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Kabush cruises to course record

SQUAMISH—Geoff Kabush demonstrated once again why he is considered Canada's pre-eminent mountain biker by beating a stellar field and setting a new course record in the 15th running of the North Shore Credit Union Test of Metal in Squamish.

Kabush's finishing time of 2:29:25 shaved 45 seconds off last year's winning time set by Max Plaxton.

On the women's side, Catharine Pendrel defended her title with a time of 2:51:53. It was Pendrel's third Test of Metal title in the past four years.

Second place for the men was Kris Sneddon

(2:31:25) followed by Marty Lazarski (2:39:00).

Sandra Walter (3:06:43) took second place for the women's side and Catherine Vipond (3:08:25) was third.

The men's race was unique featuring every past winner of the Test of Metal since its first running in 1996. Kabush and Plaxton were joined in the starting chute by past champions Carter Hovey, Michael Pruner, Chad Miles, Ruedi Schnyder, Andrew Kyle, Ricky Federeau and Neal Kindree.

Top Squamish competitors were Brandi Heisterman (3:16:18) on the women's side and Kelly Servinski (2:46:26) for the men.

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