



MEDIA RELEASE

February 21, 2010; 9:00 PST (Whitehorse, Yukon) - The 2010 Yukon Quest announced its award winners on Saturday night in Whitehorse, Yukon. This years' winners are as follows:

Red Lantern Award:

Sponsored by White Pass & Yukon Route, the last official finisher is presented with a decorative red lantern. The Red Lantern commemorates the tradition of keeping the light on for all mushers still out on the trail.

2010 - Jocelyne LeBlanc

Golden Harness Award:

Custom-made golden harness donated by Tanzilla Harness Supply and steaks served by the High Country Inn presented to the Champion lead dogs in honor of their loyalty, endurance and perseverance throughout the race.

2010 - Stitch & Kinvig

Dawson City Award:

Sponsored by Wendy and Joe Fellers of Fell-Hawk Placer. Four ounces of Klondike placer gold presented to the first musher to reach Dawson City and finish the race. The Dawson Award commemorates getting to the Klondike and completing the journey home.

2010 - Hans Gatt

Rookie of the Year Award:

A northern-made burl box inlaid with malachite and placer gold presented to the highest placing official rookie finisher. A rookie is any musher who has not completed a previous Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race.

2010 - Joshua Cadzow

Sportsmanship Award:

Slice of antler painted with a mushing theme. Presented to the musher who demonstrates outstanding sportsmanship along the trail, as selected by their fellow mushers.

2010 - Sonny Lindner

Challenge of the North Award:

Sponsored by Denali State Bank. Framed stained glass panel of Sitting Dog. Presented to the musher who most exemplifies the "Spirit of the Yukon Quest", a spirit that compels one to challenge themselves and persevere. Selected by race officials.

2010 - Jocelyne LeBlanc

Veterinarian's Choice Award:

Wood burned mushing scene on birch burl plus \$1,000 (US) certificate towards veterinarian services (donated by Alpine Veterinary Clinic and Uncommon Journeys). Presented to the musher who best demonstrates outstanding canine care for their dogs throughout the race while remaining competitive. Selected by the race veterinarians.

2010 - Joshua Cadzow

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