



**RESULTS:**

**55TH ANNUAL ASBURY PARK POLAR BEAR 10-MILE WALK**

**HOSTED BY SHORE ATHLETIC CLUB OF NEW JERSEY.**

**ON THE BOARDWALK, SATURDAY, DEC. 29, 2018.**

**WEATHER, LOW 50S AND WINDY.**

**AFTER AN ALL-DAY RAIN FRIDAY, WE ENJOYED FORTUNATE CONDITIONS.**

**MEN'S LEADERS:**

- 1. John Soucheck, Little Silver, NJ / Shore AC 1:38:22**
- 2. Eliot Collins, Raritan, NJ / Shore AC 2:15:10.**
- 3. Adam Brown, Spring Lake, NJ 2:20:22.**

**(Eliot then went on to complete the Polar Bear Daily Double,  
doing the Polar Bear 5K run.)**

**(Speaking of accompanying events, some participants went on to  
leap into the frigid Atlantic Ocean and do the three-meter freestyle.)**

**WOMEN'S LEADERS**

- 1. Maria Paul, Long Branch, NJ / Shore AC 2:02:56**

2. Sue Lockhart, Hillsborough, NJ 2:15:10.
3. Tracy Newenhouse, West Long Branch, NJ 2:15:19.
4. Lauren Horvath, South River, NJ 2:53:40

#### **SEVEN-MILE DIVISION**

1. Panse Geer, Hazlet, NJ/ Shore AC 1:26:06.

**Amendments, etc. welcomed.**

**Officials: Elliott Denman, Gene Geer, Larry Kalb.**

**Over-all Polar Bear director: Erin O'Neill.**

**Aid Station coordinator Kristen Soucheck.**

#### **POLAR BEAR WALK NOTES:**

**This was John Soucheck's amazing and record-breaking 16th Polar Bear victory!!**

**His first Polar Bear win was in 1995!**

**This was Maria Paul's terrific 5th Polar Bear victory.**

**Her first was in 2004.**

**Thanks to Polar Bear historian Dr. Harold (Harry) Nolan's tremendous and much appreciated efforts**

**over the years since the Polar Bear Races' origin in 1964 for all these facts and figures.**

**The event has never been cancelled or postponed, even in the face of**

**incoming blizzards, Superstorm Sandy, rain, snow, whatever. The Polar Bear show has always gone on !!!~**

**According to historian Dr. Nolan, the Polar Bear racewalk has been**

**held 54 times, with women's winners listed for 39 of them.**

**(No walk results available for 2012 - the year of Superstorm Sandy.**

Does anyone recall those circumstances?)

#### **POLAR BEAR ROLLCALL OF MEN'S CHAMPIONS SUMMARY.**

With his 16th win, John Soucheck has widened his all-time lead.

Ray Funkhouser with 10 wins (the first in 1983, the most recent in 1994) ranks second.

Dave Romansky and Bob Falciola share third at 4 each. (Dave's first was in 1967, his most recent

was 1997, an amazing 30-year span.)

Winners three times (thus sharing fifth) are Sam DeLos Santos and Andres Chocho.

(Ecuador's Andres was recently named winner of the 2018 World Racewalking Challenge !!)

Fourteen others have won it once: Ron Daniel (the first Polar Bear champion in 1964), Bill Kaiser, John Kelly,

John Knifton, Todd Scully, John Fredericks, Ray Floriani, Cliff Mimm, Dave Talcott, Dave McGovern,

Dan O'Connor, Nick Bdera, Rich Luettchau and Bruce Logan.

#### **POLAR BEAR ROLLCALL OF WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS SUMMARY**

With her 2019 win, Maria Paul now shares the all-time Polar Bear champions lead with teammates Panse Geer

and Sherry Brosnahan. All have won it five times. Maria's wins were in 2004-13-16-17-18, Panse's in 2008-9-11-14-15.

Sherry's in 1999-2000-01- 02-03. Panse walked seven miles in this one.

Ranking fourth with three wins is Pat Weir (1992-93-94) and ranking equal fifth with two wins are Marcia Shapiro

(1989 and 96) and Cynthia Costa (1983-84.)

Single-time winners have been Stella Palamarchuk (the first Polar Bear listed champion in 1971), Sue Spinola, Tonya McIntosh,

Marie Henry, Norma Arnesen, Noreen Mimm, Dolores Randazzo, Stella Cashman, Sarah Lynn, Dorit Attias, Gloria Rawls, Sandy Reabel.

**Maryanne Daniel, Dana Vered, Lisa Vellucci, Loretta McGovern and Erin Taylor-Talcott.**

**COURSE ALL-TIME RECORDS CONTINUE TO BE:**

**Andres Chocho's 1:10:18 in 2009. But women's record uncertain due to course changes.**

**CHEERS ONCE AGAIN TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN PART OF OUR POLAR BEAR HISTORY!!**

**HOPE YOU'VE ALL HAD HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND**

**OUR VERY BEST WISHES TO YOU FOR AN EXCELLENT AND HEALTHFUL 2019.**

**ELLIOTT DENMAN AND THE ASBURY PARK POLAR BEAR RACES COMMITTEE.**

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