

# Truckee resident takes bronze at cross country championships

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SOLDIER HOLLOW, Utah – APU Nordic had a strong day Friday at the U.S. Cross Country Ski Championships with Erik Bjornsen (Winthrop, Wash./APU Nordic) and Rosie Brennan (Park City/APU Nordic) taking their first U.S. titles.

Bjornsen won the men's 15K freestyle individual start in 37:02.7, a 6 second margin over U.S. Ski Team teammate Tad Elliott (Durango, Colo./Ski and Snowboard Club Vail).

Matt Gelso (Truckee/Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation) took bronze.

APU Nordic swept the women's podium with Brennan winning the 10K in 29:12.3 – an 11 second margin over Sadie Bjornsen (Winthrop, Wash./APU Nordic). Kate Fitzgerald (Palmer, Alaska/APU Nordic) won bronze.

More than 430 athletes from around the country are taking part in the U.S. Championships at Soldier Hollow, the 2002 Olympic venue.