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## A Group Like None Other!

Cheers to all of you who turned out for "BirkieFest 2017"! We at Slumberland were beyond proud to be right there with you, from the expo to the podium (see page 7). What a celebration, of each of you and your passion for the active, outside lifestyle and for all things Birkie! We wish you all a wonderful year and look forward to seeing you along the way and at Birkie 2018.

- The Slumberland Team



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**Birkie Chiefs are uber volunteers who lead our dedicated volunteers to make sure that event participants have a safe and amazing experience. Birkie Chiefs are the backbone of the volunteer corp and we simply couldn't produce the Birkie events without them. If you're interested in learning more about becoming a Birkie Chief and the many benefits the role includes, please contact 715-634-5025 with questions!**

# #BirkieFever

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“...When there is 2 feet of snow beneath the corduroy we may take for granted the complexity of human and natural factors that make for a world class experience. If anything, this year reminded us that the Birkie is a human experience as much as it is a natural one. Thanks to all for making people's lives better and for providing us a front row seat to witness it.”

—M.E., Birkie Fan



## Hello Birkie Friends!

Someday, when we look back in the archives, the 2017 Birkie, Korte, and Prince Haakon races will go down in history as “officially canceled.” However, those who were here will likely tell a different tale, a story of what “actually” happened in northern Wisconsin the last week of February in 2017. While mother nature made up her mind that there would be no ski racing, the community, the camaraderie, and the greater spirit that **IS** the Birkie, shone brighter than ever during Birkie week 2017.

Even though Barnebirkie and Junior Birkie skiers never donned their skis, the look of excitement and determination in their eyes as they prepared to run, said it all. It didn't matter that there wasn't snow. They simply celebrated the spirit of fun with friends, a little competition, and a great day outside enjoying the beautiful outdoors.

And, on Saturday, instead of a race, the American Birkebeiner Trailhead was transformed into a celebration of what defines the Birkebeiner warrior spirit...determination in the face of adversity, strength of mind and spirit, with a touch of grit mixed in for good measure. BirkieFest 2017 was a celebration of the essence of the Birkie spirit – not just an event, but the joining of a community, a snapshot of a lifestyle that we all hold dear. While the 2017 Birkie was not as planned, I believe it upheld the standard set forth by the years of Birkie events preceding it. Based on the responses to our recent survey, the majority of you felt the same. For that, we are grateful.

With spring in the air, we are refocusing our efforts on numerous projects designed to improve the Birkie Trail experience. From aid station improvements (part of the capital campaign) and trail repairs from last summer's big rain storms, to replacing kilometer after kilometer of new trail markers, and the beginnings of improvements at the OO Trailhead, we'll be busy through fall! The Birkie Trail is at the center of what defines us and as stewards of the trail, we work hard to make certain the trail is in prime condition for the tens of thousands of silent sport enthusiasts who train, relax, or simply enjoy the trail all year through.

Which leads me to the members of American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation. You are the lifeblood of the organization and a big part of why and how we can continue to improve the overall Birkie Trail experience. If you're not a member, I encourage you to consider joining us in 2017. Your membership includes the ability to vote in the annual board elections, joining us in our advocacy of silent sports in the north woods, along with some cool perks and sweet discounts. If you're interested in learning more, visit page 36.

Check out our calendar of events on page 8. Registration is already open for the 2017 Birkie Trail Run Festival, with Birkie, Korte, Prince Haakon and Lumberjack Run registration opening in May.

If you have a question or just want to chat, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or anyone on the Birkie Team – we are here to help. I hope to see you in the north woods and out on the trails soon!



Ben Popp  
Executive Director  
American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation



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## The Mission of the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation

- To promote and conduct the finest international cross-country ski competition and active lifestyle events;
- To serve as good stewards of the American Birkebeiner Trail;
- To support healthy and active lifestyles among people of all ages and abilities.

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# Clearly, Much More Than a Ski Race

*Birkie Fever takes many forms, something we were all privileged to witness at this year's historic "BirkieFest 2017." Slumberland Furniture, Title Sponsor of the American Birkebeiner ski race and the year-round Birkie Lifestyle, shared in the whole experience, from the expo to the podium. Hear what they had to say about this year's Birkie celebration.*

"When we talk to groups about the partnership Slumberland Furniture has developed with the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation, we talk about the alignment of the two organizations. Our missions and approach are very similar. And, just as Slumberland strives to make a difference through its programs like 40 Winks for children in need, to be much more than just a place that sells mattresses, the Birkie is clearly much more than a ski race."

"This year specifically, the record heat wave caused the event to transition from a race to a celebration of the Birkie lifestyle. This provided the opportunity to see the event through another lens. The fact is that without the usual tension of the race itself, the atmosphere was electric and party-like, giving participants the opportunity to connect with friends, family, and the ski community on a much more social level than usual."

"From a media perspective the Birkie folks hit it out of the park. Their ability to become an attractive place and event for



*Ken Larson Sr., Founder and CEO of Slumberland Furniture, and his wife, Barb Larson; Ben Popp, Executive Director of the ABSF; Clay Diggins, Slumberland Vice-President of Sales and Store Operations.*  
– Photo Courtesy of Lee Phipps

news outlets to cover has never been better. There also may be something to the fact that the media in some ways wants to stay close to a potential train wreck waiting to happen. In the end, however, the media all jumped on board that very train and have given lavish praise to Ben Popp and his organization for the way they handled a difficult situation and for the event that the group was able to host."

"From Slumberland's perspective we could not be more proud to be associated with an organization like the ABSF. The way they conduct themselves and the reputation they have earned in the communities where they operate make them a cherished partner. It is our sincere hope that the synergy is a two-way street and that Slumberland's influence on the Birkie is positive for all."

*- The Slumberland Furniture Team*

## Halfway There!

Just 8 short months ago we launched Phase 2 of our Honoring the Legacy – Ensuring the Future Capital Campaign. Through the generous support of 1500 donors we are now over halfway to our goal! We are incredibly grateful for the support of all who have helped us to reach this point in the campaign.

The improvements we have planned will provide better race day experiences for all, deliver opportunities for improved year-round trail access, and enable & inspire a healthy, active, year-round Birkie lifestyle.

From aid station and trailhead improvements (like adding wells and drinking water access at Trailhead cabins!), to miles of trail repair on the 100+ kilometer Birkie Trail system, your generosity will ensure that the Birkie experience will be available for generations to come.

If you're interested in helping us to reach our goals, please reach out to Ben Popp at the ABSF office.

## Thank You!



*New! Drinking water available at Trailhead cabins!*



AMERICAN BIRKEBEINER SKI FOUNDATION - 2017-2018

# Birkie Events Calendar

## 2017

- May 1            2018 Slumberland American Birkebeiner Ski Marathon Registration Opens  
                    2018 Kortelopet Registration Opens  
                    2018 Prince Haakon Registration Opens  
                    2018 BirkieTour Registration Opens  
                    2018 Fat Bike Birkie Registration Opens
- May 15           Lumberjack Run/Walk Registration Opens
- July 22           Lumberjack Run/Walk Around Lake Hayward
- August 5        American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation Annual Meeting & Fun Day!
- September 30   Birkie Trail Run Festival

## 2018

- January 1        2018 Birkie Trail Run Festival Registration Opens
- January 14       BirkieTour
- February 22-25   44th Anniversary – American Birkebeiner and Birkie Week Events
- March 10        Fat Bike Birkie

Join us for a year-round schedule of fun, healthy, active lifestyle events!

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Dates Subject to Change



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**JULY 22, 2017**  
**4.7 MILE RUNWALK**  
**AROUND LAKE HAYWARD**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
Registration Opens May 15 at [www.Lumberjackrun.com](http://www.Lumberjackrun.com)



# 39K Club – Celebrating a Tradition!

– Judy Hoeschler

Over the years, the 39K Club tradition has woven itself into the fabric of the American Birkebeiner ski race experience. Much like kissing the Blarney Stone in Ireland, stopping for a sip from the shot-ski at the 39K marker on the trail has become a must do for many a skier. Here's to the legacy of Birkie Fever that this group of hearty souls spreads each and every year. You've warmed the cockles of many a skier's heart! Skål!

It all started innocently enough in 2007 when a few of Beth and Barney Morgan's friends gathered on race day to watch skiers near Mosquito Brook Trailhead. As retired Birkie skiers, they knew that the hill at 39 kilometers was the perfect spot to cheer and encourage skiers, in part because it had a picnic table.

In 2008, Judy and Jay Hoeschler, hot off a summer of announcing log rolling tournaments, suggested that a sound system, tunes and color commentary would be a welcomed addition. Fred and Sue Scheer provided equipment and trail access from their home at The Brook. A dozen friends and family slogged up the long hill, sledding in a generator, sound equipment, food and home-brew by Bill Shumway. Todd Williamson did what comes natural to the sons of Norwegian woodsmen, gathering up wood for the fire. The warm sunny day provided the perfect backdrop for a great day and the start of a new Birkie tradition.

The gathered group of friends quickly realized that amplified music and Birkie bells



were a huge support to skiers at a very tough section of the race, especially those in later waves. We provided words of encouragement, high fives, hugs, sometimes blueberry or lentil soup, and a warm fire. Part cheering section, part dance party, the club music playlist is always important.

Our group gathers early on race day, before the elite skiers' arrival, enjoying the

beauty of the forest, the corduroy trail, and Irish coffee with whipped cream. The excitement is electric when the elite racers come by, but they are on a mission and not unexpectedly don't even acknowledge our existence. One year, the 15th racer turned, smiled and fist-pumped us. We marvel and cheer at the Birkie founders who glide by exhausted but determined.

After the tragic loss of club member, Ben Morgan, just a few weeks before race day in 2014, the 39K has become a sacred space to celebrate our Birkie community of friends and family.

In 2012, the infamous Shot-Ski made its first appearance, created in the wood shop of club president, Barney Morgan. Filled with sugary concoctions of butterscotch, blackberry, and cinnamon libations, the shot-ski is part ceremony, part feed station, and all fun. Club members entice skiers to the ceremony but are careful not to step up to the ski too often themselves.

In 2017, the Birkie was faced with cancellation due to warm weather. In an effort to sustain Birkie Fever, 39K Club members rallied for the first-ever BirkieFest. With our old 39K trail marker in tow, we set up a sound system, tunes, and color commentary, recreating our annual Birkie tradition, this time at the 3.9K marker of the 5K looped course. Needless to say, business at the shot-ski was brisk, with the first sighted 'lift line' ever in Birkie Nordic ski history.



# Show Up & Don't Quit

-Ernie St. Germaine, *Founding Skier*

I don't have a group of friends that I ski with. Most of the time when I hike, bike, inline skate, walk through the woods, or ski, I'm pretty much alone. I guess that might best describe what being an American Birkebeiner Founder feels like these days, with the exception, of course, of skiing alongside thousands each February. Looking back, it certainly wasn't always that way.

## And, So it Began...

After my first few kilometers in the first race in 1973, I didn't see any other skier until about the last 5k of the race. Breaking the silence, I heard my best friend, Dave Landgraf, yodel from a distance, "little old lady who! Ernie Boy!" The whole time I thought he was ahead of me. From that point we skied in together, down Exhibition, to the front of the chalet, where we crashed over the finish line. I remember Janette Vortanz had a small finish line card set-up. She pinned a ribbon on Dave, then me, and said, "The devil sure got into you boys."

## On Becoming a Founder

One of the reasons the original founding skiers - Karl Andresen, Fred Constalie, Nils Meland, Wayne Lindskoog, Jacque Lindskoog, John Holmquist, Jack Gannet, Rick Scott, John Kotar, Dave Landgraf and me - kept skiing the American Birkebeiner, year after year, is that we just didn't know how to quit.

Tony Wise declared that we were "founders" after we all skied the first ten races. After that race, Tony invited us to Telemark for a summer picnic to celebrate the group's remarkable accomplishment. We ate, celebrated, played a round of golf, and in going through memorabilia and photos discovered that we didn't have a photo of all eleven of us together. It seemed someone was always missing. The only time we were all together was on the starting line. I suppose it was the one thing we all held in common. We just showed up there, year after year, and we kept showing up. We didn't quit.

## Wax & Oranges

Thinking back to the starting line at the second race in February of 1974... it was

cold and crisp in the Bowl at Historyland in Hayward. The entry field had doubled from the first year. It was the second year when I discovered there was such a thing as "kick wax." The pine tar had been rubbed off my skis in the first race in 1973. I pretty much had bare wood on the bottoms of my wooden skis when I arrived at the Hwy OO crossing, which was below the hill from where it crosses now. A skier was standing there rubbing the bottom of a ski and I asked him what he was doing. He said, "waxing." He tossed me a tin of something that looked like candle wax only it was purple. He said, "color it on then rub it in." I did as he instructed and gave him the tin back. He skied off as I rubbed my wax on. I put my skis back and instead of skiing off happily, my skis stuck to the snow like glue. Purple wax on a below zero day! The good thing was that it didn't last long.



*Ernie St. Germaine is the only founding skier to have completed every Birkie ski race since 1973.*

For the 3rd race, in 1975, we learned about Klister. It was a warm day, overcast and the snow was wet. Purple Klister solved that waxing challenge. The race numbers doubled again to about 150 entrants so Tony decided we would need to start out in the middle of Lake Hayward near the beach. We

started skiing in the direction of Hayward's downtown, then circled back east along Hwy B, then across Wheeler Rd and into the woods, heading north to Telemark. I don't remember too much about that race other than that was the year Tony decided we needed water and oranges along the way so a couple of "food and rest stations" were introduced.

