

The logo for the World Pro Ski Tour, featuring the text "WORLD PRO SKI TOUR" in white on a dark blue background.

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**COLORADO PRO CUP  
NIGHT RACE AT STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO,  
MARCH 2, 2019**

**Steamboat Springs, CO:** Night skiing, what about night ski racing! Under the induction lights on a run called “See Me” the head-to-head pro competition was thrilling. The World Pro Ski Tour hosted the “Colorado Pro Cup” presented by Alpine Bank at Steamboat Springs, CO, March 2, 2019 for the first pro night SKI event since the 90’s.

Mother nature made it challenging, snowing for three days straight, including race day. Qualifying in the morning, the round of 32 the pros were faced with foot deep ruts and poor visibility. The Tito’s Speed-Run winner, with the fastest qualifying combined time of 41.46, was set by Garrett Driller, USA.

Between the pro round of 32 and 16 a historical match up teamed together to award college scholarships to the winners and top finishers. Alpine Bank and the World Pro Ski Tour hosted “The Alpine Bank Jr. World Pro Challenge”. Utilizing the WPST pros as mentors 16 under 14 racers experienced the dual format, saloon style start gates and pro jumps. These young racers from the Vail (SSCV) and Steamboat (SSWSC) ski clubs ran the same course as the pros. Winning the college scholarships were Alex Krupka in first place, for \$1,000 (SSCV - bib 16), in second place was Speedy Richeda winning \$500 (SSWSC - bib 1), third was Jonah Fleischer for \$300 (SSWSC – bib 5), and in fourth was Hunter Salani prize of \$200 (SSCV – bib 2). The Overall Team title and trophy was awarded to Steamboat’s Ski Club.

To add to a special element to the awards and festivities, Steamboat icon, Olympic Silver medalist and World Champion, Billy Kidd donated a legacy trophy he had won in 1958 to the individual event winner. Not to be outdone, former Professional Ski Champion and local Olympian Moose Barrows did the same for the team trophy, donating a trophy from a race in 1970. These legacy events will now be titled the Billy Kidd and Moose Barrows trophies. Like the Stanley Cup they will sit in the cases of the athlete and club that take the victory each year. On hand to give out these awards were Betsy Wood from Alpine Bank and Billy Kidd.

Olympian and Former World Cup Racer, Chad Fleischer was an instrumental part of the making this event happen. At the Awards Ceremony he stated, “Today was the first time SSCV and SSWSC had the opportunity to compete against one another in an environment that was conducive to relationship building for the rest of their lives. The significance of Moose’s and Billy’s trophies cannot be put into words nor can my thoughts on the overall experience I had and witnessed today.

What you did and pulled off is truly exceptional and I cannot say thank you enough. Your enthusiasm for the sport, for the athletes and its impact on their lives will forever be remembered and for this I cannot give enough thanks and praise. I very heartfelt thank you for such a great day! Thanks again for all your help”.

As evening progressed the lights came on for the pro tour finals. The snow continued to fall as these pros battled it out in some of the toughest conditions of the season. Watching the racers bound in and out of the huge ruts made it even more exciting. The top four finishers for the Colorado Pro Cup Super-Slalom was Phil Brown, CAN edging out Alex Leveer, USA with time differential of .449 in the first run. Leveer had the advantage the second run with .199, it was not enough and Brown took the win, Garrett Driller, USA followed in third and in fourth place was Florian Szwebel, USA. Brown took home \$8,500 for the win.

Leading the overall standings for the Overall Tour Championship going into the final event of the season is Phil Brown, CAN. In second Garrett Driller, USA and in third Michael Ankeny, USA. They are not only fighting for the overall title but the “Tito’s Rooke of the Year” title as well. The finale will be held March 28-30, at Sunday River, ME.

CBS Sports Network is the television partner for the World Pro Ski Tour. This event will be televised in March, check your local listings and times.

For more information: <http://www.worldproskitour.com>

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### 2019 WORLD PRO SKI TOUR SCHEDULE

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| Beaver Creek, CO      | Jan 31 - Feb 2, 2019 |
| Waterville Valley, NH | Feb 7 - 9, 2019      |
| Steamboat Springs, CO | Mar 1- 2, 2019       |
| Sunday River, ME      | Mar 28 - 30, 2019    |

