



# IRON DOG PRO CLASS 2026



## TEAM 02

**Team Sponsors:** Belmont tire and Auto, Noxapaga Suites, Wilderness Ski-doo, Quality Auto.



### Chugie Farley

Age: 55 From: Nome  
Riding: Lynx Rave RE  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** Iron Dog Pro Class-2008, 2010. Iron Dog Trail Class-2013, 2024.

**Bio:** A lifelong resident of Nome, Chugie is returning to snowmachine racing to support his oldest son, Kevin. He and his wife, Jessica, have two sons, Kevin and Benjamin. Outside of riding, he owns an auto shop, works as a maritime captain, and spends much of his time organizing snow machine racing in Western Alaska. An avid outdoorsman, Chugie brings his mechanical expertise and passion for Alaska's wilderness back to the race trail this season.

**Personal Sponsors:** Jessica and Benjamin Farley, Johnny Bahnke III, Shanta Esparza, Jacob Hannon, Farley family and Stephanie and Dan Nielson

**Other Race History:** Many local race completions in the 90s and early 2000s.



### Kevin McDaniel-Farley

Age: 18 From: Nome  
Riding: Lynx Rave RE 600  
Status: Rookie

**Race History:** 2024 Expedition Class finisher

**Bio:** Kevin McDaniel-Farley, 18, of Nome, is part of the next generation of Western Alaska snowmachine racers. A junior at the University of Alaska, he works on his family's boats and in their auto shop. Racing alongside his dad, Chugie, Kevin is proud to carry forward this tradition of racing.

**Other Race History:** 2025 OME-GLV, Valdez, Hatcher's Pass, and Cannonball finisher



## TEAM 03

**Team Sponsors:** Polaris, Hatcherpass Polaris Wasilla, Bering Air, StudBoy Traction, Nome Quality Auto, The Vortex Group, Polaris Engineered Lubricants; Team Barber Racing: Booth R&R; Cruz Construction; Yellowjacket Oilfield Services; Aurora Drilling; Trijett; Slp Power Madd; C&A Pioneer Peak Orthopedics; Cornerstone General Contractors; Corks Auto; Jenski Automotive Track; USA139 Designs; Jonny Banke (wilderness skidoo); Fine Line Interior; Gux Lorax; Willie Scott James and Shiela Randy; Kangas Forbess Floor Coverings; Everts Air Cargo; Klim.



### Steffen Booth

Age: 20 From: Nome  
Riding: Polaris Cross Country  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** Iron Dog 2022: 11th place

**Bio:** Steffen Booth, 20 years old. Born and raised in Nome, works as an A&P Mechanic for Bering Air and is an avid outdoorsman. Started riding snowmachines at the age of 4, first cross country race at 15. Competing in most of Alaska's cross country races, thirteen so far; finishing top three in ten of those and an 11th place Iron Dog finish at the age of 16. Steffen fell for the thrill of racing at a young age, growing up around a race environment with his dad Evan, late brother Chase and many other racers that inspired him. Race goals are to always have fun, to learn and compete at the highest level.

**Personal Sponsors:** Jim Wilkie, Mom & Dad, Brother Ian, Sister Taylor, Brother Cohen, Grandma Pat, Grandma Penny, Barber Family, Russell & Sandra Rowe, Bradley & Jesse Rowe, Ben Rowe, Sarah Caffery, Bert James, Steve Comstock (AKA Cookie), Gux Laurax, Willy Scott, Jon Troy Conlon, Chris Olds, Team 10, Team 14, Tobin Hobbs, Kara Johanson, Brian Walsh, Geoff Hubert, Tyler Huntington, Jake Hannon, Perry and Gail Burress, Davis Lincoln, Doug Wicken Freddie Otten, Ben Koelsh, Allen & Mike Thomas, Many Jennings, Bart Schneberger, The Weezer

**Other Race History:** Race Circuits: Nome Lions Club & ACRA



### Evan Barber

Age: 21 From: Willow  
Riding: Polaris Cross Country  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** 2021: eighth place, 2023: seventh place, 2024: fourth place, 2025: fifth place

**Bio:** I started racing snowmobiles in 2016, and by

2019, I was competing semi-pro. I moved to the pro class in 2021. I've earned some significant victories, including the Valdez Mayor's Cup (semi-pro) and Nome-Golovin 200 race 600cc. I love riding in some of Alaska's most scenic and challenging areas, with my favorite spots being the coast of Nome, Kotzebue, and the rugged mountain terrain of Hatcher's Pass. Racing has certainly presented its challenges—I've had my share of crashes—but each experience has only pushed me to become better. My riding style is all about staying light on the sled and letting the sled do the work for me, allowing for smoother handling and more control. When I'm not racing, you can find me hunting, riding dirt bikes, and spending quality time with my family, all of which help me stay grounded and focused on new challenges.

**Other Race History:** Mayors cup 2019: 5th Place semi pro Mayors cup 2020: 1st place semi pro Mayors cup 2021: 3rd place pro c Mayors cup 2022: 4th place pro Hatcher pass boulder dash 2021: 3rd place pro Skwentna 200 2022: 2nd place pro



## TEAM 05

**Team Sponsors:** Three Bears Alaska Inc., Ski-doo, Team CC, Fly Racing, QAP, Crowley Fuels Alaska, McKenna Bros Paving Co., Dalton Refrigeration, Plumblime Services, Prism Design and Construction, GPS Alaska, 907 ICE, Alpha Spray Foam, Glenn Marlin-State Farm, Palmer Dental Center, Coca-Cola of Alaska, Impakt Athletics, PowerMadd, Woody's Traction, 139designs, Trijet Manufacturing & Precision Cutting, Fine Line Interiors.



### Zack Weisz

Age: 32 From: Eagle River  
Riding: Ski-Doo MXZ X-RS Comp  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** Iron Dog 2025- 9th Place; Iron Dog 2022- 5th Place; Iron Dog 2021- 5th Place Finish; Iron Dog 2020- 3rd Place Finish; Iron Dog 2019- 4th Place Finish; Iron Dog 2018- 11th Place, Top Rookie Team; 2017

**Bio:** Zack is a lifelong Alaskan living in Eagle River with his girlfriend, Amy, and their chocolate lab, Piston. This will be his 9th Iron Dog. He works for Three Bears Alaska as a third-generation employee and enjoys taking full advantage of the vast outdoors Alaska has to offer. When he's not racing, you can find him golfing or spending time at the lake with family and friends. Zack and Amy are welcomed their first baby boy in January 2026, just in time for the race.

**Personal Sponsors:** All of my friends and family who support me year after year.

**Other Race History:** Big Lake 500: 1st Place

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## Thomas Davis

Age: 33 From: Wasilla  
Riding: Ski-Doo MXZ  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** 2025 Iron Dog dnf, 2024 Iron Dog dnf, 2022 Iron Dog 5th place.

**Bio:** Tom is a born and raised Alaskan, who grew up playing hockey, hunting and fishing. He lives in Wasilla with his fiancé Miranda and three dogs. He is a foreman for QAP in the summers and spends his winters riding trails and mountains. This is his fourth Iron Dog race.

**Personal Sponsors:** I would like to thank my family for their continued support of me.

**Other Race History:** 2023 mayors cup dnf, 2019 mayors cup 4th semi pro.



**Team Sponsors:** Top Level Sponsors, Polaris Industries, Klim outerwear, Northern Air Cargo, Walker Evans Racing, Eagle River Polaris/AC, 2nd Tier Sponsors, CCI Industrial Services LLC, Q-Trucking, UA Local 367-Anchorage AK, Jenwar Towing, Summit Excavation, Stan Morgan-Cover pilot, Alaska Industrial X-ray, C&A Pro skis, Hog River Construction-Tyler Huntington, Polaris Engineered Lubricants, Stud Boy Traction Products, Bering Air, Powermadd, Arctic FX graphics, Baja Designs, 3rd Tier Sponsors, Auto Armor of Alaska, Big Dipper Industries, Tri-Jet Manufacturing Services, Northern Solutions LLC, Starting Line Products, Anchorage Sheet Metal, Alaska Wild Project, Fine Line Interiors, Velocity Sled Performance-Will, Rugged radios, Penner Construction, Pro Seal Services, Anchorage Snowmobile Club, Artwork by Sierra Winter



## Mike Morgan

Age: 40 From: Nome  
Riding: Polaris Cross Country  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** Iron Dog including eight top 3's with 2 wins in 13 finishes.

