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Annual Report Masters Cross-Country Skiing in Germany 2022/2023

The winter season was unfortunately characterized by a chronic lack of snow. In Germany, there were only a few regions where cross-country skiers could train optimally on snow.

The German Championship in the ski marathon took place within the framework of the King Ludwig Run over the distance of 43 km in Oberammergau in the classic technique on 05 February 2023. With very adverse conditions the day before, due to night frost and many helpers, the marathon could be carried out in quite good fast (icy) conditions.

A large number of later starters of the Masters World Cup in Seefeld could secure class victories and medals in Oberammergau. The overall victory for the German Championship went to the former WC starter and member of the DSV national team Thomas Bing in a time of 1:39:23 hrs.

The German Championships over the short distances could take place under the leadership of Andreas Dillemuth as co-organizer on February 11/12, 2023 in Kaltenbrunn near Garmisch-Partenkirchen / Bavaria combined with the Bavarian Senior Championships. The course lengths in the free technique for the women and men were equal to 10 km each in the free technique and 20 km in the classic technique. The snow conditions were excellent and the participants were full of praise for the organization.

On day 1, out of 100 participants, 95 were classified in the age groups from 31 to 86 years. On day 2, 57 of the 66 participants entered the competition for the age group medals from 31 to 86 years. Once again it became apparent that the classic technique was less accepted by the athletes during the race weekend.

It could be positively noted that almost all starters of the DM Short Distance have registered for the Masters World Cup in Seefeld. The preceding championship was a great success and the starters overall very satisfied, because they could also finally run a race again.

With a large number of 150 starters, the German delegation participated in the Masters World Cup in Seefeld of the Bavarian organizer SC Monte Kaolino Hirschau (Oberpfalz) from March 18-24 in Seefeld / Tyrol / Austria. Since for many of the Bavarian and German



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participants it was a so-called home event, we also had accordingly a large team from the age group 31 to 86 years at the start.

With 24 gold medals, 28 silver medals and 20 bronze medals, the German masters cross-country skiers won a total of 72 medals at this year's international season highlight. The first place in the nation ranking with 29 participating countries was thus assured.

Since it was already very warm at the time of the races in Seefeld, the German Championships over the long distance and the club relays for the elite athletes and the master athletes planned for the end of the winter season on April 1 and 2, 2023 in Zwiesel / Arbersee / Bavarian Forest unfortunately fell victim to the too warm temperatures, since the last snow had melted away there as well.

The German Masters are now looking forward to a hopefully better winter 2023/2024 and especially to excellent conditions at next year's Masters World Cup in Vuokatti / Finland in February 2024.

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