

2003 Big Butte Challenge

Saturday, 19 April - Area Runners Cop Tight Victories in Big Butte Challenge

Mitch Cunningham of Whitehall bettered his 2002 mark by 45 seconds, winning the annual Big Butte Challenge 5k race in a time of 18:34. Fifty three year old Bob Eide of Clancy was runner-up in 20:15. Butte's Susan Kaluza led the women's 5k field in 21:49, just 10 seconds ahead of Missoula runner, Sherese Lorenz. For Kaluza the narrow victory secured her undefeated, fourteenth victory since 1988.

In the men's 11k race, Marvin Speece of Melrose (48:18) won his seventh Big Butte race by holding off fellow Butte runner Andy Burton who finished 16 seconds behind in 48:34. In the women's 11k Maggie Smith of Butte crossing the finish first for the second consecutive year in 59:49.

Breakdown of Race Finishers				
Race	5K	11K	1M	Total
Females	23	9	2	34
Males	13	22	2	37
Total	36	31	4	71

1M: Brandon Forson, Deer Lodge, 8:25; Allison Lean, Butte, 8:48; Danielle Gornick, Missoula, 10:29; Mike McCarthy, Missoula, 10:29.

5K Females Overall: 1, Susan Kaluza, 21:49; 2, Sherese Lorenz, Missoula, 21:59; 3, Katie Gilboy, 25:54.

13-18: 1, Katie Gilboy, Helena, 25:54; 2, Brooke Hueftle, Butte, 38:48.

19-29: 1, Sheree Lorenz, Missoula, 21:59.

30-39: 1, Charlotte Turner, Ramsay, 32:04.

40-49: 1, Susan Kaluza, Butte, 21:49; 2, Eddi Walker, Butte, 26:17; 3, Mary Ann Pendergast, Melrose, 30:17.

50-59: 1, Kriss Douglas, Butte, 36:00.

5K walk: Carrie Key, Helena; Kim Quinn, Helena; Becky Quinn, Helena; Eva Curry, Butte; Leslie Klusmeir, Butte; Dee Garrison, Butte; Elaine Wolstein, Butte; Barb Brophy, Butte; Kellie Brophy, Butte; Melissa Brophy, Butte; Joan Roche, Butte; Denise Dewitt, Butte; Sarah McKiernan, Butte; Pat Ashe, Butte; John Ashe, Butte; Corrine Peoples, Butte.

5K Males Overall: 1, Mitch Cunningham, 18:34; 2, Bob Eide, 20:15; 3, John Lorenz, 20:28.

19-29: 1, Mitch Cunningham, Whitehall, 18:34; 2, Hunter Terry, Butte, 21:19.

30-39: 1, John Lorenz, Missoula, 20:28; 2, Mark Rosenleaf, Butte, 22:29; 3, Darrell Vandersloot, Anaconda, 32:23.

40-49: 1, Bill McLaughlin, Butte, 22:01; 2, Tim Mueller, Butte, 29:05; 3, Ted Bury, Butte, 32:24.

50-59: 1, Bob Eide, 20:15; 2, Leon Shearman, Bozeman, 24:28; 3, Dan Mueller, Butte, 29:06.

60+: 1, Jim Lester, Butte, 25:28; 2, Bruce Robinson, Butte, 26:04.

11K Females Overall: 1, Maggie Smith, 59:49; 2, Tanya Connole, 1:00.00; 3, Alys Culhane, 1:05:18.

19-29: 1, Tanya Connole, 1:00.00; 2, Tammy Coats, Butte, 1:07.49.

40-49: 1, Maggie Smith, Butte, 59:49; 2, Alys Culhane, Butte, 1:05:18; 3, Karen Hueftle, Butte, 1:09:48; 4, Addi Haugen, Missoula, 1:13:26; 5, Georgia Cunningham, Whitehall, 1:21:25..

50-59: 1, Sheila Franey, Butte, 1:21:25.

60+: 1, Andrea Wheeler, Walkerville, 1:35:42

11K Males Overall: 1, Marvin Speece, 48:12; 2, Andy Burton, 48:34; 3, Don Sundberg, 48:49.

30-39: 1, Andy Burton, Butte, 48:34; 2, Steve Turner, Ramsay, 56:47; 3, Colby Drechsel, Casper, WY, 57:04; 4, Paul Babb, Butte, 1:00:59; 5, Gary Morris, Great Falls, 1:00:59; 6, Bob Whelon, Butte, 1:02.33.

40-49: 1, Marvin Speece, Melrose, 48:12; 2, Bob Morris, Viola, ID, 49:37; 3, Blaire Hopkins, Elliston, 52:24; 4, Vince Dunfee, Butte, 53:52; 5, John Tomich, Butte, 55:22; 6, Paul Soukup, Butte, 58:51; 7, Larry Driscoll, Butte, 59:24; 8, Dan Harrington, Butte, 1:00:13.

50-59: 1, Don Sundberg, Butte, 48:49; 2, David Mueller, Butte, 52:37; 3, James Hueftle, Butte, 1:04:14; 4, Terry Wisner, Whitehall, 1:04:48; 5, Hideo Udea, Butte, 1:08:17.

60+: 1, Robert Simms, Great Falls, 1:04:55; 2, Carl Clark, Great Falls, 1:11:47; 3, John Wulf, Butte, 1:19:21.