**Bio:** I grew up riding and racing snowmobiles from a young age up around Nome Alaska. Aside from racing snowmobiles, I enjoy hiking, mountain biking, hunting, fishing, traveling, spending time with friends and family and adventuring with my pooch Indy. This will be my 17th Irondog race and third with current teammate Bradley Kishbaugh.

**Personal Sponsors:** Dad Stan & Ruby Morgan, Mom Ginny & Carl Emmons, Russ & Sandy and the boys, Sidney Mitchell-Selawik, Emmons Mechanical, Morgan's Sales & Service-Nome, 131 Racing-Bobby Menne, and Ben Koelsch with Bering Air for the all

the help with dad's plane.

**Other Race History:** Five Nome-Golovin race wins; Seven Kotzebue race wins; 12 top 5's.



## Bradley Kishbaugh

Age: 27 From: Soldotna  
Riding: Polaris Cross Country  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** 2022 Iron Dog 6th Place 2022 Valdez Semi Pro 1st Place 2023 Iron Dog 5th Place 2024 Iron Dog 3rd place 2025 Iron Dog 4th Place.

**Bio:** Bradley is a life long Alaskan, born and raised in Soldotna. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and the great outdoor opportunities Alaska has to offer him. While riding backcountry growing up, Bradley took up cross country racing in 2021. He grew up playing comp hockey all over the state of Alaska. Bradley started working on the slope at 18 and is currently an LNG control room operator under Harvest Alaska.

**Personal Sponsors:** I would like to thank my Mom and Dad, Taylor, Piper, Jake Graves, Loretta and Danny Pulk, Jared and Cassi Ewing. The lower 48 Kishbaugh family, The Harvest Operations team and everyone else involved! Thank you!!

**Other Race History:** 2021 FYK 150 Open 8th 2021 Skwentna 200 5th Place.



## TEAM 07

**Team Sponsors:** Klim, Impakt athletics, XPS, Woodys Traction, SCS Unlimited, Powermadd, Fineline interiors, Specialty truck and auto, Graham industrial coatings, Trail tank, Valley imaging associates, Trijet manufacturing, Cruz Construction.



## Tyler Aklestad

Age: 40 From: Palmer  
Riding: Ski-Doo MXZ Comp  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** 2007: Finished, 2009: Finished, 2012: Finished, 2013: Finished, 2016: first place, 2017: Finished, 2018: Finished, 2019: Finished, 2020: first place, 2022: first place, 2023: first place, 2025: 3rd place.

**Bio:** Life long Alaskan born and raised in Palmer, Alaska. This will be my 22nd Iron Dog race. Love to fly, hunt, fish, dirt bike and snowmachine with my family. Wife Erin and two children Liam 10 and Finn 9.

**Personal Sponsors:** Keith Manternach, Steve Spence, Willy Barickman, Russ Siepert, Eric Sieh, Korey Cronquist, Chip and Jen Anderson

**Other Race History:** Arctic Man: 2014, first place;

2013, first place; 2012, first place; 2011, first place; 2008, first place.



## Nicholas Olstad

Age: 43 From: Wasilla  
Riding: Ski-Doo MXZ 600 XRS  
Comp  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** 2005: first place, 2009: first place, 2011: Finished, 2014: first place, 2016: Finished, 2017: Finished, 2018: Finished, 2020: first place, 2022: first place, 2023: first place.

**Bio:** Nick is a longtime Alaskan who enjoys the outdoors. When not working as a Marathon maintenance supervisor, he's spending time with wife, Brianne, daughter, Kaia, and son, Jackson. Nick loves to be out riding ATVs and hunting in the summer, and snowmachines until the snow is gone.

**Personal Sponsors:** Brianne, Kaia and Jackson Olstad.

**Other Race History:** 2019 Kotzebue 220, first place; 2019 Nome-Golovin, third place; Mayor's Cup 2005 and 2006, first place; 2011, third place; K-150 2005 and 2006, first place.



## TEAM 08

**Team Sponsors:** Team CC, Klim, Valley Imaging and StudBoy.



## Stan James

Age: 49 From: Palmer  
Riding: Ski-Doo MXZ Comp  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** 2013: Finished, 2014: Finished, 2016: Finished, 2018: Finished, 2019: Finished, 2021: Finished, 2023: Finished

**Bio:** I could not be more grateful to be able to experience Alaska in this way. I would like to tell my wife and girls I love them. They have allowed me to chase my Alaska dream.

**Personal Sponsors:** Klim, Trail tank, Stud Boy, CC Ski Doo, Valley Imaging Center, Visa, MasterCard.

**Other Race History:** Multiple DNF's and red lanterns in all aspects of life.





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## Daniel Thomas

Age: 45

From: Salt Lake City, UT

Riding: Ski-Doo X-RS

Status: Veteran

**Race History:** 2022: Finished

**Bio:** Daniel calls Utah home where he is the father to four amazing daughters and the husband to the beautiful late Dalynn Thomas. Daniel not only races snowmachines but also owns and races a world-class sailboat named Dinzer Doo with his daughter Mika. Iron Dog and the people and beauty of Alaska hold a special place in his life. Thank you to Alaska and Iron Dog for sharing this race with me.

**Personal Sponsors:** Mika, Ember, Maren, Dagny and my HELOC.



## TEAM 09

**Team Sponsors:** Anglers Bar and Grill, Hayward Power Sports, KLIM, Troy Conlon, Reno Rock, Vohk, Starting Line Products, Sabin Landscaping & Design LLC, ArcticFX Graphics, Tide Table, Carl's Cycle, Cardo Systems, PowerMadd, STUD BOY Traction, Delta Powersports Fairbanks, Farmer Bureau Insurance, DURA PRO, Detrimental Concepts, Hydrate Alaska.



## Kris Kaltenbacher

Age: 53 From: Sparks, NV

Riding: Polaris XC

Status: Veteran

**Race History:** Iron Dog 2024, 2025

**Bio:** I grew up in Dillingham AK riding Sled's, graduating from DLG in 1991, moved to Reno in 1993 to attend college at UNR. I got married, bought a home, had two boys and made a life here in Nevada. I was a basketball coach for 12 years for my boys in their traveling basketball clubs, along with coaching my youngest sons middle school team for two years. My career is working for Truckee Meadows Water Authority for the last 18 years working my way up to an Inspector position. I've been sledding for about 42 years. I got big into the film industry where I become a big part of Boondockers Movies for the 15 years, also a part of Crazy Canadian films, 509 video, Thunderstruck, BraapSki 2&3, Team Summit for three years. In 2012 I was featured as the cover of SledHeads magazine with a center spread, along with being featured in Sled Worthy magazine. I have a number of great sponsors and family members that without them I couldn't do this race. I now have the opportunity to make some history in the toughest greatest race the Iron Dog. I am now a two time Iron Dog finisher with a 12th last sesason and a 13th in 2024 now chasing a top ten finish.

**Personal Sponsors:** Thanks to my family, Tracy, Karson, Kohen, Dad Kent Kaltenbacher, My brother Tyree Newton, In loving memory of my Mom Debi Newton, the whole Carroll family, Klim, Vohk, Carls Cycle, Arctic FX, SLP, Delta Power Sports, Vohk, Reno Rock, Tide Table Coffee, Farmer bureau insurance, The Houston's.



