

DARKSIDE 8-HOUR PEACHTREE CITY, GEORGIA MAY 15 | ▲ 1,1

The eighth annual Darkside 8-Hour Run was held under sunny skies with temperatures reaching the high 80s at the Riley Field track in Peachtree City, Georgia. Runners from Georgia, Florida and North Carolina competed - most of them for the entire 480 minutes - despite the difficult conditions, until men's champion Ferit Toska of Gainesville, Florida and women's champion, Heidi Kier of Alpharetta, Georgia were ultimately crowned.

Several highlights of the event included Winston Davis completing his 100th lifetime marathon and/or ultra, and Heidi Kier being inducted into the women's 'Oval of Honor' by completing more than 40 miles.

by Scott Ludwig, RD

1. Ferit Toska, FL	44.74 miles
2. Heidi Kier	42.75
3. Robert Wildes	40.66
4. Norm Shaver	40.5
5. Thomas Skinner	39.75
6. Debbi Legg	39.51
7. Jill Floyd	39.25
8. Gary Griffin, FL	35.5
9. Mike Haviland	36.25
10. Brad Goodridge	35.25
11. Matt Jenkins, NC	35
Lynn Slater	35
13. Janette Maas	34.25
14. Marsha White, FL	33.83
Robert Parker, NC	33.83
16. Melody Hughes, FL	31.68
17. Susan Paraska	31.53
18. Shayne Butts	30
19. Deborah Ingram, FL	28.51
20. Kathy Skinner	28.5
21. Kelly Luckett	29.25
22. Anne Rentz	27
23. Vicki Merry, FL	26.5
Tom Adair	26.5
Chuck Savage, FL	26.5
Winston Davis	26.5
Susan Kolbinsky	26.5

WHOO'S IN EL MORO 50K NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA MAY 15 | ▲ 3,3

1. Michelle Barton, 39	3:58
2. Dean Dobberteen, 34	4:02
3. Kurt Whittington, 32	4:29
4. Alison Wenster, 36	4:34
Iain Jones, 32	4:34
6. Cavin Miller, 20	4:41
7. Stephen Mader, 43	4:42
8. Michael Hooker, 41	4:50
9. Andi Ramer, 36	4:51
10. Becki McClintock, 30	4:52
11. Shannon Waegner, 18	4:56
12. Greg Hardesty, 47	5:03
13. Vineer Bhansali, 43	5:14
14. Ryan Yohn, 32	5:25
15. Theresa Apodaca, 48	5:26
Steve Schwary, 40	5:26
17. David Colwick, 44	5:31
18. Marissa Willment, 46	5:32
19. Levi Rizk, 26	5:33
20. Alexa Dickerson, 22	5:34
21. Maya Kass, 39	5:39
22. Gary Levitt, 54	5:42
23. Leonard Van Zanten, 42	5:45
24. Kristen Farley, 48	5:49
25. Steve Shapiro, 43	5:52
26. Kristie Vandorp, 37	5:57
Declan Lonergan, 40	5:57
28. Stephanie Kinley, 39	5:58
Linda Kessman, 50	5:58
30. Lamar Sepulveda, 52	6:03
Laurie Heinselmann-Craig, 42	6:03
32. Grant Bullis, 44	6:17
33. Dylan Beadle, 36	6:18

34. Suzanne Campbell, 42	6:31
35. Michelle Mecham, 31	6:34
36. Lisa Ellis, 41	6:39
37. Adam Van Berckelaer, 32	7:05
38. Corrinne Wallace, 41	7:11
Pete Vara, 37	7:11
40. Mark Goforth, 49	7:29
41. Sue Rudolph, 57	7:30
42. Angela Cassidy, 43	7:38
43. Wendy Garcia, 41	7:51
44. Jean Ho, 42	8:02
45. Rico Ramirez, 65	8:39

FARGO ULTRA

32.2 MILES | FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
MAY 22 | ▲ 2,1

1. Charles Kriska, 40, MN	4:04:21
2. James Parker, 36	4:51:33
3. Lee Hoedel, 47	5:24:31
4. Jeff Vieyra, 63, CA	6:05:35
5. Mike Vieyra, 56, PA	6:05:43
6. Tom Donaldson, 59	7:59:58

EMERALD NECKLACE

CLEVELAND, OHIO
MAY 22 | ▲ 2,1

100 KM

1. Connie Gardner	9:53
2. Bob Pokorny	10:03
3. Dan Horvath	10:47
4. John Hnat	11:19

50 KM

1. Desiree Cowie	5:56
Joe Jurczyk	5:56

LAUREL VALLEY OUTCASTS RUN

35 MILES | ROCKY BOTTOM, SOUTH CAROLINA
MAY 22 | ▲ 3,4

1. Lester Farmer, 56	11:00
2. Psyche Wimberly, 43, NC	11:58
3. Sherri Marie Carr, 33	12:14
4. Byron Backer, 45	12:28
Charles Raffensperger, 51	12:28
Jason Sullivan, 35	12:28
Dave Wood, 47	12:28
Terri Hayes, 67	12:28

HAWK 50-MILE TRAIL RUN

LAWRENCE, KANSAS
MAY 22 | ▲ 2,4

A few hours into the inaugural Hawk 50-mile and marathon trail runs on the Clinton Lake North Shore Trails in Lawrence, Kansas, our official timer and honorary co-race director Tony "Marine Hawk" Clark says, "Gary, everything's going pretty smoothly."

