

## Valentine's Day Race A HUGE Success! Karen Sprague Memorial

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A fresh dusting of snow and mild temperatures brought out the crowds at the 8th annual Karen Sprague Memorial Ski Day. A record breaking field of nearly 90 competitors, from age 4 to 78, took to the Snowy Mountain Trails in Stockholm, to make the day a success.

Costumes, kisses and fun were the name of the game at the Sweetheart Relay--a two lap, two person classic race. The MWSC/UMPI team of Austin Ross and Chandra Wisneski took the race out hard, followed closely by MWSC coach and athlete duo of Gary Colliander and Grace Boutot. At the exchanges, the MWSC/UMPI team of Fred Bailey and Justine Cyr put up a furious fight, but the crowd was rooting for the home teams of Jonathan Sprague and Anna Sprague Van der Rhee and Will Sweetser and Sarah Dominick. In the end, Sweetser and Dominick had just a bit more course savvy and were able to eke out the win over Bailey and Cyr.

Age group winners included Gannon Therien and Sarah Doak, Derek Rowe and Vicky Bernard, and Norman Paige and Connie McClellan.

In the Aroostook Cup Pursuit, competitors toed the line for a 3km classic/3km freestyle continuous pursuit. MWSC Team members Fred Bailey and Welly Ramsey staged a break away from the rest of their teammates and coaches to claim the top two spots, with Bailey taking top honors and 3 Aroostook Cup points for the Northern Skiers Club. In the women's race, it was Sarah Dominick and Anna Van der Rhee, both of the Snowy Mountain Club, crossing the line in first and second.

After this weekend's racing, the home club of Snowy Mountain has made up significant ground in the overall Aroostook Cup standings. For full results and Aroostook Cup points updates, please visit [www.fourseasonstrail.org/Aroostook\\_Cup](http://www.fourseasonstrail.org/Aroostook_Cup)

The next Aroostook Cup event is the Henry Anderson Ski Dag, February 21 at the Caribou Country Club.