

The Syracuse Biathlon Club hosted a summer biathlon at Pratts Falls Park in Pompey, New York on Saturday, June 27. Seventeen athletes competed. The event was a 5 km Mass Start.

Stephanie Blackstone and Douglas Hoover of Pennsylvania won their respective races.

Blackstone shot a career best 55% and combined that with her usual strong run to claim victory in the women's race. Junior Katie Sick also had a strong race to finish second. She shot 70% and also had a solid run. Master Ann Sick rounded out the top three women with a 60% shooting performance. Those top three finished in 31:47, 33:01, and 35:48; respectively.

At last year's World Championship Trials, Blackstone was the top overall finisher; Katie Sick finished fourth overall and second among juniors; and Ann Sick finished sixth overall and was the top master finisher. With the 2009 trials less than two weeks away, those same three appear poised to make strong runs again this year.

In the men's race, Hoover shot 90% to claim a four minute margin of victory in the men's race. Gary Brackett finished second and was the top master with a 70% shooting performance and a strong run. Scott Sick shot 50% to claim third overall and second master. Brackett and Sick finished tenth and thirteenth, respectively at last year's World Championship Trials and are expected to compete again this year.

Here are complete results from the Syracuse Summer Biathlon:

SYRACUSE SUMMER BIATHLON

Pratts Falls Park, Pompey, NY Saturday, June 27, 2009

WOMEN'S MASS START (5 KM)

Place Athlete State Class P P S S Time % Back

- 1 Blackstone, Stephanie PA Senior 3 1 2 3 0:31:47 105.22%
- 2 Sick, Katie PA Junior 0 1 5 0 0:33:01 101.54%
- 3 Sick, Ann PA Master 3 1 2 2 0:35:48 93.24%
- 4 Saucy, Hilary PA Junior 3 5 2 1 0:38:18 85.79%
- 5 Percy, Annalisa CAN Master 0 0 3 2 0:40:21 79.67%
- 6 Saucy, Stephanie PA Master 2 2 3 2 0:42:01 74.70%
- 7 Sick, Hannah PA Junior 5 4 4 5 0:51:53 45.28%
- 8 Daly, Cindy NY Master 5 1 4 4 1:00:32 19.48%

MEN'S MASS START (5 KM)

Place Athlete State Class P P S S Time % Back

1 Hoover, Douglas PA Senior 0 1 1 0 0:27:49 114.22%
2 Brackett, Gary NY Master 0 1 2 3 0:31:53 101.68%
3 Sick, Scott PA Master 2 3 2 3 0:37:35 84.10%
4 Daly, Tom NY Master 2 3 2 3 0:38:48 80.35%
5 Sloman, Dinnie NY Master 1 3 1 1 0:40:14 75.93%
6 Myer, Russ NY Master 2 1 2 1 0:42:21 69.40%

NOVICE WOMEN'S SPRINT (5 KM)

Place Athlete State Class P P S S Time % Back

1 Zipprich, Caryle NY Master 4 5 5 5 0:43:13 100.00%

NOVICE MEN'S SPRINT (5 KM)

Place Athlete State Class P P S S Time % Back

1 Loyd, Jeff NY Senior 1 1 5 2 0:38:57 126.61%
2 Mater, Russ NY Master 5 5 4 4 1:07:12 73.39%