

## Press Release

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RE: Race to the Sky

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This year's 35<sup>th</sup> edition of Montana's Race to the Sky is all finished and the dogs are on their way home!

The 2020 Race to the Sky started out with beautiful, groomed trails and gentle snow, nice temps and teens at night. Trail crew went out ahead of the teams and went out constantly to keep the trails open for the dog teams. Jessie Royer said it best, "good trails and a good race." That was echoed by many of the dog mushers about this year's race.

The finishers of the 300 mile race are:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Jessie Royer	Seeley Lake, Montana
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Gabe Dunham	Darby, Montana
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Clayton Perry	Power, Montana
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Cindy Gallea	Wykoff, Minnesota
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Damon Ramaker	Fountain, Minnesota
6 <sup>5</sup> th Place	Kevin Mathis	Monona, Iowa

Three teams withdrew from the 300 mile race: Jesse Flory of Hesperus, Colorado, Patrick Roy of Paradise, Montana and Jed Stephenson of Sand Point, Idaho.

The awards ceremony at Hi-Country Snack Foods on Tuesday afternoon honored the dogs and their mushers for another excellent race.

Clayton Perry was awarded the Jack Beckstrom Best Cared for Team Award in honor of Jack Beckstrom who was an original organizer of Race to the Sky and served on the board of directors for 33 years. This award was sponsored by Adanac Sleds & Equipment, Jack and Pam's dogsled and equipment manufacturing business. Adanac has been a sponsor of Race to the Sky for 35 years. The race veterinarians who gave the award to Clayton Perry said he was the most improved team in the last few years. They applauded his dog care for this race.

The Jack Beckstrom Sportsmanship Award also went to Clayton Perry for trying to help a team who was having trouble. Unfortunately, when he tried to help, he lost his team but quickly retrieved them. He received it for the spirit of his intentions to help a fellow musher.

The finishers of the 100 mile race are:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Josi Thyr	Seeley Lake, Montana
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Scott White	Snohomish, Washington
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Charmayne Morrison	Bozeman, Montana
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Christina Gibson	Carlton, Washington

5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Jordan Hillock	Minersville, Utah
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	Spencer Reiss	Bozeman, Montana
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	Roy Etnire	Seeley Lake, Montana
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	Steven Thomas	Darby, Montana
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	Steve Madsen	Cougar, Washington
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	Jane Devlin	Bend, Oregon

At the awards ceremony at Seeley Lake Community Center on Sunday for the 100 mile teams, Josi Thyre was awarded the Jack Beckstrom Best Cared for Team Award in honor of Jack Beckstrom who was an original organizer for Race to the Sky and served on the board of directors for 33 years. This award was sponsored by Adanac Sleds and Equipment, Jack and Pam Beckstrom's sled building and dog sled equipment business who has been a sponsor of Race to the Sky for 35 years.

Roy Etnire received the Jack Beckstrom Sportsmanship Award for his hard work on the trail and sacrificing running time to help the Race to the Sky.

Charmayne Morrison received the Rocky Mountain Triple Crown award for the 100 mile races she ran. The Rocky Mountain Triple Crown includes finishing the Eagle Cap Extreme 100 mile race, the next weekend, the Idaho Sled Dog Challenge 100 mile race and Race to the Sky 100 mile race. She was the highest place finisher for those races and received a trophy and finisher patch. Steve Madsen also received a finisher patch for completing all three races.