

Greenland (Colorado!) 50 Km

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A blanket of cloud cover hugged the skyline and spits of snow smacked runners' shivering legs at the start of the Greenland Trail 50 Km. Temperatures hovered in the 30s, making it difficult to attach race bib numbers and tie shoelaces. Luckily for the runners, once the race began, the smooth double-track dirt course was dry and easy to negotiate. Nestled between Colorado Springs and Denver, the course is located within the 3,000 acre Greenland Open Space Park in Douglas County. The course passes through native grasslands, by ponds, through rolling Gamble oak hills and skirts ponderosa pine forests allowing for outstanding views of Pikes Peak and the surrounding buttes.

Most runners were happy that this year's course was free of the snow drifts that lined the course last year. They also commented on the ever-changing Colorado springtime weather: sun, snow, clouds, and wind all seemed to appear at least once during each runner's race. Most saw this cycle three or four times.

Boulder's Charlie Kelley out-sprinted the 50-km field from the gun. Running

the first half of the race with the 25-km leaders, he had nearly 15 minutes on second place at the halfway point. The 28-year-old faded late in the race, but was able to stay ahead of last year's winner Tim Geldean by six minutes. Kelley finished the race in a course record time of 3:37:36. Boulder's Tressa Breindel, 27, topped the women's field in four hours, 40 minutes, and 52 seconds. She was followed eight minutes later by Boulder's Lisa Ledet, the first female masters finisher.

The Greenland Trail 50 Km once again served as the 2006 USATF Colorado 50-km championship. The first place finishers received \$200, second place \$150, and third place \$100. Age-group winners were awarded with LaSportiva trail running shoes and GoLite Drimove running shirts and GoLite water bottles. The race also included a 25-km and an eight-mile event. Each runner received a short-sleeved technical running shirt provided by the Colorado Running Company in Colorado Springs, the race's title sponsor. Each runner also received a race logo zippered canvas tote bag.



Women's winner Lisa Ledet.



Overall winner Charlie Kelley.

Photos by Steve Glass

Every runner was greeted at the finish line with music and cheers from the crowd. At the post-race brunch, runners were treated to pizza, beer, cookies, Snickers Marathon bars, muffins, bagels, oranges, and bananas.

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Castle Rock, Colorado

April 29

Trails

1. Charlie Kelly, 28	3:37:36
2. Tim Geldean, 37	3:44:00
3. Brian Fisher, 40	3:46:20
4. Henk Moorlag, 43	3:48:00
5. Rick Hessek, 40	3:48:00
6. Jeffrey Beuche, 31	3:50:00
7. Jason Ostrom, 30	3:58:00
8. Josh Mietz, 27	4:03:00
9. Todd Kennedy, 31	4:12:00
10. Eric Truhe, 31	4:18:00
11. Todd Gangelhoff, 33	4:31:00
12. Christian Hendrickson, 30	4:33:00
13. Thomas Selke, 38	4:38:00
14. Jamie Boese, 46	4:37:00
15. Tressa Breindel, 27	4:40:52
16. Corey Handelsman, 27	4:44:00
17. Robert Bawn, 44	4:48:00
18. Reid Sheffield, 44	4:47:00
19. Lisa Ledet, 45	4:48:54
20. Ryan Wolfrun, 29	4:49:00
21. Ray Blum, 49	4:53:00
22. Theresa Do, 42	4:54:00
23. Anita Fromm, 34	5:06:00
24. Michael Fessick, 35	5:08:00
25. Kimberly Greer, 45	5:08:00
26. Matt Kennedy, 30	5:11:00
27. Laura Papis, 33	5:13:00
28. Bob Irving, 51	5:13:00
29. Andy Cullan, 34	5:13:00
30. Vince Gerber, 51	5:16:00
31. Clarke Clodfelder, 42	5:17:00
32. Jenny Russell, 30	5:21:00
33. Sandra Rutkowski, 45	5:21:00
34. Holly Pyle, 32	5:23:00
35. Jason Deugan, 29	5:28:00
36. Aaron McHugh, 34	5:32:00
37. Carlos Perez, 41	5:34:00
38. Lee Burton, 45	5:37:00
39. Kenneth Boggs, 51	5:40:00
40. Julie Hagen, 37	5:42:00
41. Nicholas Seglie, 25	5:45:00
42. Scott Seglie, 28	5:45:00
43. CJ King, 31	5:47:00
44. Shane Holonitch, 55	5:48:00
45. Beverly Carver, 46	5:48:00
46. Chris Grove, 30	5:50:00
47. Laura Pyle, 34	5:50:00
48. Wendy Crandall, 54	6:03:00
49. Chris Poland, 44	6:07:00
50. Debra Richmeier, 45	6:13:00
51. Lyn Bollen, 45	6:15:00
52. James Chow, 49	6:28:00
53. Scott Crandall, 53	6:29:00
54. Ulla Westermann, 44	6:32:00
55. Maria Bawn, 50	6:38:00
56. Megan Hebbe, 23	6:42:00
57. Aric Manning, 34	6:51:00
58. Rima Lurie, 58	6:58:00
59. John Hobbs, 60	6:58:00
60. Gailmarie Berquist, 57	7:20:00
61. Donna Zickerman, 50	7:20:00
62. George Johnson, 70	7:30:00
63. Catherine Seal, 45	7:30:00
64. Bill Moyle, 67	7:42:00