

Klondike Derby Awards

AWARDS	QUALIFICATIONS AND CRITERIA
Patrol Ribbons	Large ribbons representing three levels of performance in the Klondike Derby are awarded based on overall scores. Blue Ribbons to Patrols scoring in the top 40%, Red Ribbons to the next 40% and White Ribbons to the remaining 20%. Patrols taking home a White Ribbon have no reason to hang their heads... With few exceptions, our Blue Ribbon Patrols and even our "Ace" Patrols started their Klondike Derby careers with a White Ribbon. Practice and perseverance are the keys to success.
Mayor's Award Ribbons	Each Klondike Derby Mayor who manages the activities at our six skill stations receives two sets of small ribbons - Blue, Red and White - to recognize the top-scoring Derby Patrols at his station or to pay tribute to other performance criteria of his choosing. Best Patrol yell and best leadership demonstrated are among those we regularly hear at the Closing Ceremony.
Commemorative Coins	Unlike the Renegade Coins, Commemorative Coins are dated. Patrols can earn up to two coins at each city they visit by introducing themselves to the Mayor (Troop Number and Patrol Name) and presenting their Route Card to him. Extra coins are distributed at the Finish Line to ensure that each Scout gets two to take home to add to his Scout Memorabilia Collection.
Deep Freeze Snowballs	Each Scout and Scouter who spends Friday and/or Saturday night outside "under canvas" or under-the-stars qualifies for one "snowball" per night. At Saturday morning registration, each Scoutmaster receives an envelope of white beads, a length of blue lacing and instructions for crafting the traditional Deep Freeze Snowball pocket woggle. There is no limit to the number of earned beads that can be displayed on one's Scout uniform. (There are some strings of snowballs around that could easily be used as jump ropes!).

Klondike Derby Name Awards

In memory of extraordinary Scouters who continue to inspire us to Do Our Best...

AWARD NAME	FREQUENCY	AWARD	QUALIFICATION	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Ted Brown "Ace" Patrol Award	Annual	Snowshoe & Special Event Patches	Patrol with highest overall score in the Derby	Points earned for skill, leadership and teamwork at each of the six Derby stations, for answering Renegade questions correctly, for trail lunch preparation and for time around the Derby course are summed to provide a total score for each participating Patrol. Our Microsoft Excel Wizard enters the data from Patrol Route Cards collected at the Finish Line and modern technology crunches the numbers. The Patrol with the highest score at the end of the day takes the Ted Brown "Ace Patrol" Award home to display in their meeting place for a year. Special "ACE PATROL" event patches are also presented to the winning Patrol. Once in a while we have a tie and two Patrols share the Snowshoe for the year. We've even had a three-way tie in the past!
Ted Brown "Ace" Patrol Award	Decade	Snowshoe	Troop with the best 10-year win record	An engraved brass plate on the Snowshoe records the history of winners over the 10-year period. The Snowshoe is then "retired" to dwell in the most-frequent-winning Troop's meeting place "forever". The following year, a new Snowshoe is adorned with a clean brass slate and started on its decade-long journey. Two Ted Brown Snowshoes are hanging side-by-side in the Troop 67 meeting place at Glendaal Elementary School in Glenville, New York.
Tom Chaisson Award	Annual	Ribbon	Each Derby Patrol that passes the Clothing Check at the Starting Line after their first inspection by the judges	Clothing check was added to the Klondike Derby event in the early nineties as a "skill station", but OKPIK reasons prevailed and Clothing Check was moved to the Starting Line as a pass-fail inspection. A Scout patrol on a winter day-hike is only as strong as its weakest member. A cold and wet Scout miles from the trailhead is a recipe for disaster. No Derby Patrol leaves the Starting Line until every member is properly dressed for the weather conditions.
Don Montanye Award	Annual	The Boot & Special Event Patches	Troop registering the most "boots on the ground" at the	Participation in this event is a particular challenge considering the time of year and the extra preparation required. Our hats are off to every Scoutmaster who is able to generate Derby enthusiasm among his Scouts and adult leadership. It is difficult to measure the energy that goes into these

