

WESTERN MASS A.C. SNOSHU-NEWS

2004 WMAC Snowshoe Series Champion Kelli Lusk is one of three elected Northeast Region Representatives for the United States Snowshoe Association (USSSA). Kelli has competed at three of the four USSSA National Championships, coming in 4th, 1st and 4th from 2002 – 2004.

Kelli has participated within the WMAC's Snowshoe Series during the 2003 and 2004 seasons.



She won the Greylock Glen event in 2003, setting a course record in the process.

In 2004, on the way to her WMAC title, Kelli won 4 of 5 events, setting new course records at the Greylock Glen 3.5 miler, Curly's Record Run 4 miler, and Hawley Kiln 7 mile race.

Kelli Lusk leading Christophe Lanaud at the 2004 USSSA Northeast Qualifier at

Northfield Mountain. Photograph by Gary Bridgman.

Kelli's WMAC Series Race Results from 2004 are as follows:

Greylock Glen	1st
Curly's Record Run	1st
Northfield Mtn	1st
Camp Saratoga	2nd
Hawley Kiln	1st

USSSA SNOWSHOE CHAMPIONS '01 – '04

2001	Dave Dunham	Nikki Kimball
2002	Josiah Middaugh	Anita Ortiz
2003	Josiah Middaugh	Kelli Lusk
2004	Greg Krause	Nikki Kimball

On the men's side, it was Ben Nephew picking up the WMAC Snowshoe Series title. Ben ended his 2004 WMAC season with his first snowshoe victory, at Covered Bridge.

Ben raced in his second USSSA Championship, placing 11th in 2004.

In 2001, Ben placed 3rd overall at the USSSA National Championships.

For all time points leaders in the WMAC Series standings, Ben is currently ranked 21st with 1107 total points. Points have been accumulated since the 1998 season.



Ben Nephew heading toward the finish of Northfield Mtn, holding off Ian Lanza. Photograph by Gary Bridgman.

It was the third season Ben has snowshoed with us, and his six events in 2004 saw him placing as follows:

Greylock Glen	3 rd
Curly's Record Run	3 rd
Northfield Mtn	6 th
Camp Saratoga	3 rd
Hawley Kiln	2 nd
Covered Bridge	1 st

WMAC SNOWSHOE CHAMPIONS 1998 - 2004

1998	Bryan Dragon	Laurel Rollins
1999	Ken Clark	Beth Herder
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2001	Leigh Schmitt	Carol Kane
2002	Leigh Schmitt	Deb Livingston
2003	Richard Bolt	Sheryl Wheeler
2004	Ben Nephew	Kelli Lusk

ALL TIME WMAC SNOWSHOE POINTS LEADERS - 1998 - 2004**MEN**

PL	NAME	# RACES	TOTAL PTS
1	Bob Dion	38	3196.95
2	Leigh Schmitt	29	2854.94
3	Ken Clark	29	2637.27
4	Dave Dunham	25	2365.29
5	Ed Alibozek Jr	36	2200.60
6	David Boles	33	2141.50
7	Edward Alibozek	24	2015.70
8	John Pelton	24	1846.25
9	Bob Worsham	27	1844.40
10	Kelly Herrington	21	1696.55
11	Lawrence Dragon	30	1638.35
12	Richard Bolt	16	1513.68
13	Peter Lipka	27	1467.63
14	Dave Hannon	17	1432.88
15	Paul Hartwig	27	1352.10
16	Shaun Sutcliffe	17	1332.13
17	Scott Bradley	20	1326.44
18	Jim Preite	17	1290.06
19	Richard Busa	39	1184.47
20	Wayne Stocker	17	1126.11
21	Ben Nephew	12	1107.46
22	Mike Lahey	17	1014.80
23	Jack Quinn	17	1014.53
24	Karl Molitoris	16	983.63
25	Bruce Marvonek	15	975.12
26	Paul Low	9	891.40
27	Seth Roberts	12	860.01
28	Ed Saharczewski	17	859.65
29	Bill Ross	14	800.91
30	Ed Buckley	12	797.41
31	Marc Lombard	13	785.65
32	JackCasey	10	781.11
33	Bryan Dragon	9	758.59
34	James Pawlicki	9	732.92
35	Mark Guillaume	8	715.94
36	Christophe Lanaud	8	686.44
37	Bob Massaro	21	657.55
38	Dan Verrington	8	634.10
39	James Ruddock	9	607.04
40	Rob Higley	7	606.58
41	Michael Robertson	7	588.27
42	Martin Glendon	20	578.06
43	Nick Jubock	8	577.68
44	Norm Hecker	7	576.61
45	Dave Wallace	7	573.93
46	John Noonan	6	572.46
47	Keith Schmitt	6	564.96
48	Konrad Karolczuk	41	555.64
49	Kennith Deary	12	534.80
50	Jan Rancatti	7	532.30
51	Mark Syrett	18	526.74
52	Jay Kolodzinski	7	525.08
53	Scott Livingston	6	522.27
54	Elijah Barrett	6	514.39
55	Jim Schultz	6	506.86
56	William Morse	11	505.84
57	Brian McCarthy	17	498.66

