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## Top 2 Bottom Racers Brave Gnarly Conditions

Australia's longest downhill race, the 26<sup>th</sup> Thredbo GH Mumm Top2Bottom, was run and won in challenging conditions today.

The winds were high, as were the excitement levels as 260 riders lined-up to race from top to bottom to cross the finish line first, with \$20,000 in cash and prizes up for grabs there was plenty on the line.

The weather saw a modified start from the top of Snowgums Chairlift, with a vertical drop of 472 vertical metres to the village below, the course was a leg burning three kilometres – no wonder this is the longest and fastest downhill race in the country.

“What a race it was, the weather certainly threw out a challenge today. The Top2Bottom showcases Thredbo's long runs and vertical terrain, it really does test even the smoothest rider. The big bonus is you are on the mountain on dawn and get to ride it at your own speed.

“This year there was around 35 control gates and the course had a bit of everything from long, flat gliding sections to high speed turns and one big, straight truck to the finish line. The new overtaking corridor won and lost positions in some of the categories today” said Adam Hosie - Thredbo Snow Sport Director and Chief of Course.

The event draws everyday heroes as well as past and current pro racers contesting seven categories including pro, women's, amateur and veterans.

Winner of the Pro Men's Ski Olympian Scott Kneller exclaimed it got seriously gnarly out there – but that didn't stop him claiming his sixth Top2Bottom title. Local rider Wiki Jones blitzed the field for her fifth Open Women's Snowboard win and with a dominating run, top young racer Zali Offord, won the Open Women's Ski. The Open Men's Snowboard champ Jye Kearney proved that he has the speed and the switch slides, to take on the best of the best.

For those taking a more relaxed approach to the morning cheered and sipped champagne slopeside from Kareela Hutte, high above Thredbo.

**Category winners:**

Open Women's Ski - Zali Offord  
Open Women's Snowboard – Wiki Jones  
Open Men's Snowboard – Jye Kearney  
Opens Men's Ski – Scott Kneller  
Amateur Men's Ski – Adam Podgorski  
Masters Men's Ski – Dane Upton  
Veteran Men's Ski – Paul Herron

For video and images from today's fast and furious event click [here](#).

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