## Cole Sabin

Age: 34 From: Hayward, WI

Riding: Polaris Cross Country

Status: Rookie

**Race History:** 2023 Irondog Expedition Class, 2024 Irondog Pro Class DNF

**Bio:** I was born and raised in Hayward, Wisconsin, where my passion for the outdoors started early. I've been riding snowmobiles since I was three years old, and that lifelong connection to motorsports and the outdoors continues to shape both my career and lifestyle. Whether it's for work or play, being outside is where I thrive.

Family is at the center of everything I do. I'm a proud father of three amazing daughters — Ruce (6), Lila (4), and Indy (3) — and they truly mean the world to me. They love to dance, sing, go shopping, do makeup, and of course, ride their snowmachines. Being a dad is my greatest motivation, both on and off the track.

When I'm not racing in Alaska, I spend time in the Florida Keys sportfishing, enjoying a different side of outdoor adventure. I also make time to head west whenever possible to elk hunt — another passion to feed the soul.

In the spring of 2025, I purchased our family-owned landscaping company and completed my first year operating independently. It was a strong year built on high standards, clear goals, and a commitment to growth. On January 1st, I took the next step by acquiring an irrigation company serving the northwest region of Wisconsin. After working closely with The Irrigators for over 20 years and building strong relationships, this acquisition was a natural progression.

Most recently, I expanded again by acquiring a tree farm. My fall seasons have traditionally focused on harvesting decorative black spruce tops from state, county, and private lands. The tree farm allows us to sustainably produce a higher-quality product while improving efficiency and long-term reliability.

Solutions, Valley Imaging Center, Eagle River Trustworthy Hardware Store, Powermadd, Sampson Racing Communications, Trijet, Nitro Trailers, Arctic FX, Luke Miller.



## Chris Olds

Age: 54 From: Eagle River

Riding: Polaris Cross Country

Status: Veteran

**Race History:** 2000: Finished, 2001: Finished, 2002: Finished, 2006: Finished, 2007: Finished, 2008: Finished, 2009: Finished, 2010: first place, 2011: first place, 2012: Finished, 2013: Finished, 2014: Finished, 2015: Finished, 2016: Finished, 2018: first place, 2019: first place, 2020: Finished, 2021: Finished, 2022: Finished, 2024: Finished

**Bio:** I am married to Christine and have two Daughters Haley and Mya. I have grown up in Alaska, and enjoy everything Alaskan, including hunting, fishing, and everything outdoors. I enjoy riding dirt bikes, mountain bikes, SXS, shooting, camping and hanging out with my friends and family.

**Personal Sponsors:** My wife Christine, my daughters Haley and Mya, Mom & Dad, Matt Spernak, Micah Straughn, Jeremy Hanson, Rob Ross.

**Other Race History:** 1st Place K-400; Numerous top 3 finishes in Hillclimb, Hillcross, Cross Country, Arctic Man, and Snowcross; 19 top 10, 17 top 5 finishes.



## Ryan Sottosanti

Age: 48 From: Wasilla

Riding: Polaris

Status: Rookie

**Race History:** 2010 Iron Dog top rookie 6th place; Finished the Iron Dog in the top ten 9 times with many top 5 finishes and 2 podium finishes.

**Bio:** I am from Wasilla AK and am the owner of Big State Mechanical. I have a beautiful wife Heather and daughter Faith. I have been involved with some form of racing all of my life. This will be my 13th Iron Dog and I am more hungry than ever. It should be an exciting year for the fans and we promise to not disappoint. In the off season I enjoy riding dirt bikes in the mountains. I also enjoy spending time at the lake, ocean fishing, jet skiing, wake surfing, hunting, and spending time out on the golf course with my wife and daughter. Alaska is one of the most beautiful places on earth, and I appreciate everything the state has to offer.

**Personal Sponsors:** Heather Sottosanti Faith Sottosanti Al Sottosanti Everybody in the villages that help us out along the way.

**Other Race History:** 2008 Mayors Cup 3rd place; 2009 Mayors cup 2nd place. Trapper Creek 200 2nd place; K150 2nd, 3rd & 5th place. Alyeska Cross Country 1st & 4th place. Arctic Man 7th, 5th & 3rd place.



## TEAM 10

**Team Sponsors:** Polaris Racing, Klim, Walker Evans Racing, Eagle River Polaris & Arctic Cat, Stud Boy Traction, Starting Line Products, Cold Creek Extracts, Big State Mechanical, Polaris Engineered Lubricants, Spernak & Son, Finishing Edge, Fine Line Interiors, Anchorage Sheet Metal, Northern

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## TEAM 14

**Team Sponsors:** Value Liquor IBEW 1547 Fine Line Interiors Viking Electric QSI Pile Driving Lineworks Tri Jet Manufacturing Baileys Rental Spernak & Sons Palmer Dental Stewart Title of Alaska; Swole City Deena Bishop Boylan Boyz Racing Leslie Racing, Polaris Racing, Fly Racing, Hydrate Alaska, Anchorage Yamaha & Polaris, Kanady Chiropractic Center, Dalton Refrigeration, Jasen Funeral Homes, Statewide Door and Glass, Studboy, Rox, Speedwerks, Polaris Engined Lubricants, Dooley's Athletics Supply



### Casey Boylan

Age: 31 From: Palmer  
Riding: Polaris 600 Cross Country  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** 2017: sixth place, 2018: fifth place, 2019: third place, 2020: DNF, 2021: second place, 2022: DNF, 2023: second place, 2024: second place, 2025: second place

**Bio:** I was born and raised Alaskan and have been on a snowmobile since I was 9 months old strapped to my dad's chest. I grew up riding in Petersville with his family and friends. I still love getting back to my roots and riding with my dad and now with my daughter. I started racing snocross locally in 2006 and eventually traveled to race the ISOC series from 2009-2014. I love anything outdoors and with a motor: from hunting to motocross. I am always trying to improve myself on and off the sled.

**Personal Sponsors:** Roger Boylan; Jordan Starr Family & Friends Alaska Realtor- McKenzie LaBuda.

**Other Race History:** 2010 ISOC National Sport Super Stock-1st, 2nd & 3rd place 2011 Podiumed every National 2012 Pro Lite ISOC Regional champion 2012 Pro Lite ISOC National multiple top 5 finishes. 2013 Pro Stock ISOC Regional champion 2014 Arctic Man men's snowboard win 2015 Mayors Cup Cross Country pro class win 2017 Mayors Cup- 3rd place pro class 2017 Skwetena 200-2nd place 2018 Mayors Cup-1st place 2020 Mayors Cup- 2nd place 2023 Mayors Cup- 1st place 2024 Mayors Cup- 1st place, Mayors cup 2025 1st place.



### Bryan Leslie

Age: 32 From: Anchorage  
Riding: Polaris Cross Country  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** Iron Dog 2017-6th; Iron Dog 2018-5th; Iron Dog 2019-3rd; Iron Dog 2020-DNF; Iron Dog 2021-2nd; Iron Dog 2022- DNF; 2023- 2nd; 2024- 2nd.

**Bio:** Born and raised in Alaska, I grew up riding snowmachines at a young age with the family. With a competitive edge I soon got into motocross, racing for many years. Now working for the IBEW 1547 doing electrical work from intersections to commercial wiring. During my free time I enjoy sending time at the cabin, fishing, and hanging out with my family.

**Personal Sponsors:** Walker Evans, Jordan Starr, Roger Boylan, Family & Friends

**Other Race History:** 2015 AMMC semi pro champ; 2015 Larry Heal-1st; 2015 Arctic Man Ice-X-1st.



## TEAM 17

**Team Sponsors:** Ski Doo, Team CC, Mountain High Services, Triple L Repair, RMG Real Estate, JJC Enterprises, JJ Industrial Tools, AK Shockworks, IUOE Local 49, Nadeau Companies, Alaska Ground Screw, Woody's Traction, C&A Pro Skis, 139 Designs, Grip n Rip Racing, Trijet Manufacturing, Fine Line Interiors, Powermadd, Trailtank, Zimmerman And Wallace, Chris Liffrig Insurance Company, Carbon Pursuit, Fly Racing, FXR.



