

1984 Big Butte Run

Saturday, 5 May – Butte’s Banovich and Murphy Break Course Records.

Breakdown of Race Finishers			
Race	5K	11K	Total
Females	26	8	34
Males	59	38	97
Total	85	46	131

One hundred thirty one registered to run today’s cold, snowy and windy Big Butte Run. This number was down 90 from last year, and Race Director Tom Sawyer attributed the decrease to competition for Missoula’s Bank Run and from Spokane’s Bloomsday Run which were also run this weekend. Despite the low number of registrants, the top finish times were faster than ever.

Former Butte Central runner Tony Banovich’s 40:53 cut three seconds off the existing 11K course record of 40:56 from last year by Bozeman’s Tim Johnson. Banovich recently returned to Butte to attend Montana Tech after schooling at Barton County Community College in Great Bend, Kansas, where he placed seventh in the 1982 Junior College Marathon Championship with a time of 2 hours 31 minutes. Banovich’s long term running goal is to “qualify for the 1988 U.S. Olympic marathon Trials, but a lot of that depends on staying healthy and with getting out of school and going to work as to how much I can work toward that.” Banovich’s immediate goal is to run a second marathon and to lower his personal best to “the low-to-mid 2:20’s” in next month’s Governor’s Cup Marathon in Helena.

Thirteen minutes after Banovich crossed today’s Big Butte Run’s finish line, the women’s course record was also broken by another marathon debutant, Butte’s Mary Murphy. Murphy, a 1975 Butte High graduate and current accounting clerk, clocked 53:55 to slash the old record of 56:27 which was set last year by Helena’s Sheri Schwertfeger. Murphy said she started running five years ago “to get in shape. I was overweight. I had a friend who asked me to run a race. I said, okay. Ever since that I ran races. They’re fun and they’re competitive. I like the competitiveness of them.”

Murphy competed in last year’s Governor’s Cup Marathon, her first, and she finished in 3 hour and 35 minutes, and she intends to return to that race this year with the goal of breaking 3:20 to qualify for the Boston Marathon. Murphy explained that she enjoys the benefits of training for the marathon. “I love it because of the results you see as far as your body goes. You feel great. Muscle definition starts to show,” but she admitted that the rigors of marathon training are not easy. “There are some days you’re so tired, you don’t want to even go out the door.”

Murphy’s twin sister, Maggie Smith, made it a family sweep by winning today’s 5K in 22:11, while Butte’s Paul Williams won the men’s 5K in 16:38.

Runners from Butte unless otherwise noted.

5K Females Overall: 1, Maggie Smith, 22:11; 2, Sue Hergett, 23:25; 3, Stephanie Bates, 23:46.

0-8: 1, Cheryl Cyr, 31:08.

9-13: 1, Stephanie Bates, 23:46; 2, Dana McGlynn, 25:53; 3, Melissa Hansen, 26:03; 4, Nicole Calcut, 32:10.

14-18: 1, Mary Kohn, 27:27; 2, Karen Darlington, 31:41; 3, Patty Kasperick, 31:41.

19-24: 1, Sue Hergett, Belfry, 23:25; 2, Teri Foley, 23:49; 3, Karla Canavan, 25:01; 4, Liz Dean, 25:10; 5, Ruthmeri Gleason, 26:01; 6, Dawn Clark, 28:20; 7, Libby Einhorn, 33:18; 8, Cindy Lewis, 33:18.

25-29: 1, Maggie Smith, 22:11; 2, Patty Dean, Helena, 23:53; 3, Betsy Follman, 24:24; 4, Tina Wolf, 25:03; 5, Arlee Staley, Alder, 31:29.

30-34: 1, Jo Foley, 25:54.

35-39: 1, Noreen Walker, 24:06; 2, Dianne Cromer, 26:16; 3, Carol McGlynn, 30:33; 4, Shirley Benson, 32:48.

5K Males Overall: 1, Paul Williams, 16:38; 2, Tor Gudmundsen, 17:14; 3, Troy Smith, 17:23.