"That's what worries me," says I.

The cell phone buzzes. It's Willie Lambert, West Park Road aid station captain. He's in his van, bringing a wounded runner in for treatment by our race nurse, Vicki Smith. The runner has a gash on his left shin too big for band-aids.

"There are about ten runners off-course on the road by Bunker Hill," Willie reports. They missed the turn." Evidently, two runners blew past the flagged turn, and the rest followed.

On my way back from putting up an additional sign at the missed turn, I see that a beat-up black Camaro has gone off the road, slid down the embankment and is squarely on our course trails. I park and run down to help the driver climb back up; when the sheriff arrives, I figure things there are under control and, with the lake still rising, put "Plan B" into effect - closing off the shoreline trail, and rerouting the course onto the blue-blazed forest trail that parallels it. Levi calls as I start marking the new course.

"There's a runner in the water," Levi reports. "A wave just smashed into her! Omigosh, she's down!"

"Well, go help her, then call me back."

"Right!" says Levi. I disconnect and keep marking. The phone buzzes. "She's okay," Levi says breathlessly. A few minutes later he comes up from the lake and helps me finish marking the trail.

Water couldn't drain from the creek into the lake fast enough. As a result, Mud Creek, usually less than knee-high where it crosses the Hawk 50 course, is chest-high on me, and I'm five feet ten inches.

Tony and I strung a hand-line across the creek the night before. It's even deeper on race day. No one drowns, but they sure make faces.

Meanwhile, the race goes on. The runners splish, splash and slog through thick mud and standing water. They tear along dry sections of the trail, and puff and pant up our two hills - Bunker Hill at 11 and 37 miles, and Sanders Mound, at 23 and 49 miles. The woods are gorgeous with golden light slanting through the yellow-green forest canopy.

Brad Bishop, Kansas City, Missouri, takes men's honors in the 50-mile in a blistering (for our course) 8:53:26, and Laurie Euler, Lawrence, is the women's champ in 12:47:16.

The race was rugged: nine finishers out of 23 starters.
by Gary Henry, RD

1. Brad Bishop	8:53:26
2. Richard Easter	10:31:18
3. Thomas Hanley	11:18:30
4. Laurie Euler	12:47:16
5. Benjamin Shane Lambert	12:57:57
6. Alex Riggs	13:07:21
7. Muffie Keonin	13:53:00
8. Michelle Bautista	14:35:00
Mark Newman	14:35:00

MICHEL GOUIN

DRUMMONDVILLE, QUEBEC
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24 HOURS

1. Jean-Charles Daoust, 33	113.49 miles
2. Réjean Paradis, 56	101.85
3. Roger Martel, 54	89.79
4. Donald Landry, 64	83.66
5. Marion Landry, 65	74.66
6. Eric Deshaies, 36	74.74
7. Eric Bellavance, 39	72.53
8. Marc Jobin, 54	70.91
9. Paul Smith, 64, NB	71
10. Michel Gouin, 49	64.99
11. Paul St-Martin, 66	62.24
12. David Holt, 51, MA	54.24
13. Eric Brunet, 37	49.75
14. Marius Lacasse, 50	46
15. Richard Lulin, 62	45.25
16. Tommy Gouin, 13	39.33

6 HOURS

1. Ghislain St. Pierre	39.49
2. Erick Tessier	33.75
3. Sylvain Gilbert	33.24
4. Renato Pillozzi	32.49
5. Manon Jacob	30.5
6. André Coulombe	29.74
Normand Charron	29.74
8. Eric Lemieux	29.5
9. Jean-Paul Frey	28.24
10. Sylvain Croteau	27.99
11. Laurier Quesnel	27.25
12. Martin Choquet	26.74

BIG BASIN REDWOODS TRAIL 50K

BOULDER CREEK, CALIFORNIA
MAY 23 | ▲ 3,3

1. Zachary Landman, 23	4:39:37
2. Joel Lanz, 37	4:44:17
3. Travis Gaylord, 26	4:59:48
4. Joe Kelso, 34	5:36:53
5. Thomas Bastis, 38	5:46:38
6. Judd Haaland, 45	5:56:26
7. Pete Perez, 27	6:21:26
8. Beatrice Song, 48	6:42:18
9. Jeffery Rogers, 48	6:42:22