### Dustin Dohrn

Age: 31 From: Elgin, MN  
Riding: Ski-Doo MXZ  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** 2022 Iron Dog finish (8th) 2022 Iron Dog finish (13th)

**Bio:** I'm from Elgin, Minnesota. I've raced Cross Country snowmobiles in the lower 48 for 16 years. I have raced three Iron Dogs and finished two times. I am a heavy equipment operator in the local 49. I have a very supportive wife Alyssa and two sons Layton and Weston. In the offseason I enjoy hunting, fishing, riding dirt bikes and road bikes.

**Personal Sponsors:** My wife Alyssa, my dad and brother Dillon.

**Other Race History:** 2020 USXC Semi Pro Stock points champion. 2020 USXC Semi Pro Improved points champion. 2017 Semi Pro Stock 2nd place in points championship. 2017 Semi Pro Improved points champion. 2017 I-600 3rd place (Semi-Pro).



### Gage Schaack

Age: 32 From: Cold Bay  
Riding: Ski-Doo  
Status: Rookie

**Race History:** Iron Dog 2022: DNF, 2021 Mayor's Cup: 1st place Semi-pro, 2022 Mayor's Cup: 6th place pro, 2023 Mayor's Cup: 5th place pro, 2025 Mayor's Cup 10th place.

**Bio:** I'm a lifelong Alaskan, born and raised in Nelson Lagoon/Cold Bay and now live in Eagle river.

I work for JJC Enterprises as a heavy equipment operator during the summer months and ride sleds as much as I can during the winter.

**Personal Sponsors:** My family and girlfriend Mara Froemling, Joe Brady, John Maxwell, Kody Worley, Blake Elder, Joe Copeland, the Larson family, Cody Cook, James Bohnke.



## TEAM 18

**Team Sponsors:** Sourdough Express, Frost Bite Builders, Delta Power Sports Fairbanks, Klim, Alaska Range, Sabin Landscaping, Alaska Hose Supply, Polaris, SLP, Hollenbeck Painting, Carroll Racing, Gunderson Painting, Country Financial, Stump Grinders, The Spur, Vertex, TDM Drilling, Sause Family Transmission, Powder Coating Alaska, DK Development, DC 907, Mulcare, Glacier Grind, Impulse Electric, Cardo Radios, 49Th State Restoration, Stud Boy, Tri Jet, Interior Remote Start, Alaska Screw Jacks, Hayword, Chatanika lodge, Alpine Medical, Elite Real Estate Group, Arctic Technical Services, Hayward Power Sports, Carroll Racing.



### Austin Carroll

Age: 19 From: Fairbanks  
Riding: Polaris Cross Country  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** Iron Dog '24 13th place, Iron dog '25 12th place.

**Bio:** My name is Austin Carroll (Team #18) I was born and raised in Fairbanks, Ak I have been riding snowmachines my whole life and racing snow-cross, and cross country races for about 6 years. I've raced races such as the Iron dog, mayors cup, skwetna 200, and other races. I love to hunt and fish during the summer time and race/ride dirtbikes with my friends. I'd like to thank everyone who is supporting me and my teammate Corbin Hollenbeck.

**Personal Sponsors:** Delta powersports, Klim, Polaris, Sourdough Fuel Express, Frost Bite Builders.

**Other Race History:** 2023 Arctic Man 2nd place cross country, Arctic Man Snow X 2nd, Mayors Cup Junior Pro 2nd, Valdez Hill Climbs 2nd, Valdez Hill Cross 2nd, Fairbanks Snow Cross 3rd.



### Corbin Hollenbeck

Age: 19 From: North Pole  
Riding: Polaris Cross Country  
Status: Rookie

**Bio:** My name is Corbin Hollenbeck (Team #18) I was born and raised in Alaska I have been riding snowmachines my whole life and racing snow-



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cross, and cross country races for about 6 years. I've raced races such as the Iron dog, mayors cup, skwentna 200, and other races. I love to hunt during the summer time and race/ride dirtbikes with my friends. I'd like to thank everyone who is supporting me and my teammate Austin Carroll.

**Personal Sponsors:** Delta powersports, Klim, Polaris, Sourdough Fuel Express, Frost Bite Builders.



**TEAM 19**

**Team Sponsors:** Yellow Jacket Oilfield Services, Peninsula Powersports, Moose River Dental, Skwentna Roadhouse, FOsters Construction,

Sweeny's Clothing, Stud Boy Traction, KLIM, Trijet.



**Chad  
Moore**

Age: 43 From: Sterling  
Riding: Polaris Cross Country  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** Iron Dog 2022 DNF, 2023 Finish, 2025 Finish, Skwentna 200, Mayor's Cup 2021-2025, Hatcher's Pass Boulder Dash 2025.

**Bio:** I'm a born and raised Alaskan. I have been riding snowmachines since I can remember. Love to be out in Alaska's remote backcountry summer and winter and spending time at my rural cabin with my family. I've been married to my biggest supporter/sponsor Janee for 16 years and we have raised three beautiful daughters together in this great state.

**Other Race History:** Mayor's cup 21, Skwentna 200 3rd PC 21 Mayor's cup 22 2nd SP, Skwentna 200 22 Mayor's cup 23 2nd Vets



**Tim  
Gossett**

Age: 38 From: Wasilla  
Riding: Polaris Cross Country  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** 2024 Iron Dog Rookie of the year Skwentna 200: 1st 2022, 1st 2023. Valdez Mayors cup: 4th 2023, 8th 2025 Hatcher's Pass Boulder Dash: 10th 2022, 9th 2023, 2nd 2025. DSMR (Noorvik): 3rd 2025.

**Bio:** Tim flew support for Team 16 Gossett/Wood in 2023 as his wife Hillarie became an Iron Dog Veteran before becoming one himself in 2024 with partner Joseph Gugel, finishing in 7th place as rookies of the year. In 2025 Tim and Hillarie ran together finishing in 11th place as the first husband/wife team to finish the Pro class. While Iron Dog 2026 wasn't part of the plan, when good friend Chad Moore pitched the idea it was too enticing to pass up.

**Personal Sponsors:** Hillarie and the kids, Cindi Herman, Joseph Gugel, Crosby & Erin, Mimi & Poppy, K Ting Ting.

**Other Race History:** Skwentna 200: 1st 2022, 1st 2023. Valdez Mayors cup: 4th 2023, 8th 2025 Hatcher's Pass Boulder Dash: 10th 2022, 9th 2023, 2nd 2025. DSMR (Noorvik): 3rd 2025



**TEAM 20**

**Team Sponsors:** Klim, TeamCC, Studboy, Trijet, Donlin Gold, Knik Construction, Yankee Creek Mining, Dockmasters, Griprip Racing and Woodys Traction.



**Blake  
Taylor**

Age: 24 From: McGrath  
Riding: Ski-Doo MXZ  
Status: Rookie

**Bio:** I'm from McGrath, Alaska, and have supported the Iron Dog through volunteering in communities along the trail, including McGrath, Ophir, Anchorage, and Big Lake.



**Barney  
Anselment**

Age: 50 From: Polson, MT  
Riding: Ski-Doo MXZ XRS  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** Iron Dog Races-2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

**Bio:** Born and raised in Alaska on the iron dog trail, this will be my seventh iron dog race.



**TEAM 21**

**Team Sponsors:** Team Arctic, Thomas Sno Sports, Countryside Sanitation LLC, Mopar Central, Lake City Towing, Tamarack Sno-Flyers, Wenzlaff Performance LLC, TeeMark, Johnny's Garage, Wayne's Dirt Work, Willey's Marine, Mark's Bar, Mystic Meadow Homes, FLY Racing, Up North Riders Inc., Eric Koch Construction, Just Drop It Tree Service, Stevo's Dock & Lift, Wyatt's Towing & Recovery, Stafford Trucking, ASAP Towing, McGregor Baking Company, The Scientists of Lighting, The Tire Barn, Mille Lacs Trails, Lewis Insulation, MoGuard LLC.



