

Newcomb Honored for 16 years of Sled Dog Race Support
IPSSSDR Presents the Old Stager Award to the Bank of Jackson Hole.

Jackson, Wyoming – February 2, 2011 – The International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race (IPSSSDR) awarded Phil Newcomb from the Bank of Jackson Hole the Old Stager Award at the Pedigree Party at Snow King Resort following the opening Jackson stage of the race on January 28, 2011.

Typically the Old Stager Award honors a musher or an individual who has made a long-term commitment to the race, and the award is presented by Phil Newcomb for the Bank of Jackson Hole. But this year IPSSSDR Race Director Frank Teasley turned the tables when he surprised Newcomb by presenting him and the bank with the award for their commitment to the race over its 16-year history.

“Phil has been the Race Treasurer since day one of the race,” said Teasley. “In 16 years, he has never bounced a check!”

Newcomb has served on the Race Advisory Board as well as being a member of the Jackson committee. In addition, the Bank of Jackson Hole has been a sponsor of the race since 1996.

Old Stager Award winners are traditionally presented with memorial photos of the race. A framed photograph by Jackson, Wyo., photographer Chris Havener of a sled dog was presented to Newcomb as this year’s Old Stager Award.

The Bank of Jackson Hole is a locally owned and locally managed independent bank headquartered in Jackson, with branches in Dubois, Alpine and Pinedale, Wyo. Founded in 1985, the Bank of Jackson Hole serves communities in and around the Jackson Hole Valley. It has been an IPSSSDR sponsor since the race’s beginning in 1996.

The International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race was founded in 1996 by Frank Teasley to make sled dog racing more accessible to the public. For more information, visit the race at www.wyomingstagestop.org, contact the race via e-mail at bark@wyomingstagestop.org, or telephone at 307.734.1163.

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