motorworks, Ride McCall, Timbersled
4	Cassia	Whipple 121	McCall	Idaho	HUS Tibersled Divas Snow Gear, Ride McCall

Men's 2016 Snow Bike MX National Points after 3 of 4 rounds:

1	Colton	Davis	Rocbert	Minnesota	242.5
2	Jimmy	Jarrett	Meridian	Idaho	240
3	Harris	Huizenger	Mendken	North Dakota	230
4	Wyatt	Hooper	McGregor	Minnesota	192.5
5	Jay	Jelinek	Fordville	North Dakota	190
6	Chaunn	McAlister	Coeur 'd Alene	Idaho	172.5
7	Waylon	Caldwell	Asotin	Washington	158
8	Peter	Jacobs	McCall	Idaho	147
9	Shayna	Lier	Strafford	SouthDakota	135.5
10	Matt	Halseth	Hawley	Minnesota	124

Women's 2016 Snow Bike MX National Points after 3 of 4 rounds:

1	Shayna	Lier	Strafford	South Dakota	250
2	Shayla	Fulfer	Meridian	Idaho	235
3	Sarah	Whipple	McCall	Idaho	232.5
4	Cassia	Whipple	McCall	Idaho	127.5
5	Leslie	Atkinson	Boise	Idaho	95
6	Jessie	Lyons	Florence	Montana	85