

It was a near perfect race day with blue sky and little wind. The temperature was 31F in the mid morning and went up to 36F when the race started. The snow started to get wet but not sluggish. The ones with warm glide wax and right rails did well. The 10K course was well covered and groomed.

Pioneer Midwest ski team dominated the race and took the top four spots. But the most impressive skier is the 7 year-old Elise Lohmann from the Twin Cities skated the 10k course on her brand new skate skis. This is her first time skate skiing ever. She did so well on those hills.

Here are the race results:

Place	Div	Name	Time	Age group
1	1	Jonathan Sandborn	35:11	M40-49
2	1	Melinda Silbernack	37:06	F40-49
3	1	Amy Wyman	38:23	F20-29
4	2	Jenni Mead	39:34	F20-29
5	1	Steve Gromatka	39:34	M15-19
6	1	John Pfund	40:59	M30-39
7	3	Renee Schaefer	41:52	F20-29
8	1	Taylor Ellison	42:06	F15-19
9	1	Missy Erickson	43:09	F14 and under
10	2	Hannah Sandborn	45:52	F14 and under
11	1	Arne Ostgarden	46:01	M50-59
12	2	Kate Wold	46:12	F15-19
13	2	Jeffrey Quam	48:32	M50-59
14	3	Erika Sandborn	55:03	F15-19
15	1	Linda Mealey-Lohmann	1:20:00	F50-59 (Classic)
16	3	Elise Lohmann	1:43:00	F14 and under
17	3	Paul Lohmann	1:43:01	M50-59

The Pole Pedal Pant (10K freestyle ski, 10K mountain bike, 5K run) on March 12, 2005 will use the same 10k course for the skiing section. A good turn out is anticipated. All race bib numbers will be permanently retired to honor this race traditionally held at Giants Ridge for the last 15 years.

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