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Bailey Motorsports Athletes Bring Home the Hardware

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Back racing after the holidays!

The team raced on both sides of the border this past weekend. Yannick raced at Canterbury Park in Shakopee Minnesota, while the rest of the team raced at our home track, The Compound in Bracebridge Ontario. Mother Nature cooperated and provided mild temperatures and sunny skies all weekend long.

Yanick was there competing over three days of intense racing and competition. The best snow bike athletes were all there to compete and prepare for X Games. The racing was incredible, the track was super technical and demanding. Yanick put in some great rides over the three days, he and Derek from Flybyu Motorsports made some changes that helped Yanick race to Podium position on Sunday. Yanick now has a break in the ISOC schedule before he heads to Aspen for X Games, on January 25!



The CSRA opened their season with Racing at The Compound on Sunday. This event was held for all of the age classes ranging from the 200cc kids right through to the Junior class. It was also the first round for the pro and sport snow bike divisions. There was a great turn out at the event, the crew at The Compound and the CSRA did a great job preparing for this event, it was great to finally get Racing here in Canada.

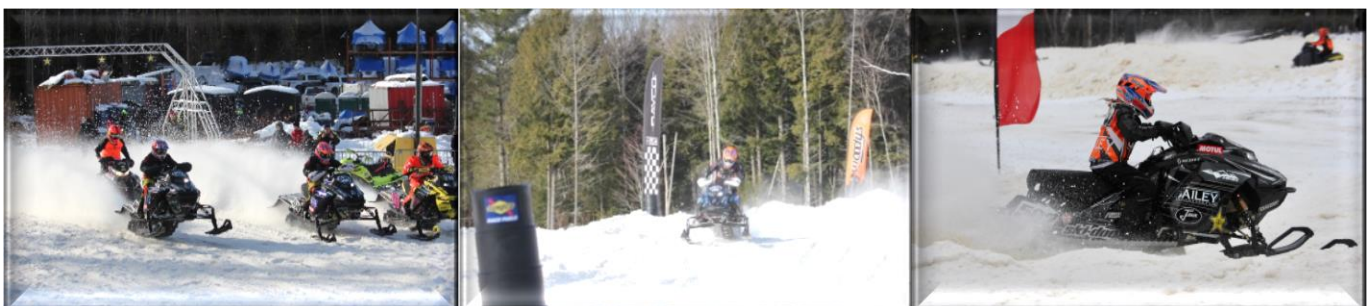


In the snow bike class Ryan Hunt stepped up to Pro this season, and returning to the sport class was Shawn Marinoff. Both will compete this season onboard their Husqvarna, Yeti Snow MX Snow bikes, powered by Motul lubricants and Sunoco race fuel. There was a good turnout for the first event, each rider had some good competition in their respective classes.

Both riders were up for the challenge riding hard in both Motos, showing they have the speed to run at the front of their class. Ryan finished the day 2-2 in his Motos taking second overall in the pro class. Shawn went 2-1 taking the overall in the sport class! Looking forward to an exciting season to come!



Racing on their Ski Doo 600 RS sleds were Dakota and Zoe Karkoulas and Hailey Belanger. They had all put in considerable practice time at The Compound over the holidays and were ready to do battle at the opening round. When racing got underway it was exciting to watch these three young racers, they clearly were the ones to catch when out on the track. Often crossing the line one behind the other when racing together. Each of them earning multiple spots on the podium at the end of the day, what a great way to start the season





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YANICK BOUCHER

When asked about his past event in Minnesota, Yanick said that, "After a great week with family and friends back home for the holidays, it was time to get back to some racing at Canterbury Park in Shakopee Minnesota for 3 days of racing. The racing was looking to be really competitive with over 30 snow bike racers showing up to do battle, the track was super technical as well, making things even more challenging. Friday started off good with a 4th in moto 1 but moto 2 found myself on ground on the first lap, I was able to remount and charge back to a 6th at the checkered flag. Saturday was one day I'd rather forget with crashes in both motos keeping me out of the top 5.

However I put that behind me and I was ready for one more day, Derek from Flybyu Motorsports made some great suspension changes to my Yeti Snow Mx that got me feeling a lot more comfortable on the track and was I able to put together two solid motos (2-4 moto scores) for 3rd overall on the day. Great way to finish off the weekend! Looking to keep that momentum rolling heading to winter X Games at the end of the month."



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RYAN HUNT

Excited about the upcoming season Ryan mentioned that, "The first official points race for the pro snow bike class finally happened this past weekend and I was extremely excited to get going at the start of the season. Since last year I have moved up to the Pro snow bike class, I have been practising a ton on the bike to get ready for the season and try to improve and gain speed this season moving up to pro.

