

Post race summary

The crisp spring air was filled with excitement for the 30th Merrimack River 10 Miles Trail Race, also known as the Riveh Race yesterday. The tradition was started by Steve Peterson (Petey) in 1992 with Dave Dunham who provided the Timing and Scoring.* Petey decided to retire as a race director last year. But with the support from the NMC board, NMC volunteers and runners, we are able to keep the tradition alive.

This race also hosts the USATF New England Trail Championships, with \$1,000 cash prizes for top 3 males and females, and top male and female masters. With perfect running weather and just the right amount of mud, 32-year old Jesse Young from Rochester NH, finished the race at a lightning speed at 58:14. And Kassandra Marin from Merrimack, NH, broke the tape at 1:11:58. Each took home a medal and \$200 from USATF and homemade blueberries pie. NMC members also finished strong with a record number of 14 crossing the finish line among the total of 118 finishers.**

I hope you all come out next year to run and/or volunteer. We may have new award categories for the top Male and Female NMC runners and team competition next year. I am also planning to organize some group runs if anyone is interested in checking out this course. We also honored a new 200 miles club member, Richard Georato from Brentwood, NH, who received a custom designed 200 miles club hat and a lifetime free race entry. If you are first timer this year, it is not too late to join the club. You only need to run another 19 times.

Another tradition of this race is part of the Grand Tree Trail Race Series# and the USATF All Terrain Series.##

Paul Kirsch, who is the Mountain/Ultra/Trail Chair for USATF-New England, said that we did a great job hosting the Championships. Thanks again for your support.

We also made a donation to the Andover Village Improvement Society who does a great job of maintaining the Merrimack River Trails and gives us permission to host this race.

This race would not be possible without the expert help of many volunteers: Mike Auger, Steve Drouin, Marge Gladwin, Jeff Gould, Rene Lavoie, Bev Mathieu, Jonathan Miganowicz, Peter Orni, John Ryan, Jim Shope, Rebecca Sullivan, and Jeremy Zglobicki.

Happy trail and mountain running. Please email me at mutrner@yahoo.com if you have any comments and feedback.

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*<https://rivertrailrace.blogspot.com/2022/01/all-time-river-stats.html>

** see our website for the results and photos

#<https://www.runwmac.com/gt2022/gt22-races.html>

##<https://newengland.usatf.org/events/2022/2022-usatf-ne-all-terrain-runner-series>