## The Birkie Explosion...

Then it began to happen. Bill Koch won a silver medal in the 1976 Olympics and Nordic skiing in America exploded. Along with it, the numbers of entrants in Tony's American Birkebeiner race which was held shortly after the Olympics. The playing of the Olympic theme over loud speakers worked the starting field into a frenzy causing the "thief start" in that year's race. We skied out about 6 minutes early, as I recall. I remember seeing skiers with skis on their shoulders walking down from the lodge to the start line as we skied by heading up the hill and out onto the course. Thereafter, the numbers in the race continued to grow each year.

## Show Up and Don't Quit

A very close friend and mentor, Billy Mills, Olympic Gold Medal Champion, once told me "if you have it in you to dream, you have it in you to succeed. But you must be willing to put in the work necessary to make your dreams a reality." For a Founder, and for many others, skiing the American Birkebeiner each year became as natural as drawing in your next breath. You don't sit around and consider how you will do it, you just do it naturally as though it's a part of your nature, as though living depends on it. And you show up at the start line and you don't quit.

## The Birkie Way of Life

The American Birkebeiner will not end, we saw that Saturday, Race Day 2017, when so many showed up to ski and celebrate, even after the race had to be canceled, and to say thank you in that way we know how; by skiing. And we will be there next February to ski again because that is what we love to do. It's our way of life. We show up and we won't quit.



# Barkie Birkie Canicross



## 3K Female

|                             |             |          |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----------|
| 1. Sierra Anderson, Trumper | Duluth, MN  | 11:40.76 |
| 2. Jackie Pribyl, Winnie    | Duluth, MN  | 12:39.92 |
| 3. Melanie Bomier, Caja     | Mahtowa, MN | 13:41.39 |

## 3K Male

|                           |                 |          |
|---------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| 1. Dan Westerhaus, Sam    | Minneapolis, MN | 11:30.38 |
| 2. Tim Fitzgerald, Terra  | Mercer, WI      | 11:49.20 |
| 3. Tom Fitzgerald, Phoebe | Mercer, WI      | 11:54.68 |

## 1.5K Female

|                         |             |        |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------|
| 1. Beth Ihry, Carl      | Edina, MN   | 6:58.0 |
| 2. Abigail Beaver, Zoey | Hayward, WI | 7:20.9 |
| 3. Grace Cole, Wilson   | Eleva, WI   | 7:39.1 |

## 1.5K Male

|                          |                   |        |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 1. Matt Carothers, Balto | Minocqua, WI      | 5:50.8 |
| 2. Joshua Uhl, Nakita    | Lafayette, CO     | 6:25.2 |
| 3. Sean Gavigan, Bo      | Walkers Point, WI | 6:46.9 |

### Sharing the Barkie Fever!

A check for \$750, proceeds from the 2017 Barkie Birkie Canicross, was presented to the Hayward Northwoods Humane Society in support of our furry friends.

# BARNEBIRKIE

Thank you to the over 600 runners who participated in the 2017 Adventure Run!

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David Squires

Viking Nordic ski patrol

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Dan Clark

For Years of Dedicated Volunteerism & Service

# Junior Birkie

Presented By:



## 1K

### U8 Girls

|                   |              |         |
|-------------------|--------------|---------|
| 1. Camille Friden | Plymouth, MN | 4:29.05 |
| 2. Claire Gilmer  | Winona, MN   | 4:57.55 |
| 3. Milla Erickson | Blaine, MN   | 5:13.27 |

### U8 Boys

|                |                   |         |
|----------------|-------------------|---------|
| 1. Karl Nelson | Medicine Lake, MN | 4:23.26 |
| 2. Kane Straka | Nashotah, WI      | 4:35.97 |
| 3. Eli North   | Bayside, WI       | 4:38.35 |

### U10 Girls

|                |                     |         |
|----------------|---------------------|---------|
| 1. Stella Meza | Lac Du Flambeau, WI | 4:10.05 |
| 2. Anna Gilmer | Winona, MN          | 4:13.38 |
| 3. Lola Olsen  | Hayward, WI         | 4:45.44 |

### U10 Boys

|                   |                |         |
|-------------------|----------------|---------|
| 1. Jamison Ping   | Park City, UT  | 3:54.40 |
| 2. Ethan Albrecht | Stillwater, MN | 4:13.28 |
| 3. TJ Pennycook   | Hudson, WI     | 4:17.91 |

## 2K

### U12 Girls

|                  |               |         |
|------------------|---------------|---------|
| 1. Lauren Ping   | Park City, UT | 7:50.06 |
| 2. Fran Peterson | Barron, WI    | 8:21.66 |
| 3. Anne Straka   | Nashotah, WI  | 8:29.78 |

### U12 Boys

|                  |              |         |
|------------------|--------------|---------|
| 1. Keenan Friden | Plymouth, MN | 8:11.65 |
| 2. Grant Popp    | Earl, WI     | 8:14.71 |
| 3. Luke Popp     | Earl, WI     | 8:18.35 |

### U14 Girls

|                |               |         |
|----------------|---------------|---------|
| 1. Grace Ping  | Park City, UT | 6:48.82 |
| 2. Mia Case    | Minocqua, WI  | 8:04.04 |
| 3. Spirit Hess | Green Bay, WI | 8:44.60 |

### U14 Boys

|                    |              |         |
|--------------------|--------------|---------|
| 1. Marcus Peterson | Barron, WI   | 7:21.39 |
| 2. Casey Van Hefty | Minocqua, WI | 7:28.80 |
| 3. Owen Ping       | Winona, MN   | 7:31.71 |

## 3K

### U16 Girls

|                   |                  |          |
|-------------------|------------------|----------|
| 1. Jane Straka    | Nashotah, WI     | 14:01.00 |
| 2. Kenai Weinhold | Stewartville, MN | 17:03.20 |
| 3. Faith Pera     | Wakefield, MI    | 18:39.36 |

### U16 Boys

|                   |               |          |
|-------------------|---------------|----------|
| 1. Alex Gay       | Rochester, MN | 12:46.36 |
| 2. Phillip Hedges | Duluth MN     | 16:57.77 |

### High School Girls

|                    |            |          |
|--------------------|------------|----------|
| 1. Letizia Boccoli | Wausau, WI | 15:58.77 |
| 2. Ele Maki        | Wausau, WI | 20:11.07 |
| 3. Veronica Roloff | Wausau, WI | 21:15.40 |

# Slumberland American Birkebeiner – Nordic Festivities

## 2018 Schedule of Events • February 22-25, 2018

### Thursday, February 22, 2018

- 9:00am Birkie Adaptive
- 10:00am Barkie Birkie Skijor
- 11:15am Opening Ceremonies & Nikkerbeiner Parade
- 12:00pm Barnebirkie
- 1:00pm Birkie Expo
- 2:00pm Junior Birkie
- 4:20pm Birkie Sprints
- 6:00pm Birkie Giant Ski

### Friday, February 23, 2018

- 10:45am Kortelopet
- 1:15pm Prince Haakon

### Saturday, February 24, 2018

- 8:15am 44th Annual Slumberland American Birkebeiner

### Sunday, February 25, 2018

- 9:00am Birkie On-Snow Ski & Bike Demo
- 9:00am Fast & Female Champ Chat

## Birkie & Korte Wave Placement

Wave seeding is based upon your best Birkie or Korte race finish time from the past three races and is determined by the following hierarchy:

1. Result of the same race (Birkie or Korte) and technique (classic or skate) for which you are registering;
2. Result of different technique (classic or skate) in the same race (Birkie or Korte) for which you are registering, plus an adjustment factor;
3. Result of different race (Birkie or Korte) in the same technique (classic or skate) for which you are registering; plus an adjustment factor;
4. Result of different race (Birkie or Korte) and different technique (classic or skate), plus adjustment factor.
5. If no time results are available, you will be placed in the last wave.

### Change Requests

- If you do not have a Birkie or Korte result from the past three races, you may submit a request to utilize a result from a Birkie qualifying race from 2017 to be placed in a seeded wave.
- If you are seeded from a Birkie or Korte result from the past three races, you may submit a request to utilize a result from a Birkie qualifying race to be placed in a higher seeded wave.
- Birkie qualifying races must be completed in 2017 or before January 26, 2018.
- The top 200 men and 60 women in Birkie Skate and top 100 men and 40 women in Birkie Classic from 2016 qualify for the Elite Wave. If you are changing techniques in 2018 and wish to be in the elite wave, you must request elite wave placement at [elite@birkie.com](mailto:elite@birkie.com).
- Wave upgrade requests that were completed for the 2017 Birkie will be honored, but must be requested for the 2018 race at [www.birkie.com/birkie](http://www.birkie.com/birkie). There will be no additional charge for this specific upgrade request.
- Please see [www.Birkie.com](http://www.Birkie.com) for eligible qualifying races and procedures for submitting wave seeding request.
- All wave change requests must be made by 4:00 pm, CST, January 26, 2018. A \$15 fee will be charged for all requests.
- Please note that if a wave has filled at the time of your registration or change request, you will be placed in the next available wave.
- We reserve the right to manipulate the seeding of waves in order to create balanced, safe waves for all skiers.
- All Korte skiers 13-20 (year of birth 1998-2005) may ski in the U20 Korte Wave. See [www.birkie.com/kortelopet](http://www.birkie.com/kortelopet) for details.

## Change Request Deadline • January 26, 2018

Change requests will be accepted between Birkie, Korte, and Prince Haakon races. All race, technique, and wave change requests will be accepted through 4:00pm CST on January 26, 2018. Fees Will Apply.



### 2018 Birkie Skate Wave Seeding

| Wave | 2016<br>Finish Time | 2015<br>Finish Time | 2014<br>Finish Time |
|------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1    | 2:36:35 to 3:05:16  | 2:12:21 to 3:19:11  | 2:14:29 to 3:43:56  |
| 2    | 3:05:17 to 3:26:36  | 3:18:12 to 3:43:09  | 3:43:57 to 4:13:32  |
| 3    | 3:26:37 to 3:54:19  | 3:42:10 to 3:54:58  | 4:13:33 to 4:39:07  |
| 4    | 3:54:20 to 4:03:05  | 3:54:59 to 4:28:12  | 4:39:08 to 5:04:40  |
| 5    | 4:03:06 to 4:33:10  | 4:28:13 to 5:05:12  | 5:04:41 to 5:43:34  |
| 6    | 4:33:11 to 5:29:30  | 5:05:13 to 6:10:10  | 5:43:35 to 6:46:30  |
| 7    | 5:29:31 and up      | 6:10:11 and up      | 6:46:31 and up      |

### 2018 Birkie Classic Wave Seeding

| Wave | 2016<br>Finish Time | 2015<br>Finish Time | 2014<br>Finish Time |
|------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1    | 2:49:59 to 4:27:40  | 2:59:02 to 4:12:30  | 3:01:00 to 4:34:32  |
| 2    | 4:27:41 to 5:08:49  | 4:12:31 to 4:49:45  | 4:34:33 to 5:10:45  |
| 3    | 5:08:50 to 5:46:27  | 4:49:46 to 5:25:10  | 5:10:46 to 5:49:00  |
| 4    | 5:46:28 to 6:33:00  | 5:25:11 to 6:04:00  | 5:49:01 to 6:37:19  |
| 5    | 6:33:01 to 7:41:20  | 6:04:01 to 7:27:30  | 6:37:20 to 7:55:43  |
| 6    | 7:41:21 and up      | 7:27:31 and up      | 7:55:44 and up      |

### 2018 Kortelopet Skate Wave Seeding

| Wave | 2016<br>Finish Time  | 2015<br>Finish Time  | 2014<br>Finish Time  |
|------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1    | up to 1:43:16        | Up to 2:05:16        | Up to 2:23:00        |
| 2    | 1:43:17 to 2:19:41   | 2:05:17 to 2:50:22   | 2:23:01 to 3:15:22   |
| 3    | 2:19:42 and up       | 2:50:23 and up       | 3:15:23 and Up       |
| 4    | No time in 2014-2016 | No time in 2014-2016 | No time in 2014-2016 |

### 2018 Kortelopet Classic Wave Seeding

| Wave | 2016<br>Finish Time  | 2015<br>Finish Time  | 2014<br>Finish Time  |
|------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1    | Up to 2:37:18        | Up to 2:37:44        | Up To 2:45:07        |
| 2    | 2:37:19 to 3:29:24   | 2:37:45 to 3:36:48   | 2:45:08 to 3:46:42   |
| 3    | 3:29:25 and up       | 3:36:49 and up       | 3:46:43 and Up       |
| 4    | No time in 2014-2016 | No time in 2014-2016 | No time in 2014-2016 |

### 2018 Slumberland American Birkebeiner Start Timetable

| Start Time | Wave                      |                     |
|------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 8:15       | Spirit of 35              | 9:10 Wave 2 Classic |
| 8:30       | Women Elite Skate         | 9:15 Wave 2 Skate   |
| 8:35       | Men & Women Elite Classic | 9:20 Wave 3 Classic |
| 8:40       | Wave 1 Classic            | 9:25 Wave 3 Skate   |
| 8:50       | Men Elite Skate           | 9:30 Wave 4 Classic |
| 8:55       | Wave 70 Skate & Classic   | 9:35 Wave 4 Skate   |
| 9:05       | Wave 1 Skate              | 9:40 Wave 5 Classic |
|            |                           | 9:45 Wave 5 Skate   |
|            |                           | 9:50 Wave 6 Classic |
|            |                           | 9:55 Wave 6 Skate   |
|            |                           | 10:00 Wave 7 Skate  |

### 2018 Kortelopet Start Timetable

| Start Time | Wave              |                      |
|------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 10:45      | Boys U20 Skate    | 11:15 Wave 1 Classic |
| 10:50      | Girls U20 Skate   | 11:20 Wave 1 Skate   |
| 10:55      | Boys U20 Classic  | 11:25 Wave 2 Classic |
| 11:00      | Girls U20 Classic | 11:30 Wave 2 Skate   |
| 11:05      | Wave 70           | 11:35 Wave 3 Classic |
|            |                   | 11:40 Wave 3 Skate   |
|            |                   | 11:45 Wave 4 Classic |

### 2018 Prince Haakon

| Start Time  | Wave                                |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1:15-1:30pm | All Skiers (start at your own pace) |

**There is a race cap of 10,500 participants for Birkie, Korte, and Prince Haakon races.**

**Registration will close when this cap is reached.**

# Embrace Your Inner Warrior!

## Registration Opens May 1, 2017



- 2018 Slumberland American Birkebeiner
- 2018 Kortelopet
- 2018 Prince Haakon
- 2018 BirkieTour
- 2018 Fat Bike Birkie

**Mark Your Calendars!**  
**Register at [www.Birkie.com](http://www.Birkie.com)**

# How the Grinch Stole the Birkie

"Imagine their disappointment," the Grinch said with glee.  
"I'll take away their race, I'll take the Birkie!"

