

# SARATOGA WINTERFEST 5K SNOWSHOE RACE

## SARATOGA SPA STATE PARK

## FEBRUARY 1, 2004

01. James Pawlicki	29M	21:03	100.00 pts	66. Jessica Hageman	28F	32:30	59.38 pts
02. Matt Wood	27M	22:06	99.38 pts	67. Darlene McCarthy	41F	32:34	58.75 pts
03. Nicholas Wujclak	17M	22:10	98.75 pts	68. Jack Quinn	65M	32:52	58.13 pts
04. Dave Dunham	39M	22:33	98.13 pts	69. Steve Mitchell	62M	33:28	57.50 pts
05. Shaun Sutcliff	46M	22:52	97.50 pts	70. Glenn Schaeff	53M	33:29	56.88 pts
06. John Noonan	44M	22:56	96.88 pts	71. Rachel Schabot	35F	33:34	56.25 pts
07. Jason Clark	32M	22:57	96.25 pts	72. Siobhan Cushen	33F	33:39	55.63 pts
08. Andrew Rickert	24M	22:58	95.63 pts	73. Cole Hickland	48M	33:41	55.00 pts
09. John Bonnett	22M	23:06	95.00 pts	74. Adam Orr	25M	33:43	54.38 pts
10. Dennis Fillmore	51M	23:07	94.38 pts	75. Katherine Best	19F	33:51	53.75 pts
11. Matt Malet	28M	23:23	93.75 pts	76. Justin McCarthy	14M	33:54	53.13 pts
12. John Onderdonk	36M	23:33	93.13 pts	77. Stephen Cupp	29M	33:55	52.50 pts
13. Christophe Lanaud	36M	24:13	92.50 pts	78. Joe Geiger	62M	34:03	51.88 pts
14. Michael Robertson	31M	24:19	91.88 pts	79. Jeff Ogle	40M	34:08	51.25 pts
15. Edward Alibozek	41M	24:26	91.25 pts	80. Bonnie Fachini	39F	34:10	50.63 pts
16. Jay Laitenberger	30M	24:32	90.63 pts	81. Jim Tansey	56M	34:14	50.00 pts
17. Bob Dion	48M	24:44	90.00 pts	82. Laura Clark	56F	34:15	49.38 pts
18. Mike Buckley	43M	25:16	89.38 pts	83. Beth Trapasso	42F	34:46	48.75 pts
19. Dave Bangert	43M	25:33	88.75 pts	84. Brian McCarthy	43M	34:52	48.13 pts
20. John Pelton	64M	25:42	88.13 pts	85. Joshua Murphy	13M	34:54	47.50 pts
21. Erik Hanson	30M	25:44	87.50 pts	86. Liz Hammel	32F	35:10	46.88 pts
22. Michael McNeill	32M	25:54	86.88 pts	87. Mary Quinn	41F	35:35	46.25 pts
23. Norm Hecker	43M	25:56	86.25 pts	88. Bob Massaro	60M	35:38	45.63 pts
24. Kelly Herrington	29M	26:07	85.63 pts	89. Tim Lesar	49M	35:55	45.00 pts
25. Bob Irving	49M	27:06	85.00 pts	90. Sharon Federico	31F	35:59	44.38 pts
26. Jesse Milonovich	30M	27:14	84.38 pts	91. Ellie George	48F	36:13	43.75 pts
27. Derek Hammel	32M	27:24	83.75 pts	92. Maggie Masella	20F	36:17	43.13 pts
28. Tom Mack	39M	27:46	83.13 pts	93. Kathy Tolcser	49F	36:19	42.50 pts
29. Jay Kolodzinski	24M	27:55	82.50 pts	94. Brian Murphy	34M	36:20	41.88 pts
30. Dan Mancini	28M	28:00	81.88 pts	95. James Carlson	56M	36:24	41.25 pts
31. Theresa Hance	40F	28:01	81.25 pts	96. Sally Goade	45F	36:38	40.63 pts
32. Gregory Rems	27M	28:07	80.63 pts	97. Darryl Caron	40M	36:43	40.00 pts