**Wyatt J  
Halek-Hooper**

Age: 28 From: McGregor, MN  
Riding: Arctic Cat RXC600  
Status: Rookie

**Race History:** Iron Dog 2025 DNF

**Bio:** Hello, I live in northern Minnesota and have rode snowmobiles my entire life. Throughout the years I have competed regularly racing stock car, dirt bikes, and Snowmobiles. I have a tendency to try to push myself to the next level in most things whether it be business or racing. Having the opportunity to race iron dog for the second time means a lot to me and let hope this year we can make it to the checkers!



**Adam  
Stafford**

Age: 38 From: Aitkin, MN  
Riding: Arctic Cat RXC  
Status: Rookie

**Race History:** Iron Dog 2025 DNF

**Bio:** Im 38, born and raised in central Minnesota. Married to my wife Cassandra for 15 years with two little girls, Alessia & Calise. Been a snowmobile enthusiast forever. Spend my past time teaching my kids to ride snowmobile, and taking trips out to the mountains to ride. Looking to expand my snowmobile experience with running the Iron Dog! By trade, I own a mechanic shop and take pride in a job well done and old school customer service. I also take pride in being a volunteer firefighter in our small community of Aitkin, MN. (DNF 2025)



**TEAM 22**

**Team Sponsors:** Peninsula Plowing, Freds AK Seafood, Fosters Construction, Finishing Edge, Laser Print and Graphics, Pinnacle Mechanical, Hockema Enterprises, 3T Detailing, Homer Elks Club, Pizza Box, Kenai River Haven, Tope Transportation, Trent Johnson Construction, Route 63 Realty, All American Heroes Foundation, Studboy, Straightline, Powermadd, Fly High Premium Fire Starters, Rugged Radios, Klim, Polaris Racing, SledTred, Grip N Rip Racing, Orca Theater, Caribou Hills Cabin Hoppers



**Trent  
Johnson**

Age: 45 From: Hayward, WI  
Riding: Polaris Cross Country  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** 2023 completed Iron Dog Expedition Class; 2024 dnf Iron Dog Pro Class; 2025 finished pro class 14th place.

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**Bio:** I grew up in a small town of Hayward in Northern Wisconsin, which is known for World class events and World Record Muskies, and have immersed myself in outdoor activities since day one, my #1 being snowmobiling, but I also love to ride Dirtbike, SXS, fish, hunt, and explore. I have a beautiful wife, named April, and two wonderful sons Jarrod and Addison. I own my own General Contracting And Construction Business Trent Johnson Construction LLC and build roughly 6 to 8 homes a year.

**Personal Sponsors:** Trent Johnson Construction LLC - Route 63 Realty - Up North Retreats - Fred Scheers Lumberjack Shows - Fred Scheers Lumberjack Show at the Alaska State Fair - Hayward Power Sports - Nelson Lumber and Home - Larry and Kerry Myrah - Sheldon and Laura Johnson - Kevin and Tara Johnson - Greg and Karen Johnson



## Tad Covault

Age: 46 From: Soldotna  
Riding: Polaris Cross Country  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** 2022: DNF, 2023: 15th place, 2025: 15th place 2018 Arctic Man Hill Cross. Entered with a mountain sled, discovered quickly Iron Dog sleds were way faster and fly higher. I kindly took up the trail sweep position to ensure all the racers made it safely, LOL. 2005 Petersville Roadhouse Drag Races. 600 class 1st place on a borrowed 580EXT.

**Bio:** The 2025 Iron Dog Race was one for the books, lots of obstacles both natural and medical. True grit and one heck of a partner allowed us to finish the race. At the finish line I announced I was done, once again. My original goal was to finish one race and be done. Here comes round four! When you have a partner as good as Trent Johnson and the support of our amazing wives and crew, who am I to deny another attempt when it's Trent's dream. He deserves more than I could ever give. So here is to 2026 Iron Dog!! A huge thank you to all our sponsors, family, and friends that stand behind me year after year. Top 10 we are coming for you!!!!

**Personal Sponsors:** Pizza Box (Wife), Finishing Edge, Pinnacle Mechanical, Carmody Masonry, Arctic Arches, Foster Construction, Peninsula Plowing, Fred's Alaska Seafood, Mom and Dad Jolin, Peninsula Powersports, 3T Detailing, Lazer Print & Graphics, Homer Elks Lodge #2127, Hockema Enterprises, Trent Johnson Construction, Jody & Kathryn Hoskins, KLIM, Hilcorp Employees.

**Other Race History:** 2018 Arctic Man Hill cross. Finished Countless foot races to the buffet, generally 1st place



## TEAM 23

**Team Sponsors:** Deruelle & Gabrysak Designs, Gabrysak Construction, Yentna station roadhouse, Andy George, Skwentna roadhouse, Alaska farm supply, Imms inn lodge, Team CC skidoo - Korey & Barbara, Stone Law, Arctic Terra, Aurora flooring LLC, A&M aero, Valley chiropractic, VFW post 9785, Guaranteed services, Vikings slough Slednecks, Rick grey, Interstate batteries, 1023 diesel & fleet, Portage transportation, Tony & Cynthia Jacobson, Hooligans lodge, Shell lake lodge, Kent kallander - country insurance, Lynden transport, Knik construction, Alaska demolition, Weld air, Been there dump that, JRGL, Corks auto, Michael Schoder, Pacific asphalt, Charles & Fe Moore, Paul & Denice Sanderlin, Jack & Kristen Hargraves, CAC Plastics, Amy & John Davis, G'MA, KLIM, Deshka Landing Outdoor Association, Nowka Contracting, inc, WCCE LLC, Jackie's place restaurant.



## Adam Gabrysak

Age: 34 From: Willow  
Riding: Ski-Doo MXZ-XRS  
Status: Rookie

**Bio:** I was born and raised in Alaska at our family's remote lodge on the Yentna river. Snow-machining and watching the iron dog became a huge part of my life. I live in Willow, AK with my wife Julia and our 4 children, Bruce 12, Imogen 9, Snow 6 and Danny 3. We operate a freighting service serving the Yentna and Susitna rivers. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, being out on the trail and working on our remote cabin.



## Joseph Gabrysak

Age: 42 From: Chugiak  
Riding: Ski-Doo MXZ-XRS  
Status: Rookie

**Bio:** I grew up in Alaska at a backcountry lodge- Yentna Station. I was raised riding and rebuilding snowmachines. I've always wanted to race the Iron Dog, but I never had time until now! I've worked drill rigs, ran coffee shops, and now in the cannabis industry. I also volunteer my free time to help the Yentna River community alongside Adam. But of all the hats I wear, my favorite is "Dad"! I live in Chugiak, AK, with my wife, Ashley, and our four daughters: Roxie-20, Amani-13, Sydaleigh-12, and Rooney-1.5 and we are expecting another girl Jan'26!

**Personal Sponsors:** Ashley Kolbeck, Roxie Gabrysak, Sydaleigh Gabrysak, Amani Gabrysak, Rooney Gabrysak, Ellie Gabrysak, Jean Gabrysak, Dan Gabrysak Senior.



## TEAM 24

**Team Sponsors:** Northern Industrial Training, Bore Tide Construction, Amped Mortgage, Alaska Line Builders, Magic Metals, Power Tronic, River City Power sports, Wilderness ski doo, IBEW 1547, Eagle River Polaris Arctic cat, Valley insurance Services, Denali Fitness, Collin Clayton, Cullenberg Custom Homes, Podium Motorsports, Alaska Realty & Investments, Umialik Insurance, Alaska Ground screw.