"I'll steal their snow and their hills will be bare,  
there'll be thousands frowning from here and from there."



"Their months of training, their travel plans set,  
I'll ruin their Birkie, they'll never forget."

"No snow will come. Just rain and ice.  
The hills will be brown. It will not be nice!"

"When they can't race they'll all yell and be mad.  
They'll stomp their feet and all be so sad!"

But Saturday came and an event did take place.  
There was skiing and joy, but not really a race.

"How could this be?!" The Grinch jeered from afar.  
"Why didn't they go home? They can't even ski far."

"How did they do this, there was not enough snow?!"  
the Grinch thought with a frown,  
as the crowds they did grow."



But with bus after bus, and car after car,  
they came from near, and they came from far.

"Stop! Stop! Stop!" the Grinch yelled from Bitch Hill,  
his voice drowned out by all the good will.

"What are they thinking, why all the joy?"  
The music and laughter began to annoy.



They skied and they danced throughout the day,  
they continued to laugh, they continued to play.

His head in his hands, he stared blankly ahead,  
even without snow the Birkie wasn't dead.

The Grinch merely glared with a scowl on his face.  
"But there's hardly any snow...it's not even a race."

The Grinch he just stood, puzzling and puzzling. The  
Birkie came without cowbells, it came without bibs  
it even came without waves, imagine, it did.  
He puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore.  
Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before.



"What if the Birkie, he thought,  
doesn't come from a race.  
What if it comes from a  
completely different place?"



"Perhaps it's a fever down deep in your heart  
that deeply and truly sets the Birkie apart?"

"Birkie Fever is not about kilometers, timing, and things,  
Birkie fever is about the people and the joy it brings."

His heart skipped three beats, one time for each race,  
and then began beating at a good workout pace.

Said the Grinch to himself,  
"I think now I see why the Birkie's so loved,  
why the Birkie's so keen.  
It isn't something to be stolen away,  
it's a feeling, a being,  
like nothing I've seen..."

"I too will have  
Birkie Fever in 2018!"



*An adaptation of How the Grinch Stole Christmas, the beloved children's tale by Dr. Seuss,  
with compiled submissions by Steve Cannon and Anne Elspethe. Thank you for your contributions!*



# The Nearly Million Dollar Question...

## Why Can't Race Fees be Refunded?

We think you'll agree that the Birkie is an incredibly special experience. Along with the safety of our participants, an exceptional event and race experience for all is our primary goal.

Well before the start gates are lifted on race morning, the tent vendors, Porta Potty providers, bib and medal suppliers, independent contractors, and a myriad of other parties, are prepaid. The staging of an event the magnitude of Birkie Week takes months and months of planning and results in substantial expense prior to the actual events taking place.

As you can imagine, it takes our vendors months of planning to prepare for Birkie Week, too. When it comes right down to it, in the event of a forced cancellation, as was the case in 2017, the financial impact is not much different than if the events were held without compromise.

With that in mind, here is a snapshot of expenses\* from snowy Birkie Week 2016 as compared to Birkie Week 2017.

|  | 2016             | 2017             |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Expo .....   | \$64,180         | \$59,201         |
| Tents .....  | \$54,630         | \$52,829         |
| Barnebirkie, Junior Birkie, Barkie Birkie .....    | \$18,083         | \$21,954         |
| Volunteers .....                                   | \$39,813         | \$38,022         |
| Skiers Medals, Pins, Gifts, Awards .....           | \$83,634         | \$83,437         |
| Bibs & Bags .....                                  | \$60,242         | \$73,068         |
| Fencing & Barricades .....                         | \$21,686         | \$17,987         |
| Porta Potty .....                                  | \$16,897         | \$13,014         |
| Sound, Announcing, Photography .....               | \$35,900         | \$34,720         |
| Communications & Signs .....                       | \$11,930         | \$17,187         |
| Registration & Processing .....                    | \$15,351         | \$17,578         |
| Credit Card Processing & PayPal .....              | \$23,069         | \$31,325         |
| Timing .....                                       | \$68,392         | \$68,027         |
| Medical & Police .....                             | \$39,993         | \$33,693         |
| Insurance, Private Property Access & Permits ..... | \$30,140         | \$29,962         |
| Busing .....                                       | \$33,973         | \$19,123         |
| Event Operations Labor .....                       | \$110,000        | \$122,000        |
| Plowing and Snow Transport .....                   | \$48,700         | \$28,329         |
| Food Stations .....                                | \$48,474         | \$51,253         |
| Trail Expense .....                                | \$28,081         | \$41,568         |
|  | <b>\$853,168</b> | <b>\$854,277</b> |

\*This reflects only those expenses paid, to date, for 2017 and the equivalent expenses for the same cost centers in 2016. Overall race expenses will ultimately exceed one-million dollars, as they did for Birkie 2016.



# Barkie Birkie Canicross





# Barnebirkie Adventure Run





# Junior Birkie Run





# BirkieFest 2017

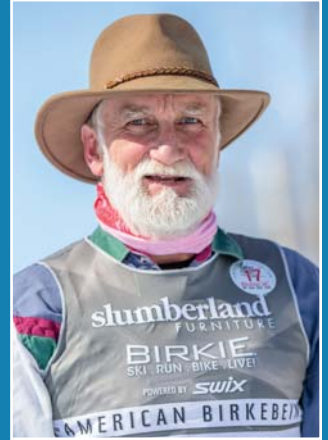


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# BirkieFest 2017



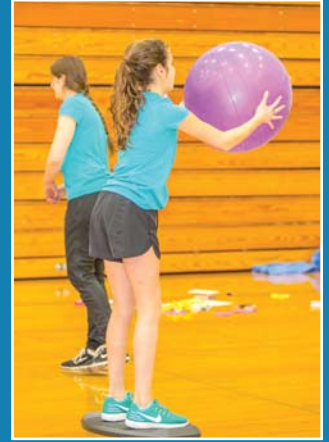


# BirkieFest 2017





# Fast & Female





# Amazing Birkie Volunteers!





# Thank You Volunteers!

Simply put, the Birkie has the most amazing and dedicated volunteers you'll ever find. As Birkie Week participants were anxiously waiting to see what Mother Nature had in store, so were our hardworking volunteers. As plans changed, our volunteer posse nimbly navigated their way to wherever they were needed the most. Once again, they welcomed the world to northern Wisconsin with their own unique version of Birkie Fever. It is with deepest gratitude and appreciation that the staff and board of the ABSF thank our wonderful, amazing, enthusiastic Birkie Volunteers. There is no question about it...we couldn't do it without you.

## Thank You!



## Birkie Volunteer of the Year 2017 – Carl Kozak

Carl is a dedicated volunteer who helps out whenever or wherever help is needed. Over the years, Carl has served in numerous roles, including as a Volunteer Starter (a/k/a Forerunner) and a Trail Ambassador. From helping out at Lost & Found, greeting skiers at the information booth at the Expo, or helping to shovel snow onto the trail, Carl is there to help, with a smile, a kind word, and an amazing work ethic. We thank Carl for his hard work and ongoing dedication to the ABSF, the Birkie Trail, and Birkie events all year-round.

*“I feel so humbled, yet excited, for my new Trek bike! I have over 10,000 miles on my old one!”*

*–Carl Kozak*

Carl was recognized as the Volunteer of the Year for 2017 at the Volunteer Appreciation Party, which is sponsored by Timber Ford of Hayward and the Hayward Area Memorial Hospital & Waters Edge. This year an estimated 350 volunteers took part in the Appreciation Party on Sunday, February 26th at The Steakhouse in Hayward. All volunteers were gifted Birkie apparel to help show off their Birkie Fever.

As part of the recognition of being Volunteer of the Year, Carl received a Trek Bike (Road, Mountain or recreational) up to a \$1,000 value.

With Special Thanks to Trek Bicycles for the generous bike donation, Riverbook Ski & Bike for the assistance and sizing of the bike, and Timber Ford of Hayward for their year-round support and sponsorship of all Volunteers of the Birkie events. We are grateful!



*Carl Kozak, Volunteer of the Year, with his new Trek bike, with Ronda Tworek, ABSF Volunteer Services; and Amy & Curt Beilke, Timber Ford of Hayward.*



Any Birkie volunteer can be nominated for Volunteer of the Year. The Volunteer of the Month program is designed to recognize a volunteer for their efforts and dedication in assisting the American Birkebeiner with its events, year-round. If you are a Birkie volunteer, a Race Chief, a participant, or a member of the community and you know of a Birkie Volunteer worthy of this nomination, please fill out and submit the application at [www.birkie.com/volunteer](http://www.birkie.com/volunteer).



# Fat Bike Birkie





# Fat Bike Birkie





# Big! Fat! Fun! Fat Bike Birkie 2017!

## Wakeley & Schneeberger Take Top Honors



It was a brisk morning under a bluebird sky at the American Birkebeiner Trailhead as riders rolled their way through the north woods of Wisconsin in the 5th annual 45NORTH Fat Bike Birkie, the world's largest fat bike race.

Riders tested their skill on the legendary hills and trails in and around the American Birkebeiner Trailhead just east of Cable, Wisconsin.

The 2017 Fat Bike Birkie included the Big Fat (49K) and the Chico (20K) races. With competitors riding from 18 states, and 2 countries, the field was comprised of first time Fat Bike Birkie riders, as well as seasoned racers making their fifth appearance at the event.

This year's Big Fat winner in the men's category was no stranger to the podium, Jordan Wakeley of Grayling, MI, was the Fat Bike Birkie champion in 2013, while third place finisher, Will Ross, Anchorage Alaska, took first place in the 2016 Fat Bike Birkie.

Women's Big Fat winner, Leia Schneeberger, Madison, WI, placed sixth in the 2016 Fat Bike Birkie. Kaitlin Antonneau, Colorado Springs, CO, second place winner, is a pro-rider for Cannondale. Ami Stuart, Park City, UT, and third place winner in the Big Fat race, is the 2017 National Fat Bike Champion

and rides for Pivot Cycles.

With unseasonably warm weather leading up to the event, the race course was moved from the originally planned route to an alternate looped course adjoining the Birkie Trail. The race consisted of a 1.8-kilometer roll-out, followed by a 9.4k looped course through the beautiful north woods. The Big Fat (49K) race riders completed 5 laps on the course, with the Chico (20K) riders completing 2 laps.

The fun began on Friday with the criterium races and Fat Bike Birkie Expo. On Saturday, post-race, riders celebrated in

the Great Hall with sizzlin' fajitas, sangria soup, and, of course, Birkie Brew-Ski on tap. Outside, with music as their accompaniment, riders tested out the latest fat bikes and enjoyed hanging with friends while warming near one of several blazing fire rings. It was a chill day all the way around.

Wisconsin consistently ranks as one of America's best places to bike and Northern Wisconsin is fast-becoming a destination hot spot for fat bike riders. It's no wonder as Wisconsin boasts more than one thousand miles of great off-road bicycling opportunities throughout the state, available by season, and offers riders a wide variety of experiences and terrains. Fat bikes have extended the biking season and added a whole new twist for winter adventurers.

