



Mystik Lubricants and the Dayco National Finals

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The last race weekend of the season has come and gone. The Mystik Lubricants Nationals were held on Friday and Saturday and then the Dyaco National event on Sunday. Races took place at Horseshoe Valley Ski Resort, just north of Barre Ontario. This is one of our favorites for sure. The long, steep ski runs and huge open area at the base of the hills had a ton of snow and allowed the CSRA crew to build the racers two different race tracks this weekend, providing racers and race fans some variety over the three day race weekend.



Friday night the crowd was treated to a spectacular fireworks show and on Saturday the kids got treated to a giant Easter Egg hunt, very nice touches to help end a great season of racing. Thanks CSRA!

As always, it was an intense weekend of racing. Season championships were on the line for three of our athletes. Isaac St. Onge had a healthy point lead coming in to the weekend but would need to ride consistent races in order to win the overall championship. It was a similar case for Yanick Boucher in the Snowbike class as well as Brooklyn Karkoulas in Junior Girls. These riders have all held the points lead all season long and on most weekends have been the one to beat, each taking home multiple race wins over the course of the season.



Let's cut to the chase! We are very proud of each of them, they all did what they needed to do in order to lock down CHAMPIONSHIPS in their respective classes! Congratulations, you earned it!



Championships don't come easy and that was definitely the case for these three. Yanick, had serious competition this year, coming from our former Snowbike racer Nathen Bles who won the championship for us last season. These two would have some intense battles all season long, pushing each other and the sport to an all new level. It was good to see and made it fun to watch. Of note, these two riders would consistently set lap times as fast as the Pro riders on their sleds, something lot of people didn't think was possible. Qualifying for X Games and winning the CSRA Championship in his rookie season! Quite the year Yanick, Congrats!

“Such an amazing season it was for me from ridding a snowbike for the first time in December to going racing snowbikecross at X Games in January and now winning the CSRA snowbike championship!

Definitely one to remember, huge thank you to the whole Bailey Motorsports team for this great opportunity, had so much fun all season long with everyone!” #53 Yanick Boucher.



Isaac is no stranger to winning, he has earned 3 Junior titles, 2 sport and now the Pro Lite Championship. Incredible! This one had to be the toughest, there is no doubt the kid has speed, but strong competition, an injury and some minor mechanicals all tested the inner strength of this young racer. He faced each challenge head on and found a way to overcome them all. His Dad, Steve and buddy Tom Wilson are a huge support for him at every event, it is very cool to see the trio do their “thing” on the starting line before the start of a race, not sure if it is tradition or superstition, whatever it is... keep doing it guys! What a season!



“What a season, had a few ups and downs but I was able to clinch the Pro Lite Championship for 2018! Couldn’t have done it without the support of my amazing team along with my super supportive father and mechanic! I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who was involved with this year for making it possible!” Isaac St. Onge.

Winning Junior Girls would be Brooklyn's 3rd championship and definitely a tight one in the points battle. A mechanical at one event would cause her to lose some valuable points and she would fight an injury all weekend long at Horseshoe, but wasn't going to let it get in her way, she was bound and determined to win the number one plate. It is amazing to see this young racer improve over the years, racing for half her life, now at only the age of 13, watch for her to move to Pro Women's class in the years to come.



Here are a few words from Brooklyn on her season. "I battled it out in junior girls all season long with two amazing riders in particular. They always pushed me to be on my game at all times and I look forward to continuing challenging each other next year in the class. From lots of hard work and determination, I was able to pull out the junior girls championship. I was super surprised and humbled being awarded the most outstanding junior racer award and was proud to be the first girl to receive it. I hope there are girls out there that I can inspire to go for their goals no matter what."

Our two rookie Pro riders had a great weekend to finish off a solid first season in the premier class. Each of them worked hard this year and represented us well every time they hit the track. "I have watched these two race for 15 years now, always pushing each other, racing hard and clean. It was so fitting to see the two race together, lap after lap on the last day of the year, you have come a long way boys, proud to see it happen for you!" S Hunt





Taylor McCoy pushed hard this weekend and go on to take 4th overall on Saturday. It has been nice to have him on the team, representing us in the Pro ranks alongside Ryan and Mitch. The McCoy family have been friends for years, very special to be able to share our passion for the sport and talk about our two boys all season long. Taylor finished the season in 5th place overall on the season. We know you have the speed and determination to be a top pro, keep it up. We asked Taylor for his thoughts on his year, "I can't explain how much fun I had being with this team for this year. I struggled to get good starts in finals and didn't place as good as I wanted too. 5th overall in Pro is a first step in my career. Next year I'm excited to see what happens. I learnt a lot from racing with some other pros in the class. I can't thank everyone enough with all the support they gave me for this season with all these amazing Sponsors and people within the team. I'll be back swinging next year for this championship! Can't wait!" T McCoy.

