

Aug. 6, DESERT CHAMPIONSHIPS, 3-DAM COURSE, 5.75
mile? 5.5 mile? 5.3??

The Desert-Running (ir)regulars were joined by Keri Nelson – who journeyed (if the editor’s me(s)mory suffices) not just from Moab, but from her work location (Needles District of Canyonlands Nat’l Park) – many miles further, to become 2016’s over-all Desert Running Champion. Not too far back was 20-years-young Natalia Franco, and a minute later was men’s champion Patric Rostel.

For those who need a little reminding, Ms. Nelson is a past winner of the Pike’s Peak Marathon, over-all winner at the Leadville 100 Marathon (no, not THE “100” but a Marathon run prior, named “100”, oh, never mind ...) etc. and etc.

Esmeralda (Martinez) Rostel accompanied her husband, Patric, and friend (Natalia) and hiked a bit with her dogs while we ran.

1. KERI NELSON	36:57	9. Chris Pack	45:27
2. Natalia Franco	38:24	10. Tom Ela	46:11
3. PATRIC ROSTEL	39:04	11. Larry Ingram	47:15
4. Brad Rugel	39:45	12. Jose Cuatro-Perros	48:37
5. Ernie Langelier	44:50	13. Jeff Friedman	52:04
6. Laura Wetstine	45:01	14. Andy Winnefeld	53:32
7. Jeremy Gerlach	45:15	15. Conrad Cole	61:51
8. Orville Peterson	45:22	16. Liz Norris	63:14

And chasing everyone in, “the Godfather of Desert Running”, Paul Wubben had 1:55:42 of effort. He lamented that he forgot his hiking poles! He commented: *“Perfect weather – no mud. A handful of flags were removed at the top over-nite but no-one “seriously” lost*. We need a few more runners! Nice to have Esmeralda spectating.”* *Andy W and Jeff F may beg to differ.