



Photo by Annie Conger

OFF THEY GO— The first wave of high school girls are off in the 27th annual rural state ski and biathlon championship's 7-kilometer ski race, hosted by the Western Interior Ski Association (WISA) at Birch Hill in Fairbanks. Skiing away are Bianca Trowbridge, Nome (24), eventual meet Skimeister Rosa Schmidt, Nome (23), Alexis Hutson, Nome, Aly Daniels, Unalakleet, and Sarah Brown, Galena.

Nome's Schmidt ends high school ski career with second rural state Skimeister award

By Keith Conger

Long road trips are always a big challenge for athletes. Nome senior Rosa Schmidt, fresh off 10 days of competition at the Arctic Winter Games in Fairbanks, proved she was able to handle her road weariness by capturing her second Skimeister award at the rural state ski and biathlon championships.

After a week away, Schmidt returned to Fairbank's Birch Hill Recreation Area for the 27th annual Western Interior Ski/Biathlon Association championships, and by earning gold medals in both the 7-kilometer freestyle ski race, as well as in the 6-kilometer biathlon sprint race, was crowned the top female high school skier in rural Alaska.

Unalakleet's Daniels sisters, senior Katie, and sophomore Aly, who also competed at the AWGs the week before, took bronze and silver medals respectively in the two events.

It wasn't until the relay race on the Tanana River outside of Nenana on day three, that Schmidt was bested, as Aly Daniels posted the fastest split time in the team relay race. A gold medal in the team relay by the siblings helped secure a second straight team trophy for Unalakleet.

Nome freshman Bianca Trowbridge teamed with Schmidt to give Nome the second place high school girls team trophy, while Rayna Buck-Nassuk and Anna Prentice would guide the White Mountain girls to third place.

By hitting 8 of 10 shots, Nome sophomore Alexis Hutson became the top sharpshooter in either of the high school divisions. The next highest shot total was 6. (High

school division shooters are not allowed to use a rest).

Nome sixth-grader Mallory Conger topped two near-podium, fourth-place finishes by posting the second fastest relay split in the junior high girls division's (5th - 8th grades) team relay on the final day of the three-day event.

Conger teamed up with fellow sixth-grader Maya Kralik to take the bronze team relay medal. Kralik, sixth-grader Shayna Warnke-Green, and sixth-grader Anna Peterson all cracked the WISA championships Top10 for the first time during the meet, helping Nome take the third place team trophy.

Eighth-grader Kiana Korta from Galena captured her first junior high Skimeister Award by winning the 5-kilometer ski race, taking second place in the 6-kilometer biathlon race, and by posting the fastest split in the team relay. She and eighth-grade teammate Jesslyn West, winner of the biathlon race, took first place in the team relay as well as the first place junior high girls team trophy.

White Mountain sixth-grader Jenny Hanson, who won silver in the ski race and bronze in the biathlon, teamed up with seventh-grader Felicia Ione to take silver medals in the relay, as well as second place in team standings.

Two more AWGs participants, sophomore Kaleb Korta and Junior Isaac McElwee, both of Galena, placed first and second respectively in each of the two individual events. Their gold medal effort in the team relay helped secure the first place team trophy in the high school boys division for Galena.

Korta's efforts would easily bring him his fourth consecutive Skimeister Award. A victory at the 2015 WISA championships in White Mountain would tie Korta for the most awards in the history of the WISA championships, a record currently held by former Nome Ski and Biathlon racer Emerson Conger.

Nome's first year skier and biathlete Junyor Erikson relied on his established hockey skills and athleticism to power his way to a pair of fourth place finishes.

Aaron Bergamaschi and Julius Ione teamed up for the second place high school boys team trophy.

Galena capped off its domination at the meet by riding the efforts of eighth-grader Jacob Moos, who earned gold medals in both individual races. Moos had help from eighth-grade teammate Trenton Ambrose and sixth-grader teammate Daniel Kopp, in earning the junior high boys team trophy.

Moos, who was the meet's only competitor to hit 10 out of 10 shots, secured his first Skimeister Award. The young sharp shooter has not missed a single shot in WISA biathlon competition in four years, going a perfect 40 of 40 for his career.

