

Trollhaugen/FinnSisu
SPRING CHILI BOWL RACE
5.5km Freestyle
&
Uphill Sprint

Wow, what a morning!! Perfect conditions greeted the racers and spectators for an end of the season event that helped raise funds towards the development of more XC trails at Trollhaugen.

That's right, XC trails through the woods with snowmaking, lighting and great grooming are in the plans for next season. Trollhaugen and Rollie Westman who basically created a ski season for many of us this year, are teaming up with Ahvo Taipale (FinnSisu) to create a separate Nordic ski trail system that can be used at any time during the day and evening. We will keep you informed of the progress with updates here on Skinnyski.

Now on to the races:

In the men's race, Doug Stafki (Forest Lake) and Matt Heisel (Burnsville) battled right from the start, giving us a lot of excitement throughout the entire race, with Stafki crossing the finish line first with Heisel just seconds behind. Third place honors go to Kevin Rogers (Osceola, WI) showing us that you don't have to be a teenager to ski fast. Lindsey Weier (Mahtomedi) took the women's event with Stephanie Howe (Forest Lake) in second and Corey Coogan (Hudson, WI) coming in third.

5.5km Results:

MEN

Doug Stafki	Under 19	15:26
Matt Heisel	Under 19	15:31
Kevin Rogers	39 +	16:12
Dan Schuldt	20-28	17:43
Steve Edling	39 +	18:14
Neal Ray	Under 19	19:33
Ken Salzberg	39 +	20:19
Tom Remington	Under 19	26:20
Jim Remington	39+	26:23
Brian Remington	Under 19	dnf

WOMEN

Lindsey Weier	Under 19	16:40
Stephanie Howe	Under 19	17:58
Corey Coogan	20-28	18:55
Jennifer Shower	39 +	dnf

In the Uphill (ouch) Sprint, it was Neal Ray (Forest Lake) giving it his all and coming away with the victory in the final heat over Matt Heisel and Steven Edling. Great job!

Special thanks to *Rollie Westman, *Trollhaugen and FinnSisu, for this event and for their constant support of Nordic skiing.

* Please take the time to send a card or letter to Rollie and Trollhaugen to let them know how much we appreciate what they have done for us this season. They pretty much saved the season for a lot of people (club skiers, citizen racers, high school racers, Junior Olympians and Olympians), and it looks like a VERY bright future for Nordic skiing in Dresser, WI.