

# Masters of the Mountain gain hard-won accolades

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RATON – The second Master of the Mountains (M.O.M.) Adventure Race was run Saturday morning, beginning at Lake Maloya at 8 a.m. with a six-mile foot race across a high mountain pass. 20 individual entrants, men and women alike, then jumped in kayaks to race three miles around Lake Maloya before mounting bikes. 34 other contestants participated on relay teams.

After the kayak race, bikes raced down Sugarite Canyon, through downtown Raton, and out York Canyon to an NRA shooting range and timed shotgun competition.

John Hayter of Conifer, CO, won the coveted Master of the Mountains title with a total time of 2:37:23. Close on his heels were three runners within 76 seconds behind him. Robert McIvor (2:38:03) and Ted Kamp (2:38:21) of Raton placed second and third, followed by last year's champion John Winkley of Aztec, NM, whose time of 2:38:39 was more than six minutes faster than his winning time last year.

Trina Davis (3:05:09) won the individual women's championship, followed by Jion Dietz and Shelley O'Neill. Albuquerque's Carpe Diem (2:46:18) beat Kelling Ranch Crew by only 10 seconds in the Four-Person Relay division. A relay team from Raton's Kearny Elementary School placed fifth.

The first three finishers in each division won cash and gift certificate prizes up to \$600. This year's field of 54 entrants was up almost a third from last year's inaugural race. Sponsored by Raton Department of Parks & Recreation, the event's motto is "Think your mom is tough on you? Meet our M.O.M." Next year's race will be held September 12, 2015.



Women's Master of the Mountains winner Trina Davis finished her long morning with a timed shotgun course west of Raton Saturday morning. She started the four-stage race three hours earlier at Lake Maloya.