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**BRUTAL WEATHER ACCOMPANIES KNIK SLED DOG RACE MUSHERS AND DOG TEAMS ON  
THEIR 100 AND 200 MILE JOURNEYS OVER NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND**

Ferocious hurricane-force winds and chilly temperatures ushered in the 2022 New Year for the mushers and dog teams competing in the 200 and 100 mile Knik sled dog races on January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Sixteen 200 teams and fifteen 100 teams took off from Knik Lake as winds howled (louder than animated sled dogs) through the Mat-Su Valley for 3 days, winds that resulted in widespread destruction and debris and an emergency declaration for the borough. Mushers and dog teams, however, forged ahead on the trail, maneuvering their way around downed trees, driving through whiteout conditions, fighting to stay upright as wind gusts sabotaged forward motion, and encountering very significant overflow.

After withstanding Mother Nature's pounding, Nic Petit claimed the winner's title for the Knik 200 Joe Redington Sr. Memorial Sled Dog Race, persevering for 25 hours and 19 minutes. Travis Beals took second place arriving just over two hours after Petit and Arron Burmeister captured third place crossing the line 12 minutes after Beals.

Cim Smyth crossed the Knik Lake finish line on January 2, 2022, at 5:43 am as the winner of Knik 100 Bruce Braden Memorial Dog Sled Race, 15 hours and 43 minutes hours after his start. Seventeen-year-old Kristal Hanson finished in second place, arriving a mere 10 minutes after Smyth. Rounding out the top three was Josh Armstrong who came in after 16 hours and 30 minutes.

The races are organized and hosted by the Knik Iditarod Trail Blazers, a nonprofit with a mission to grow, maintain and promote the use of the historical Iditarod Trail between Knik and Skwentna, Alaska and of its peripheral trails as an all-season, multi-use trail to benefit the Alaskan community and visitors of all ages. Affordable memberships are available for families or individuals wanting to contribute to the mission, as are corporate and private sponsors to assist in underwriting the expenses associated with trail improvements.

**2022 Knik 100 Bruce Braden Memorial Race Final Results**

Position	Musher	Total Elapsed Time	Prize Money
1	Cim Smyth	15 hours 43 minutes	\$900
2	Kristal Hanson	15 hours 53 minutes	\$750
3	Josh Armstrong	16 hours 30 minutes	\$600
4	Eric Kelly	16 hours 32 minutes	\$450
5	Matt Paveglio	16 hours 46 minutes	\$300
6	Katie Wilcox	16 hours 55 minutes	
7	Anja Radano	17 hours 8 minutes	
8	David Hassilev	17 hours 8 minutes 20 seconds	
9	Nate Harvin	17 hours 13 minutes	
10	Dane Baker	17 hours 17 minutes	
11	Juliah Deloach	17 hours 25 minutes	
12	Kelly Ridley	17 hours 32 minutes	
13	John Lloyd	19 hours 11 minutes	Red Lantern

**Special Awards**

Bruce Braden Sportsmanship Award	David Hassilev	Awarded in honor of Bud Smyth	Chain Saw
Humanitarian Award	Dane Baker	Award sponsored by Vern Halter/Susan Whitton	\$500
Did Not Finish	Kathleen Frederick, Ellen Redington		

**Knik 200 Joe Redington Sr. Memorial Race Final Results**

Position	Musher	Total Elapsed Time	Prize Money
1	Nicolas Petit	25 hours 19 minutes	\$3,500
2	Travis Beals	27 hours 30 minutes	\$2,500
3	Aaron Burmeister	27 hours 42 minutes	\$2,000
4	Eddie Burke	27 hours 56 minutes	\$1,500
5	Hunter Keefe	28 hours 28 minutes	\$1,000
6	Walter Robinson	29 hours 36 minutes	
7	Braxton Peterson	30 hours 12 minutes	
8	Kristy Berington	33 hours 32 minutes	
9	Anna Berington	33 hours 32 minutes	
10	Isaac Teaford	36 hours 20 minutes	\$500 (Red Lantern)

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Bud Smyth Sportsmanship Award	Walter Robinson	Awarded in honor of Bud Smyth	Chainsaw
Humanitarian Award	Travis Beals	Award sponsored by Vern Halter/Susan Whitton	\$500 plus Dr. Carson's 30-pound bucket of Pro Dog Complete
Did Not Finish:	Casey Randall, Hugh Neff, Matt Failor, Karin Hendrickson, Lev Shvarts, Katie Timmons		