The team from Unalakleet earned the Sportsmanship Award.

In 1986, the Western Interior Ski/Biathlon Association created an event that would allow skiers and biathletes from rural locations around the state to experience high level ski and biathlon competition. The resulting Western Interior Ski and Biathlon Championships are regarded as the rural state ski and biathlon championships.

Biathletes at WISA events stop to shoot twice around a course using 22 caliber rifles. During each shooting session the athlete takes 5 shots at 4.5 inch targets from a distance of 50 meters, and must learn to control

their breathing which is obviously elevated due to the skiing. Missed shots result in short, but time consuming, penalty loops.



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TAKING AIM— Nome's Rosa Schmidt aims her .22 caliber rifle down range during the biathlon race at the rural state ski and biathlon championships in Fairbanks. Schmidt would use a gold medal in the event to help capture her second Skimeister Award.



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BIATHLON— Maya Kralik of Nome, left, and Tony Haugen Jr. of Unalakleet, right, lead Shayna Warnke-Green and Anna Peterson, both of Nome, during the biathlon race.

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BLAST OFF— Competitors in the High School boys x-country race at the 27th annual rural state ski and biathlon championships leave the starting line at Birch Hill in Fairbanks.



GO ROSA— Nome Nanook Rosa Schmidt won the gold medal in both the 7-kilometer freestyle ski race, as well as in the 6-kilometer biathlon sprint race.



FAST SKIERS— Katie Daniels of Unalakleet leads two competitors from Galena shortly after the start of the High School girls biathlon race.



SHOOTING— Katie Daniels of Unalakleet takes aim during the biathlon race. Daniels won the silver medal in the biathlon event.

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2014 Arctic Winter Games



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SILVER— Unalakleet's Makiyan Ivanoff, 17, scored a silver medal in the Men's Open division of the Alaskan High Kick (88"). He also received bronze in the One Foot High Kick (106") and placed fifth in the One Hand Reach.



Photo by Bret Hanson

SILVER— Colin Corsetti, 18, from Unalakleet scored a silver medal in the basketball division. He scored 28 points in an one-point win against Yukon on the way to the gold medal match up with Northwest Territories.



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GOLD— Nick Hanson, 26, knuckle hops to a gold medal in last month's Arctic Winter Games, held in Fairbanks. He went a distance of 128 feet and 8 1/2 inches. Hanson also received bronze in the Two Foot High Kick, fourth place in the One Foot High Kick and fifth place in the Triple Jump. He coaches at Unalakleet High School. Unalakleet athletes brought home ten medals, along with several other athletes from the Bering Strait region who returned home with medals. Apaay Campbell from Gambell set a new record in the Kneel Jump Open Women's division and won a gold medal. Apaay jumped 54 and 3/4 inches, breaking the old record of 49" set by Eleanor Matthias of Alaska in the 1992 games in Whitehorse, Yukon. Other medalists include Colin Corsetti of Unalakleet, Isaac McElwee of White Mountain and Katie Daniels of Unalakleet.



Photo by Mary Beth Daniels

SILVER— Team Alaska consisting of Ryan Rieser of Anchorage, Isaac McElwee, 16, of White Mountain, and Katie Daniels, 17, of Unalakleet skied to a silver medal in the 2-kilometer Junior Mix Relay.



Photo by Bret Hanson

BRONZE— Nick Hanson of Unalakleet won bronze in the Two Foot High Kick. He also received four Fair Play Awards from different coaches and regions. The Fair Play Pin is produced by the Arctic Winter Games International Committee. It is distributed to athletes who demonstrate an understanding of the philosophy of the Arctic Winter Games and who exemplify the spirit of fair play during the games.



BOYS RACE— Competitors in the High School Boy’s race leave the starting line during the 10-kilometer event.

Photos by Melanie Sagoonick



SKIMEISTER— Nome Nanoook Rosa Schmidt won the High School girls skimeister award. Schmidt also won the 7-kilometer High School girls cross-country race as well as the 6-kilometer High School girls biathlon.



FINISH— Unalakleet Wolfpack skier Sikulik Johnson gives it all on his way to the finish line in the 10-kilometer High School boys crons-country race. Johnson finished in 6th place.