We are grateful to this year's participants, to the many volunteers, and to our Fat Bike Birkie sponsors: Title Sponsor - 45NORTH, Presenting Sponsor - FreeWheel Bike; Salsa, Surly, 9:ZERO:7; HED.; iSSI; Northern Lakes Cooperative Corner Deli; Clif; GU; nuun hydration; Borah Teamwear; Framed Bikes; TREK; Wildcat Groomers; Hayward Coffee Co.; BeFast Sportgear; Dirt Bicycle Components; BEMER Group; MAXXIS; MAGURA; velofix.

| The Big Fat:              |                      |         |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------|
| • Men                     |                      |         |
| 1. Jordan Wakeley         | Grayling, MI         | 2:05:09 |
| 2. Peter Olejniczak       | Minneapolis, MN      | 2:05:12 |
| 3. Will Ross              | Anchorage, AK        | 2:05:13 |
| • Women                   |                      |         |
| 1. Leia Schneeberger      | Madison, WI          | 2:33:39 |
| 2. Kaitlin Antonneau      | Colorado Springs, CO | 2:34:52 |
| 3. Ami Stuart             | Park City, UT        | 2:39:53 |
| The Chico                 |                      |         |
| • Men                     |                      |         |
| 1. Adam Altmann           | Chippewa Falls, WI   | 55:58   |
| 2. Pavel Nelson           | Cameron, WI          | 59:13   |
| 3. Thomas Meyer           | Hayward, WI          | 59:38   |
| • Women                   |                      |         |
| 1. Michelle Flanagan-Haag | Hayward, WI          | 1:09:09 |
| 2. Margaret Riley         | Cross Plains, WI     | 1:20:13 |
| 3. Sara Conrad            | Minneapolis, MN      | 1:20:22 |



# 2017 FAT BIKE BIRKIE BIG FAT RESULTS

Results by PrimeTime Timing



| OVERALL PLACE | FINISH TIME | BIB # | NAME                  | CITY             | STATE | NAT     | CLASS   | CLASS RACE PLACE | GENDER PLACE |
|---------------|-------------|-------|-----------------------|------------------|-------|---------|---------|------------------|--------------|
| 10            | 2:09:15.72  | 18    | ACKER, MATT           | GRAND RAPIDS     | MI    | USA     | M 30-39 | 4                | 10           |
| 69            | 2:42:23.71  | 2002  | ADAMS, KENT           | CABLE WI         | WI    | USA     | M 50-59 | 9                | 65           |
| 314           | 4:14:05.48  | 4002  | ADLER, J              | HAYWARD          | WI    | USA     | M 50-59 | 55               | 280          |
| 272           | 3:45:02.40  | 4004  | ALEXANDER, ERIC       | ST. LOUIS PARK   | MN    | USA     | M 30-39 | 76               | 245          |
| 22            | 2:20:54.32  | 26    | ALEXANDER, GREG       | ST. LOUIS PARK   | MN    | USA     | M 18-29 | 5                | 22           |
| 212           | 3:20:46.25  | 4008  | ANDERSON, CHARLES     | BLAINE           | MN    | USA     | M 40-49 | 61               | 192          |
| 262           | 3:38:49.69  | 3118  | ANFANG, JAKE          | CHANHASSEN       | MN    | USA     | M 40-49 | 75               | 237          |
| 247           | 3:31:37.17  | 4009  | ANTONNEAU, JON        | RACINE           | WI    | USA     | M 50-59 | 43               | 223          |
| 51            | 2:34:51.56  | 2     | ANTONNEAU, KAITLIN    | COLORADO SPRINGS | CO    | USA     | F 18-29 | 2                | 2            |
| 189           | 3:12:51.66  | 2003  | ANTONSON, DAVE        | DULUTH           | MN    | USA     | M 30-39 | 55               | 172          |
| 138           | 2:59:21.41  | 4011  | BABCOCK, BRADLEY      | CEDARBURG        | WI    | USA     | M 50-59 | 23               | 128          |
| 186           | 3:12:07.13  | 2004  | BACSO, ELEANOR        | DULUTH           | MN    | USA     | F 18-29 | 4                | 17           |
| 153           | 3:01:45.66  | 2005  | BACSO, MASON          | DULUTH           | MN    | USA     | M 18-29 | 20               | 142          |
| 26            | 2:23:29.08  | 4014  | BALDEN, JASON         | HALES CORNERS    | WI    | USA     | M 40-49 | 6                | 26           |
| 309           | 4:08:47.87  | 4015  | BALTUS, PAUL          | JANESVILLE       | WI    | USA     | M 40-49 | 89               | 277          |
| 281           | 3:56:16.63  | 4016  | BANGART, TRAVIS       | MILWAUKEE        | WI    | USA     | M 18-29 | 27               | 253          |
| 322           | 4:50:10.33  | 4018  | BASKEN, JOHN          | NEENAH           | WI    | USA     | M 50-59 | 58               | 287          |
| 74            | 2:42:40.79  | 2007  | BELZ, ROB             | AFTON            | MN    | USA     | M 50-59 | 11               | 70           |
| 293           | 4:01:03.18  | 4376  | BENZO, ROBERTO        | ROCHESTER        | MN    | USA     | M 50-59 | 51               | 263          |
| 105           | 2:53:01.16  | 4024  | BIENES, ALEJANDRO     | MIAMI            | FL    | USA     | M 40-49 | 28               | 96           |
| 232           | 3:26:56.44  | 4025  | BIERSCHENK, BLAINE    | DES MOINES       | IA    | USA     | M 18-29 | 23               | 210          |
| 73            | 2:42:39.02  | 2008  | BINKOWSKI, MIKE       | SAVAGE           | MN    | USA     | M 50-59 | 10               | 69           |
| 169           | 3:06:58.97  | 3007  | BIRKEL, BRAD          | MIDDLETON        | WI    | USA     | M 30-39 | 50               | 154          |
| 173           | 3:07:35.56  | 4027  | BLAIR, BRUCE          | HUDSON           | WI    | USA     | M 50-59 | 30               | 158          |
| 252           | 3:34:41.25  | 4028  | BLASKOWSKI, JAMES     | OSHKOSH          | WI    | USA     | M 40-49 | 72               | 227          |
| 107           | 2:53:10.57  | 4029  | BOIVIN, DAVID         | MIDDLETON        | WI    | USA     | M 18-29 | 18               | 98           |
| 234           | 3:27:56.78  | 4030  | BOIVIN, ELIZABETH     | MIDDLETON        | WI    | USA     | F 18-29 | 5                | 23           |
| 90            | 2:25:33.04  | 2012  | BOSMAN, MATTHEW       | MINNETONKA       | MN    | USA     | M 30-39 | 14               | 30           |
| 283           | 3:56:49.76  | 4034  | BRAATEN, RANDY        | DULUTH           | MN    | USA     | M 40-49 | 82               | 254          |
| 250           | 3:32:53.96  | 4036  | BRADY, JANA           | MACHESNEY PARK   | IL    | USA     | F 30-39 | 12               | 25           |
| 24            | 2:23:09.81  | 27    | BRANDVOLD, TIM        | MINNEAPOLIS      | MN    | USA     | M 40-49 | 5                | 24           |
| 91            | 2:47:07.42  | 2015  | BRENDAL, RANDY        | WASECA           | MN    | USA     | M 40-49 | 21               | 85           |
| 66            | 2:41:18.60  | 2016  | BROWN, SCOTT          | MINNEAPOLIS      | MN    | USA     | M 40-49 | 15               | 62           |
| 317           | 4:18:34.53  | 3009  | BROWN, TODD           | CEDAR RAPIDS     | IA    | USA     | M 50-59 | 57               | 283          |
| 5             | 2:06:18.78  | 28    | BROWN, TRAVIS         | CO               | USA   | M 40-49 | 1       | 5                |              |
| 181           | 3:10:29.65  | 4040  | BRUMBAUGH, MIKE       | ROSEVILLE        | MN    | USA     | M 50-59 | 32               | 165          |
| 243           | 3:30:56.72  | 4041  | BRUNHOLZ, CHRIS       | ROCHESTER        | MN    | USA     | M 40-49 | 70               | 219          |
| 136           | 2:59:15.24  | 4042  | BRUNNER, ALLEN        | WEST ALLIS       | WI    | USA     | M 50-59 | 22               | 126          |
| 172           | 3:07:39.92  | 4043  | BRUNS, MICAH          | OSCEOLA          | WI    | USA     | M 18-29 | 21               | 157          |
| 8             | 2:08:06.58  | 29    | BUDD, MIKE            | WRIGHTSTOWN      | WI    | USA     | M 40-49 | 2                | 8            |
| 71            | 2:42:24.46  | 2017  | BUDZINSKI, CHRISTIAN  | STEVENS POINT    | WI    | USA     | M 40-49 | 17               | 67           |
| 29            | 2:24:41.99  | 30    | BURG, CHRIS           | LAKE ELMO        | MN    | USA     | M 40-49 | 7                | 29           |
| 113           | 2:54:21.00  | 4046  | BURNS, BRIAN          | NEW RICHMOND     | WI    | USA     | M 40-49 | 31               | 104          |
| 40            | 2:29:15.18  | 2018  | BURTON, COREY         | ROBERTS          | WI    | USA     | M 40-49 | 10               | 40           |
| 100           | 2:50:01.40  | 2020  | CARLSON, PHIL         | ST. PAUL         | MN    | USA     | M 30-39 | 31               | 93           |
| 118           | 2:55:51.19  | 4050  | CATLIN, MARK          | ARDEN HILLS      | MN    | USA     | M 60-69 | 3                | 108          |
| 220           | 3:22:39.02  | 4051  | CHABOT, DAVID         | OWATON           | MN    | USA     | M 40-49 | 64               | 199          |
| 133           | 2:58:39.59  | 4052  | CHAPWESK, SHANNON     | JOHNSBURG        | IL    | USA     | M 40-49 | 36               | 123          |
| 261           | 3:38:22.42  | 4053  | CHASTEK, BENJAMIN     | ST. PAUL         | MN    | USA     | M 30-39 | 73               | 236          |
| 141           | 2:59:54.71  | 3013  | CHOVAN, BRAD          | CHIPPewa FALLS   | WI    | USA     | M 40-49 | 40               | 131          |
| 108           | 2:53:22.94  | 4057  | CHRITZ, DON           | RIDOTT           | IL    | USA     | M 50-59 | 17               | 99           |
| 263           | 3:39:24.88  | 4058  | CLARK, BOB            | KANSAS CITY      | MO    | USA     | M 18-29 | 25               | 238          |
| 5             | 2:36:17.27  | 4059  | CLARKMAN, JOSHUA      | MINNEAPOLIS      | MN    | USA     | M 30-39 | 21               | 51           |
| 176           | 3:09:26.38  | 3014  | CLAUSEN, TED          | MINNEAPOLIS      | MN    | USA     | M 30-39 | 51               | 161          |
| 55            | 2:37:51.84  | 2023  | CLEARY, RICK          | RIVER FALLS      | WI    | USA     | M 50-59 | 6                | 53           |
| 258           | 3:37:16.71  | 4063  | COFFEN, FRANK         | MINOCQUA         | WI    | USA     | M 30-39 | 72               | 233          |
| 39            | 2:28:56.14  | 32    | COLBERT, JEFF         | CAMBRIDGE        | MN    | USA     | M 40-49 | 9                | 39           |
| 168           | 3:06:41.96  | 3015  | CONRAD, MEGHAN        | CHASKA           | WI    | USA     | F 30-39 | 7                | 15           |
| 323           | 4:58:53.10  | 4064  | CONROY, DENNIS        | HAYFIELD         | MN    | USA     | M 50-59 | 59               | 288          |
| 275           | 3:47:46.38  | 4065  | CONVEY, KEVIN         | SUGAR GROVE      | IL    | USA     | M 50-59 | 49               | 248          |
| 249           | 3:32:45.07  | 3018  | COURTNEY, WADE        | OSWEGO           | IL    | USA     | M 30-39 | 70               | 225          |
| 191           | 3:13:09.23  | 4067  | CRAWFORD, JOHN        | MINNETONKA       | MN    | USA     | M 40-49 | 53               | 174          |
| 225           | 3:23:29.77  | 4068  | CRAWFORD, WILLIAM     | CRYSTAL LAKE     | IL    | USA     | M 60-69 | 11               | 203          |
| 198           | 3:14:48.56  | 4071  | CZECHANSKI, ANDREW    | NEENAH           | WI    | USA     | M 30-39 | 58               | 181          |
| 82            | 2:44:45.85  | 2025  | DALBERG, TODD         | MINNEAPOLIS      | MN    | USA     | M 30-39 | 28               | 78           |
| 273           | 3:45:45.68  | 4072  | DARLING, NATHANIEL    | SHEBOYGAN FALLS  | WI    | USA     | M 18-29 | 26               | 246          |
| 45            | 2:32:34.34  | 4074  | DAVIS, GARRETT        | MINNEAPOLIS      | MN    | USA     | M 30-39 | 18               | 45           |
| 230           | 3:25:07.76  | 3020  | DAVISSON, NATHIN      | BELOIT           | WI    | USA     | M 40-49 | 67               | 208          |
| 318           | 4:31:49.43  | 4079  | DEVENDORF, CORDELL    | MINNEAPOLIS      | MN    | USA     | M 30-39 | 85               | 284          |
| 302           | 4:06:07.28  | 4082  | DILLETT, TOM          | MUSKEGO          | WI    | USA     | M 40-49 | 85               | 270          |
| 132           | 2:58:39.50  | 3022  | DILLIS, MIKE          | MT. HOREB        | WI    | USA     | M 50-59 | 21               | 122          |
| 216           | 3:21:27.83  | 4084  | DOLABELLA, RENAN      | MIAMI            | FL    | USA     | M 18-29 | 22               | 195          |
| 83            | 2:44:53.47  | 2027  | DOLAN, BRENDAN        | MINNEAPOLIS      | MN    | USA     | M 30-39 | 29               | 79           |
| 171           | 3:07:23.96  | 3023  | DONLEY, BRIAN         | MADISON          | WI    | USA     | M 50-59 | 29               | 156          |
| 287           | 3:58:16.63  | 4085  | DOWNS, MATTHEW        | OSHKOSH          | WI    | USA     | M 40-49 | 83               | 258          |
| 35            | 2:27:00.20  | 2028  | DUGGAN, ROB           | ST. LOUIS PARK   | MN    | USA     | M 40-49 | 8                | 35           |
| 244           | 3:31:25.73  | 4090  | DURIAN, GARY          | WEST BEND        | WI    | USA     | M 50-59 | 42               | 220          |
| 122           | 2:57:30.39  | 2029  | ECKEL, DAVE           | TREVOR           | WI    | USA     | M 50-59 | 18               | 112          |
| 20            | 2:17:12.18  | 36    | ECKERT, SETH          | OREGON           | WI    | USA     | M 30-39 | 10               | 20           |
| 38            | 2:28:42.27  | 4094  | ELLIS, PATRICK        | HUDSON           | WI    | USA     | M 30-39 | 16               | 38           |
| 110           | 2:54:08.22  | 2030  | EMME, PETE            | ST. NAZIANZ      | WI    | USA     | M 40-49 | 29               | 101          |
| 286           | 3:57:45.02  | 4096  | ENLOE, ZANE           | CHICAGO          | IL    | USA     | M 30-39 | 77               | 257          |
| 182           | 3:10:33.55  | 4098  | EVJEN, CAMERON        | MINNEAPOLIS      | MN    | USA     | M 30-39 | 52               | 166          |
| 239           | 3:29:49.35  | 3027  | FIELDS, GREG          | GOLDEN VALLEY    | MN    | USA     | M 50-59 | 41               | 216          |
| 265           | 3:41:00.38  | 3117  | FLYNN, MARTHA         | ST. PAUL         | MN    | USA     | F 50-59 | 4                | 26           |
| 17            | 2:15:00.42  | 41    | FOSLER, BRYAN         | MADISON          | WI    | USA     | M 18-29 | 3                | 17           |
| 162           | 3:06:04.96  | 3029  | FRANCOIS, SAMUEL      | SARTELL          | MN    | USA     | M 40-49 | 48               | 150          |
| 68            | 2:42:15.77  | 4107  | FRIED, KYLE           | CHANHASSEN       | MN    | USA     | M 18-29 | 14               | 64           |
| 187           | 3:12:08.52  | 4109  | FRIED, BRIAN          | MINOCQUA         | WI    | USA     | M 50-59 | 34               | 170          |
| 87            | 2:46:04.32  | 2036  | FROELICH, PETER       | SHOREWOOD        | WI    | USA     | M 40-49 | 19               | 81           |
| 231           | 3:26:50.71  | 4111  | GABRIELSE, TIMOTHY    | SHEBOYGAN        | WI    | USA     | M 40-49 | 68               | 209          |
| 255           | 3:35:48.30  | 2037  | GALLAGHER, TIM        | AURORA           | IL    | USA     | M 40-49 | 73               | 230          |
| 304           | 4:07:44.06  | 4113  | GAMM, DAVE            | APPLETON         | WI    | USA     | M 50-59 | 54               | 272          |
| 72            | 2:42:36.23  | 42    | GANJU, SANJAY         | NEW BERLIN       | WI    | USA     | M 40-49 | 18               | 68           |
| 224           | 3:23:20.54  | 3030  | GEHRKE, DENNIS        | WEST BEND        | WI    | USA     | M 40-49 | 65               | 202          |
| 27            | 2:23:58.35  | 21    | GESHEL, BRIAN         | MARQUETTE        | MI    | USA     | M 30-39 | 12               | 27           |
| 301           | 3:16:21.94  | 4117  | GLAESER, BRIAN        | SOMERSET         | WI    | USA     | M 30-39 | 60               | 184          |
| 220           | 4:46:15.56  | 4119  | GRAVELLE, JOSEPH GRAV | COTTAGE GROVE    | MN    | USA     | M 30-39 | 86               | 285          |
| 222           | 3:22:55.11  | 4124  | GRUNDIN, ERIC         | RICE LAKE        | WI    | USA     | M 60-69 | 10               | 201          |
| 204           | 3:17:33.72  | 4125  | GUENTHER, JAN         | LONG LAKE        | MN    | USA     | F 50-59 | 3                | 19           |
| 259           | 3:37:35.50  | 4126  | GUSTAFSON, CRAIG      | BLOOMINGTON      | MN    | USA     | M 50-59 | 46               | 234          |
| 23            | 2:22:47.45  | 43    | HACKER, TIM           | MADISON          | WI    | USA     | M 50-59 | 1                | 23           |
| 75            | 2:42:46.41  | 4127  | HACKER, WILSON        | MADISON          | WI    | USA     | M 18-29 | 15               | 71           |
| 192           | 3:13:35.70  | 2041  | HAGERTY, THOMAS       | SHAFER           | MN    | USA     | M 50-59 | 36               | 175          |
| 267           | 3:42:20.72  | 4130  | HANSON, ASHLEY        | SAVAGE           | MN    | USA     | F 30-39 | 13               | 27           |
| 268           | 3:42:33.22  | 4132  | HANSON, JOSH          | IOWA FALLS       | IA    | USA     | M 40-49 | 77               | 241          |
| 226           | 3:24:18.52  | 4133  | HARDRATH, NICHOLAS    | SHOREWOOD        | WI    | USA     | M 30-39 | 63               | 204          |
| 206           | 3:19:03.79  | 2042  | HARRIS, MARK          | NORTHBROOK       | IL    | USA     | M 40-49 | 57               | 187          |
| 42            | 2:30:23.73  | 2138  | HARRIS, RYAN          | TRAVERSE CITY    | MI    | USA     | M 18-29 | 10               | 42           |
| 193           | 3:13:40.91  | 3034  | HASTINGS, REGGIE      | NORTH LIBERTY    | IA    | USA     | M 50-59 | 37               | 176          |
| 111           | 2:54:17.08  | 2043  | HATCHER, JUSTIN       | HAYWARD          | WI    | USA     | M 30-39 | 33               | 102          |
| 67            | 2:42:02.86  | 2044  | HATHAWAY, ERIC        | MINNEAPOLIS      | MN    | USA     | M 30-39 | 24               | 63           |
| 160           | 3:04:41.41  | 2045  | HAWKINS, RODNEY       | NEW RICHMOND     | WI    | USA     | M 40-49 | 46               | 148          |
| 132           | 2:58:44.89  | 3035  | HEADLEE, BRIAN        | NEW RICHMOND     | WI    | USA     | M 40-49 | 37               | 124          |
| 159           | 3:03:35.60  | 3036  | HENDRICKSON, ERIK     | TWO RIVERS       | WI    | USA     | M 40-49 | 45               | 147          |
| 185           | 3:11:24.29  | 4139  | HIBBARD, TRAVIS       | ROSEMOUNT        | MN    | USA     | M 30-39 | 54               | 169          |
| 285           | 3:57:04.34  | 4142  | HOLCOMB, JON          | PLYMOUTH         | WI    | USA     | M 50-59 | 50               | 256          |
| 31            | 2:25:37.29  | 46    | HOLZEM, NICHOLAS      | WEST ALLIS       | WI    | USA     | M 30-39 | 15               | 31           |
| 170           | 3:06:59.22  | 4145  | HOOLEY, MARK          | SAINT PAUL       | MN    | USA     | M 50-59 | 28               | 155          |
| 6             | 2:07:22.05  | 19    | HOUSE, COLE           | ONEIDA           | WI    | USA     | M 18-29 | 1                | 6            |
| 248           | 3:32:22.28  | 3040  | HUFF, ERIC            | SHEBOYGAN        | WI    | USA     | M 50-59 | 44               | 224          |
| 236           | 3:28:24.98  | 4147  | HUGHES, JAMES         | MADISON          | WI    | USA     | M 60-69 | 13               | 213          |
| 253           | 3:34:45.04  | 4148  | HUTCHINS, JEFF        | MADISON          | WI    | USA     | M 30-39 | 71               | 228          |
| 121           | 2:56:42.90  | 4149  | INGRAM, LUKFREY       | MINNETONKA       | MN    | USA     | M 60-69 | 4                | 111          |
| 209           | 3:20:18.00  | 2052  | INGRAM, TIMOTHY       | PLATTEVILLE      | WI    | USA     | M 50-59 | 39               | 190          |
| 105           | 2:14:29.30  | 47    | ISHAUG, KEVIN         | BLOOMINGTON      | MN    | USA     | M 40-49 | 3                | 15           |
| 95            | 2:47:44.88  | 2140  | IVERSON, AL           | HAMPTON          | MN    | USA     | M 60-69 | 1                | 89           |
| 93            | 2:47:21.42  | 3041  | IVERSON, CHRIS        | HUDSON           | WI    | USA     | M 50-59 | 16               | 87           |
| 48            | 2:33:32.22  | 2053  | JANICKI, SAM          | MOUND            | MN    | USA     | M 30-39 | 19               | 48           |
| 246           | 3:31:36.81  | 4151  | JASPERSON, BRYAN      | DULUTH           | MN    | USA     | M 18-29 | 24               | 222          |
| 245           | 3:31:3      |       |                       |                  |       |         |         |                  |              |



