

The Western New York Biathlon Club hosted a summer biathlon at the Rochester Brooks Gun Club in Rush, NY on Saturday, June 20. Nineteen athletes competed.

Danny Fink of West Virginia and Stephanie Blackstone of Pennsylvania won their respective races.

Fink ran strong and shot 70% to claim the victory in the men's race in his first race since last year's world championship. He finished with a five-second margin over Jason Hettenbaugh of New York, who shot 50% and posted the fastest run of the day. However, Hettenbaugh was disqualified due to a closed bolt infraction. Fink claimed a 1:55 margin over Marty Maynard of New York. But, Maynard also had a closed bolt infraction and was assessed a two minute penalty that dropped him to fifth place. So, despite Hoover shooting just 30% he took a distant second to Fink (2:09 back). Brian Lilly of New York came out of retirement to finish third with a 60% shooting effort (3:34 behind Fink).

Blackstone was clearly in a league of her own as she shot 30% and simply rolled through the course to claim victory in her first race since last year's world championship. Ildiko Hynes of Canada finished second, fourteen and a half minutes behind Blackstone. Cindy Daly of New York was third, nearly sixteen minutes back of Blackstone.

Next weekend there will be three races in the United States. So, look for other possible contenders for this year's world championship team to emerge at Syracuse, New York; West Yellowstone, Montana; or Harvard, Massachusetts.

Here are complete results from the Western New York biathlon:

WESTERN NEW YORK SUMMER BIATHLON

Rochester Brooks Gun Club, Rush, NY Saturday, June 20, 2009

WOMEN SPRINT

Place	Athlete	State	Class	P	S	Time	%	Back
1	Blackstone, Stephanie	PA	Senior	4	3	0:21:50	131.06%	
2	Hynes, Ildiko	CAN	Master			0:35:25	88.18%	
3	Daly, Cindy	NY	Master	3	4	0:37:46	80.76%	

MEN SPRINT

Place	Athlete	State	Class	P	S	Time	%	Back
1	Fink, Danny	WV	Master	0	3	0:19:10	109.04%	
2	Hoover, Douglas	PA	Senior	3	4	0:21:19	98.84%	
3	Lilly, Brian	NY	Senior	2	2	0:22:44	92.12%	
4	Day, Chad	Senior	5	3	0:22:54	91.33%		
5	Maynard, Marty *	NY	Senior	3	3	0:23:05	90.46%	

6 French, Steven NY Master 4 3 0:24:53 81.91%
7 Daly, Tom NY Master 4 3 0:25:15 80.17%
8 Hynes, Jeremiah CAN Master 4 3 0:26:02 76.46%
9 Keyes, Rory Junior 3 4 0:26:31 74.16%
10 Myer, Russ NY Master 1 1 0:27:40 68.71%
11 Osowski, John Master 3 4 0:28:03 66.89%

DSQ Hettenbaugh, Jason ** NY Senior 2 3 0:19:15

* Bib #105 assessed 2min penalty due to violation of open bolt rule.

** Bib #107 disqualified due to violation of open bolt rule.

NOVICE MEN SPRINT

Place Athlete State Class P S Time % Back

1 Felter, Eric 2 4 0:24:47 117.16%
2 Swayze, Adam Junior 3 1 0:26:06 112.76%
3 Myer, Chris 4 4 0:38:52 70.08%

NOVICE WOMEN SPRINT

Place Athlete State Class P S Time % Back

1 Miller, Nancy 4 4 0:33:56 100.00%