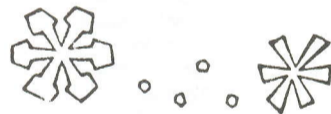


January Thaw Belgrade-4.5 Miles-Jan.22

This was the only race we know of that was run in Maine in January. "This is always to show how tough you are," said Deb Pepe of Oakland. Christine Reaser, the subject of an article in the last issue of the magazine, came in second to Marty Shue. But she has even more reasons now: She revealed that she is pregnant. Tom Thibeau, the men's winner, felt very good after this race, his fourth straight victory. He had just been named "Central Maine Strider of the Year" at the club's annual banquet the night before. The temperature was in the 20s F., and it was spitting snow. Hardly a thaw, but the spirits were warm. (LT)

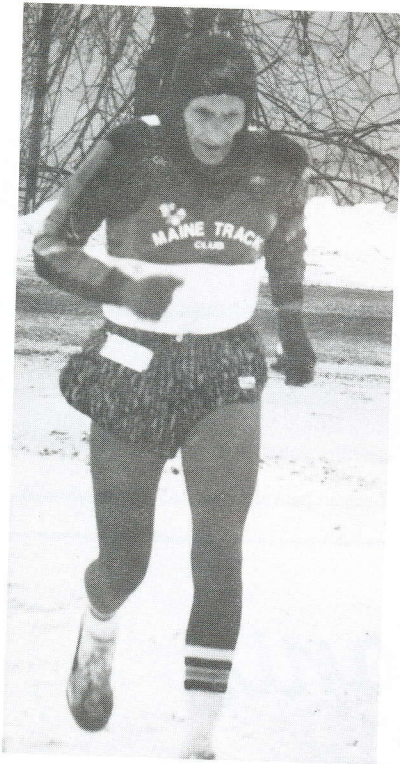
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2	Dave Drew	26:22	17	Richard Scribner	30:05	32	Carleton Mendell	37:52
3	Newell Lewey	26:31	18	Mary Meehan	30:08*	33	Cory Durbin	39:02
4	Rick Reaser	26:36	19	Peter Bastow	30:52	34	Wendy Sayres	40:12*
5	Judson Esty/Kndall	26:44	20	Bob Dow Jr.	30:08	35	D.J. Pohlman	40:28*
6	Shawn Jyawook	27:05	21	Pete Davidson	31:12	36	Tim Smith	44:43
7	Aaron Stupakewicz	27:12	22	Stephen Bies	31:16	37	Mark Cllinch (W)	45:00
8	Marty Shue	27:30*	23	Phil Pierce	31:28	38	Debbie Pepe	46:01*
9	Shawn Dwyer	27:47	24	Dave Benn	32:53	39	Ann Bacon	50:13*
10	John Larson	28:11	25	Gregg Wood	34:00	40	Bob Myers	50:15
11	Doc Thibeau	28:27	26	Katrina Bisheimer	34:17*	41	Shirley Fenlason	53:22*
12	James Berry	28:55	27	Jacob Stpakewicz	34:17	42	Julius Marzul	56:13
13	Kevin Dow	29:30	28	Jim Moore	34:29			
14	David Simard	29:46	29	Ron Paquette	34:29			
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The only race in Maine in January

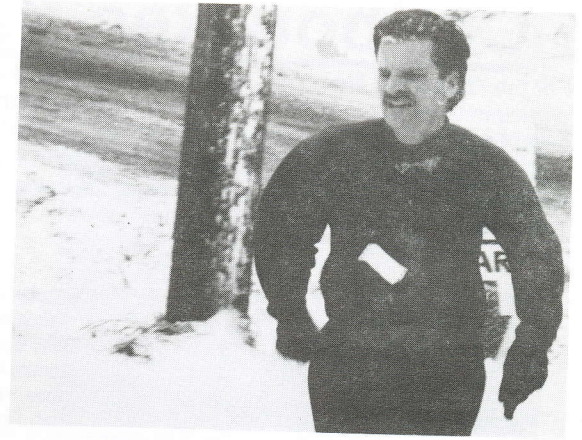
Lance Tapley photos



Carleton Mendell as court jester



Katrina Bisheimer



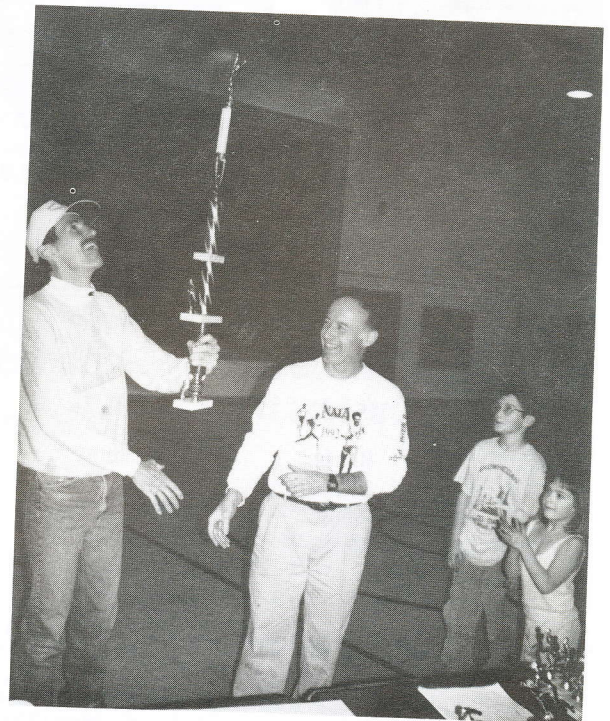
Jud Estey-Kendall



Rick Reaser. The sign says start, but it's the finish.



Wendy Sayres is greeted at the finish by a flock of penguins.



Striders' president Ron Paquette is given an award commensurate with his stature. At right, race director Gene Roy.