

A Close Call

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The 38th annual Wasatch Front 100 Mile Endurance Run started 313 runners with 201 runners successfully finishing. Three course changes removed four miles of asphalt, which was a welcome change.

THE WOMEN'S RACE

The first-place female finisher was Luzia Buehler who was consistently in first place throughout the race, gradually increasing her lead, until reaching the finish with a time of 25:08:20. She is a great runner who showed that she has stamina on a tough mountain race. This was Luzia's first Wasatch.

In second place was Emilee Walker, who finished with a time of 26:55:48. Emilee started back in the pack, but moved up steadily until she was sixth at Big Mountain. By the time she reached Big Water, Emilee had moved to third, and by Pot Hollow Emilee moved into second place and remained there until the finish.

In third place was Jennilyn Eaton with a time of 27:29:41. Strong and steady, Jennilyn

was in third through Alexander Ridge, moving to second place at Lambs. She stayed in second place until Rock Springs where she moved to third again. Like Luzia and Emilee, this was also Jennilyn's first Wasatch 100.

THE MEN'S RACE

This year's men first-place finisher was Trevor Fuchs with a time of 20:59:43 (last year Trevor was also the winner with a time of 21:13:58). Trevor was tied in first place at all aid stations with Nicholas Gaitin until the Lambs aid station where Trevor began to pull ahead. By the Brighton aid station, Trevor had increased his lead ahead of second-place Nicholas to 19 minutes, and by the Rock Springs water stop (mile 79) the lead had widened to 33 minutes.

However, by the next aid station, Pot Hollow (mile 84.8), Nicholas dropped and Jesse Rich then took over second place behind Trevor with Scott Hollister now in third. At Decker, the last aid station (mile 93.8), the first three were Trevor, Jesse and Scott. But fourth-place Robert Edminster was coming up fast. Robert finally overtook Scott before the finish.

TEN- AND TWENTY-TIME FINISHERS

Congratulations to Phil Lowry who successfully completed his twentieth

ABOVE: At the top of the 10,220-foot Catherine Pass, Wanderley Reis kisses the Great Western Trail sign. [© Jade Mangus]

LEFT: Jessica Cooper accepts her well-deserved award at the finish. [© David Hardy]

finish at Wasatch. This year four runners received their 10-time finishers ring: Mark N. Christopherson, Karen Helfrich, Scott Kunz and Matthew Mouritsen.

THE ROYAL ORDER OF THE CRIMSON CHEETAH

This year, five runners qualified to become members of The Royal Order of the Crimson Cheetah in which runners must finish the Wasatch Front 100 Mile Endurance Run within 24 hours. Runners achieving this remarkable achievement are recognized at the award ceremony and receive the red coral belt buckle. This year just five people achieved this honor: Trevor Fuchs, Jesse Rich, Robert Edminster, Scott Hollister and Cody Draper.

THE SPIRIT OF THE WASATCH

The Spirit of the Wasatch is an award presented each year to honor that individual whose actions reflect the high standards of the Wasatch Front 100 Mile Endurance Run. This year, the Spirit of the Wasatch was jointly awarded to Alisha Strobel and Mike Place who served as course sweeps.

Early in the race, a female runner began to experience medical issues. She called net control to discuss her situation and it was quickly decided her condition was serious. Net control determined her location, called 911 and emergency medical services were dispatched. Alisha and Mike (the course sweepers) came upon her just as she became unconscious, due to cardiac arrest. With

The Grand Slam of Ultrarunning

The Grand Slam of Ultrarunning award ceremony is held after the Wasatch Front 100 Mile Endurance Run. The Grand Slam consists of completing three of the following races: Old Dominion, Western States, Vermont, Leadville; and also completing Wasatch. This year Chris Jones and Ace Ewing (pictured below) also completed the Last Great Race which consists of the original six 100-mile races (the five races listed above plus the Angeles Crest 100).

2017 GRAND SLAM OF ULTRARUNNING RESULTS

XiaoLin Wang	90:23:20
Ian Seabury	91:16:49
Kelly Barber	96:29:32
Philip Sanderson	96:38:11
Jake Rankinen	106:33:32
Andrew Ewing	107:53:44
Steven LaBranche	110:23:49
Chris Jones	111:01:22
Phil Atkinson	115:22:49
Jim Roche	115:23:39
Hector Reyes	120:20:23



RIGHT: Chris Jones and Andrew Ewing show off their buckles at the finish. For them this was the completion of their sixth 100-mile race last summer – the Last Great Race. Read the full report at ultrarunning.com.

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BELOW: Nine of the eleven runners to complete the Grand Slam this year. [

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Mike handling communication and coordination, Alisha began chest compressions (CPR). EMTs, paramedics, an ambulance and a medical helicopter began arriving as Alisha continued compressions. Through it all Mike and Alisha worked with the runner. When the patient was flown off the mountain, Alicia had been giving chest compressions for an hour and a half. The cardiologist at the ER said without the quick intervention of Mike and Alisha and Alisha's heroic continuation of chest compressions, the runner would have surely died.