33. Mike Lahey	52M	28:16	80.00 pts	98. Rich Busa	74M	36:50	39.38 pts
34. Keith Decker	41M	28:31	79.38 pts	99. Cheryl Clark	32F	36:54	38.75 pts
35. Rich Tanchyk	52M	28:33	78.75 pts	100. Phillip Walsh	40M	37:04	38.13 pts
36. Larry Dragon	43M	28:34	78.13 pts	101. Michael Rubel	12M	37:06	37.50 pts
37. Ed Alibozek, Jr.	64M	28:47	77.50 pts	102. Meg O'Leary	33F	37:20	36.88 pts
38. Paul Hartwig	47M	28:58	76.88 pts	103. Danielle Koster	14F	37:42	36.25 pts
39. Jacque Schiffer	39F	29:05	76.25 pts	104. Tom Heffernan	60M	37:54	35.63 pts
40. Dave Boles	57M	29:11	75.63 pts	105. Ruth Lyons	23F	38:13	35.00 pts
41. Vincent Kirby	47M	29:22	75.00 pts	106. Cheng-Hua Lee	33F	38:33	34.38 pts
42. Gary Cunningham	31M	29:28	74.38 pts	107. Laurel Shortell	37F	38:39	33.75 pts
43. Dan McNamara	54M	29:41	73.75 pts	108. Scott Hunter	58M	38:44	33.13 pts
44. Paul Gebhard	40M	29:44	73.13 pts	109. Bob McFarland	70M	38:46	32.50 pts
45. Kelly Short	23F	29:48	72.50 pts	110. Stephen Judice	32M	38:54	31.88 pts
46. Guillermo Borges	42M	30:01	71.88 pts	111. Kathleen Judice	33F	38:51	31.25 pts
47. Marcia Whitney	51F	30:03	71.25 pts	112. Tina Ganter	14F	39:06	30.63 pts
48. Peter Lipka	52M	30:06	70.63 pts	113. Kate Fuller	43F	39:07	30.00 pts
49. Bill Harper	56M	30:11	70.00 pts	114. G Parthasarathy	29M	39:08	29.38 pts
50. Jeff Coulter	39M	30:17	69.38 pts	115. Nicholas Denno	22M	39:10	28.75 pts
51. Robert Hayes	33M	30:18	68.75 pts	116. Judith Tripp	57F	39:12	28.13 pts
52. Tony Krackeler	35M	30:20	68.13 pts	117. Richard Denno	48M	39:13	27.50 pts
53. Eric Sanborn	35M	30:26	67.50 pts	118. Shannon Hughes	35F	39:36	26.88 pts
54. James Flood	31M	30:40	66.88 pts	119. Ginny Pezzula	45F	39:46	26.25 pts
55. Aurora Lamperetta	31F	30:41	66.25 pts	120. Morris Auster	33M	39:47	25.63 pts
56. Maureen Roberts	46F	30:48	65.63 pts	121. Anant Setlur	31M	39:47	25.00 pts
57. Robert Trimarchi	34M	30:49	65.00 pts	122. Peter Finley	42M	40:03	24.38 pts
58. Scott Bradley	49M	30:51	64.38 pts	123. Elizabeth Herlihy	30F	42:12	23.75 pts
59. Ed Saharczewski	50M	31:15	63.75 pts	124. Erica Wilcox	25F	42:30	23.13 pts
60. Frank Gaval	57M	31:25	63.13 pts	125. Gary Emery	56M	43:02	22.50 pts
61. Natalia Hogan	35F	31:31	62.50 pts	126. Jacqueline Lemieux	37F	43:33	21.88 pts
62. Edward McBain	39M	31:33	61.88 pts	127. Jim Vanyo	44M	43:48	21.25 pts
63. Raymond Chen	39M	32:00	61.25 pts	128. Brian Swartz	38M	44:01	20.63 pts
64. Kirk Gendron	28M	32:05	60.63 pts	129. Konrad Karolczuk	51M	44:16	20.00 pts
65. Kathleen Freese	43F	32:28	60.00 pts	130. William White	13M	44:22	19.38 pts