## Tyler Gurley

Age: 35 From: Chugiak  
Riding: Ski-Doo MXZ-XRS  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** 2024: 12th place, 2025: 10th place

**Bio:** Life long Alaskan Lineman Husband Father of two Started riding snowmobiles at an early age and grew to love it. Raced Motocross from the age of 16 into my early 30's. I started competing in cross country races at 28 years old and had to turn that into running the iron dog. In 2024 my team mate Collin Clayton and I were able to finish and earn our veteran status in 2025 my team mate Collin Clayton and I broke into the top 10.

**Personal Sponsors:** Steven Dwyer Katie Sindorf.



## Kris Sindorf

Age: 33 From: Palmer  
Riding: Ski-Doo MXZ-XRS  
Status: Rookie

**Race History:** 2016: Finished, 2024: Finished

**Bio:** A proud resident of Wasilla, Alaska. I take pride in being a dedicated father and husband, to my wife Katie and three young adventurers Everly, Dean and Westin. With two decades of competitive motorsports experience, I am thrilled to gear up for another exhilarating Iron Dog Journey. Huge thanks to everyone who supports Team 24!

**Personal Sponsors:** Katie Sindorf, David Harris, Paul Sindorf, Collin Clayton, Brandon Burmeister.

**Other Race History:** Boulder Dash 23' 4th place Pro finish.



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## TEAM 25

**Team Sponsors:** Brothers Motorsports, KLIM, Trijet Manufacturing, Team CC



### Dan Zimmerman

Age: 61 From: Nisswa, MN  
Riding: Ski-Doo Comp 600  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** 2 expedition class finishes, and 2 pro class entries

**Bio:** I'm just an old guy out having fun on a snowmachine in Alaska.

**Personal Sponsors:** Northern Shores Boat Storage.

**Other Race History:** I-500 1987-91 along with numerous sanctions in Minnesota



### C.J. Vandeputte

Age: 33 From: Nisswa, MN  
Riding: Ski-Doo MXZ XR-S Comp 600R E-TEC  
Status: Rookie

**Bio:** I was born and raised in Central, MN where I still call home with my Wife Ashley. My family was in the powersports industry my whole life so riding snowmobiles and dirt bikes is just something I have always done. I spend most of my free time riding, hunting, or fishing.

**Personal Sponsors:** Brothers Motorsports, my Wife Ashley, Mother Kathy, and Brother Brandon.

**Other Race History:** USCC and USXC Competitor 2008-2012

## TEAM 27 SCRATCHED

**Team Sponsors:** MD Toolbox, KLIM, Golden Gate Kooikers, The Healthy Teen Project, and Monterey Search Dogs



### Mark Stratton

Age: 53 From: Sunnyvale, CA  
Riding: Arctic Cat  
Status: Rookie

**Bio:** Mark Stratton is a lifelong adventurer and motorsports enthusiast, bringing grit, determination, and a love for the outdoors to his first Iron Dog race in 2026. Growing up with a passion for machines and the wilderness, Mark has spent years building the endurance, technical skills, and mindset needed to take on the world's

toughest snowmobile race. Racing alongside him is his lifelong friend and teammate, whom he first met in 1st grade. From childhood through adulthood, the two have pushed each other in countless activities and adventures, making their Iron Dog partnership a natural extension of their shared drive to test limits and chase challenges. Adding even more strength to the team, Mark's father, Mark Stratton Sr., will also be part of the 2026 effort. Spending half of the year in Funny River, Alaska, Mark Sr. brings deep Alaskan experience and family pride to the team's foundation. Beyond racing, the team is committed to giving back. They have partnered with the Healthy Teen Project to help raise awareness for teens struggling with eating disorders, as well as with the Monterey Bay Search Dogs and the Goldengate Kooiker Kennel, aligning their race efforts with causes close to their hearts. With Iron Dog 2026 on the horizon, Team "Trail Brothers" is ready to test their preparation, teamwork, and determination against Alaska's most unforgiving terrain. Their ultimate goal: to inspire others to embrace adventure, to highlight the importance of community, and to prove that perseverance and passion can conquer the wild.

**Personal Sponsors:** Mark Sr. and Laurie Stratton, Connie and David Hoisington



### Craig Conner

Age: 53 From: Henderson, NV  
Riding: Arctic Cat ZR600 RXC  
Status: Rookie

**Bio:** I am a business owner, husband and father to two daughters. Originally from Washington state, I love outdoors, fishing, golfing, sports, traveling and spending time with family. I started skiing when I was 6 but took to snowmobiling when I was in my early 20s. Although parenthood and a relocation to Henderson, NV forced me to take a break from snowmobiling, I am excited to join my childhood friend as rookies in this year's IronDog. In our nearly 5 decades of friendship, we have experienced many things together and look forward to one more of those experiences of a lifetime.

**Personal Sponsors:** MDToolbox, Supreme Power Sports



## TEAM 30

**Team Sponsors:** KLIM; PowerMadd; Woodys Traction; Trijet; Last Frontier Solutions; Alaska West Air Service; Polar Plank LLC; Alaska West Air, Redoubt Bay Lodge, Cruz Construction



## Dustin Scalisi

Age: 30 From: Palmer  
Riding: Polaris Indy Cross Country  
Status: Rookie



**Bio:** Being raised in Alaska, my passion is everything outdoors. If I'm not working construction, I'm out in the backcountry riding, hunting, and looking for things to do that haven't been done before. The greatest privilege of my life is my amazing wife and 4 kids. I'm extremely grateful for their support. I've been riding snowmachines since I was 9 and racing since 2018. Racing has become a passion and racing the iron dog has been a life long dream of mine. I'm excited for the opportunity to accomplish that dream this year and further my racing experience.

## Duncan Brewer

Age: 31 From: Nikiski  
Riding: Polaris Cross Country  
Status: Rookie



**Bio:** Born and raised Alaskan with a passion for the outdoors. I am a Pilot for the families Air Taxi and a father to one daughter. My racing career is only a few years in the making but it has grown into one of the most fulfilling journeys I've taken. Thank you Iron Dog and the great state of Alaska for this opportunity.



## TEAM 31

**Team Sponsors:** Kimberly & Joe Bowers, Thrifty car rental.



## Devon Esmailka

Age: 33 From: Kaltag  
Riding: Polaris Cross Country  
Status: Rookie

**Bio:** My name is Devon Esmailka, I grew up in a little village of Kaltag, AK along the Yukon. My Dad and uncles have done this race in 1999 and got 3rd place and rookie of the year. This year race will be special as I am doing it with my younger brother Kenneth. This will be second generation of Esmailka Brothers.

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## Kenneth Esmailka

Age: 19 From: Kaltag  
Riding: Polaris Cross Country  
Status: Rookie

**Bio:** My Name is Kenneth Esmailka, this is my First Iron dog, I'll be racing with my older Brother Devon, I grew up in a small remote area, along the mighty Yukon. it'll be a special run for us this year as my dad and uncle ran it in 1999 and got rookie of the year.



