

ARR Ultra Update, December 2015-January 2016

Future Planning

The winter months for many ultra-runners are less a time for competition and more the time to plan what races to try for in the coming year. Increasingly, this often means entering a lottery or 'keyboard race' months before the actual race. Some of the major races concerned include:

Western States 100 (race June 25-26). Lottery held December 5th 2015. There were 3510 applicants for 270 available slots despite tighter qualification limits. Out of 18 NM applicants, only Chris McElveny was successful.

As for the other Grand Slam 100-milers:

Vermont 100 (race July 16-17). Priority entries to be taken Jan 10-14. First-come first-served application for remaining slots opens on January 17th.

Leadville 100 (race Aug 20-21). Lottery entries closed at the end of December, with the drawing results to be known Jan 7th "or thereabouts"

Wasatch Front 100 (race Sept 9-10). Application window was open December 1 2015-January 4 2016. Lottery drawing February 6th.

Some other races:

Hardrock 100 (July 15-17, clockwise route). Registration closed November 22nd 2015 and the lottery was held in December. Jason Halladay, David Coblenz, Ken Gordon, Randy Isler, Neil Blake, Brian Murray Kristen Kern, Susan Gardner and Denis Drey all were picked from Albuquerque, as well as Petra Pirk and Blake Wood from Los Alamos. Kilian Jornet is returning to defend his 2-time winning streak.

Tahoe Rim Trail 100 (July 16-17). Entry window was December 6-20 2015, lottery drawing on Jan 1st 2016. Brian Pilgrim is entered; Misty Pilgrim in 55km.

Ultra-Trail de Mont Blanc (UTMB) and related races (August 22-28). Application period was December 16th 2015-January 4th 2016. Lottery results to be published Jan 13th.

Of more local interest, the following ultra races in New Mexico are on the 2016 calendar:

Mar 5: **Sierra Vista Trail runs**, Las Cruces. 50 km, plus 30 km and 10 km events.

Apr 21: **Cedro Peak**, Tijeras. 45 mile and 45 km plus a half-marathon.

May 7: **Cactus to Cloud Trail Run**, Cloudcroft. 50 km.

May 21: **Jemez Mountain** races, Los Alamos. 50 mile and 50 km, plus a 15-mile.

June 11: **Angel Fire Endurance runs**, Angel Fire. 100 mile, 100 km, 50 mile, 50 km.

Oct 1: **Mt Taylor**, Grants. 50km.

Oct 15: **Deadman Peaks**, Cuba. 50 mile, plus marathon and 30 km.

Current races

But there are some upcoming events not too far away

Jan 9. **Bandera** 100km, 50km, 25km. Bandera, TX. Brian Pilgrim, Misty Pilgrim, Roger Squires, Rondi Thornton among those entered. (USATF 100km trail national championships)

Jan 23-24. **Coldwater Rumble** 100 mile, 52 mile 52 km. Goodyear, AZ. Betsy Kapiloff entered in 52 km race.

Feb 6-7. **Rocky Raccoon** 100 mile. Huntsville, TX. Dennis Drey entered. (USATF 100mi trail national championships)