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|---------------|-------------|-------|-----------------------|------------------|-------|-----|---------|------------------|--------------------|
| 163           | 3:06:14.00  | 2092  | ORLIKOWSKI, JOHN      | MIDDLETON        | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 48               | 151                |
| 178           | 3:09:46.11  | 56    | ORLIKOWSKI, ROBERT    | GLEN ELLYN       | IL    | USA | M 40-49 | 51               | 162                |
| 58            | 2:39:45.70  | 2093  | OWENS, MICHAEL        | WAUWATOSA        | WI    | USA | M 50-59 | 7                | 56                 |
| 149           | 3:01:26.08  | 3069  | PAETZNICK, RYAN       | ROSEMOUNT        | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 42               | 139                |
| 202           | 3:16:58.39  | 4242  | PAEZ, KIMBERLY        | MIAMI            | FL    | USA | F 30-39 | 8                | 18                 |
| 203           | 3:16:58.71  | 4244  | PALACIOS, ANGEL       | MIAMI            | FL    | USA | M 30-39 | 61               | 185                |
| 233           | 3:27:50.04  | 3072  | PAULSEN, ERIK         | EXCELSIOR        | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 69               | 211                |
| 218           | 3:22:00.51  | 4247  | PEDERSON, LUKE        | CHIPPewa FALLS   | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 63               | 197                |
| 155           | 3:02:33.76  | 4248  | PEREZ, VIC            | WOODSTOCK        | IL    | USA | M 40-49 | 43               | 143                |
| 174           | 3:07:56.42  | 2094  | PETERSEN, PAUL        | MINNEAPOLIS      | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 50               | 159                |
| 298           | 4:04:09.89  | 4249  | PFORR, JAMES          | MADISON          | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 81               | 268                |
| 284           | 3:56:53.28  | 4250  | PICK, JARED           | PLATTEVILLE      | WI    | USA | M 18-29 | 28               | 255                |
| 120           | 3:20:32.05  | 2095  | PIEPER, STEVE         | ROCHESTER        | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 60               | 191                |
| 210           | 3:22:23.43  | 57    | PIONTEK, JUSTIN       | FITCHBURG        | WI    | USA | M 18-29 | 2                | 12                 |
| 61            | 2:40:03.81  | 2097  | PIRUIS, ERIC          | MINNETONKA       | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 13               | 58                 |
| 197           | 3:14:44.09  | 3074  | PITTS, JEFF           | SHEBOYGAN        | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 54               | 180                |
| 85            | 2:45:52.07  | 11    | POND, SONIA           | ST. LOUIS PARK   | MN    | USA | F 18-29 | 1                | 6                  |
| 296           | 4:02:38.48  | 3075  | POTTER, ALAN          | WARRENS          | WI    | USA | M 50-59 | 52               | 266                |
| 140           | 2:59:29.51  | 2098  | PRAMANN, DAVID        | BURNSVILLE       | MN    | USA | M 50-59 | 24               | 130                |
| 16            | 2:14:34.14  | 70    | PUZAK, THOMAS         | MINNETONKA       | MN    | USA | M 30-39 | 8                | 16                 |
| 290           | 3:58:43.57  | 4265  | RAUCKMAN, JEROME      | EAU CLAIRE       | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 84               | 261                |
| 151           | 3:01:30.37  | 4267  | REGNER, JOSH          | WAUKESHA         | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 46               | 140                |
| 310           | 4:06:51.38  | 4269  | REINKE, DERRICK       | JANESVILLE       | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 90               | 278                |
| 63            | 2:40:15.40  | 4272  | RENTERIA, MARIO       | MIAMI            | FL    | USA | M 18-29 | 13               | 60                 |
| 106           | 2:53:09.34  | 3079  | RESCIGNO, JOHN        | THUNDER BAY      | ON    | CAN | M 30-39 | 32               | 97                 |
| 219           | 3:22:03.24  | 2100  | REYERSON, SPINNER     | PLATTEVILLE      | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 62               | 198                |
| 266           | 3:41:25.81  | 4273  | RICE, SCOTT           | PLATTE CITY      | MO    | USA | M 40-49 | 76               | 240                |
| 180           | 3:10:21.69  | 2101  | RIES, TOM             | SHEBOYGAN        | WI    | USA | M 60-69 | 6                | 164                |
| 89            | 2:46:20.91  | 2102  | RILEY, JOHN           | CROSS PLAINS     | WI    | USA | M 50-59 | 14               | 83                 |
| 143           | 3:00:31.72  | 2103  | RINGOLD, TOM          | MINNETONKA       | MN    | USA | M 50-59 | 25               | 133                |
| 139           | 2:59:24.54  | 3081  | ROPPOLO, DON          | PLEASANT PRAIRIE | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 39               | 129                |
| 97            | 2:48:05.83  | 7     | ROSS, CHRISTINA       | CHASKA           | MN    | USA | F 30-39 | 2                | 7                  |
| 3             | 2:05:13.31  | 15    | ROSS, WILL            | ANCHORAGE        | AK    | USA | M 18-29 | 3                | 3                  |
| 77            | 2:43:05.08  | 2104  | ROSSOW, DAVID         | GREEN BAY        | WI    | USA | M 18-29 | 16               | 73                 |
| 254           | 3:35:04.74  | 3082  | ROWE, FRANK           | PLYMOUTH         | MN    | USA | M 50-59 | 45               | 229                |
| 270           | 3:43:23.35  | 4279  | ROZMAN, TIMOTHY       | ROCHESTER        | MN    | USA | M 30-39 | 75               | 243                |
| 98            | 2:48:29.66  | 2105  | SAHS, RANDAL          | STURGEON BAY     | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 24               | 91                 |
| 126           | 2:58:00.53  | 2106  | SALM, MARC            | WINNECONNE       | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 34               | 116                |
| 312           | 4:11:37.78  | 4283  | SAMPSON, JOSHUA       | MARSHFIELD       | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 84               | 279                |
| 194           | 3:13:47.16  | 4375  | SANDEE, JEREMY        | SHEBOYGAN        | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 57               | 177                |
| 166           | 3:06:21.75  | 4285  | SAPIA, GINA           | ROSEVILLE        | MN    | USA | F 50-59 | 2                | 14                 |
| 173           | 2:59:17.63  | 3085  | SAVA, SHAUN           | MINNEAPOLIS      | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 38               | 127                |
| 137           | 3:08:58.06  | 3110  | SCHAPER, VINCENT      | ST PAUL          | MN    | USA | M 50-59 | 31               | 160                |
| 128           | 2:58:05.53  | 2107  | SCHAEF, BRYAN         | GENOA CITY       | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 39               | 118                |
| 200           | 2:58:29.47  | 3087  | SCHAEF, JARED         | SAINT PAUL       | MN    | USA | M 30-39 | 40               | 120                |
| 295           | 4:01:52.45  | 4288  | SCHENCK, JESSE        | FOX POINT        | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 80               | 265                |
| 237           | 3:29:31.43  | 3088  | SCHMIDT, JOHN         | MINNEAPOLIS      | MN    | USA | M 70-79 | 1                | 214                |
| 101           | 2:50:28.49  | 4289  | SCHMIDT-IVERSO, PATTI | LAKEVILLE        | MI    | USA | F 40-49 | 1                | 8                  |
| 49            | 2:33:38.57  | 10    | SCHNEEBERGER, LEIA    | MADISON          | WI    | USA | F 30-39 | 1                | 1                  |
| 82            | 2:40:05.33  | 2108  | SCHNEIDER, JAY        | LAKELAND         | MN    | USA | M 50-59 | 8                | 59                 |
| 81            | 2:44:37.14  | 2109  | SCHNEIDER, RON        | FREESPORT        | IL    | USA | M 30-39 | 27               | 77                 |
| 289           | 3:58:42.33  | 4291  | SCHNETTLER, MARK      | SHEBOYGAN FALLS  | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 79               | 260                |
| 120           | 2:56:15.19  | 4292  | SCHOLTZ, BRAD         | VERMILION        | OH    | USA | M 40-49 | 33               | 110                |
| 303           | 4:07:05.03  | 3090  | SCHWARTZ, BOB         | EAU CLAIRE       | WI    | USA | M 50-59 | 53               | 271                |
| 157           | 3:02:49.81  | 2111  | SCOTT, MARK           | PLOVER           | WI    | USA | M 60-69 | 5                | 145                |
| 211           | 3:20:33.60  | 3091  | SCOTT, JENNY          | GRAND RAPIDS     | MI    | USA | F 30-39 | 9                | 20                 |
| 19            | 2:16:08.23  | 22    | SELANDER, BJORN       | HUDSON           | WI    | USA | M 18-29 | 4                | 19                 |
| 221           | 3:22:52.57  | 2112  | SELANDER, DAG         | HUDSON           | WI    | USA | M 60-69 | 9                | 200                |