WOMEN

PL	NAME	# RACES	TOTAL PTS
1	Carol Kane	26	1466.88
2	Laura Clark	34	1432.35
3	Darlene McCarthy	25	1344.87
4	Deborah Livingston	16	1167.12
5	Jacque Schiffer	14	917.58
6	Laurel Shortell	27	709.82
7	Beth Herder	9	683.13
8	Sheryl Wheeler	8	651.69
9	Lisa Schmitt	13	625.07
10	Stephanie Nephew	9	586.15
11	Tracey Delaney	7	564.44
12	Kelli Lusk	6	519.33
13	Barbara Sorrell	11	474.24
14	Maureen Roberts	10	456.01
15	Claudine Preite	17	446.53
16	Nikki Kimball	5	434.93
17	Marcia Whitney	6	373.52
18	Sally Goade	11	362.61
19	Lisa Mentzer	8	362.32
20	Bonnie Fachini	10	341.40
21	Eva Van Stratum	6	334.55
22	Annie Schultz	6	330.32
23	Aurora Lamperetta	7	320.36
24	Kathleen Rioux	6	317.84
25	Elaine Lutzker	6	306.43
26	Debbie Briggs	6	298.74
27	Sweep Voll	5	297.34
28	Lisa Swan	9	282.24
29	Julie Ryan	15	261.22
30	JoAnn Spinelli	6	258.87
31	Angie DeFilippi	3	248.85
32	Stephanie Landy	4	242.35
33	Mary Quinn	6	241.41
34	Tiffany Mann	4	239.44
35	Jennifer Shultis	5	230.15
36	Michele Tetreault	3	229.56
37	Larina Riley	5	226.71
38	Theresa Hance	3	224.54
39	Ellie George	6	218.27
40	Janice Morra	3	216.42
41	Sue Joyner	9	208.70
42	Kelly Short	4	199.98
43	Barbara McManus	3	192.36
44	Erin Worsham	5	190.11
45	Heather Mason	3	185.12
46	Tricia Grenier	4	180.43
47	Jessica Hageman	4	179.51
48	Jennifer Rappaport	2	165.78
49	Beth Trapasso	4	165.72
50	Sarah Edson	4	133.15
51	Lori Christina	6	123.24
52	Meg O'Leary	5	119.76
53	Cheryl Clark	4	119.01
54	Gwen Williams	2	114.89
55	Rachel Schabot	2	112.66
56	Carol Trombley	4	107.52
57	Theresa Apple	3	107.42

TANNERY FALLS

A small group of snowshoers met in Savoy to search for the Dunham Burial Lot, Tannery Falls, Balanced Rock, Ross Brook Trail and Lewis Hill.



Our first sight-seeing stop was the Dunham Burial Lot, the final resting place for members of a Shaker Community that thrived in Savoy during the early 1800's. The burial ground was established in 1818 and is referred to as the "Dunham Burial Ground" as many of those buried here are from the Dunham Family.

The Savoy Shaker Community numbered eighty members from 1817 to 1821. In 1820, a severe drought devastated the farm crops and during that time a plague of locusts hit the area doing even more damage. In the fall of 1821, a decision was made to disperse the community to other Shaker Villages, namely in New Lebanon and Watervliet.



We ended up visiting a total of three cemeteries within the state forest on this day, all swallowed up by snow

and a bit hidden from view. We didn't have enough in us to visit the most infamous lot in Savoy, though, Tower Cemetery. That trip and the sad story behind it will be saved for another time.

The first 3.5-miles are downhill. When we finally hit bottom it was at Tannery Falls, originally called "High Falls" on early maps of Savoy. The falls drops 85' and was a solid chunk of ice. I have also seen reference to this area as "Twin Falls".



Tannery Falls is so named due to a full operations tannery thriving here from 1841 to about 1860. A community rose up

around the tannery, mostly Maynards and Meachams. The area was often called "Meacham Village" or "Maynardville." After the tannery closed a saw mill operated at this location until 1870.

A terrible fire at the tannery sometime after 1912 destroyed everything. The tannery and all the houses burned to the ground, and the land was given to the state in the 1930's.

After the falls, we shuffled toward the Ross Brook Trail, which is a beauty. The snow was about a foot deep and pure powder for this section of our day.



After the Ross Brook we visited Balanced Rock, and then climbed back up toward Adams Road in a light snowfall. What a way to end the last snowshoe trip of the year.

