



#### **Bailey Motorsports Athletes Become Champions at Horseshoe** April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

One last time! One last weekend of racing. One last opportunity to show them what we are made of. One last time to do what we do! Win!

"Our season started some five months ago, but long before that we committed to this season, committed to returning to racing, committed to our partners and committed to our best. I am proud to say we did that and then some. The dynamics of the team have changed over the years, but the essence has always centered around family. The core of the team is the same and now extends to three other families. We have pulled together to form Bailey Motorsports and are proud to affiliate with the teams at KSR and Shad Motorsports.

Together we have earned 4 Championships , three that have been defended. One new one, Two second place finishes and one third in the championship hunt. Not to mention the countless podium finishes this season in every class we competed in. Congrats Riders!" Stu Thank you to our riders, you make it happen out there when it counts and have carried vourselves and the team across the finish line hundreds of times this winter. Each time earning the respect of your competitors and those of us that watch from the pits and afar. Thank you to our Partners, our Sponsors that support our effort, that help ensure we have what we need to compete at the highest level in our sport. Thank you to our families that have our backs, that are there for us win or lose. It has been an incredible season. Thank You!





"We asked each of our riders to comment on the last weekend and their season at large, this is what they had to say. It has been a pleasure to work with these racers for the past few seasons, watch them grow into the racers and the Champions they have become." S. Hunt





## Yanick Boucher #53

"Another season of Snowbike racing has come to an end, seems like we were just getting ready for round one a few weeks ago. All in all its been an awesome winter! My team Bailey Motorsports provided me with a wicked bike to ride, Derek at Flybyu Motorsports and the guys and Yeti Snow MX worked super hard with me to keep improving our bike, making it great on any type of track or conditions. We definitely showed the snowbike industry that we had great speed all season after qualifying 4th at winter X Games but unfortunately a DNF in the final kept us away from great results. It was still a wicked experience to be back at X Games for my second time, something I dreamed of as a kid. And now taking my second CSRA Snowbike Championship I couldn't be happier about the season, I had so much fun with my whole team, family and friends. Can't thank them enough for all of their support! I'm already missing it and can't wait for next season to roll around!" Yanick Boucher





# Ryan Hunt #729

"The 2019 snowcross season has been filled with ups and downs for me. Coming into the season I had a great mindset, have fun and just trying to get back to what the sport used to be for me. Leading into the first race I felt great on the new sleds and I even felt like giving snow bike a try for the season and see what I could do in both classes. The first weekend out I had some of my best rides of my snowcross career winning my first Pro Moto and then in the final stepping on the podium for the first time in the Pro class with a second! I would go on to win the Sport snow bike class all weekend long as well. Jumping forward to Valcourt. I always have fun at that track especially with the huge jumps that they set up for skying it out. It's cool hanging with the ISOC guys like Tim Tremblay and Adam Renhiem! Finishing the weekend off with a top 5 and some awesome rides against those guys. Throughout the season I had my ups and downs, suffering a knee injury on the Sunday in Valcourt, it was hard to come back from that the last few weekends of racing. I was able to continue to ride Snowbike and my sled but was limited to how much I could handle. Jumping to the last weekend of the season at Horseshoe ski hill I was determined to show everyone the speed wasn't lost. I had one last opportunity to push for a podium finish, that was my goal to end the season. I went out and did just that, winning both motos on my Snowbike and jumping from that to immediately race my sled to finish 2-6 in my motos. Racing hard and having a smart strategy for the joker lap I finished the final with a 2nd. Sunday would bring it's bad luck and had a bad crash down the hill on the sled and would take me out of riding for the rest of the day but I went on to secure my championship in the Sport Snowbike class! All in all it was a good season and I had fun, I wish I was able to show more of my speed and talent throughout the season but, it is what it is. Thank you to everyone that supports our team and backed our 2019 program, thank you to my Dad for making this all possible." Ryan Hunt.









#### 2019 CSRA JUNIOR GIRLS CHAMPION #500 BROOKLYN KARKOULAS

# **Brooklyn Karkoulas #500**

"Wow, what an amazing season! Although we hit a couple lows, the overwhelming amount of highs was truly remarkable and lead to such a fun snowcross season. Limits were pushed, goals were set, and memories were made. I had the opportunity to get back on my sled early this season, and travel to Duluth for the ISOC National season opener. After a couple practice days and getting comfortable on my sled, I earned my very first ISOC podium in the junior girls class. I started this CSRA season out with the overall goal of defending my Junior Girls Championship, and proving my skills and staying competitive with the boys in the Junior 1 class. To say that I met my goal would be an understatement! I ended the season with 9 Junior Girls wins, earning me the championship that I had my eyes set on, and multiple Junior 1 podiums. Half way through the season, I decided that I was ready to move up to Pro Am Women and battle it out full throttle. I am super pumped about being able to earn 6 Pro Am Women podiums in my rookie year, and I can't wait to fight for the championship next season. I couldn't be happier with the outcome of the 2018/19 race season and I am beyond excited to see what next year brings!" Brooklyn Karkoulas





