

2nd Annual MOODY SPRING SNOWSHOE RACES

WMAC

March 3, 2001

Dubuque State Forest - West Halway, MA

WMAC

9 Mile

01. Dave Dunham	36	Bradford, MA	1:17:00	58 pt
02. Leigh Schmitt	28	S. Deerfield, MA	1:21:50	57
03. Ken Clark	38	Enfield, CT	1:26:18	56
04. Peter Keeney	35	Bar Harbor, ME	1:29:17	55
05. Robert Molnar	25	Bradford, MA	1:32:25	54
06. Bob Dion	45	Readsboro, VT	1:33:43	53
07. Dave Hannon	30	Waltham, MA	1:34:35	52
08. John Pelton	61	West Rupert, VT	1:36:22	51
09. Dave Wallace	48	Dalton, MA	1:38:22	50
10. Kelly Harrington	26	Schenectedy, NY	1:41:30	49
11. Seth Roberts	49	Longmeadow, MA	1:42:50	48
12. Thomas Skrocki	40	Amesbury, MA	1:44:25	47
13. John Carey	39	Millbury, MA	1:44:43	46
14. David Boles	54	New Paltz, NY	1:46:40	45
15. Ed Buckley	42	Southampton, MA	1:46:41	44
16. Ed Alibozek Jr.	61	Adams, MA	1:47:35	43
17. James Ruddock	33	S. Deerfield, M	1:48:00	42
18. Bruce Marvonek	47	Stafford, CT	1:49:45	41
19. Bob Worsham	55	Woodstock, CT	1:53:35	40
20. Scott Bradley	46	Pittsfield, MA	1:54:54	39
21. Peter Lipka	49	Adams, MA	1:55:16	38
22. Darlene McCarthy	38	North Adams, MA	1:56:59	37
23. Carol Kane	55	Weston, CT	1:57:25	36
24. Karl Molitoris	45	Stafford, CT	1:57:57	35
25. Eric Iannacone	28	Amherst, MA	1:59:07	34
26. Debbie Briggs	49	Rhinebeck, NY	1:59:27	33
27. Marc Lombard	36	Greenfield, MA	2:02:15	32
28. Nick Jubock	44	Yorktown Hts, NY	2:02:42	31
29. Tricia Grenier	24	Portsmouth, RI	2:03:56	30
30. Garreth Buckley	24	Southampton, MA	2:11:18	29
31. Laura Clark	53	Saratoga, NY	2:14:40	28
32. Mark Syrett	52	Hampden, MA	2:16:20	27
33. Bill Herrington	52	Pittsford, VT	2:16:24	26
34. Richard Busa	71	Marlboro, MA	2:20:29	25
35. Art Gulliver	62	Leominster, MA	2:25:46	24
36. Ron DiNicola	50	Salem, NH	2:29:59	23
37. Lisa Swan	29	Albany, NY	2:46:30	22
38. Konrad Karolczuk	48	Windsor Lcks, CT	3:08:35	21

4.5 Mile

01. Ken Fairman	57	Granby, MA	1:21:08	20 pt
02. Claudine Preite	34	North Adams, MA	1:22:20	19
03. Chris Dunne	41	Rosendale, NY	1:22:59	18
04. Kenneth Deary	48	Dudley, MA	1:25:54	17
05. Missy Heeb	35	Amherst, MA	1:27:08	16
06. Martin Glendon	54	Windsor, MA	1:27:17	15
07. Wendy Hession	23		1:27:39	14
08. Jeff Clark	54	Saratoga, NY	1:55:52	13
09. Martha Hojnowski	36	Pownal, VT	2:02:38	12
10. Gotha Swann	50	Pittsfield, MA	2:08:50	11
11. Paul Hartwig	44	Adams, MA	2:08:51	10
12. Meg Dunne	40	Rosendale, NY	2:14:14	09
13. Maria Capella	39	Suffield, CT	2:15:11	08
14. Phillip Capella	39	Suffield, CT	2:15:12	07
15. Larry Dragon	40	Cheshire, MA	2:19:00	06
16. Michelle Filiault	33	Adams, MA	2:19:01	05
17. Brian McCarthy	40	North Adams, MA	2:18:30	04
18. Ellen Mach	58	Adams, MA	0:57:00	03
19. Gerry Bland	54	Suffield, CT	1:30:00	02
20. Steve Estes	58	Suffield, CT	1:30:00	01

