

2001 Big Butte Challenge

Saturday, 14 April – The crunch of crusty snow.



Hugh Murphy of Butte crunches through the snow on the face of Big Butte. Murphy won the 11K in 45:30.

Cool temperature and a thin layer of crusty snow greeted 75 entrants for today's Big Butte Challenge.

Butte's Susan Kaluza captured her twelfth Big Butte 5K title in 21:56, the exact same time she ran last year.

Ann Seifert of Clancy won the women's 11K in 57:10, unseating perennial winner Mary Dean, who finished second in 1:01:42.

In the Men's competition, Whitehall's 19 year old Mitch Cunningham captured his first Big Butte title in the 5K, finishing in 19:25 (7 seconds faster than Kaluza's 1995 course record for women), and Butte's heavily muscled and barrel-chested "hulking" Hugh Murphy won his third 11K title by more than a minute in 45:30.

Breakdown of Race Finishers				
Race	5K	11K	1M	Total
Females	18	10	8	36
Males	19	16	4	39
Total	37	26	12	75

1M Participants: Dacota Rogers (8), Butte, 11:44; James Burk (9), Butte, 10:49; Aleisha Gornick (9), Missoula, 13:09; Danielle Gornick (7), Missoula, 14:55; Michaela Gornick (5), Missoula, 16:00; Heath Hansen (11), Silver Star, 7:27; Brittani Hubbard (13), Butte, 8:12; Adults: Dee Dee Thurmond, Sheila Franey, Mike Gornick, Mike McCarthy.

5K Females Overall: 1, Suzy Kaluza, 21:56; 2, Eddi Walker, 26:18; 3, Lynn Madplume, 27:40.

0-12: 1, Lynn Madplume, Bozeman, 27:40; 2, Marcie Archambault, Browning, 27:48; 3, Kim Ewing, Sheridan, WY, 32:51; 4, Misty Goings, Bozeman, 35:10; 5, Jonel Goings, Bozeman, 35:20.

13-18: 1, Kim Hueftle, Butte, 29:08.

30-39: 1, Maureen Roche, Butte, 30:34; 2, Jacqueline Tuszynski, Butte, 36:54; 3, Emily Maynard, Butte, 36:55.

40-49: 1, Suzy Kaluza, Butte, 21:56; 2, Eddi Walker, 26:18.

50-59: 1, Linda Surface, Dillon, 29:43.

5K walkers: Julie Bury, Butte; Phil Cammack, Butte; Dee Garrison; Paul Iverson; Laura Iverson; Nancy Lester, Butte; Elaine Wolstein; Mary Torpey, Butte.

5K Males Overall: 1, Mitch Cunningham, 19:25; 2, Kevin Barnhart, 20:39; 3, Joe Merrifield, 21:46.

0-12: 1, Wyatt Madplume, Bozeman, 27:26.

13-18: 1, Marcos Liva, Butte, 29:59.

19-29: 1, Mitch Cunningham, Whitehall, 19:25; 2, Kevin Barnhart, Butte, 20:39.

40-49: 1, Joe Merrifield, Helena, 21:46; 2, Lauren Kostoff, Eliston, 23:37; 3, Rick Dundar, Butte, 26:53; 4, Tim Hansen, Silver Star, 27:16.

50-59: 1, Leon Shearman, Bozeman, 23:11; 2, Terry Jenkins, Ennis, 28:40; 5, Richard Kaye, Butte, 31:22.

60+: 1, Ed Foley, Butte, 22:52; 2, Bruce Robinson, Butte, 25:45; 3, Jim Larson, Belgrade, 30:20; 4, Lary Twidwell, Butte, 30:42.

11K Females Overall: 1, Ann Seifert, 57:10; 2, Mary Dean, 1:01:42; 3, Margie Ewing, 1:06:19.

19-29: Karen Byrnes, Butte, 1:06:40; 2, Tammy Coates, Butte, 1:09:19.

30-39: 1, Tammy Wisner, Butte, 1:14:14; 2, Melissa Morin, Butte, 1:20:28.

40-49: 1, Ann Seifert, Clancy, 57:10; 2, Mary Dean, Butte, 1:01:42; 3, Margie Ewing, Whitehall, 1:06:19; 4, Karen Hueftle, Butte, 1:11:45; 5, Cheryl Peterslie, Butte, 1:14:14.

50-59: 1, Carolyn Twidwell, Butte, 1:09:19.

11K Males Overall: 1, Hugh Murphy, 45:30; 2, Marvin Speece, 46:49; 3, Don Sundberg, 47:46.

30-39: 1, Hugh Murphy, Butte, 45:30; 2, Anthony Tangaro, Butte, 51:32; 3, Chris Anderson, Butte, 52:52; 4, John Tomich, Butte, 56:45; 5, Paul Babb, Butte, 1:02:52; 6, Dave Tillinghest, Three Forks, 1:05:10.

40-49: 1, Marvin Speece, Walkerville, 46:49; 2, Don Sundberg, Butte, 47:46; 3, Ray Matteson, Butte, 48:55; 4, Dan Mueller, Butte, 58:06; 5, Jim Hueftle, Butte, 1:06:11; 6, Dan Harrington, Butte, 1:11:00.

50-59: 1, Dave Mueller, Butte, 58:06; 2, Alan Overmier, Teras, NM, 58:54; 3, Larry Surface, Dillon, 1:03:24.

60+: 1, Jim Lester, Butte, 1:10:14.