### Hailey Belanger #574

"Horseshoe is always my favorite event out of the entire season probably because when I was my brother's age it was my very first race! This season I had a lot of highs and lows! Breaking my foot and not being able to race may have taken me out of the points chase but it happens sometimes, I'm still very proud of myself. This weekend I was able to win Transition 1 on Saturday and place second both days in Transition Girls. I've grown so much this past season. It wouldn't have been possible without everyone's support and help all season long thank you for believing in me. Now it's time to put the sleds away and pull out the dirt bikes!" Hailey Belanger

Our team mechanics work hard behind the scenes, give up hours of precious family time and more in order to ensure our racers have the best equipment possible. We are truly grateful and wanted to acknowledge them. They too were asked to recap the season from their point of view.

"WOW! That is the only thing that comes to mind when I think about this season! Wow what a season the team had, together we defended 3 championships. Ryan won the 1st ever Sport Snowbike Championship and the girls accomplished 2, 2nd place finished overall in the mixed class. Wow! It's because of hard work, determination, and focus that it was all possible. But none of this is possible without the support of our partners and sponsors and I would like to say thank you for the support of the Bailey Motorsports Team. " Troy Karkoulas, team manager and mechanic of team KSR.





"The 2019 snowbike season was an incredible journey. We travelled all over Canada and USA and met lots of great people and had some great battles racing. With the hard work of everyone on the team we took snowbike racing to another level with Yanick often putting in faster laps times than the pro sleds. Winning the championship in both the Pro and Sport classes was the icing on the cake!" Derek Uttley, Flybyu Motorsports.





"This season was all about having fun! We began the season with the warm up race at the compound Muskoka! That was a great way to shake off the cobwebs and see how Hailey was going to adapt to her new sled! As the season progressed I got to get out and race the snowbike at select races which was good and reminded me how fun riding and racing is! The final 2 rounds of the season saw the debut of Dylan getting his feet wet in the racing world! The biggest challenge for the season was not only being racer but as well as mechanic for Hailey and Dylan they both needed my attention at any given time! I wouldn't trade it for the world though as the memories that we made this season are priceless and unforgettable! Thank you for a great and awesome season!" Shawn Marinoff - racer/Mechanic.

While not a mechanic, Doug Hass does play an important role on the team, acting as our Pit Boss. He's been with us since day one, and has done everything from studding tracks, taking riders to the line, cooking meals and bandaging injuries. Thanks Doug it's been a blast !





#### Affiliate Team from KSR

"When one looks at the notoriety of a National Championship Snowcross title, it's important to recognize that it's not all about the skill, it's also about the will. It's about being determined, and testing oneself to their max and then some. This past season, all three racers on Karkoulas Sisters Racing ("KSR") demonstrated their dedication to become crowned champions. Brooklyn #500 defended her Championship title in Junior girls with an almost clean sweep this season. Dakota #501 echoed this accomplishment, defending her National Championship title in Transition Girls. Only Dakota was able to take the checkered in each and every moto in the class. The team's success did not end with those two stellar accomplishments though. Dakota was able to earn a second place overall in Championship points in the Transition 2 mixed class and the team's youngest racer, Zoe



#502, had a breakout year earning second overall in the Transition 1 mixed class. The team owes much of their success, in what is most arguably their most accomplished season to date, to the support of their many sponsors, including Bailey Motorsports, and the Compound Muskoka for creating an incredible practice track for the girls to one in on technical skills and training." quote taken from KSR press release.



2019 CSRA TRANSITION GIRLS CHAMPION #501 DAKOTA KARKOULAS



2019 CSRA TRANSITION 1 2nd PLACE #502 ZOE KARKOULAS

"I have been racing the CSRA circuit for 19 years now, have experienced plenty of ups and downs, good times and bad. While I may not agree with a lot that goes on, I am thankful that we have had the opportunity to race year after year. At the last round I pulled a helmet over my head to do something Ryan and I have talked about for years, race together out there on the track. It was a special moment for me, to line up next to one another on the starting line. When the green light went, I raced next to him into the first corner... then watched as he pulled away from me up the hill. A moment, I won't soon forget and one he will never let me live down I'm sure." Stu Hunt.



Thanks to Ken and the CSRA crew for all you do. Congratulations on 25 years! That is an accomplishment in itself but signing a deal with TSN and MAV TV is next level. Thank you and good luck in the years to come.





Thanks to The Compound Muskoka for all you have done for the team and the sport by providing us a place to ride, to test and to just generally have fun at.

Glen has been with us since Ryan raced on 550 fan, has helped bring our team and many more to the levels we now compete at. Thanks for putting in the hours, thanks for The Compound, we are very lucky to have that facility.

Thanks for following our journey, be sure to check out our social media channels in the coming days for some fun, season ending videos from our riders and team members.

#### All the best from All of Us!





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