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| 223           | 3:23:09.37  | 4304  | SHELP, MICHELLE         | MAPLE PLAIN        | MN    | USA | F 40-49 | 2                | 22                 |
| 190           | 3:12:54.85  | 4308  | SIEDSCHLAG, JEFF        | LAKE MILLS         | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 56               | 173                |
| 32            | 2:25:40.27  | 23    | SIMULA, EVAN            | MARQUETTE          | MI    | USA | M 18-29 | 6                | 32                 |
| 96            | 2:47:59.97  | 2114  | SKINNER, TIM            | FITCHBURG          | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 23               | 90                 |
| 291           | 3:59:10.57  | 4310  | SLATES MORTIME, SHANNON | WEST ALLIS         | WI    | USA | F 30-39 | 14               | 30                 |
| 70            | 2:42:24.23  | 4311  | SLIMMER, MIKE           | SHEBOYGAN          | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 16               | 66                 |
| 50            | 2:34:36.98  | 4315  | SMITH, BENNY            | MILWAUKEE          | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 11               | 49                 |
| 123           | 2:57:36.00  | 2115  | SODOTA, KYLE            | SHAKOPEE           | MN    | USA | M 30-39 | 36               | 113                |
| 205           | 3:18:35.19  | 3096  | SODERBURG, MICHAEL      | PILLAGER           | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 56               | 186                |
| 152           | 3:01:35.87  | 24    | SOLADAY, THOMAS         | MINNETONKA         | MN    | USA | M 30-39 | 47               | 141                |
| 158           | 3:03:15.31  | 2116  | SPENCER, PETER          | CHASKA             | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 44               | 146                |
| 161           | 3:05:42.50  | 3098  | STAHLKOPF, MARK         | PLYMOUTH           | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 47               | 149                |
| 274           | 3:46:56.49  | 4315  | STANCIO, ZORAN          | ONALASKA           | WI    | USA | M 50-59 | 48               | 247                |
| 188           | 3:12:41.99  | 4316  | STANEK, ED              | AFTON              | MN    | USA | M 50-59 | 35               | 171                |
| 4             | 2:05:16.92  | 16    | STELLJES, COREY         | MADISON            | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 1                | 4                  |
| 9             | 2:08:20.91  | 63    | STEVENS, CHRIS          | BIG RING FLYERS    | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 3                | 9                  |
| 21            | 2:18:13.46  | 2120  | STOCKER, STEVE          | RIVER FALLS        | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 4                | 21                 |
| 238           | 3:29:31.64  | 3102  | STOFFREGAN, BRETT       | CROSS PLAINS       | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 66               | 215                |
| 102           | 2:52:05.14  | 2121  | STRATE, CHELSEA         | RICHFIELD          | MN    | USA | F 30-39 | 3                | 9                  |
| 215           | 3:21:07.34  | 3104  | STROM, RYAN             | ST. PAUL           | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 62               | 194                |
| 59            | 2:39:53.17  | 3     | STUART, AMI             | PARK CITY          | UT    | USA | F 30-39 | 3                | 3                  |
| 7             | 2:07:24.75  | 64    | STUART, CHRIS           | PARK CITY          | UT    | USA | M 30-39 | 2                | 7                  |
| 251           | 3:33:48.59  | 4321  | STUCKART, KEN           | FRANKLIN           | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 71               | 226                |
| 11            | 2:09:37.16  | 2124  | SWANSON, DAVID          | HARVARD            | IL    | USA | M 30-39 | 5                | 11                 |
| 47            | 2:33:30.71  | 2125  | SWIFT, TIMOTHY          | HAYWARD            | WI    | USA | M 50-59 | 5                | 47                 |
| 131           | 2:58:31.37  | 4326  | SYLVESTER, MATT         | MINNEAPOLIS        | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 35               | 121                |
| 217           | 2:58:01.34  | 3107  | TESCH, CURTIS           | WASECA             | MN    | USA | M 50-59 | 19               | 117                |
| 127           | 3:21:34.98  | 4333  | TRACY, STEVE            | MAPLE GROVE        | MN    | USA | M 50-59 | 40               | 196                |
| 299           | 4:04:23.41  | 4337  | TROST, JIM              | INVER GROVE HEIGHT | MN    | USA | M 30-39 | 82               | 269                |
| 292           | 3:59:36.88  | 4338  | TSEFOS, NICK            | APPLETON           | WI    | USA | M 60-69 | 17               | 262                |
| 124           | 2:57:36.52  | 4343  | VAN HOVEN, CHRIS        | MINNETONKA         | MN    | USA | M 30-39 | 37               | 114                |
| 65            | 2:40:45.70  | 2128  | WADE, AL                | PLANO              | IL    | USA | M 40-49 | 14               | 61                 |
| 150           | 3:01:28.06  | 4349  | WADE, KRISTEN           | PLANO              | IL    | USA | F 30-39 | 5                | 11                 |
| 1             | 2:05:09.49  | 20    | WAKELEY, JORDEN         | GRAYLING           | MI    | USA | M 18-29 | 1                | 1                  |
| 76            | 2:42:54.03  | 2129  | WATERCOTT, MIKE         | MINNEAPOLIS        | MN    | USA | M 30-39 | 25               | 72                 |
| 117           | 2:55:30.91  | 2130  | WEBER, KLAUS            | EVANSTON           | IL    | USA | M 40-49 | 32               | 107                |
| 277           | 3:48:40.97  | 4350  | WEBER, MARK             | RICE LAKE          | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 78               | 249                |
| 319           | 4:32:48.93  | 4351  | WEINBERG, KATIE         | DRESSER            | WI    | USA | F 18-29 | 6                | 35                 |
| 167           | 3:06:39.03  | 3112  | WEISBROD, MARK          | MINNEAPOLIS        | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 49               | 153                |
| 37            | 2:28:26.72  | 4353  | WENTZ, NATHAN           | MINNETONKA         | MN    | USA | M 18-29 | 9                | 37                 |
| 271           | 3:43:33.89  | 3113  | WHITE, DOUG             | SHOREVIEW          | MN    | USA | M 60-69 | 16               | 244                |
| 200           | 3:15:58.83  | 4358  | WICKENS, BRETT          | MINNEAPOLIS        | MN    | USA | M 30-39 | 59               | 183                |
| 288           | 3:58:42.14  | 4359  | WICKLUND, BRAD          | KOHLER             | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 78               | 259                |
| 297           | 4:03:35.36  | 4360  | WIEST, MATHEW           | WHITE BEAR LAKE    | MN    | USA | M 18-29 | 30               | 267                |
| 109           | 2:53:54.67  | 2133  | WILHELMSON, MARK        | DULUTH             | MN    | USA | M 60-69 | 2                | 100                |
| 52            | 2:35:03.12  | 4363  | WILLCOX, TIM            | MADISON            | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 20               | 50                 |
| 94            | 2:47:25.30  | 4364  | WILLMAS, ROB            | WEST BEND          | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 22               | 88                 |
| 316           | 4:14:38.46  | 4367  | WOLF, JEFFREY           | OSCEOLA            | WI    | USA | M 50-59 | 56               | 282                |
| 57            | 2:39:20.49  | 4368  | WOLMAN, MARC            | MADISON            | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 23               | 55                 |
| 115           | 2:55:26.75  | 2134  | WOOD, LUKE              | ORONO              | MN    | USA | M 30-39 | 35               | 106                |
| 95            | 3:14:23.37  | 2136  | WRIGHT, JERRY           | HAYWARD            | WI    | USA | M 60-69 | 7                | 178                |
| 278           | 3:49:09.95  | 4369  | YAHM, BRIAN             | MARSHALL           | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 79               | 250                |
| 227           | 3:24:36.44  | 3116  | YORK, JASON             | OCOMOOC            | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 66               | 205                |
| 64            | 2:40:23.87  | 9     | ZAWADSKI, ANNA          | ST PAUL            | MN    | USA | F 30-39 | 1                | 4                  |
| 28            | 2:24:04.69  | 68    | ZAWADSKI, NICK          | ST PAUL            | MN    | USA | M 30-39 | 13               | 28                 |
| 242           | 3:30:21.69  | 4371  | ZELUBOWSKI, JAMES       | SAINT LOUIS PARK   | MN    | USA | M 30-39 | 68               | 218                |
| 306           | 4:08:19.13  | 4374  | ZURCHER, NICK           | DAVENPORT          | IA    | USA | M 30-39 | 83               | 274                |

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|---------------|-------------|-------|-----------------|----------------|-------|-----|---------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1             | 55:58.02    | 5003  | ALTMANN, ADAM   | CHIPPewa FALLS | WI    | USA | M13-17  | 1                | 1                  |
| 74            | 1:30:12.92  | 5006  | ANDERSON, MARK  | CHAMPLIN       | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 21               | 67                 |
| 56            | 1:24:57.51  | 5008  | ANGER, CHUCK    | EAU CLAIRE     | WI    | USA | M 60-69 | 4                | 50                 |
| 119           | 1:39:56.88  | 5009  | ANOSZKO, TOM    | VERONA         | WI    | USA | M 50-59 | 26               | 104                |
| 71            | 1:28:34.35  | 5010  | ARNDT, PAUL     | HAM LAKE       | MN    | USA | M 50-59 | 14               | 64                 |
| 189           | 2:19:09.20  | 5011  | ARROYO, LUIS    | FOX POINT      | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 47               | 156                |
| 5             | 1:00:55.10  | 5365  | BABCOCK, HUNTER | CEDARBURG      | WI    | USA | M13-17  | 1                | 5                  |
| 35            | 1:19:16.49  | 5017  | BALDWIN, BUCK   | SAINT CLOUD    | MN    | USA | M 30-39 | 8                | 34                 |
| 44            | 1:21:27.13  | 5026  | BELL, JESSE     | BUFFALO        | MN    | USA | M 50-59 | 10               | 40                 |
| 49            | 1:23:49.78  | 5029  | BENGEL, TOM     | STPAUL         | MN    | USA | M 60-69 | 3                | 45                 |
| 64            | 1:26:21.40  | 5032  | BERENS, NICK    | HAYWARD        | WI    | USA | M 30    |                  |                    |



