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**MACKEY AND ORTIZ TAKE 10K TOP HONORS AS THE BEAVER CREEK  
SNOWSHOE ADVENTURE RACE GETS OFF TO A RUNNING START**

**BEAVER CREEK, Colorado** — Boulder's Dave Mackey and Anita Ortiz of Eagle, Colorado, nabbed first place standing in the opening 10K competition of the 2006-2007 Beaver Creek Snowshoe Adventure Series. Over 300 snowshoers made their way to Beaver Creek's Creekside Park for a day of trekking and tracking with blue skies and enjoyable temperatures providing the perfect backdrop.

Atlas Snowshoe-Company team racer Mackey clocked in a time of 54:36 to claim victory, seconds in front of Beaver Creek Resort Company's own Mike Kloser at 54:43. Josh Nota claimed third place with a respectable time of 1:00:18.

Snowshoe phenomenon Ortiz clocked in at 1:01:53, minutes ahead of Atlas' Helen Cospolich at 1:03:25, while fellow teammate Sara Tarkington took third for podium standing with 1:05:18.

East West 5K Quest action saw Jonny Stevens of Vail take men's first place followed by Scott McClarrinon and Greg Eynon. Stevens proclaimed, "The downhills were crazy steep." Sarah Giovagnoli took the women's 5K title, as Vicky Keleske and Mary Plumb picked up second and third place respectively. Giovagnoli agreed with Stevens saying, "This was the toughest course I've run. There was some steep downhill. It was an awesome course, but up down, up down. I was challenged but enjoyed it!"

## Beaver Creek Snowshoe Adventure Series

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Beaver Creek Snowshoe Adventure Series races continue Sun., January 7, the Jeremy Wright North American Snowshoe Championships Sun., February 11, and the Snowshoe Shuffle Sat., March 3.

The 2006-2007 Beaver Creek Snowshoe Adventure Series is presented by Beaver Creek Resort, Pepsi, Volvo, Nike, Continental Airlines, West Star Bank, Slifer Smith and Frampton Real Estate, and Atlas Snow-Shoe Company and is sponsored in part by East West Resorts, Colorado Mountain Express, Steadman Hawkins Sports Medicine Clinic, Vail Dentistry, Vail Athletic Club, Starwood Vacation Ownership, Nature Valley Granola Bars, Ricola, the Vail Daily, KZYR-The Zephyr and KVBA-TV8.

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