Devlin, Hughes Win YUT-C 50K

By Jamie Musick

YOUNGSTOWN, OH—Runners representing nine states arrived at Mill Creek Park for the 2nd Annual Youngstown Ultra Trail Classic 50K (YUT-C). Fifty-one registered participants gathered by the Old Log Cabin for the 8 a.m. start on the scenic park trail that passes by rivers, lakes, and waterfalls.

The three-loop course tested the endurance of the ultra runners who ventured up hills and

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ran across rocks, roots, and some pavement. Participants of various abilities enjoyed the beautiful sights and changing terrain. Runners were also delighted to find a variety of food, drinks, and energy supplements at aid stations approximately every four miles.

Leading the way by over four minutes was 46-year-old ultra runner Steve Devlin of Florida. Devlin completed the 31.12-mile course in 5:02:56 to capture the win. Runner-up Mike Ryan, 40, of Ohio followed with a time of 5:07:20.

Margie Hughes, 43, of Delaware polished off the course with top female honors, finishing in 5:57:33. The second female runner was 33-year-old Julie Aveni of Ohio in 6:32:15.

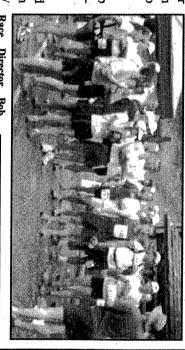
The event was held on Saturday, September 23 under cloudy skies and only a few sprinkles, despite predictions for strong storms. The sun pecked out just in time as runners were greeted by the cheers of family and friends along the final stretch. All participants received a quality T-shirt and postrace refreshments.

The run was organized by Race Director Bob Combs and Marketing/Promotions Director Brian Musick. There were fifteen sponsors for the 2006 event and all proceeds will benefit the newly formed North East Ohio Trail Club (NEOTC).

According to the NEOTC, the purpose of the club is to promote trail running and all aspects of running, including the social, health, recreational, and competitive sides of running, especially trail running. NEOTC is an affiliate of the Road Runners Club of America and coordinates local trail runs and races, including the YUT-C 50K.



Bill Terlecki (left) relaxes with his family after his 24th place finish overall. (Jamie Musick photo)



Race Director Bob
Combs gives pre-race
instructions to the
runners.
(Jamie Musick photo)



Steve Devlin, race winner with a time of 5:02:56.

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Top female runner Margie Hughes smiles as she approaches the finish in 5:57:33.

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