## STRANGE BUT TRUE....

*Facts that will amaze and befuddle you (unless you have ever directed a race)*

The Winterfest route was marked with two rolls of blue tape, a dozen or more carefully etched sugar/chalk dust arrows and lots of orange flags. Several people still managed to go off course. This time, though, it was not the lead pack, but those towards the back who exited Ferndell Hill and failed to notice the 100+ snowshoe tracks that circled around for one more loop. Or perhaps they looked up, spotted the parking lot and decided it was time for chili. What will happen at Camp Saratoga when they have to pass right by the dining hall and face the most difficult part of the course?

There were exactly 523 orange flags marking the Winterfest course. This information is courtesy of Kevin Joyce who, having way too much time on his hands, personally counted each and every flag. How did he accomplish this? Did he make piles of 10, 25, or 50 flags or did he take a chance and count straight through from 1 to 523? And what did his hands look like after touching all that rusty metal?

I, personally, now know the names, nicknames, ages and place of residence of all the WMAC snowshoe regulars after filling out umpteen address lists, qualifier lists and race number bibs. And I bet Ed Alibozek does, too. By this time we're on automatic pilot, so just warn us if you ever plan to have a birthday – or better yet, invite us to your party.

At registration someone actually complained that she didn't get any grout in her goodie bag! In case you are clueless, this desirable item has been kicking around ever since its appearance at the Silks & Stars 5K in July, then it resurfaced for our Camp Saratoga trail series this summer, made a comeback attempt at a November fun run, and was joyfully tossed out of our garage for the Winterfest.

*Other Duties As Assigned Award* does not go to Jeff and Laura Clark, who failed miserably at finding a babysitter for the Judices so they could both run the race. What could be easier than finding someone willing to babysit a three year-old, a four year-old and a 14 month old?! *Most Inventive*, or perhaps, *Most Desperate Award* goes to Steve & Katleen Judice who then decided to make snowshoeing a family affair by removing the wheels from their triple stroller and mounting it on a sled.

*Lifesaver Award* goes to Bill and Cathy Taylor (if you're a meat eater, you probably enjoyed Ironman Bill's Buffalo Meat Chili). On race morning, Cathy set me straight by sternly counseling me that it was not good manners to cook the meat and veggie hot dogs together in one pot. Luckily, Cathy just happened to have an extra pot in her van. The Taylors have helped many in similarly desperate straits. Since they are constantly training for yet another Ironman, and they rarely spend any actual non-eating or non-sleeping time at home, their van is equipped with all sorts of sports gear and other necessities. You just never know what they'll find in there.

Ever notice how people approach the finish line? Some wave their arms in joyful celebration, some fumble through odd layers of clothes to find their race number, some lose their pants as they stumble across. This year, *Sloppiest Finish Award* goes to

Marcia Whitney who stumbled over her feet and sprawled across the invisible line.

*Polar Bear Man Award* goes to Rich Busa, who distinguished himself at the ice rink Winterfest several years ago when he skidded on Gravel Hill and took advantage of his mishap to slide past everyone in his 70+ age group. Since we are not always "blessed" with such ideal gliding conditions, he has since found other ways to distinguish himself. In the summer, he joins the ranks of famous super heroes and morphs into Saucony Man, sponsored and outfitted from head to toe. In the winter, he wears "normal" clothes (if you could call that visor get-up normal), but at the finish line he transforms into Polar Bear Man when he rips off his shirt and ceremoniously tosses it across the line. Not only is Rich beaten by his shirt, but he has to purchase two race numbers to do it legally.

If you delve into the mythology behind Harry Potter, however, you will realize that this big show is all about pixies. Riche "wrong-way" Busa is also famous for getting lost. In fact, based on the number of times Rich passed and re-passed me at Monroe one year, Edward Alibozek calculated that he must lose about fifteen minutes at every race. According to well-substantiated legend, the favorite activity of pixies is to lead travelers astray. Those who have lost their way are said to be "pixie-led." This disorienting spell can only be broken by shedding the clothing covering your upper body. That is the simple explanation for Rich's trademark finish. We'll see if it works at Monroe.

Laura Clark

## WINTERFEST RESULTS CONTINUED

131. Kristen Halligan	37F	45:11	18.75 pts
132. Michele Deveroux	37F	45:12	18.13 pts
133. Rick Martell	51M	45:29	17.50 pts
134. Scott Martell	26M	45:30	16.88 pts
135. Randall Palmer	49M	46:18	16.25 pts
136. Andy Keefe	73M	46:34	15.63 pts
137. Diane Gulbrandsen	41F	46:35	15.00 pts
138. Kate Hayes	55F	46:40	14.38 pts
139. Nancy Brooks	39F	46:45	13.75 pts
140. Mary Decker	47F	46:46	13.13 pts
141. Julie Tangora	31F	46:53	12.50 pts
142. Kira Feulner	15F	46:54	11.88 pts
143. Karen Decker	29F	49:26	11.25 pts
144. Mary Kennedy	45F	51:19	10.63 pts
145. Joanne Conley	45F	51:21	10.00 pts
146. Annette Lewis	46F	51:30	9.38 pts
147. Debbie Irving	47F	51:47	8.75 pts
148. Susan Monica	56F	53:18	8.13 pts
149. Dinah Matthei	46F	53:24	7.50 pts
150. Cathy Biss	56F	55:51	6.88 pts
151. Rita Fishman	49F	55:53	6.25 pts
152. Keith Chun	34M	56:33	5.63 pts
153. Berdine Yuan	30F	56:35	5.00 pts
154. Eileen Battle	47F	57:52	4.38 pts
155. Matthew Battle	45M	57:55	3.75 pts
156. Marne Onderdonk	34F	60:34	3.13 pts
157. Stephanie Ferrandino	32F	60:36	2.50 pts
158. Cynthia Staniels	55F	60:44	1.88 pts
159. Theresa Kech	50F	61:10	1.25 pts
160. Paul Kech	50M	61:11	0.63 pts