Every time I ride the bike I learn something new and feel like I am able to go faster around the track and that's a very cool feeling to regain after being in the sport of snow cross for so many years. The snow bike is a new challenge for me and pushes me to train harder and learn how to make myself go fast on something other than a snowmobile. I felt very confident going into this weekend's race as the track at The Compound is the track that I practice on weekly and my results definitely did not disappoint as I went second all day with rides that I was very happy with.

I am going into our next race very confident that I will see a pro snow bike win this season and hopefully go for the championship. I would like to thank everybody on the team, my dad, Flybyu Motorsports, The Compound and everyone else supporting my efforts this year in the snowbike class and as well sleds!"



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SHAWN MARINOFF

Shawn remarked on the starting event for the CSRA's season that, "This past weekend marked the official start to the CSRA race season! I hadn't been out on the snowbike at all leading up to the race! I put in 2 practice motos on Saturday and made a few adjustments and was ready! Sunday was a great day I raced the Sport 450 class and rode decently I came away with an apparent 2nd in the first moto which set up the second moto needing to win for the overall for the day! I had a decent start and ended up tangling with another rider which left me on the ground! I charged back and got the win in the second moto!

I have to give a big thanks to Stu and the whole team for giving me the opportunity to race the bike and I would also like to thank The Compound Muskoka and all of our many sponsors!

Would also like to thank the CSRA for such an awesome event!"



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DAKOTA KARKOULAS

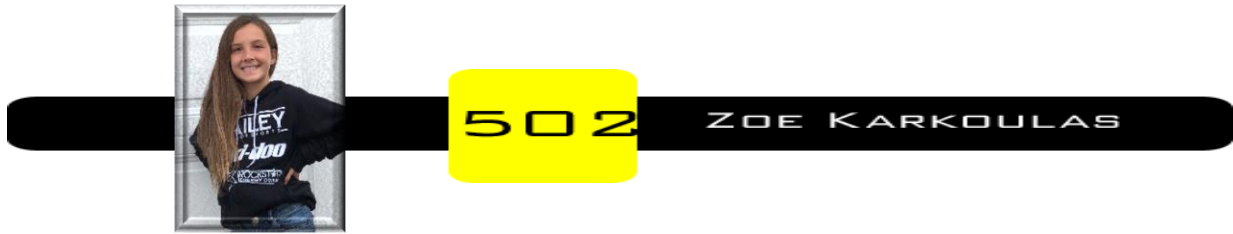
Dakota came to the track still beaming from her ISOC win in November at the Duluth National and was ready to start racing in Canada. This year has Dakota moving up to the Junior ranks, she will be racing Junior Girls (14-17) and Junior (14-17). Dakota Not letting her "little" sister out do her did a repeat of Zoe by winning both Junior Girl motos with flag to flag wins. She lined up in her Junior motos on Her 2020 Ski-doo 600 RS ready to prove she belongs out there with the boys, off of the line she found herself in 2nd in both motos and held the position to the checkered both times to earn a 2nd place overall finish.



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HAILEY BELANGER

On the racing this past weekend Hailey had this to say, "First I have say wow the amount of people that came out to the compound was insane! And it was amazing to see so many of our snowcross family friends and even meet so many new snowcross families! Racing Sunday was great! I struggled a bit with my starts on my transition girls sled but was able to finish 2nd overall congrats Zoe on winning and then in junior girls I was able to come 2nd overall again congrats Dakota on winning! We have a bit of a break now I'm hoping to be able to train more with Ryan and everyone else."



Zoe was full of pre-season butterflies not yet having the opportunity to line up on a starting line this season, but she was defiantly able to harness those butterfly's and turn beast mode on when it came race time. Zoe lined up for her first race of the day hit a perfect starting light to take the hole shot and lead the race from flag to flag. When it came time for her second moto of that class, she did a perfect repeat to go 1-1 in Transition girls and take the overall win. She had a great start in the Transition 1 as well getting 2nd in the first moto and after a battle into a corner on the first lap of moto 2 she found herself off the track and having to work her way back up though the pack to 5th. The combined motos was good enough for Zoe to find a starting position on the front row of the final. With 15 sleds in the final there was little room for error, Zoe rode fast and smart and had a great battle with a fellow racer for most of the final race but in the end, Zoe would find herself capturing a podium spot and impressive 3rd place finish.

Racing on the CSRA circuit has now been delayed due to mild temperatures, our first event is February 1st and 2nd in Lindsay Ontario. Until then the team will practice at The Compound and continue to work on their speed and dial in their race sleds and bikes.

Thank you to our partners for helping make this all possible. Please visit our website to find out more about them and our race team.

See you at the races.

