

Press Release #16

Gallea and Ramaker Fourth and Fifth Place Finishers

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The two Minnesotans took fourth and fifth place this year. Cindy Gallea of Wykoff, Minnesota finished the 300 mile Race to the Sky in fourth place, finishing at 8:56 a.m. Tuesday morning with 11 dogs. Gallea has run Race to the Sky 500 and 300 mile race many times in her 32 year mushing career. She also has numerous Iditarod finishes as well.

Damon Ramaker of Fountain, Minnesota finished the 300 mile Race to the Sky in fifth place, finishing one minute behind Cindy Gallea at 8:57 a.m. Tuesday morning with 8 dogs. This is Ramaker's third Race to the Sky 300. He got started skijoring with hunting dogs and then handled for Cindy Gallea and now runs his own team. They ran together for most of the race.

Kevin Mathis of Monona, Iowa, left for the finish line at 5:14 this morning. He is expected to finish early afternoon.

The awards ceremony will be at Hi-Country Snack Foods in Lincoln and is expected to start at 2 p.m. The public is invited.