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**WEALING AND NELSON CLAIM THE FIRST WINS OF THE SEASON IN BEAVER CREEK SNOWSHOE ADVENTURE SERIES**

BEAVER CREEK, Colorado – Seth Wealing and Keri Nelson nabbed top honors Sunday in the opening 10K competition of the 2007-2008 Beaver Creek Snowshoe Adventure Series under a Colorado bluebird sky at Beaver Creek Resort.

The Larkburger 10K division saw Seth Wealing clock in a winning time of 55:06 in front of Bernie Boettcher of Silt at 57:32, while Boulder's Travis Macy claimed third place with a time of 58:45.

On the Women's side, Team Atlas' Keri Nelson took first place at 1:04:33, a sizable distance ahead of Beaver Creek Resort's Anita Ortiz at 1:09:08 and Nike/Team Atlas' Helen Cospolich at 1:10:29 in the Beaver Creek Snowshoe Adventure Series.

The heat of the day came in the East-West 5K Quest as Shea Phelea and John O'Neill raced neck and neck to the finish line with times of 34:09 and 34:12 respectively. Beaver Creek Resort's Jim Buckner placed third with 36:22.

## Beaver Creek Snowshoe Adventure Series

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Other races included the Women's 5K, Kid's K trot and the "Dash for Cash". Vicky Keloske took top honors in the Women's 5K, followed by Lynda Andros and Louisa Jenkins. Taj Peterson and Sonia Wieck were "Dash for Cash" winners.

Over 430 participants took to the starting line for the first race in the four-event series that continues Sunday, January 13, Sunday, February 10 with the Jeremy Wright North American Snowshoe Championships, and wraps up Sunday, March 2 with the Snowshoe Shuffle.

The Beaver Creek Snowshoe Adventure Series is presented by Beaver Creek Resort, SoBe Lifewater, Nike, Volvo, Slifer Smith and Frampton Real Estate and Pepsi is sponsored in part by East West Resorts, Continental Airlines, Atlas Snow-Shoe Company, Larkburger, Steadman Hawkins Sports Medicine Clinic, Vail Dentistry, Vail Athletic Club, Ricola, KVBA-TV8 and KZYR-The Zephyr.

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