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2026 Iditarod Winter Raffle Winners Announced

Wasilla, Alaska – The 2026 Iditarod Winter Raffle drawing was held at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, 2026, during the Mat-Su Outdoorsman Show in Wasilla, Alaska—a fitting setting that reflects the spirit of community and outdoor tradition at the heart of the Iditarod.

This year, fifty-five (55) raffle participants shared in \$200,000 in cash prizes, including forty-nine (49) \$1,000 awards, five (5) \$10,000 awards, and one (1) \$101,000 grand prize. While these winnings are worth celebrating, the greater impact of the raffle lies in what it makes possible.

Proceeds from both the Winter and Summer Iditarod Raffles are vital to sustaining the mission of the Iditarod Trail Committee: preserving the historic Iditarod Trail, honoring Alaska's rich mushing heritage, and ensuring the continued running of The Last Great Race on Earth®. Every ticket purchased represents more than a chance to win—it is a direct investment in the future of the race, the care of the canine athletes, and the continuation of a uniquely Alaskan tradition that brings together communities from Anchorage to Nome.

The Iditarod Trail Committee extends its sincere congratulations to all 2026 Winter Raffle winners. More importantly, we offer our deepest gratitude to every supporter who participated. Your commitment and generosity play an essential role in making the Iditarod possible, and in carrying forward a legacy that means so much to Alaska and to fans around the world.

Please see below for the complete list of 2026 Iditarod Winter Raffle winners:

Prize Number	Prize Amount	Ticket Number	Winner
1	\$101,000	4809	Cecelia McKinley
2	\$1,000	4071	Darla Pindell
3	\$1,000	2421	Jim Johnson
4	\$1,000	5082	Stephen Proctor
5	\$1,000	3666	Diane Darling
6	\$1,000	3483	Mickey Prettyman

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7	\$1,000	3529	Beverly Greve
8	\$1,000	3093	John Youngblood
9	\$1,000	1716	Michael Allain
10	\$1,000	1034	Barbara Chen
11	\$10,000	2885	Ken Granger
12	\$1,000	1898	Shari Larson
13	\$1,000	4007	Jo Wood
14	\$1,000	2565	Ellen Guthrie
15	\$1,000	4360	Bruce Hopper
16	\$1,000	1537	Helen Anawrok
17	\$1,000	1574	Brian Heyano
18	\$1,000	2109	Tamara Milner
19	\$1,000	2240	Ian Halstead
20	\$1,000	4819	Harold Pavilla
21	\$1,000	882	Sonja Hill
22	\$10,000	131	Kaylene Killbear
23	\$1,000	2052	Emma Kopylov
24	\$1,000	2464	Robert Jones
25	\$1,000	5161	Steve Kevan
26	\$1,000	4541	Jean Pellerin
27	\$1,000	2544	Denice Demeris
28	\$1,000	905	John Klotunowitch
29	\$1,000	926	Harley Huntington
30	\$1,000	1210	David Snow
31	\$1,000	427	James Moore
32	\$1,000	713	Mark Van Driessche
33	\$10,000	870	Claudia Rocha
34	\$1,000	1583	Jay Belcher
35	\$1,000	2063	Christy James
36	\$1,000	3369	Alaska Active Tours
37	\$1,000	105	Bethany Kaiser
38	\$1,000	4290	Bill Stearns

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39	\$1,000	2640	Miriam Rader-Downing
40	\$1,000	1442	Clive Siegle
41	\$1,000	2163	Lorraine Emerson
42	\$1,000	5187	Terry Kozarik
43	\$1,000	2907	Betty Bonin
44	\$10,000	4838	Jesse Ackerson
45	\$1,000	3653	Elizabeth Fleming
46	\$1,000	5059	Eddie Maxwell
47	\$1,000	2524	David Eilertsen
48	\$1,000	2344	Cindy Cyganiak
49	\$1,000	725	Letha Anderson
50	\$1,000	1616	Dell Dimmerling
51	\$1,000	4234	Mary Hoffman
52	\$1,000	369	Marcus Vale
53	\$1,000	977	Edward Doerr
54	\$1,000	2433	Michael Havens
55	\$10,000	3403	William Kramer

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About the Iditarod

The Iditarod Trail Committee is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve the rich tradition of the Alaska sled dog and the Iditarod Trail. The organization is charged with coordinating the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race®, an annual long-distance sled dog race stretching from Anchorage to Nome for an approximate 1,000-mile journey through Alaska over the roughest, most breathtaking terrain in the world. For more information, visit www.iditarod.com.

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