

Winter Marathon



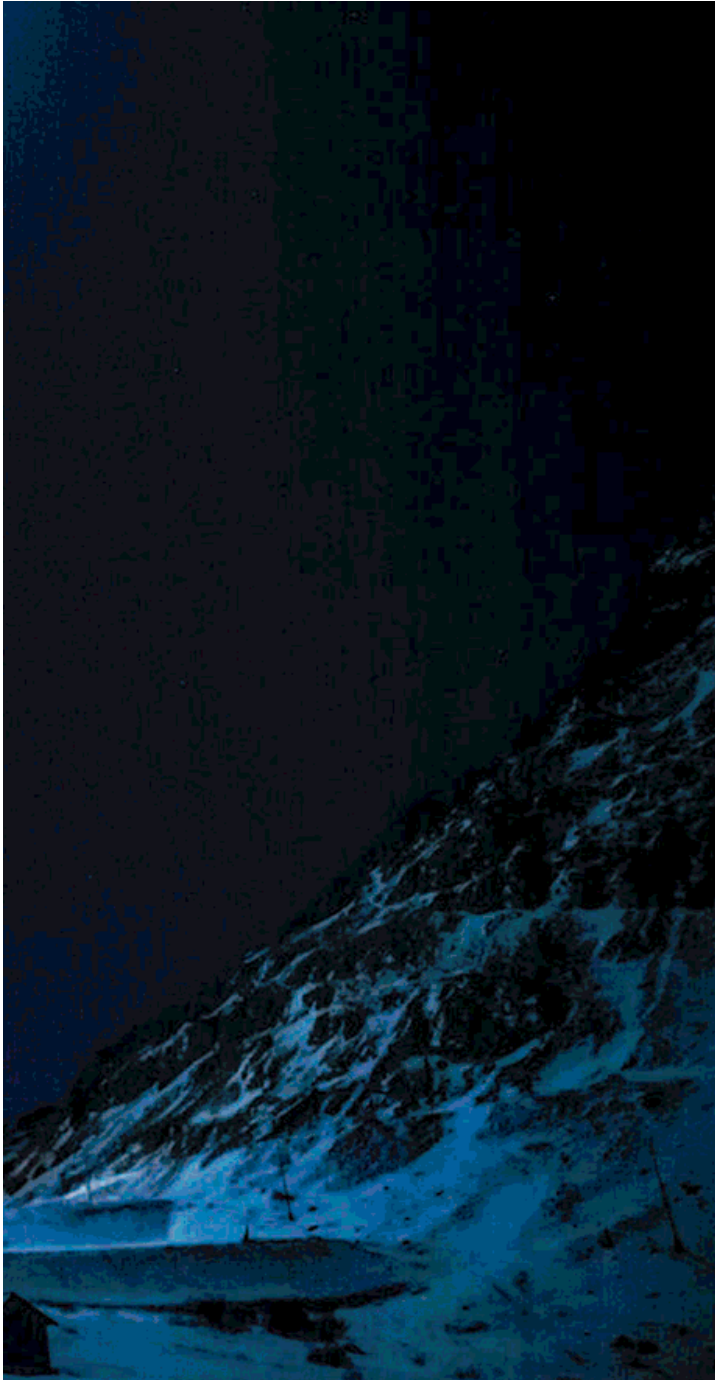
Franco Spagnoli and Giuseppe Parisi, in a Fiat 508 S won the 28th edition of the Winter Marathon that finished at 02:00 on Saturday 23 January. Six points behind the Brescian crew were last year's runners up Antonino Margiotta and Bruno Perno, driving a Volvo PVS44 with a Fiat similar to the winners', driven by Francesco and Giuseppe Di Pietra a further 58 points in arrears in third place.

In a year with virtually no snow, 118 crews still had to contend with freezing temperatures, that reached as low as -10, as they set out from Madonna di Campiglio on 22 January for 12 consecutive hours of driving over the Dolomite passes of Trentino and Alto Adige on a 410km adventure. Over 50% of the route was new to competitors this year, with 55 challenging timed sections. There

was a surprise when six-time winner, Giuliano Cané, withdrew his 1938 Lancia Aprilia due to problems with his timing equipment, but generally the conditions caused few problems for the teams.

The Ladies prize went to Emanuela Cinelli and Elena Scaramuzzi and best foreign crew was the Japanese pair of Kenji Nakahara and Kazuo Ishii with a 1965 Porsche 356 C Coupe.

The fun continued on Saturday, after some rest for the crews, when two races were staged on the frozen lake in the town of Madonna di Campiglio, one for pre-war cars and the other for the first 32 finishers of the rally. Francesco and Giuseppe di Pietra won the former for the second time in a row, while the latter race was won by Gianmario Fontanella and Alessandro Malta with their 1955 Porsche 356 A.



The first 32 rally finishers are invited to race on the frozen lake for the TAG Heuer Trophy. Gionmaria Fontanello and Alessandro Malta won the race in their 356 Porsche



Emanuela Cinelli and Elena Scorumuzzi took the ladies prize driving a Mercedes 250 SL



Franco Spagnoli and Giuseppe Porisi won the rally in their Franciacorta Motori-entered Fiat 508 S. The Franciacorta Motori team had three cars in the top six finishers, which won them the team trophy



Antonina Margiotta and Bruno Perno, took second overall in the rally for the second year running, and put on a good show on the frozen lake