

FHP Wasatch Citizens Series crowns champions

Toly, McCarthy set the pace in final event of the season

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Park City skiers Roxanne Toly and Ken McCarthy once again proved their superiority in the local cross-country racing scene, turning in the fastest times of the day in the last event of the FHP Wasatch Citizens Series Saturday.

Toly, who had won the Boulder Mountain Race in Sun Valley the previous week, skated four laps (19 kilometers) around the golf course track at Wasatch Mountain State Park in 62 minutes, 2 seconds. McCarthy completed the men's event in just 57:24.

Both McCarthy and Toly were given a run for their money by Jeremy Ranch instructors. Sean McCabe, who finished third behind McCarthy in the Wasatch Overland three weeks ago, was second Saturday, only 11 seconds behind. And the female runner-up Saturday was Laura Mueggler, Toly's nemesis in the Overland.

Snow and weather conditions on race day were more of a factor than usual. There were about six inches of new snow at the Homestead Nordic Ski Center, with temperatures that climbed above freezing while the skiers were on the course. This resulted in lots of ruts in the track, and gave an advantage to skiers who were able to relax and maintain their balance without wasting energy.

In the junior girls' division, Holly Hunter, a cross-country and track star at Park City High School, easily beat rival Wendy Wagner with an excellent time of 33:10 for 9.5 kilometers. Hunter has already qualified for the Junior Olympics as a representative of the Intermountain Division. This will be her fourth

trip to the national championship event, the most by any junior to have come out of the Park City Junior Nordic Ski Team. She will be leaving for Biwabik, MN at the end of the month.

On the men's side, Park City Junior Team standout John Moreton was second to McCabe in the 19 to 29-year-old division. His time for 19 kilometers was a fast 59:19. John has also qualified for the Junior Olympics in March.

Local skiers also came out on top in the division for men 40 and over. After a slow start due to a soccer injury, Rich Groth of Park City has been coming on strong in the past few weeks. However, on Saturday he had to settle for a close second place behind Dave Hanscom. Age and experience once again proved to be the margin of victory.

Winner of the drawing for a pair of skating skis donated by Rossignol was Ed Wones, and Bruce Adams was the lucky recipient of a pair of Reflex poles. A keg of Wasatch Ale provided by Park City's Schirf Brewery was quickly consumed by the thirsty racers as the temperature climbed to 40 degrees.

This was the last event of the 1988/89 FHP Wasatch Citizens Series, so the final season standings were announced after the race. Parkites took home their share of the prizes. Ken McCarthy, Roxanne Toly and Holly Hunter were all winners in their age groups. Second-place trophies went to Clark Johnson and Dave Hanscom, while Rich Groth, Lori Clark-Erickson and Brett Hanscom each earned third-place awards.

Listed below are the top finishers in Saturday's race, followed by the final season standings in each age group.

FHP Citizens Series Wasatch Mountain State Park Saturday, February 11, 1989

14-18 BOYS, 10 KM

- 1 Christian Jorgensen
- 2 Josh Harper

19-29 MEN, 19 KM

- 1 Sean McCabe
- 2 John Moreton
- 3 Rob Lang

30-39 MEN, 19 KM

- 1 Ken McCarthy
- 2 Dan Gibson
- 3 David Knoop
- 6 Charlie Sturgis
- 7 Lee Shea

40-49 MEN, 19 KM

- 1 Dave Hanscom
- 2 Richard Groth
- 3 Boh Chambers

OVER 50 MEN, 18 KM

- 1 Jock Glidden
- 2 Bob Irvine
- 3 Pete Peterson

UNDER 11 BOYS, 1 KM

- 1 Sam Bechthold
- 2 Christopher Wagner
- 3 Zane Bechthold

11-13 BOYS, 1 KM

- 1 Todd Harper

NOVICE MEN, 5 KM

- 1 Rob Jackson
- 2 Stan Davis

14-18 GIRLS, 10 KM

- 1 Holly Hunter
- 2 Wendy Wagner
- 3 Laura Edwards

19-34 WOMEN, 19 KM

- 1 Roxanne Toly
- 2 Laura Mueggler
- 3 Ann Page

35-49 WOMEN

- 1 Mary Kay Aufrance
- 2 Ellen Gibson
- 3 Deborah Wagner
- 5 Lori Clark-Erickson

NOVICE WOMEN, 5 KM

- 1 Cathy Phillpot
- 2 Marti Davis
- 3 Linda Edwards

FHP Citizens Series Season Point Totals

14-18 WOMEN POINTS

- | | |
|-----------------|-----|
| 1 Holly Hunter | 118 |
| 2 Wendy Wagner | 114 |
| 3 Laura Edwards | 88 |

19-34 WOMEN

- | | |
|--------------------|-----|
| 1 Roxanne Toly | 118 |
| 2 Robynn Masters | 108 |
| 3 Sue Sterner-Howe | 90 |

35-49 WOMEN

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| 1 Ellen Gibson | 118 |
| 2 Deborah Wagner | 112 |
| 3 Lori Clark-Erickson | 104 |

UNDER 11 BOYS

- | | |
|------------------|-----|
| 1 Sam Bechthold | 118 |
| 2 Chris Wagner | 114 |
| 3 Zane Bechthold | 100 |

11-13 BOYS

- | | |
|-----------------|-----|
| 1 Todd Harper | 120 |
| 2 Cam Bechthold | 28 |

14-18 BOYS

- | | |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1 Chris Jorgensen | 120 |
| 2 Josh Harper | 58 |
| 3 Brett Hanscom | 30 |

19-29 MEN

- | | |
|-----------------|-----|
| 1 John Moreton | 102 |
| 2 Clark Johnson | 88 |
| 3 Rob Lang | 84 |

30-39 MEN

- | | |
|----------------|-----|
| 1 Ken McCarthy | 120 |
| 2 Dan Gibson | 110 |
| 3 Greg Janiec | 98 |

40-49 MEN

- | | |
|-----------------|-----|
| 1 Ray Groth | 120 |
| 2 Dave Hanscom | 110 |
| 3 Richard Groth | 106 |

OVER 49 MEN

- | | |
|-----------------|-----|
| 1 Bob Irvine | 120 |
| 2 Pete Peterson | 110 |
| 3 Lars Olavson | 95 |