9-13: 1, Brian Bolton, 22:32; 2, Ryan Murphy, 22:46; 3, Don Foley, 23:27; 4, Randy Riley, 24:55; 5, Mark Struznick, 25:06; 6, Jason Ueland, 25:36; 7, Art Murphy, 25:48; 8, Brandon Forman, 26:03; 9, Mike Kenison, 27:16; 10, Billy Foley, Butte, 27:25; 11, Mark Thompson, 28:20; 12, Chris Campbell, 30:19.

14-18: 1, Troy Smith, Deer Lodge, 17:23; 2, Ben Volk, GF, 21:55; 3, Gary McHenry, 22:39; 4, Troy Munsell, 23:26; 5, Jeff Dattres, 24:58; 6, Jay Schriock, 25:04; 7, Scott Murphy, 25:42; 8, Tim Murphy, 27:27.

19-24: 1, Paul Williams, 16:38; 2, Tor Gudmundsen, 17:14; 3, John Willard, 17:45; 4, Todd Hawke, 18:11; 5, Kurt Adler, Anchorage, 18:22; 6, Dan Scheitlin, 18:38; 7, Mike Kelly, 19:25; 8, Tom Breigenzer, Glasgow, 20:00; 9, David Morris, 20:02; 10, Tom Stiles, 22:22; 11, Ron Miller, 22:27; 12, Phil Clayton, 23:13; 13, Mitch Hall, 23:24; 14, Craig Wright, Rangely, CO, 24:09.

25-29: 1, Pat Kearney, 18:50; 2, Jon Dean, 19:49; 3, Chuck Slaughter, 20:04; 4, Burt Todd, 21:41; 5, Bob Kearney, 22:27; 6, Paul Cote, 23:37; 7, Rick Edwards, 24:40.

30-34: 1, Jeff Anderson, 18:08; 2, George Markin, 20:07; 3, Robert Trout, 21:42; 4, David Tryggstad, Anaconda, 23:11; 5, Brooks Weingartner, 23:56; 6, John McHugh, Anaconda, 24:11; 7, Joe Wolf, 25:02; 8, Randy Reed, Bozeman, 29:44.

35-39: 1, Jack Kelly, Anaconda, 23:37; 2, Tim Nadeau, 24:58; 3, Manuel Herrera, 25:43.

40-44: 1, Bood Maloney, 27:30; 2, Ron Ygnatowiz, 23:44; 3, John Metz, 23:58; 4, Bill Smith, Deer Lodge, 26:19; 5, Carl McGill, 28:19.

45-49: 1, Ed Foley, 25:05.

65-69: 1, Arthur Benton, 25:05.

11K Females Overall: 1, Mary Murphy, 53:55; 2, Sandra Germer, Basin, 55:27; 3, Ristene Hall, 56:08.

9-13: 1, Tammy O’Brien, East Helena, 1:03:09.

14-18: 1, Julie Faroni, 1:09:23.

19-24: 1, Kris Stoll, 58:07; 2, Melanie Hepton, 1:04:17.

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25-29: 1, Jim Ryan, 47:48; 2, John Canavan, 53:36; 3, John Cummings, 53:36; 4, Jon Hunt, Bozeman, 1:00:27; 5, Whonchee Lee, 1:02:59.

30-34: 1, Pat Kirwan, Bozeman, 47:26; 2, Tom Lindgren, Anaconda, 52:19; 3, Jack Weinberg, 52:42; 4, Bob Plank, 1:03:03.

35-39: 1, Dave Mueller, 48:37; 2, Bill Breckenfeld, 49:31; 3, Dick Cromer, 52:46; 4, Stephen Morehouse, 55:55; 5, Graham Munsell, 57:38; 6, Philip Grimm, 1:00:28.

40-44: 1, Gary Gerth, 53:27; 2, John Wulf, 55:45; 3, John Alley, 59:23; 4, Toby Benson, 1:03:55; 5, John Jacobson, 1:06:19; 6, Willard Lovell, 1:26:05.

45-49: 1, Gerald Youngblood, 53:43; 2, Jim Lester, 59:32; 3, Frank Diebold, 1:04:20; 4, George Calcut, 1:05:23; 5, Pete Madison, 1:06:07; 6, Gary Weldon, 1:09:23.

60-64: 1, Fred DeMoney, 1:13:33.

