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

BEAVER CREEK, Colo., - Seth Wealing and Keri Nelson nabbed top honors Sunday in the opening 10K competition of the 2009 Beaver Creek Snowshoe Adventure Series held at Creekside Park at Beaver Creek Resort.

The competitive 10K division saw Seth Wealing clock in a winning time of 54:38 in front of John-Paul Henry at 58:29, while Beaver Creek's Richard Paradis claimed third place with a time of 1:00:44.

In the Women's 10K division, Team Atlas' Keri Nelson took first place at 1:00:55, ahead of Atlas' Lindsay Krause at 1:04:32 and Beaver Creek's Rachel Viele at 1:04:51.

In the Men's East West 5K Quest, Matt Johnson was awarded first place with a time of 32:24, as Brian Welch took a close second at 33:19, while Trevor Theelke was awarded third place at 35:57.

Beaver Creek's Heidi Vosbeck nabbed the Women's East West 5K Quest title at 33:59, followed by Sarah Giovagnoli with a finishing time of 34:30, while Beaver Creek's Lynda Andros took third place at 35:08.

Other races included the 100-yard "Dash for Cash" and the Kids' K trot. Charles Nowacki and Sonia Wieck were "Dash for Cash" champions and received \$100 checks at the post-race ceremony. In the Kids' K division, Jackson Walton was awarded first place,

followed by Josh Walton in second, Kate Dekanich in third, Thomas Dekanich in fourth and Elliot Pribramsky in fifth.

More than 420 participants took to the starting line for the first race in the four-event series that continues Sunday, February 8, Sunday, March 8 with the Jeremy Wright North American Snowshoe Championships, and wraps up Sunday, April 5 with the Snowshoe Shuffle that benefits Vail-based Shaw Regional Cancer Center.

The Beaver Creek Snowshoe Adventure Series is presented by Beaver Creek Resort Company, SoBe Life Water, Volvo, Continental Airlines and Subway, and is sponsored in part by Atlas Snow-Shoe Company, Nature Valley Granola Bars, East West Resorts, Slifer Smith & Frampton Real Estate, Vail Daily, Vail-Beaver Creek Magazine, KZYR The Zephyr and TV8 the Official TV Station of Vail and Beaver Creek Resorts.

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