Coffee in the General Store ended the day. We even were able to sit at the comfortable table reserved for locals. The owner of the Savoy



General Store is a Thiel, and her family owned the Thiel-Farm which is now part of the Greylock Glen. What a day!

Photo's from top leftclockwise - K2 and Kenny with the beast; Balanced Rock; the Gang along Ross Brook; Tannery Falls area; and the Dunham Lot.

TANNERY FALLS March 23, 2004

SAVOY S.F. Savoy, MA

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| 1. | Brad Herder | 7 ½ miles | 2:40:00 |
| 2. | Kenny Fairman | 8 miles | 2:55:00 |
| 3. | Richard Busa | 8 miles | 2:55:00 |
| 4. | Konrad Karolczuk | 8 miles | 2:55:00 |
| 5. | Paul Hartwig | 8 miles | 2:55:00 |
| 6. | Edward Alibozek | 8 miles | 2:55:00 |
- Summit, Sierra and Tippi.

WMAC SCHEDULE 2005 "Not Yet Carved in Stone"

Saturday, December 18, 2004 2nd NORTH POND	Florida, MA 3.0 Miles
Sunday, December 26, 2004 4th WOODFORD	Woodford, VT 3.5 Mile
Sunday January 2, 2005 2nd MERRIMACK RIVER TRAIL	Andover, MA 5KM
Saturday January 08, 2005 7th SOUTH POND SHUFFLE	Florida, MA 4 Mile
Saturday January 15, 2005 6th GREYLOCK GLEN	Adams, MA 3.5 Mile
Sunday January 23, 2005 3rd CURLY's RECORD RUN	Pittsfield, MA 4 Miles
Saturday January 29, 2005 1st MANCHESTER H2O WORKS	Manchester, NH <i>undecided</i>
Sunday January 30, 2005 1st SIDE-HILLER	Sandwich, NH 4 Mile
Saturday, February 5, 2005 3rd NORTHFIELD MTN	Northfield, MA 7.25km
Sunday, February 6, 2005 6th SARATOGA WINTERFEST	Saratoga, NY 5km
Saturday, February 12, 2005 3rd CAMP SARATOGA	Saratoga, NY 8km
Saturday, February 19, 2005 8th HAWLEY KILN KLASSIC	Hawley, MA 7 & 4.5 Miles
Saturday, February 26, 2005 3rd COVERED BRIDGE	Adams, MA 3.5 & 8.0 Miles

Extra / Make-Up Events

Will Be Used as Replacement Events if Needed

5th MOODY SPRINGS	Hawley, MA
2nd MOBY DICK	Lanesboro, MA

Dion Demo's Spread out to Albany Area

1ST A.R.E. (ALBANY RUNNERS EXCHANGE) January 9, 2005
Josh Merlis brings snowshoeing to the Capital Region!

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WMAC SCORING 2005

The 2004 WMAC Snowshoe Series will utilize the same system of scoring as last season. The scoring will be decided by points as follows:

Points will be awarded to all finishers, based on number of participants in each individual race, with 1st place always receiving 100 points, regardless of number of finishers. Each subsequent position will be awarded points on a sliding scale from 100.

Example; if 40 people complete North Pond, the overall winner will receive 100 points. The person in second will receive 97.5 points, third will get 95 points, on and on until the last finisher gets awarded the factor point. This will weight the scoring by number of participants.

If at the next event, Woodford, there are 20 finishers, first place again gets 100 points, second 95, third 90 etc.

If there isn't snow at an event, a foot race may be held instead. The points awarded for a "non-snowshoe" race will be halved. So, if there is no snow at Race X, and 50 people participate, first place gets 50 points, second receives 49 points, etc. This way, the event (and the directors efforts) can be salvaged towards being part of the series, with lesser weight than a traditional snowshoe race.

The overall male / female WMAC Snowshoe Champions will be decided by total number of points for their best six out of thirteen possible scores at the WMAC events.

Also, the top point producers in five year age categories, both men and women, will be declared age group champions. You must complete at least four out of the thirteen events to be eligible for an age group title, with your best six scores counting.

2005 WMAC TEAM COMPETITON

We have had growing interest in organizing Team Competition for the WMAC Series. Dave Dunham and Beth Herder have really been the most interested in having this option, with Dave volunteering to keep score.

Here are some ideas on the Team Category. Email us if you can think of some additional options / ideas for this please!

- Three runners score, as many as you want can enter.
- A big club can enter different versions of its team (example: CMS could have a CMS/ Atlas and a CMS/ Redfeather) all kinds of variations are allowed.
- You are only allowed to score for whatever team you put on your app that day
- Pick-up teams are allowed (so if you show up and only 2 WMAC people are present you could grab someone for a "WMAC plus 1").
- There would be women's teams and age group teams and I'd say that women can score in the open team and age groupers can score down (Example: Rich Busa runs for WMAC and scores in the 60+, 50+, 40+ and open team).

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