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|---------------|-------------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------|-----|---------|------------------|------------|
| 174           | 1:58:44.05  | 5146  | JOHNSON, KELLY        | DULUTH          | MN    | USA | F 50-59 | 7                | 29         |
| 67            | 1:27:24.02  | 5147  | JOHNSON, RYAN         | PORT WASHINGTON | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 15               | 60         |
| 153           | 1:48:36.80  | 5150  | KELLER, KRISTOFER     | HUDSON          | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 27               | 130        |
| 15            | 1:09:50.22  | 5153  | KILBURN, BOB          | ADELL           | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 5                | 14         |
| 122           | 1:40:18.41  | 5155  | KNUDSON, MICHAEL      | APPLETON        | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 33               | 106        |
| 190           | 2:22:42.51  | 5157  | KRAUSE, TRAVIS        | MINNEAPOLIS     | MN    | USA | M 30-39 | 34               | 157        |
| 118           | 1:39:51.27  | 5158  | KRIKAVA, BENJAMIN     | MINNEAPOLIS     | MN    | USA | M 30-39 | 22               | 103        |
| 150           | 1:48:21.44  | 5159  | KROLL, GREGG          | FOREST LAKE     | MN    | USA | M 50-59 | 33               | 128        |
| 59            | 1:25:39.10  | 5160  | KRUEGER, KIP          | GOLDEN VALLEY   | MN    | USA | M 30-39 | 12               | 53         |
| 4             | 1:00:13.89  | 5162  | KULAK, BRIAN          | BOLINGBROOK     | IL    | USA | M 30-39 | 1                | 4          |
| 30            | 1:15:54.45  | 5164  | LANE, DAVID           | DULUTH          | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 11               | 29         |
| 65            | 1:26:40.84  | 5165  | LARSON, RICK          | EAU CLAIRE      | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 14               | 58         |
| 181           | 2:04:30.98  | 5166  | LAVERE, CARLA         | MINNETONKA      | MN    | USA | F 50-59 | 10               | 32         |
| 50            | 1:24:21.64  | 5168  | LEBOW, ERIC           | SHOREVIEW       | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 13               | 46         |
| 135           | 1:44:54.56  | 5174  | LUNDBERG, JAMES SCOTT | POPLAR          | WI    | USA | M 60-69 | 13               | 118        |
| 62            | 1:26:08.30  | 5179  | MAHLER, CHARLIE       | NORTHFIELD      | MN    | USA | M 50-59 | 13               | 55         |
| 87            | 2:14:10.83  | 5183  | MARTIN, JASON         | DELANO          | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 45               | 154        |
| 187           | 1:32:48.38  | 5185  | MCCARRIER, JULIE      | WAUKESHA        | WI    | USA | F 40-49 | 3                | 8          |
| 78            | 1:30:35.11  | 5187  | MCCARTHY, THOMAS      | SAINT PAUL      | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 22               | 71         |
| 165           | 1:53:26.95  | 5188  | MCCARVER, TOM         | FOREST LAKE     | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 40               | 139        |
| 158           | 1:51:24.43  | 5189  | MCCOSHEN, SEAN        | LINO LAKES      | MN    | USA | M 50-59 | 36               | 134        |
| 91            | 1:33:50.41  | 5190  | MCDONALD, CHRIS       | EAU CLAIRE      | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 28               | 82         |
| 79            | 1:30:57.73  | 5191  | MCFARLANE, DORIAN     | MILWAUKEE       | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 17               | 72         |
| 38            | 1:20:21.44  | 5192  | MCKINLEY, DAVID       | CHANHASSEN      | MN    | USA | M 50-59 | 9                | 36         |
| 115           | 1:39:10.69  | 5193  | MCLEOD, TOM           | ROCHESTER       | MN    | USA | M 50-59 | 25               | 101        |
| 129           | 1:43:27.81  | 5194  | MCGAMAR, RICHARD      | ROSEVILLE       | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 38               | 112        |
| 125           | 1:41:56.17  | 5195  | MEIERHOFF, DAN        | DULUTH          | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 35               | 109        |
| 117           | 1:39:37.12  | 5196  | MENK, MARY            | SAINT PAUL      | MN    | USA | F 60-69 | 2                | 15         |
| 72            | 1:30:00.33  | 5197  | MENK, STEVEN          | ST PAUL         | MN    | USA | M 60-69 | 6                | 65         |
| 3             | 59:37.56    | 5198  | MEYER, THOMAS A       | HAYWARD         | WI    | USA | M 50-59 | 3                | 3          |
| 120           | 1:40:05.31  | 5202  | MONSON, JESSICA       | EXCELSIOR       | MN    | USA | F 30-39 | 3                | 16         |
| 164           | 1:52:57.20  | 5205  | MOZEY, TIMOTHY        | FARMINGTON      | MN    | USA | M 50-59 | 37               | 138        |
| 93            | 1:33:58.94  | 5206  | MUELLER, DIANE        | OSHKOSH         | WI    | USA | F 40-49 | 4                | 10         |
| 123           | 1:40:51.26  | 5207  | MYERS, KENT           | LAKEVILLE       | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 34               | 107        |
| 109           | 1:37:56.77  | 5208  | NAUGHTON, ANDREW      | MINNEAPOLIS     | MN    | USA | M 30-39 | 21               | 95         |
| 113           | 1:39:04.96  | 5211  | NEISINGER, JOE        | LADYSMITH       | WI    | USA | M 50-59 | 24               | 99         |
| 9             | 1:07:47.39  | 5213  | NELSON, MATTHEW       | CAMERON         | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 2                | 9          |
| 2             | 59:12.85    | 5214  | NELSON, PAVEL         | CAMERON         | WI    | USA | M13-17  | 2                | 2          |
| 60            | 1:25:46.63  | 5216  | NEUMAN, JENNIFER      | RAMSEY          | MN    | USA | F 40-49 | 2                | 7          |
| 66            | 1:26:56.47  | 5220  | NORLING, CHAD         | MINNEAPOLIS     | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 17               | 59         |
| 68            | 1:28:27.06  | 5222  | O'KEANE, JASON        | MINNEAPOLIS     | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 18               | 61         |
| 155           | 1:49:07.66  | 5223  | OLSON, SARA           | MILTOVEN        | WI    | USA | F 40-49 | 8                | 24         |
| 139           | 1:45:51.21  | 5224  | O'NEILL, KELLY        | DEEPHAVEN       | MN    | USA | F 50-59 | 3                | 19         |
| 163           | 1:52:36.82  | 5225  | OPPENEER, MARTHA      | RACINE          | WI    | USA | F 50-59 | 5                | 26         |
| 167           | 1:53:53.99  | 5226  | OPPENEER, STEVEN      | RACINE          | WI    | USA | M 60-69 | 18               | 140        |
| 63            | 1:26:11.45  | 5181  | ORMAN, JAMES          | DULUTH          | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 16               | 56         |
| 182           | 2:04:52.44  | 5228  | OTEY, NEIL            | WHITE BEAR LAKE | MN    | USA | M 60-69 | 19               | 150        |
| 127           | 1:42:29.32  | 5230  | PADGET, ERIC          | MAPLE GROVE     | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 36               | 110        |
| 10            | 1:08:26.39  | 5231  | PALEN, JAKE           | COTTAGE GROVE   | MN    | USA | M 30-39 | 2                | 10         |
| 18            | 1:34:46.40  | 5028  | PASTIKA, BEN          | KENOSHA         | WI    | USA | M 50-59 | 20               | 87         |
| 14            | 1:09:34.33  | 5370  | PATTERSON, SCOTT      | MINNEAPOLIS     | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 4                | 13         |
| 83            | 1:31:43.90  | 5235  | PENNYCOOK, JON        | HUDSON          | WI    | USA | M 50-59 | 17               | 76         |
| 100           | 1:35:28.82  | 5236  | PETERS, DAVID         | ALTOONA         | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 30               | 88         |
| 8             | 1:06:04.21  | 5240  | POMEROY, JEREMY       | MARSHFIELD      | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 1                | 8          |
| 104           | 1:36:10.64  | 5241  | POZZINI, AARON        | WOODBURY        | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 31               | 91         |
| 172           | 1:57:29.75  | 5243  | PRASHER, MIKE         | EAU CLAIRE      | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 41               | 144        |
| 166           | 1:53:41.64  | 5245  | QUINN, MARIAH         | MIDDLETON       | WI    | USA | F 40-49 | 9                | 27         |
| 7             | 1:05:31.51  | 5246  | RADKE, MATT           | STEVENS POINT   | WI    | USA | M 18-29 | 1                | 7          |
| 114           | 1:39:07.57  | 5247  | RAJKOWSKI, SAMUEL     | MIDDLETON       | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 32               | 100        |
| 162           | 1:52:12.67  | 5249  | REIN, RICH            | FARIBAULT       | MN    | USA | M 30-39 | 31               | 137        |
| 54            | 1:24:54.30  | 5250  | REKER, KEVIN          | LITTLE CANADA   | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 14               | 48         |

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| 53            | 1:24:53.09  | 5251  | REKER, NICOLETTE      | ROCHESTER          | MN    | USA | F 18-29 | 2                | 6          |
| 52            | 1:24:52.78  | 5252  | REKER, ZOE            | ST. PAUL           | MN    | USA | F 18-29 | 1                | 5          |
| 138           | 1:45:24.99  | 5253  | RHUDE, DAVID J        | MINNEAPOLIS        | MN    | USA | M 60-69 | 14               | 120        |
| 69            | 1:28:28.35  | 5255  | RICHEY, WAYNE         | CUMBERLAND         | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 19               | 62         |
| 37            | 1:20:12.77  | 5256  | RILEY, MARGARET       | CROSS PLAINS       | WI    | USA | F 50-59 | 2                | 2          |
| 111           | 1:38:39.51  | 5257  | RINGER, AL            | BRIMSON            | MN    | USA | M 60-69 | 9                | 97         |
| 103           | 1:36:01.08  | 5259  | RODER, LINDSEY        | OCONOMOWOC         | WI    | USA | F 30-39 | 1                | 13         |
| 147           | 1:47:51.79  | 5260  | RODER, TONY           | OCONOMOWOC         | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 25               | 125        |
| 90            | 1:33:40.10  | 5261  | RODERICH, JOHN        | PHILLIPS           | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 27               | 81         |
| 124           | 1:41:55.99  | 5264  | SAHS, THADDEUS        | STURGEON BAY       | WI    | USA | M13-17  | 5                | 108        |
| 191           | 2:35:16.65  | 5266  | SAUNDERS, JUSTIN      | OSHKOSH            | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 48               | 158        |
| 110           | 1:38:21.70  | 5268  | SCHAPER, OWEN         | ST PAUL            | MN    | USA | M13-17  | 4                | 96         |
| 183           | 2:07:37.30  | 5270  | SCHLIENZ, ANGELA      | INDEPENDENCE       | MN    | USA | F 30-39 | 6                | 33         |
| 28            | 1:15:34.94  | 5276  | SCHOENING, PAUL       | PLYMOUTH           | MN    | USA | M 50-59 | 4                | 27         |
| 88            | 1:33:18.97  | 5278  | SCHROCK, SHERI        | COHASSET           | MN    | USA | F 60-69 | 1                | 9          |
| 19            | 1:13:00.81  | 5279  | SCHULER, CURTIS       | BIRCHWOOD          | MN    | USA | M 30-39 | 3                | 18         |
| 149           | 1:48:07.03  | 5280  | SCHULTZ, RYAN         | LA CROSSE          | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 26               | 127        |
| 179           | 2:03:13.94  | 5282  | SCHUTTENHELM, MARK    | LA CROSSE          | WI    | USA | M 50-59 | 41               | 148        |
| 81            | 1:31:32.85  | 5285  | SHAFFER, JAMIE        | CUMBERLAND         | WI    | USA | M 40-49 | 23               | 74         |
| 94            | 1:34:01.81  | 5286  | SHUBITZ, CHRIS        | DULUTH             | MN    | USA | M 30-39 | 19               | 84         |
| 171           | 1:57:08.86  | 5287  | SHUMAN, JARED         | HAYWARD            | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 32               | 143        |
| 136           | 1:44:56.78  | 5288  | SIMONSON, ANGIE       | MINNEAPOLIS        | MN    | USA | F 30-39 | 4                | 18         |
| 175           | 1:59:13.25  | 5289  | SINGLETON, JUSTIN     | SHAKOPEE           | MN    | USA | M 50-59 | 40               | 146        |
| 133           | 1:44:37.89  | 5291  | SMRDEL, BRIAN         | LINO LAKES         | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 39               | 116        |
| 106           | 1:37:06.42  | 5292  | SORRELLS, CHRISTOPHER | GREEN BAY          | WI    | USA | M 50-59 | 22               | 93         |
| 108           | 1:37:52.37  | 5293  | SORTEL, AMY           | INVER GROVE HEIGHT | MN    | USA | F 30-39 | 2                | 14         |
| 92            | 1:33:52.13  | 5294  | STAJKOWSKI, TIM       | PEPIN              | WI    | USA | M 50-59 | 19               | 83         |
| 116           | 1:39:36.93  | 5296  | STEVENSON, PADDY      | HAYWARD            | WI    | USA | M 60-69 | 11               | 102        |
| 101           | 1:35:57.97  | 5298  | STEGER, BEN           | MINNEAPOLIS        | MN    | USA | M 18-29 | 5                | 89         |
| 75            | 1:30:17.19  | 5299  | STEGER, DANIEL        | PRIOR LAKE         | MN    | USA | M 50-59 | 15               | 68         |
| 102           | 1:36:00.64  | 5302  | STINGLE, MICHAEL      | DULUTH             | MN    | USA | M 50-59 | 21               | 90         |
| 177           | 2:00:43.19  | 5303  | STINGLE, SUZANNE      | DULUTH             | MN    | USA | F 50-59 | 8                | 30         |
| 142           | 1:46:44     | 5308  | JOHN, SULLIVAN        | EAST TROY          | WI    | USA | M 60-69 | 15               | 121        |
| 146           | 1:47:40.84  | 5310  | SUTCLIFFE, JOHN       | STILLWATER         | MN    | USA | M 50-59 | 32               | 124        |
| 184           | 2:08:08.91  | 5313  | SWARD, DANIEL         | MINNEAPOLIS        | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 43               | 151        |
| 169           | 1:56:32.66  | 5314  | SWIFT, CINDY          | HAYWARD            | WI    | USA | F 50-59 | 6                | 28         |
| 43            | 1:21:25.82  | 5315  | SWIFT, JENNIFER       | HAYWARD            | WI    | USA | F 40-49 | 1                | 4          |
| 25            | 1:14:02.85  | 5317  | TAGGART, HARPER       | LA CROSSE          | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 6                | 24         |
| 148           | 1:47:58.19  | 5321  | THOMPSON, STEVE       | WAUKESHA           | WI    | USA | M 60-69 | 16               | 126        |
| 82            | 1:31:36.21  | 5324  | THYMIAN, MARCUS       | BARRINGTON HILLS   | IL    | USA | M 40-49 | 24               | 75         |
| 130           | 1:44:06.97  | 5330  | TREPANIER, JEFF       | KEWASKUM           | WI    | USA | M 60-69 | 12               | 113        |
| 61            | 1:26:08.14  | 5331  | TUBESING, ANDREW      | SAINT PAUL         | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 15               | 54         |
| 31            | 1:16:46.47  | 5332  | TUMBLESON, JEFF       | HAYWARD            | WI    | USA | M 50-59 | 6                | 30         |
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| 17            | 1:12:22.21  | 5337  | VANDERPORT, JASON     | ABRAM              | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 7                | 16         |
| 23            | 1:13:33.14  | 5338  | VANDERPUIY, JOE       | SHEBOYGAN          | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 5                | 22         |
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| 47            | 1:22:57.63  | 5342  | WATSON, RICK          | NOBLESVILLE        | IN    | USA | M 40-49 | 12               | 43         |
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| 70            | 1:28:29.82  | 5344  | WEBSTER, JON          | MINNEAPOLIS        | MN    | USA | M 40-49 | 20               | 63         |
| 85            | 1:32:43.34  | 5347  | WELSH, KEVIN          | DULUTH             | MN    | USA | M 60-69 | 8                | 78         |
| 20            | 1:13:02.20  | 5348  | WERNER, SAM           | HAYWARD            | WI    | USA | M 30-39 | 4                | 19         |
| 132           | 1:44:37.49  | 5349  | WHITE, PETER          | FRANKSVILLE        | WI    | USA | M 50-59 | 29               | 115        |
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| 161           | 1:52:09.82  | 5364  | ZUPANCIC, LOUIS       | KNAPP              | WI    | USA | M 60-69 | 17               | 136        |