The committee was honored to present Alisha Strobel and Mike Place with The 2017 Spirit of the Wasatch award. We are happy to announce that the runner was discharged from the hospital eight days after being medivacked off of Francis Peak and that she is home and doing just fine. 🌿

Wasatch Front

Kaysville, UT // September 8

🏃 4,4* // 100 Miles

Elevation gain/loss: 26,882 feet / 26,131 feet | This is a point-to-point race that traverses the heart of the central Wasatch Mountains. It features some big climbs and descents like a 5,000-foot climb in 9 miles near the start.

1	Trevor Fuchs, 36, UT	20:59:43
2	Jesse Rich, 27, UT	22:12:11
3	Robert Edminster, 32, UT	22:55:00
4	Scott Hollister, 33, CA	23:04:31
5	Cody Draper, 37, UT	23:42:08
6	Dustin Simoens, 29, CO	24:07:27
7	Steve Liechty, 47, MT	24:57:56
8	Luzia Bühler, 35	25:08:20
9	Ben Brooks, 37, UT	25:09:13
10	Jedediah Rogers, 38, UT	25:11:25
11	Lance Anderson, 39, UT	25:40:00
12	Xiao-Lin Wang, 42	25:47:05
13	Josh Hyde, 35, WY	25:47:58
14	Theodore Bachman, 44, MT	26:15:56
15	David Daley, 43, CA	26:18:32
16	Tyson Hamilton, 39, UT	26:22:36
17	Ian Seabury, 27, CA	26:27:22
18	Justin Cowett, 38, UT	26:27:35
19	Jerome Jourdon, 44, AZ	26:29:57
20	Steven Newman, 44, UT	26:31:53
21	Matthew O'Connor, 30, UT	26:33:15
22	Carter Williams, 58, UT	26:38:12
23	Mark Frey, 37, PA	26:44:15
24	Brandon Dase, 41, UT	26:50:11
25	Rick Kneeder, 55, OR	26:55:02
26	Emilee Walker, 36, WY	26:55:48
27	Richard McDonald, 41, UT	27:11:30
28	Tyler Hall, 45, UT	27:11:30
29	Sky Grahn, 27, UT	27:13:32
30	Ryan Montgomery, 23, OR	27:22:26
31	Bill Clements, 39, CA	27:26:21
32	Jennilyn Eaton, 30, UT	27:29:41
33	Andrew Bainbridge, 24, CO	27:33:39

34	Patrick Oborn, 44, UT	27:53:12
35	Garth Reader, 55, NM	28:04:26
36	Dan Hohl, 23, UT	28:06:06
37	Allen Currano, 45, CA	28:09:20
38	Jason Brock, 41, UT	28:14:06
39	Jason Berry, 44, UT	28:14:44
40	Erik Storheim, 45, UT	28:18:01
41	Bruce Dailey, 46, NS	28:21:53
42	Jordan Wight, 35, CO	28:23:15
43	Tyler Fannin, 31, UT	28:24:57
44	Daniel Johnson, 40, UT	28:25:44
45	Andrew Ewing, 40, CA	28:31:34
46	Justin Anderson, 38, UT	28:34:21
47	Kyle Markisch, 33, UT	28:34:34
48	Rebecca Orig, 28, CO	28:36:23
49	Brian Harward, 43, UT	28:38:16
50	Darin Nee, 35, CA	28:42:23
51	Todd Bertolone, 54, CA	28:46:47
52	Drew Erickson, 39, UT	28:49:57
53	John Maack, 56, UT	28:50:08
54	Phillip Lowry, 51, UT	28:52:45
55	Tim Shupe, 44, UT	28:58:28
56	Aaron Johnson, 32, CA	29:03:21
57	Clark Hirschi, 53, UT	29:04:16
58	Allison Memmott, 38, UT	29:05:13
59	Alicia Perry, 42, UT	29:07:01
60	Joshua Landvatter, 33, UT	29:08:26
61	Scott Wesemann, 45, UT	29:12:23
62	David McKnight, 61, UT	29:14:25
63	Christian Lewis, 39, UT	29:16:44
64	Shane Martin, 50, UT	29:27:42
65	Josh Greenwell, 37, UT	29:29:33
66	Edward Wang, 53, CA	29:32:59
67	Kenzie Barlow, 35, UT	29:36:48
68	Michael Leo Griffin, 51, CA	29:42:19
69	Erin Clark, 40, UT	29:48:59
70	Phillip Sanderson, 49, CA	29:51:22
71	Gordon Freeman, 33, OR	29:55:29
72	Kelly Barber, 47, CA	30:05:47
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201	Timothy Seminoff, 59, UT	35:51:35

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