## TEAM 34



## TEAM 34

**Team Sponsors:** Spain Excavating, Marten Creek Freightling, Wilco Contractors, Hans Eng-EG Electric, Valley General Construction-Josh Hooks, Burnt Toast, Far North Bookkeeping, Thermo-Kool of Alaska, Knik Construction, Bentalt Point Fish Camp, Wild North Services, Corks Auto Inc. Palmer, Ak, D&D Equipment, Northbound Fitness, Pioneer Lodge, Shaky's Bar, Solitude Fly Co., Towhead Lake Resort, Luther Chiropractic Center, Built Wright Fabrication, Ashley Wood, Brett Lapham, Shane & Tammy Barber, Chad Thacker, Owen Bouslaugh, Bernie Gheringer, Jim Miller, Don & Kari Stephens, Max Lutrell, Dick Frazier, Matt Bryant, Andrew Hofer, Jane Larson, Paul & Denise Sandelin, Fil & Maria, Terri Gagne, PowerMadd, Klim



## TEAM 39

**Team Sponsors:** Aurora Drilling & Consulting, Team 15 Bergeron/Bernier, Diversified Tire, Valley Imaging, Rock Solid Pile Company, Stitt Construction, Spernak and Son, Palmer Dental Center, Willow Equipment Rentals, Alaska Quality Builders, Klim, Willow Hatcher Pass Polaris, Veit & Veit CPAs, Alaska Line Builders, Power Madd



## Shane Barber

Age: 51 From: Willow  
Riding: Polaris Cross Country  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** Iron Dog 2000, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2023, 2025

**Bio:** I am a born and raised Alaskan with some Southern heritage. I live in Willow Alaska with my wife "Tammy" where we raised our 3 kids, Cody, Shana and Evan. Our family has been involved with Iron Dog since the very first race in 1984. We now have had 3 generations racing Iron Dog and it appears to be more to come. I am extremely thankful and excited about racing with my beautiful daughter "Shana" in this years Iron Dog. What a wonderful life. This will be my 20th race.

**Personal Sponsors:** I would like to thank my wife Tammy for all her support thru the years. I am thankful to the many friends and family that have taken me in and allowed me into their homes as tho I was an old friend every year on the trail. Thank you for all the support from friends and family that follow us each and every year and keeping us in their thoughts and prayers throughout the race. Its all appreciated. Thank you.

**Other Race History:** Been racing a long time. Its been fun.



## George Lambert

Age: 37 From: Kotzebue  
Riding: Ski-Doo MXZ  
Status: Rookie

**Race History:** Iron Dog Pro Class in 2013, 2023, 2024

**Bio:** I got married to the love of my life Candice Lambert last New Year's Eve on the ice after I finished the knight riders race. We have 10 kids and 1 grandchild.

**Personal Sponsors:** Candice Lambert and kids, Harold Lambert, Paulette Schuerch, Mickey and Jayme, Unch Schuerch, Martin and Momcy,



## Thor Lie

Age: 42 From: Kotzebue  
Riding: Ski-Doo MXZ  
Status: Rookie

**Bio:** I was born and raised in Kotzebue, Alaska. Married my wife Shylena in 2018 we have 5 sons and a daughter due this September. My family and I live the subsistence lifestyle and enjoy being outdoors. I have always enjoyed snow machine racing, outdoor sports, boating, spending time with family and friends.

**Personal Sponsors:** Shylena Lie and my Boys, Mickey Jorgensen, Jamie Reed, Radar and Candice Lambert, Mike Hensley, Frank Lane, Mike Lie



## David Spain

Age: 42 From: Willow  
Riding: Polaris Cross Country  
Status: Rookie

**Race History:** 2007 dnf, 2017 dnf, 2020 dnf

**Bio:** My name is David Spain and I am a 3rd generation Alaskan. I'm 42 years old, and have been running heavy equipment almost all my life. After spending 14 years in the Local 302 Operating Engineers on and off the North Slope, I decided to open my own company so I could be home with my family every night. I have been an avid snowmachiner since the age of 5 and have been riding most of my life. I have participated in quite a few races, including the K150, K200, K400, Skwentna 200, Mayor's Cup, and Iron Dog. My family and I are looking forward to this year's race season. I have the support and dedication of my lovely wife of 21 years and our three children - Brayden, Dawson and Taylor.

**Other Race History:** Mayors Cup, K150, K200, K400, Ice Racing



## Jody Payton

Age: 33 From: Willow  
Riding: Polaris Cross Country  
Status: Rookie

**Bio:** My name is Jody Payton, and I live in Willow, Alaska with my wife and our three sons. I enjoy riding snowmachines up and down the trails from Willow to Skwentna and throughout the surrounding mountains—something I've been doing since growing up along the Yentna River. When I'm not adventuring with friends and family, you can still find me on the river—hauling freight by snowmachine in the winter or running my barge in the summer. I'm new to the Iron Dog world, but I'm ready to give this race everything I have alongside my partner, David.



## Shana Lapham

Age: 33 From: Willow  
Riding: Polaris Cross Country  
Status: Rookie

**Bio:** I was born and raised in Hatcher Pass. My husband and I are living in Willow and raising our daughters with the same love for the outdoors and sense of adventure that we have, as was passed down to us from our own families. I love being a wife and a mama to our two beautiful daughters and I work as a Senior Accountant for Veit & Veit CPAs doing taxes. In my free time I am just playing outside with my family, enjoying and exploring God's country!

**Personal Sponsors:** I'd like to thank my husband for his love and support and for being a great dad and



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partner so I can step away and take the time to do this race. Thank you to my parents for supporting me in this, especially my dad for doing it with me! Thank you to my mother in law and sister in law for always being available to help with our daughters! Thank you to all our family and friends who have supported us financially and spiritually through love, support, and prayers!

**Other Race History:** Valdez Mayor's Cup, Larry Heal Memorial Race, Hatcher Pass Boulder Dash, Ice X, Skwentna 200, Arctic Man



## Jim Baldwin

Age: 51 From: Noorvik  
Riding: Ski-Doo 600 XRS Comp  
Status: Rookie

**Bio:** Born and raised in northwest alaska. With my family, i enjoy being outdoors on the kobuk river. i am a proud father of 4, Tyra, TeHana, Brenna Boo, Little Jim.

**Other Race History:** Kotzebue Race, ACRA Kotz - Kiana, Nome Golovin most recently: 2021 Kotzebue Race 3rd place in open class.



## Quincy Williamson

Age: 27 From: Noorvik  
Riding: Ski-Doo  
Status: Rookie

**Bio:** Quincy Williamson from Noorvik Alaska - I like to ride snowgos.

**Personal Sponsors:** Team CC, Bubba Grub, family.



**Team Sponsors:** Northern Asphalt, Handy Berm Containment Systems, Great Alaska Pizza Company.



## Haakon Wold

Age: 20 From: Wasilla  
Riding: Ski-Doo MXZ-XRS  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** 2023: 10th place, 2024: 9th place, 2025: DNF

**Bio:** Born and raised in Alaska. I love all Motorsports and being outdoors.

**Personal Sponsors:** mom and dad.

**Other Race History:** Mayors Cup in Valdez, Skwentna 200, 2023 and 2024 Iron Dog finish



## Tyler Reese

Age: 21 From: Anchorage  
Riding: Ski-Doo XRS Comp  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** 2024: 9th place 2025: DNF

**Bio:** Born and raised in Alaska enjoy spending summers on the water at the cabin and winters skiing and riding Snogos with friends and family

**Other Race History:** 2023 skwentna 200 semi pro 1st, 2021 big lake 500 3rd 2025 mayors cup semi pro 3rd

**Personal Sponsors:** My Wife Christina, My sons Rylan and Brendan, Rick and Kelly, Mom Kathy, RT and Teresa Lindner, Jay and Ginger in Ruby, Susie in Kaltag, Miller family in Nome, Jon Wagner, Team 82 Travis and Caitlin Elison, James Hiltunen at HILT, Kyle Malemute, Team Carroll, Hollenbeck's and so many more.

**Other Race History:** 2024 Mayors Cup 3rd place Vet class



## TEAM 42

**Team Sponsors:** Ryan Air, Randy, MaryJane, Zeb & Nikki Scherer, Boyuck, Vicki, Lee, Chelsea & Gavin Ryan, Tiffiny Wohlers with Impakt Athletics, Tony and Angie Gorn, Team CC, Calia and Jerney Simkaowski



## Eric Sieh

Age: 51 From: Kotzebue  
Riding: Ski-Doo MXZ  
Status: Rookie

**Bio:** Born in Hayward, WI, I've lived in Kotzebue, AK for the past 30+ years. When I'm not flying, I enjoy hunting, fishing, trapping, camping and spending time with my wife, Chelsea, and family: Colby, Courtney, Jaidon, Colton, Calia & Jerney, and Aero.