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# Watermelon Margaritas & Learning to Fall Uphill

—Amy Hromatka

I blame this all on watermelon margaritas. My husband Ben and I spent the Fourth of July at his parents' cabin in Hayward. Our friends Jared and Abby joined us for an afternoon on the pontoon, and the drinks were flowing. We were lazily daydreaming of couples' trips to the Boundary Waters, to Napa, to Disney World, when Abby sat up and said, "We should do the Kortelopet!"

Of the four of us on the boat, only one person really knew how to ski well. Jared skied in high school so he was set. Abby skied the Prince Haakon once and knew about the sport as she'd grown up in Hayward. Although Ben had never tried skinny skis, he's a competent downhill skier and a quick study. And me? I did most of my growing up in the south and was decidedly indoors-y until I moved to Minnesota after college. I had very little exposure to winter sports. Learning to cross-country ski was going to be a real challenge.

We signed up for the Korte in August and then quietly ignored the looming race for the next few months. In early November, when it became apparent we weren't going to learn to ski while sitting on the couch, we purchased skis and joined a ski club run by the Loppet Foundation. The club met twice a week at Theodore Wirth Park in Minneapolis, MN.

At first, our nights with Ski Club consisted of pole hikes and technical drills that I didn't really understand: hopping across a grassy stretch, trying to bend our poles while falling uphill, and practicing V1 timing. Soon enough, we had snow! I clicked my brand-new boots into my brand-new bindings and fumbled with my pole straps before figuring out where my thumbs were supposed to go. I cautiously double-poled my way around the course, absolutely spent by the slightest of inclines. After laboring back and forth for a few minutes, a coach pulled me aside. "This is supposed to be fun! Let's try without poles to start..."

Week after week, I showed up. Week after week, I fell down. But week after week, I got better! I learned skiing is all about **Ski. Run. Bike. Live!**

glide, but it's also about suiting up when it's -8 without wind chill. It's about figuring out how to put your boots on without sliding off the tailgate into a slushy parking lot. It's about rustling up the confidence to go down the hill, even though you're fairly damn certain you'll wipe out on the icy patch about two-thirds of the way down like you always do. And it's about getting up when you come to a skidding, sliding, tumbling halt and continuing to climb the next hill rising in front of you.



(L-R) Amy Hromatka, Ben Hromatka, Abby Roche, Jared Hromatka

In January, our group skied the BirkieTour. We figured it would be a good way to get familiar with the trail and test our endurance. We skied 16K – just over half of the Korte distance – on the hilly North End. It was a slog. When we finished, we turned our BirkieTour coffee mugs sideways to inspect the elevation map. "This part was mostly uphill. The trail from OO south is mostly downhill. There are only like four big hills on the Korte trail. Plus, we'll get a lot faster in the next month of training!"

About that next month of training? There was no snow. Minneapolis had more rain than snow this winter. We continued to ski at Wirth when conditions allowed. We tried to stay fit in other ways, but I needed every minute possible on my skis to continue to develop my technique.

As the Korte approached, I was nervous. We drove to Hayward and skied north and then south from OO to get a sense for what race day might be like. The southern part of the trail seemed easier, but what about Bitch Hill? What about the total distance? What about the weather? I had so many questions.

The week of the Korte, I wasn't the only one asking questions. After a weekend with

temps in the low 60s, my friends, parents, and coworkers were all wondering if the race was even going to happen! There certainly wasn't any snow in the Twin Cities, but I eagerly awaited the daily Birkie Trail update videos from Ben Popp. The Main Street finish I had been envisioning was no longer an option with open water on Lake Hayward, but the forecast for a potential snowstorm on Thursday had me hoping that we might still be able to race.

When the Korte was officially cancelled, I was both disappointed and relieved. I failed to achieve my goal, but the circumstances were beyond my control. I know deep down we would have been successful.

Despite the event cancellation, we had a great weekend in Hayward for the inaugural BirkieFest. We arrived on Thursday and went to the expo on Friday – it seemed jam-packed to me even though there was not a formal race happening! We shopped downtown to support the local businesses

and stood outside drinking beer in the snow, wishing for the blizzard to track north.

The snow didn't come, but we skied the 5K loop at the trailhead anyway. It was fun to be out with so many happy skiers grateful for the chance to be on snow (any snow!). At BirkieFest, we toasted to a completed season and a not-quite-completed goal. I'm so happy to have picked up a new lifetime sport and in the process, joined a community of supportive, friendly people. We've hung our bibs with their "1" stickers in our basement, and we plan on hanging our real first Korte bibs next to them this time next year.





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- Birkie Trail Kids is an adventure at every lesson. For kids ages 7-13, this year-round program is designed to get kids out on the trail running, biking, skiing, orienteering, and more! If you're not in the Hayward area, check to see if there is a Trail Kids program offered near you!
- Birkie Kids Mountain Bike camp is on June 10th at the OO Trailhead for kids 6-18. Learn new skills, brush up on current skills, and have fun with other kids on bikes!
- Little Bellas is an all girls mountain bike program. Girls ages 8-13 and female mentors will have fun at the Birkie Saturday Camp on August 12th at the OO Trailhead.



Learn more at [www.birkie.com/live/training-programs](http://www.birkie.com/live/training-programs).  
We hope to see you training in the north woods this summer!

## I Can't Wait for the Next One!

—Tony Wiederkehr

I was introduced to Nordic skiing relatively late, when I was nearly 40. My father, who is Swiss, was a regular participant of the Engadin Skimarathon (ESM), and he frequently embellished his past experiences at the race. In 2004 I decided to join him at the ESM and so my crash course in Nordic skiing began. My first lesson was quite memorable – I don't recall even being able to glide on the skis, and the idea of "propulsion" was preposterous at best. My instructor was patient despite knowing she had only two months to take me from "barely able to stand" on these super skinny skis, to participating in the world's largest skate ski marathon. The ESM came and went that year and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I decided to make this "new sport venture" a more permanent activity in my lifestyle. The following season, I discovered the American Birkebeiner, and experienced Birkie Fever, for the first time.

The Birkie immediately felt like a smaller more intimate race even though the number of participants rivalled the ESM. It amazed me that such a small community could handle such a large event. The enthusiasm



(L-R) Holly Brooks, Tony Wiederkehr, and Chelsea Little enjoy a day of skiing.

and positive attitude of every participant was incredibly infectious. Just what was going on here, I thought? The ESM was significantly more crowded and with heightened competitiveness and more heated intensity...but here at the Birkie, there were only pleasant exchanges, with a remarkable positivity, and more reserved intensity. I was profoundly unprepared for the difficulty of the course, but strangely, at every point at which I felt I'd had enough, I was rewarded with a long downhill and ample recovery to

allow for yet another challenging climb. The Birkie trail is exceptionally unique in this regard.... just when you think you've had enough, you're rewarded with a timely recovery...and when you think you've finally established command of the course, it delivers hills that remind you of who is truly in charge.

This, I think, is the foundation of Birkie Fever – the ongoing drive to finally master the course, have that perfect race in a most

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# Birkie Trail Run Festival

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# Birkie Trail Run Festival 2017

## ABSF and USATF Announce 2017 Half Marathon Trail Championship

September 30, 2017 marks the 16th Birkie Trail Run Festival held on the legendary hills of the iconic Birkie Trail. The Birkie Trail Run Half Marathon, part of the Birkie Trail Run Festival weekend of events, has been selected as the USATF Half Marathon Trail Championship in 2017 by USA Track & Field, the national governing body. America's best half marathon trail runners are expected to compete for the \$3000 prize purse.

"We are honored to host a USATF Championship and welcome America's best runners to the beautiful trails of the north woods," said Ben Popp, ABSF Executive Director. "Last year, Corrine Malcolm, USATF 50-Mile National Champion, won the Birkie Trail Run Marathon. We look forward to welcoming America's best long distance runners, like Corrine, to compete in this year's half-marathon championship. It'll be an awesome day on the Birkie Trail!"

"The participation of these amazing elite



runners will add excitement to the entire field of Birkie Trail Run Festival runners," said Allan Serrano, Event Director. "Now in our 16th year, the prestige of the championship designation will build awareness of our race and will also have a positive halo effect on the Birkie Trail Run Festival for many years to come."

From the challenge and intensity of a 100 kilometer ultra-marathon to the fun of a 5 kilometer run/walk, an estimated 1000+ runners and trekkers will take to the trails for a day of fun and outdoor adventure. The Birkie Trail Run Festival, sponsored by Salomon, is comprised of eight events that start and finish at Birkie Ridge Trailhead, 12.5 miles north of Hayward, Wisconsin, and 5 miles south of Cable, Wisconsin. The eight Birkie Trail Run & Trek events place runners and trekkers on some of the most scenic stretches of the famous Birkie Trail and single-track sections of the CAMBA

(Chequamegon Area Mountain Bike Association) trail system. With eight events on the roster - including a marathon, marathon relay, half marathon, Nordic Trek, 5K run/walk, youth 5K (12 and under) and 1K Kid's Dash (free for ages 9 and under), along with the 100K Ultra Marathon - there is a north woods trail experience available for every ability level.

In 2017, the Birkie Trail Run Festival will be bigger and better than ever. A weekend of fun unfolds with a Vendor Fair on Friday, featuring the latest running and outdoor gear from national and international vendors. Then, on Saturday, the Birkie Trail Run events begin. Participants can look forward to a chill north woods vibe, on-site camping at Birkie Ridge, bonfires, post-race picnic-style fixings in the big tent, live music, craft beer & root beer on tap, spectacular autumn leaves, and camaraderie aplenty. Registration opened on January 1, 2017 for all events.

Gather your family and friends and make plans to get out there this September! Register at [www.Birkie.com](http://www.Birkie.com).



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If what we stand for feels like home to you, we encourage you to join the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation as a member. Plus, you can run for our Board of Directors, cast your vote on issues that drive the direction of the ABSF, and get great perks based on your membership level. For more information please visit [www.birkie.com/membership](http://www.birkie.com/membership).

Take your Birkie Fever  
to the next level and join us.  
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## I Can't Wait for the Next One! *(continued from page 33)*

challenging event, and the realization that your Birkie performance often defines your ski season. The rolling terrain, lack of straight and flat segments, impeccable trail preparation, and the obvious and immeasurable enthusiasm of all the volunteers and planners, all combine to make this a truly unique race.

Although my experience in European races is limited to a dozen or so different venues, there is nothing quite like the Birkie. Even in the months leading up to the race, when the training and preparation is at its seasonal peak, thoughts of the various sections of the course serve as motivation to complete that extra set or run those extra minutes...a little harder, perhaps. There is no other ski race that provides the same motivation, so far ahead of the event date.

To date I've completed ten Birkie's and a

dozen ESM's, and my father, at 83 years old, still participates in the ESM every March. Living in Arlington, Washington, I am at least a 90+ minute drive from the closest Nordic ski area, and I also coach high school basketball during the winter. Despite this,

my Birkie Fever provides all the motivation necessary to train and prepare. Year after year, the Birkie provides those special memories that leave me thinking "I can't wait for the next one"! See you in 2018!




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