WISA Meet					
Cross-country Ski Race, March 27, 2014					
Birch Hill, Fairbanks					
Name	Site	Race T	Place		
10-kilometer High School Boys					
Kaleb Korta	Gal	0:30:26	1		
Isaac McELwee	Gal	0:34:44	2		
Walter Lord	Gal	0:36:21	3		
Junyor Erickson	Nome	0:37:33	4		
Aaron Bergamaschi	WMO	0:38:11	5		
Sikulik Johnson	UNK	0:38:42	6		
Ryan Topkok	TLA	0:43:46	7		
Ian Waskey	Nen	0:46:08	8		
Julius Ione	WMO	0:46:20	9		
7-kilometer High School Girls					
Rosa Schmidt	Nome	0:24:22	1		
Aly Daniels	UNK	0:24:40	2		
Katie Daniels	UNK	0:26:57	3		
Sarah Brown	Gal	0:27:25	4		
Carolyn Sam	Gal	0:28:46	5		
Bianca Trowbridge	Nome	0:29:03	6		
Rayna Buck-Nassuk	WMO	0:30:45	7		
Anna Prentice	WMO	0:33:34	8		
Alexis Hutson	Nome	0:33:56	9		
Anika Mudge	Nen	0:34:18	10		
5-kilometer Junior High Boys					
Jacob Moos	Gal	0:16:25	1		
Trenton Ambrose	Gal	0:17:47	2		
Fisher Dill	UNK	0:18:53	3		
Joshua Prentice	WMO	0:18:59	4		
Jonathan Miller	Gal	0:19:05	5		
Daniel Kopp	Gal	0:19:32	6		
Andrew Stringfellow	Nen	0:22:59	7		
Vadim Yenan Jr.	SVA	0:23:26	8		
Tony Haugen Jr.	UNK	0:23:43	9		
Payton Commack	UNK	0:26:12	10		
Dylan Mudge	Nen	0:27:19	11		
Mike Simon Jr.	WMO	0:28:02	12		
5-kilometer Jr. High Girls					
Name	Site	Race T	Place		
Kiana Korta	Gal	0:18:53	1		
Jenny Hansen	WMO	0:19:23	2		
Jesslyn West	Gal	0:20:02	3		
Mallory Conger	Nome	0:20:20	4		
Felicia Ione	WMO	0:21:08	5		
Areli Stringfellow	Nen	0:22:55	6		
Jewel Wilson	UNK	0:23:22	7		
Summer Sagoonik	UNK	0:23:29	8		
Maya Kralik	Nome	0:24:26	9		
Anna Peterson	Nome	0:25:20	10		
Shayna Warnke-Green	Nome	0:25:35	11		
Esther O’Brien	Nen	0:31:18	12		
Reese Marks	TAL	0:32:10	13		
Rhiannon Noyakuk	Nome	0:32:21	14		
6-kilometer Biathlon March 28, 2014 Birch Hill					
High School Boys					
Name	Site	Race T	Hits	Place	
Kaleb Korta	Gal	0:22:22	2	1	
Isaac McELwee	Gal	0:24:03	3	2	
Sikulik Johnson	UNK	0:25:29	1	3	
Junyor Erickson	Nome	0:26:17	4	4	
Walter Lord	Gal	0:27:48	1	5	
Aaron Bergamaschi	WMO	0:28:12	3	6	
Ian Waskey	Nen	0:30:49	6	7	
Julius Ione	WMO	0:31:25	2	8	
Ryan Topkok	TLA	0:31:55	1	9	
High School Girls					
Name	Site	Race T	Hits	Place	
Rosa Schmidt	Nome	0:25:44	3	1	
Aly Daniels	UNK	0:27:07	1	2	
Katie Daniels	UNK	0:27:36	6	3	
Individual Awards 2014 Skimeister					
High School Boy: Kaleb Korta, Galena					
High School Girl: Rosa Schmidt, Nome					
Junior High School Boy: Jacob Moos, Galena					
Junior High School Girl: Kiana Korta, Galena					
Sportsmanship					
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