			Klondike Derby - Deep Freeze	preparations but we initiated this award in 2009 to recognize the Troop that brings the largest number of warm bodies (x2 = boots) to "Klondikaven" in January.
Don Montanye Award	Decade	The Boot	Troop with the best 10-year win record	Annually we give "the boot" to the winning Troop to take home for a year and at the end of its decade of travels we will present it to the most-winning Troop and initiate a new Boots-on-the-Ground Award. Don Montanye was our event registrar for a number of years keeping close track of attendance for us. A special thanks goes out to Troop 37 for designing, creating and donating the current Don Montanye Award.
Chuck Moehle Award	Annual	Ski & Special Event Patches	Best Derby Sledge judged at the Starting Line	The "Derby sledge" is a key piece of Patrol equipment. It must be well-constructed to carry all the supplies that a Patrol will need on the two-and-a-half mile Derby Trail and to transport a simulated "victim" back to the trailhead. At the Starting Line, each sledge is assessed using a list of design criteria. A wood ski is presented to the winning Patrol to take home and display at their meeting place for a year.
Chuck Moehle Award	Decade	Ski	Troop with the best 10-year win record	At the end of its 10-year sojourn the Chuck Moehle Award ski is presented to the winning-est Troop to display permanently in their meeting place. The first decade-award ski was presented to Troop 55 of Northville. A new Chuck Moehle Award was initiated in January, 2012. Chuck served on our staff for many years as treasurer and as a member of the sledge and patrol flag judging team.
Glen Grant Award	Annual	Patrol Flag & Special Event Patches	Best Derby Patrol Flag judged at the Starting Line	The Patrol Flag is an important symbol in patrol-method Scouting. It is a reminder that the Patrol is the basic operating unit of a Troop organization. A Patrol Flag that the Scouts have designed and created as a team gives them something to rally around, reminds them of the Good Times and helps to foster Patrol loyalty and esprit-de-corps. At the Klondike Derby it also serves as Patrol identification at the "Klondikaven" cities when they are greeted by the Mayor. Patrol Flags are judged at the Starting Line before patrols leave for a day of working together to solve problems and to stay warm, dry, well-fed and hydrated. Winners of the Best Patrol Flag Award take home a traveling-flag to display in their meeting place. Each winner is expected to add a Troop patch or other insignia to the flag before they return it to us the following January.

Glen Grant Award	Decade	Patrol Flag	Troop with the best 10-year win record	After its decade of travels, the <i>Glen Grant Award</i> is presented to the Troop with the best record of wins during the ten-year period. <i>Glen Grant</i> was a member of our staff for many years serving as one of our flag and sledge judges and advisor to us (then) young whipper-snappers.
Bob VanDycke Award	Annual	Hiking Staff & Special Event Patches	Patrol with the best time around the Derby Course	The <i>Bob VanDycke Award</i> consists of a hand-carved hiking staff adorned with "bear rattles" on which brass plates record the history of winning Patrols. Time-around-the-course is determined from Start Time and Finish Time recorded on each Patrol's Route Card. A minutes-to-points conversion equation that was generated from the hand-drawn plot created and used by Ted Brown himself is embedded in the scorekeeper's Excel spreadsheet. In order for a Patrol to be considered for this award they must have participated in every event on the Derby Trail including lunch preparation. Early bailers need not apply...
Bob VanDycke Award	Decade	Hiking Staff	Troop with the best 10-year win record	The hiking staff makes its rounds like our other Decade Awards and will someday go home permanently with one of our Troops. Bob served for many years on our staff as Health & Safety Chief. As our most animated and entertaining staffer at the Sunday Closing Ceremony and frequent presenter of the Time-around-the-Derby Trail Award we chose to name this award in his memory.
Dean Slack Award	Annual	Dutch Oven & Special Event Patches	Fastest time at the Shageluk Sledge Race	There may be times when a Patrol needs to move themselves and their sledge quickly from A to B without breaking into a sweat and setting themselves up for onset of hypothermia later in the day. We test this ability at the Shageluk Sledge Race. Dean drew the short straw a few years back and was tasked by Mayor John King with "flagpole duty" to make certain that no sledge-racing Patrol takes a shortcut when out of the Mayor's sight. Convincing others to join him at his lonely post in the hinterlands was brilliantly planned and executed. Combining his cooking skills and good humor Dean invented the now famous "Leper Colony". An invitation to watch The Race and share a gourmet lunch was rarely turned down! The Patrol with the best time "from Shageluk to the Leper Colony and back" is awarded a Dutch Oven to take home for display and USE for the next year. Winning Patrols are also asked to contribute a favorite Dutch Oven recipe to be shared with future winners of the Award.

Dean Slack Award	Decade	Dutch Oven	Troop with the best 10-year win record	We initiated this award in 2012. After ten years of stews, soups, pies and peach cobblers, the Troop with the most wins will get to keep the well-worn oven and a new Dean Slack Award will be initiated at the 2022 Klondike Derby. Thanks to our former ice rescue mayor, Andy Kopach, and former sledge race mayor, John King for creating this Award in Dean's memory.
George Loucks Award	Annual	Wooden Torch	Fastest time at Fire Building	We initiated this award in 2017 in recognition of George Loucks' 20 years running the Klondike Derby. George did an amazing amount of work "keeping the flame alive!" So we made a flame award and linked it to the fastest time at fire building. In our opinion, fire building is one of the hardest Klondike events, so it fit with how hard George worked.
George Loucks Award	Decade	Wooden Torch	Troop with the best 10-year win record	After 10 years, following the 2027 KDDF, the troop with the most fire building wins will keep the award.