"Making it to the Pro ranks is something Ryan has dreamt of and worked hard for since he was four, I am really proud of what he has done over the years and this year was no exception." S Hunt On the weekend, Ryan would race hard and claim two 5th place finishes. But it was his hole shot in the final race of the season that would stand out. You could see it in his eyes before the start that he wanted to prove he could do it, his body English off the line and into the first corner told you he had this one. Nice to see a smile on his face after that race. Great season Ryan, earning 6th overall.

Ryan had this to say about his season, "All weekend on the sled I just wanted to have a ride I knew I was capable of and I always know I can do it and run upfront but it always seems that bad luck gets in the way... all season long! It's all in my head I know that but for a rider the biggest opponent is himself and I let my mind win to much this season. So for the final I said it's time to run upfront to show I can be there. Hitting the green light first and not letting off till I got to the first jump! Hole shot! Riding like I was running away from the whole pack. After that I was having fun and rode with a smile and ended up 5th. Ended the season trying to make it fun with my family, friends and teammates. Thank you to all our sponsors that make all these seasons possible for me and Bailey Motorsports." Ryan Hunt.



We wish our 3rd Pro rider, Mitch King was riding at Horseshoe, but the injury suffered in the first round kept him off a race sled and likely a bike this summer. Mitch has been great to have on the team the past few years and was definitely missed on the track. He did attend a few rounds to help out where he could and as always get the boys pumped up with his stretching exercises and just general good spirits. Mitch is as tough as they come, we hope he will be back racing again one day soon.



“Obviously this season did not turn out as I planned. To go out with an injury the first heat race of the year was tough, especially after all the hard work I put in all off season. I want to thank the entire Bailey Motorsports team for keeping my spirits up and welcoming me at the races while I was off. I am super happy to be part of such a great race family. I am impressed with how everyone rode this season, with Ryan and Taylor mixing it up in their first year in Pro, and Yannick and Isaac showing poise both taking home their respective championships. Great job to everyone involved in the team this year and I was proud to contribute the little I did. I hope to be back on the machine when the snow flies again !!” Mitch King.

In addition to the great results posted by Brooklyn, the 3 other girls we help support also had an outstanding weekend. Dakota Karkoulas of team KSR dominated the Transition Girls class all season and this weekend would win 2 of the 3 days, placing 2nd the other. Dakota would lock up the Championship, making it three years in a row for the KSR team! Not done yet, in the mixed class of Transition 2, Dakota was able to compete all year against the boys and come away with an impressive 3rd overall on the season championship. Zoe Karkoulas had a tough final weekend of racing, suffering an injury to her ankle, she would struggle with the pain. In an effort to keep her points up she went out and gave it her all and just narrowly missed taking 3rd overall in her Novice 200 class. Get better soon Zoe!



Last but definitely not least is Hailey Belanger, riding for us and Shad Motorsports. Hailey had the best weekend of the season, going undefeated in the Transition 1 class. Very impressive as this is a mixed class and up against some seasoned boys. The strong results would place her 2nd overall on the season in that class. In the Transition Girls class she continued to place strong and earned podium finished, helping clinch 3rd overall on the season.



We should all take note of the number of girls racing in the series this year, it is as impressive as are their results. Keep it up #girlswhorace! Check out the hardware these four girls collected this weekend.



Some honorable mentions need to go out, one to Shawn Marinoff and Amanda Goodale of Shad Motorsports for all his help at The Compound this winter and for mid-week help on the Bailey equipment. Not to mention their love and devotion to the racer in Hailey they have helped mentor and support. Shawn has also thrown his leg over the #69 snowbike this winter a few times, supporting the class and showing he can still rip.



May get into trouble here, but on Saturday and Sunday Ryan would hop on the #29 Yeti Snowbike instead of Stu and head out to race for the first time on a bike. "I hate to say it, but he raced it better than I could have" Stu Hunt. Finishing with a respectable 5th on Sunday.



There is one guy everyone knows at the races, he's our Pit Boss, Doug Hass. He introduced the sport to Stu Hunt some 18 years ago. Racing back then in the Masters class after a long successful career on the ice ovals. Doug, his wife Cathy along with Stu's wife Andrea, take care of a huge duty every race weekend, feeding the crew! It doesn't go unnoticed and is appreciated by everyone on the team as well as several others in the pits that regularly drop in for a meal. Thank for all you do guys.



Because of all of this and much more, the team earned the 2018 Team of the Year Award. "I was caught off guard when Ken called our name at the banquet, I was sure another team had won, there were a few that could have easily taken the award this year. I am very thankful to have received the award it means a lot to me and I nice way to cap off an already very successful season." Stu Hunt



Thank you to all our partners, it has been a pleasure to work with you all, some for all 18 years we have been doing this and some brand new this season. We hope we did you proud and helped represent your product and business in the most professional way. We couldn't do this without your support and devotion to the sport. Thanks to the CSRA for putting on another year of racing. Thanks to the fans and all those that follow us on social media.

One last thank you, "To my family for all they do all year long, we never stop talking about racing, it's a lot, I know and I appreciate it. Thank you Andrea and Michelle. You have always been there for Ryan and I". Stu Hunt.



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