

CENTRAL MASS STRIDERS

NEW ENGLAND'S LARGEST RUNNING CLUB

CMS Wins Men s and Women s Team Title -- 42nd Annual Mt. Washington Road Race Pinkham Notch, New Hampshire, June 15, 2002

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Top 10 Men and Women Finishers (CMS in **Bold**)

MEN

1. Simon Gutierrez, Albuquerque NM -- 28:02
2. **Eric Morse, 37, Berlin VT -- 28:12**
3. Craig Fram, 43, Plaistow NH -- 28:28
4. **Paul Low, 28, Amherst MA — 28:46**
5. **Dave Dunham, 38, Bradford MA — 28:58**
6. Daniel Kihara, 34, Kenya -- 29:06
7. Nephath Kinyanjui, 24, Kenya — 29:38
8. Richard Shelley, 40, Albuquerque NM -- 29:48
9. **Richard Bolt, 31, Manchester NH — 29:52**
10. Sean Livingston, 33, Barrington RI — 30:07

WOMEN

1. Anna Pichrtova, Czech Republic 32:32
2. Anita Ortiz, Eagle CO 34:10
3. Julie Anne White, Vista CA 35:05
4. Alice Muriithi, Kenya 35:31
5. Julie Bryan, Jackson WY 35:34
6. **Nikki Kimball, Elizabethtown NY 36:02**
7. Cathy Pearce, Chelmsford MA 36:49
8. Inge Aiken, East Greenbush NY 36:58



First CMS Women and 6th woman overall, Nikki Kimball



Eric Morse is 2nd place finisher, and top CMS runner. The victory is CMS 11th consecutive victory on the race up the tallest of the White Mountains.

9. Suzy West, Putney VT 37:46
10. **Barbara McManus, Worcester MA 37:57**

Placing four men and two women in the top 10, Central Mass Striders captured the Team titles in the 42nd running of the Mt. Washington Road Race. In a race shortened by dangerous weather that featured rain, snow, freezing rain and a Mt. Washington summit with 17 degree windchill, the race officials shortened the race for the first time in the 42 runnings of this race.

Team winning streaks must end sometime, just not this time as the CMS Men s Team continued the CMS victories that began in 1992. Similarly the CMS Women s Team continued their winning ways for the 5th consecutive year. The race attracted over 1,000 official entrants from 25 states plus Kenya, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, Canada and Hong Kong.

The weather shortened new version of the race climbed 2300 feet in 3.75 miles. CMS Team Captain Dave Dunham would lamment that the real pity of it the shortened race was that this was one of the deepest fields ever assembled for the race. with 8 former US mountain team mem-



bers, five sub 1:02 runners, the masters course record holder, and some of the best US mountain runners vying for a spot on the US team. There were also 4 Kenyan men with three time winner Daniel Kihara. Kihara was accompanied by Simon Wangai (who boasts an incredible 45:12 for 10 miles) and Zablon Mokaya who recently won the James Joyce USATFNE Championship 10k.

Last years champion, Anna Pichrtova of the Czech Republic, repeated in the women s race. Anna finished 2nd at the world trophy last year. New team USA member Anita Ortiz of CO followed her. Ortiz took the victory last week in the Wolverine race in Alaska. Julie Anne White was third and first 40+ finisher. Nikki Kimball, finishing as the first CMS women and 6th overall was disappointed with the shortened course but set her sights ahead. She ll be representing the US in the 100K World Championship June 21 in Belgium.

Scoring 2nd and 3rd for the CMS women was Barbara McManus, the CMS Women s Team Captain and Jackie Shakar. Barbara finished 10th with Jackie Shakar 14th (a member of that first CMS team that started the streak and also a member of the CMS team that holds the team record up Mt. Washington).



A strong 9th place showing for Rich Bolt shows his come-back after an injury filled 2001