**Personal Sponsors:** Sending a big thank you to Tyler & Erin Aklestad, Nick & Brianne Olstad, Jimmy & Kim Baldwin, Reagan Free Rangers (Farm Fresh Eggs from Talkeetna, AK), Jade Hill



## Colton Sieh

Age: 27 From: Kotzebue  
Riding: Ski-Doo MX Z COMP  
Status: Rookie

**Bio:** Born and raised in Kotzebue, AK. Been riding snow machines from a young age hunting, fishing, and trapping. Love being outdoors any chance I get. I work as an aircraft mechanic in Kotzebue.

**Personal Sponsors:** Eric and Chelsea Sieh, Arctic Backcountry Flying Service, Mom, Bailey, Jaidon, Aero, all of my sisters, Chuck and Tracey, Ryan Air, Randy and Maryjane



## Andy Swenson

Age: 42 From: Anchorage  
Riding: Ski-Doo MX Z COMP  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** Iron Dog 2016

**Bio:** I was born and raised in Interior Alaska. I ran my first Iron Dog in 2016 and thankful to be back ten years later for another pro class run. Iron Dog has been a part of every winter for me since 2016, either as a participant or a volunteer it has its place in my book. I'm looking forward to finishing back in Fairbanks this year.

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## TEAM - 45

**Team Sponsors:** Hanson Racing Engines, Felegy Racing, Lindor Tool, BMP, EFW, KLIM, Durapro, Power Madd, Polaris Racing, Jeff Small Engine,伍兹, HHR C&A Pro



### Eric Christensen

Age: 59 From: Centuria, WI  
Riding: Polaris Cross Country  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** Iron Dog 2025 13th Place, Iron dog 2024 14th place, 2023 13th place, 2022 Ambassador finisher

**Bio:** Born-raised in Centuria Wisconsin. Employed at Polaris Industries, Powertrain Sr. Project leader, 32 years. Married to Julie for 22 years.

**Personal Sponsors:** Julie and Jared Christensen, Natalie Christensen. Gary Smetana, Chase Hedrick

**Other Race History:** I have participated in 22 1500's starting in 1988. Finished in top 10 pro's and podium finishes in 40+ and 50+.



### Luke Christensen

Age: 30 From: Milltown, WI  
Riding: Polaris Cross Country  
Status: Rookie

**Bio:** I grew up dairy farming with my Dad, Uncle and Grandma on the family farm in Centuria Wisconsin and I continue to crop farm. I also, have been a heavy equipment mechanic in the Local 49 Union for 10 years with various construction companies in Minnesota. My hobbies are spending time outdoors, hunting, fishing, trapping and farming. I've been married to my wonderful and supportive wife, Natalie, for 4 years and have a beautiful daughter, Ella, who will be 2yrs old in January. Snowmobiles have always been a big part of my life, and I look forward to participating in the world's longest, toughest snowmobile race with my uncle Eric and visiting Alaska for the first time.

**Personal Sponsors:** Natalie & Ella Christensen, Jared Christensen, Alex Hetteen, Gary smetana, Tom Loegering

**Other Race History:** started racing with USXC in 2017, COR powersports 2019 - present, Four i-500 finishes



## TEAM - 48

**Team Sponsors:** KLIM, Amsoil, Alaska Safety, River City Power Sports, Wilderness Skii Doo



### Paul Sindorf

Age: 63 From: Palmer  
Riding: Lynx Rave RE 600  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** 1998: Finished, 2000: Finished, 2001: Finished, 2002: Finished, 2004: Finished, 2006: Finished, 2009: Finished, 2015: Finished, 2016: Finished, 2018

**Finished, 2020: Finished, 2024: Finished**

**Bio:** I am a lifelong Alaskan that finds fulfillment in the balance of family, work, and adventure. I am a husband and father of four that contributes to Alaska's prosperity through my work in the oil and gas industry. Embracing the spirit of the Last Frontier, I am an avid outdoorsman. Whether casting a line in remote waters, conquering single track trails on my mountain bike, or navigating snowy landscapes on skis, I thrive on the challenges of Alaska's wild beauty.

**Personal Sponsors:** Mary Sindorf, David Harris, Katherine Devine, Paul & Vivian Sindorf, Heather & Josh Morrow, Melanie Sindorf, Kris & Katie Sindorf, Jonathan and Geneva Sindorf, Ed Paulus, and John Bahnke.



### Jason Carson

Age: 39 From: Coalville, UT  
Riding: Lynx Rave RE 600  
Status: Rookie

**Bio:** Avid outdoorsman loves hunting and snowmobiling

**Personal Sponsors:** Klim

**Other Race History:** 2023 Valdez Mayors Cup



## TEAM - 49

**Team Sponsors:** Alyeska Pipeline Services Co., KLIM, SkiDoo Racing, Team CC Ski Doo, Anchorage Well and Pump Service



### Todd Palin

Age: 61 From: Big Lake  
Riding: Ski-Doo MXZ XRS  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** 1993: Finished, 1995: first place, 1997: Finished, 1998: Finished, 2000: first place, 2001: Finished, 2002: first place, 2004: Finished, 2005: Finished, 2006: Finished, 2007: first place, 2008: Finished, 2009: Finished, 2011: Finished, 2012: Finished, 2013: Finished, 2015: Finished, 2018: Finished, 2020: Finished, 2021: Finished, 2023: Finished

**Bio:** This is Todd's 30th Iron Dog Race! He's enjoyed four first place victories, four second place finishes and several Top-10 finishes. Todd is a life long Alaskan, a commercial salmon fisherman in Bristol Bay in his hometown of Dillingham, former BP Alaska North Slope Production operator and is Alaska's former First Gentlemen. Todd is the proud parent of five great kids and 10 grandkids.

**Personal Sponsors:** L&M Supplies Dillingham, Studboy Traction Products, Dixon Aviation, Zugger Shocks, IceAge Performance, Wilderness Ski Doo Nome, Zollinger Racing Products, SLP, 131 Racing, Trail Tank, PowerMadd

**Other Race History:** Racing history: 1993: Finished, 1995: first Place, 1997: Finished, 1998: Finishea, 2000: rs, Place, 2001: Finished, 2002: first Place, 2004: Finished, 2005: Ensched, 2006: Finished, 2007: first Place, 2008: Finished, 2009: Finished, 2011: Finished, 2012: Finished, 2013: Finished, 2015: Finished, 2018: Finished, 2020: Finished, 2021: Finished 2023 finished



### Clint VanWingerden

Age: 45 From: Wasilla  
Riding: Ski-Doo MXZ  
Status: Veteran

**Race History:** 2014: Finished, 2015: Finished, 2016: Finished, 2017: Finished, 2018: Finished, 2019: Finished, 2020: Finished, 2021: Finished, 2022: Finished, 2023: Finished

**Bio:** Clint, his wife, Calli, and his two children, Reese and Miles, are part of Team Sons of Thunder, made up of family, friends and sponsors who align around a common belief that Jesus Christ is exactly who the Bible says he was: the Savior of the World (John 3:17). God loved you and me so much, that he sent his beloved Son Jesus, to pay the price for our sin so that we can be with him in heaven (John 3:16). It is because of this great love that we endeavor to proclaim the name of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is our hope that Christ will demonstrate and extend grace to others through our effort and participation in the World's Longest, Toughest, Snowmobile race.

**Personal Sponsors:** My beautiful wife and best friend, Calli, for her love and encouragement; my cool kids, Reese and Miles, for their care and enthusiasm; my family and friends, for their continued prayers and support.

**Other Race History:** Second place, Larry Heal Memorial vet class; third place, 2022 Valdez Mayor's Cup

