

ARR Ultra Update, July – September 2018

Many ultra events took place during this peak race season. Here are the results of several important ones in our region and beyond as well as a look ahead at races scheduled for October and November.

Additional information on most of these races can be found at Ultrasignup.com.

Results

Jul 20-22 **Hardrock 100 Endurance Run**, Silverton, CO. One of the most beautiful and difficult ultras in the US, the Hardrock 100 connects to or passes near the old mining towns of Silverton, Lake City, Ouray, Telluride and Ophir. Total elevation gain is approximately 33,000 ft, with an average elevation of 11,186 ft. A controversy occurred this year as leading runner, Xavier Thevenard from France was videotaped receiving aid outside an aid station early on in the race. This was shown to the RDs who in turn made a decision to disqualify him. This allowed Jeff Browning to go on and take the win in 26:20:21. Sabrina Stanley took the win for the females in 30:23:36. Three finishers from New Mexico are Brian Murray from Albuquerque and Tommy Stockton and Blake Wood from Los Alamos.

Jul 28-29 **Grand Mesa Ultras 100 Mile, 50 Mile**, Grand Mesa, CO. Located on the West Slope of Colorado (between Grand Junction & Cedaredge) on the Grand Mesa, which is known as the largest flat-topped mountain in the world. Average elevation of the course is just over 10,000 ft. ARR Member Margaret Gordon was first place female in the 100 mile run in a time of 28:20:56! Way to go Margaret! New Mexicans Ivy Price, Megan and Brett Oblack, and Lukas Zavorka all completed the 50 miler.

Aug 3-4 **High Lonesome 100 Mile**, Salida, CO. This race travels the Sawatch range in central CO with 24,500 ft of vertical gain, reaching an elevation of 13,150 ft. Upon the conclusion of the race, it was announced that it will be a Hardrock Qualifying race going forward, and all finishers will be able to put in for the lottery. New Mexicans Garth Reader, David Coblentz, Michaeline Albright, Bill Geist, Andy Thien, and Tim White from Los Alamos, and Mike Smith from Santa Fe were all amongst the finishers.

Aug 11-12 **Ute 100 Mile**, La Sal, UT. A very scenic race course set in the La Sal mountains, east of Moab, UT. ARR member Gail Leedy from Albuquerque finished 10th Overall Female in a time of 36:43:20.

Aug 18-19 **Leadville Trail 100 Mile**, Leadville, CO. An out and back 100-mile run from Leadville, CO. One of the very first 100 mile races, started back in 1983. Katie Arnold from Santa Fe was the overall female first place finisher in a time of 19:53:40! Other finishers from NM include Yuichiro Hidaka from Hobbs, Jeff Edgar from Albuquerque, and Karen Ray from Tijeras.

Sept 1 **Endurance Santa Fe Mountain Races**, Santa Fe, NM. 12 finishers in the 50 mile including the winner Buck Blakenship from Flagstaff, AZ in 10:16:03 and Liz Canty in 10:52:43. 36 finishers in the 50k with an exciting finish in the men's division as 13 seconds separated 1st through 3rd place. Miguel Perez from Los Alamos pulled off the win in 6:41:15 with Mike Rahmer from Albuquerque coming in 2nd in 6:41:21. Finally rounding out the podium is Chris Conger from Los Alamos in 6:41:28. The top 3 finishers in 50k female division are Cindy Preslar from Cloudcroft in 7:38:20, Kelsey Andrist in 7:56:57, and Jessica Wood in

8:49:25. Many finishers in both the 50m and 50k reside throughout New Mexico.

Sept 7-11 **Tahoe 200 Endurance Run**, Homewood, CA. A 205.5 mile single loop mountain trail race with 40,200 ft. of climbing. Both the men's and women's course records were broken this year as Courtney Dauwalter finished in 49:54:36 and Kyle Curtin finished in 49:27:22. ARR Member Cliff Matthews from Albuquerque is the only finisher from New Mexico in 89:23:05, good for 77th place.

Sept 14-15 **Run Rabbit Run 100**, Steamboat Springs, CO. 20,191 elevation gain/loss and - \$65,000.00 in total prize money for the hares. The Hare winners are Jason Schlarb in 18:48:08 and Michele Yates in 22:33:54. New Mexicans Richard Iverson (Albuquerque), Eddie Dimas (Rio Rancho), Ellen Silva (Santa Fe), Maya Ramsay (Placitas), Travis McWhorter (Albuquerque), and Chad Parlin (Albuquerque) were amongst the finishers.

Sept 28 **The Bear**, Logan, UT. Winners Kaytlyn Gerbin finishes in 20:45:48 & Tyler Fox finishes in 19:53:10. The only New Mexican to finish is Rachel Kinney from Albuquerque.

Sept 28 **Wildland 52**, Jemez Springs, NM. A 52k race benefiting the Wildland Fighter Foundation and the Wildland Land Guardian Institute. Only 15 signed up as numbers were kept low for this first year. 9 finishers including 7 from New Mexico.

Sept 28 **Mount Taylor 50K**, Grants, NM. In it's 8th year, with ideal weather conditions, course record holder Craig Curley came to attempt to break his CR. He did not but still finished first in an impressive 4:33:25. Andrea McArdle finished 1st in 5:51:03. ARR Members were out in full force. 169 finishers this year.

Upcoming Races October and November

Oct 13 **Canyon De Chelly**, Ultra Navajo Reservation, AZ. An out and back course that starts right before the sunrise.

Oct 20 **Palo Duro Trail Run 50m/50k**, Palo Duro Canyon, TX. The 33rd year in running this race that once started as a road race and has morphed into a trail run.

Oct 27-28 **Javelina Jundred**, McDowell Mountain Park, Fountain Hills, AZ. The annual Halloween party in the Arizona desert put on by Aravaipa. 11 entrants are from New Mexico including ARR Member Cliff Matthews.

Nov 3 **Deadman's Peak 53m**, Cuba, NM. Runs along the Continental Divide Trail.

Nov 10 **Franklin Mountains Trail Runs 50k**, El Paso, TX. An entire weekend of racing highlighted in the middle with the 50k run put on by Trail Racing Over Texas (TROT).

Nov 24 **Bosque Bigfoot Trail Runs 50k**, Albuquerque, NM. Run along the Bosque with RaceNM.