Thanks everyone for participating at the 2nd Annual Moody Spring snowshoe races. It was a near perfect day for it, the temperature was in the mid 20's (our cups of water were freezing fairly quickly) and the snow base and fresh powder on top made the trails in the forest just fantastic. We had some nice sunshine too, and almost 100% smiling faces.

I hope that the weather and snow conditions in Hawley surprised some of you who haven't played here before. It is a really great spot for holding snow. I would like to say that the Dubuque State Forest crew (Dennis Shulda and Dave Brown) really helped us out a lot over the last two events. Dave was out on Friday getting the parking area plowed and sanded, and he also ran the groomer along all the roads to smooth each bump out.

Like the Kiln Race, we split things up into 2 races. The 6 miler was the same course as the 9, except the middle 3 mile loop on the Gould Meadow / Moody Spring trails was taken out.

Ken Fairman had a beautiful race to win overall. I know it has probably been a while since he has won a race outright. Nice job Kenny! Ken has been troubled by nagging foot ailments for over a year, it has been great to see him participating all winter with us.

2nd overall, and 1st woman was Claudine Preite. It was a smart decision on the Priete's part to have Jim watch the children and allow Claudine to race. At the first South Pond race four years ago, Claudine was walking along on snowshoes. As the years have wandered on, she has turned into a pretty good snowshoe racer. This is a sport where with a little dedication, you can improve well from year to year. Great race Claudine!

In the 9 miler (measured at 8.6 miles by the infamous Karl Marxitoris), Dave Dunham separated himself from 2nd place Leigh Schmitt somewhere between miles 3 and 6. Dave has entered and won five events in the WMAC Snowshoe series this year, and also finished 1st at the Global Snowshoe Challenge in New York State, against some competitors from Colorado who are sponsored athletes. Dave came into this season in incredible shape, and it seems like the further the events go, the more dominating he gets. It is hard to look at finish times from year to year to get an idea about how fast someone is, but the times Dave posted at the 5 WMAC events are mind blowing. It was a really special season for him, and us. Having quality racers like Dave, Leigh, Kenny, Robert and Bob showing up week after week to these little events in the middle of nowhere has helped to establish our series. Thanks Dave, for giving all of us someone to chase after, and try each week to gain on.

The ladies 9 miler was a battle. Carol Kane was leading the entire event until the last downhill half-mile. Darlene McCarthy rolled by, and finished 26 seconds ahead. These two young ladies have been going back and forth the last two years at these things, usually finishing in the top 5 each time. It was really great to see them competing for the overall win at an event. Darlene just seems to never slow down, no matter what the distance of the race. Her pace is one of the most unwavering I have witnessed. Great running ladies, the training is paying off!

Thanks to the helpers, Lisa for directing the first turn; Sweep and Curly for the finish line; Pat for the water stop; Tom Skrocki and K2 for marking the course; Gotha, Terry and Tom for removing the ribbons; Rich Busa brought his friend Rich Godin to help out!; Tom McCrumm for having us at the Sugarhouse. I hope I mentioned everyone, I try to get this part right.

Putting on these events was really a joy. We really appreciate all the kind words, seeing so many smiles on one day is priceless. We get a charge out of making a few people a little happier for a brief moment in time. If more folks could just get out and exert themselves a little, and then sit down in a group and have some snacks after... the world might be a better place. Crazy, but we believe it. Thanks everyone. You don't all know how happy you have made me the last couple years.