

2007 Big Butte Challenge

Saturday, 7 April – A Race for the Ages!

“The temperature was low, and with the wind, it was downright frigid,” the press release from race organizers said, adding that “a person had to run just to stay warm.”

The national class running duo of Nikki Kimball and Nicole Hunt heated things up in the 11K when they rekindled the flames of their dual from a year ago, and the race that unfolded was one for the ages. Unlike last year, Kimball was ready for Hunt’s fast start up Big Butte, and Kimball stayed within striking distance all the way to the end of Oro Fino Road before she drew even with Hunt at the creek crossing where the course veered back toward Tech. From there the two raced stride for stride, trading surges until Hunt’s extra hard push up Heartbreak Hill opened a slight gap between them. Hunt then started her sprint finish as they turned into the final straight, and she gained her seven second advantage over Kimball there in the last few hundred meters. Hunt and Kimball finished in 47:23 and 47:30, respectively, and both were well under Hunt’s course record of 47:56 from last year.

Marvin Speece won the men’s 11K for the eighth time in 45:44. Speece also has four previous 2nd place 11K finishes to his credit. Second across the finish today was Mitch Tamietti (the former Mitch Cunningham, who also three times formerly won the Big Butte 5K) finishing 38 seconds after Speece.

In the 5K, Butte’s Ashley Woy (22:44) won the women’s race outright, beating the first male, Kelly Anderson, by 21 seconds.

Breakdown of Race Finishers				
Race	5K	11K	1M	Total
Females	28	20		48
Males	11	20		31
Total	39	40	?	79

5K Females Overall: 1, Ashley Woy, 22:44; 2, Brooke Hueftle, 23:50; 3, Amy Gunderson, 25:04.

12-and-under: 1, Tanna Anderson, 33:10; 2, Kaylee Anderson, 33:11.

13-18: 1, Brooke Hueftle, 23:50.

19-29: 1, Ashley Woy, 22:44; 2, Erin Nicholes, 26:56; 3, Kathryn Reynolds, 34:44; 4, Casey Dixon, 36:35; 5, Kelley Driscoll, 48:47; 6,

Krista Fellows, 58:50.

30-39: 1, Amy Gunderson, 25:04; 2, Kim Draper, 29:21; 3, Katie Mattson, 55:17.

40-49: 1, Dierdre Fitzgerald, 28:47; 2, Stephanie Hahn, 31:28; 3, Dana Anderson, 32:09; 4, Amy Kuenzi, 33:27; 5, Suzan Hopkins, Elliston, 45:36; 6, Maureen Driscoll, 48:48; 7, Janet Manchester, 48:51; 8, Julie Flammang, 49:34; 9, Kim Dunville, 49:37; 10, Julie Bury, 53:29.

50-59: 1, Marilyn Krause, 29:04; 2, Debbie Smith, 29:53; 3, Sheila Franey, 30:22; 4, JoAnn Farrow, 44:18.

60+: 1, Kris Douglass, 33:58; 2, Nancy Lester, 53:29.

5K Males Overall: 1, Kelly Anderson, 23:05; 2, Nick DiGiovine, 25:46; 3, Leon Shearman, 26:04.

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40-49: 1, Nick DiGiovine, 25:46; 2, Tim Hahn, 29:41; 3, Brandon Mattson, 30:18; 4, Ted Bury, 34:54; 5, Tim Mueller, 35:15.

50-59: 1, Dan Mueller, 27:41.

60+: 1, Leon Shearman, 26:04; 2, George Parrett, 36:54; 3, Bruce Robinson, 40:07.

11K Females Overall: 1, Nicole Hunt, 47:23; 2, Nikki Kimball, 47:30; 3, Marta Fischer, 52:25.

13-18: 1, Sarah Kinsey, 1:32:35.

19-29: 1, Kim Hueftle, 53:06; 2, Claire Frost, 1:02:09; 3, Natalie McGowan, 1:04:30; 4, Kristin Hueftle, 1:08:56; 5, Dawn Giovanini, 1:10:32.

30-39: 1, Nicole Hunt, Deer Lodge, 47:23; 2, Nikki Kimball, Bozeman, 47:30; 3, Marta Fischer, Helena, 52:25; 4, Vaia Errett, Whitehall, 52:48; 5, Valerie Pallister, 58:35; 6, Marie Folgert, 1:10:32.

40-49: 1, Judy DiGiovine, 1:02:40; 2, Kaie Ossa, 1:05:39; 3, Julie Hodgson, 1:05:40; 4, Carrie Holland, 1:10:50; 5, Georgia Cunningham, Whitehall, 1:31:45; 6, Rebecca Hodgson, 1:32:37.

50-59: 1, Mary Dean, 57:52; 2, Karen Hueftle, 1:11:35.

11K Males Overall: 1, Marvin Speece, 45:42; 2, Mitch Tamietti, 46:20; 3, Brian Wieck, 46:56.

19-29: 1, Mitch Tamietti, 46:20; 2, Logan Marchand, 1:08:01.

30-39: 1, Brian Wieck, Helena, 46:56; 2, Tim Dumas, Bozeman, 48:10; 3, Jeff Errett, Whitehall, 53:17.

40-49: 1, Marvin Speece, 45:42; 2, Don Demetriades, Bozeman, 48:23; 3, Blair Hopkins, Elliston, 54:19; 4, Jim Ryan Jr., 56:20; 5, Alden Thorton, 57:08; 6, Larry Driscoll, 1:02:17; 8, Don Tamietti, Whitehall, 1:07:01; 9, Dan Harrington, 1:25:12.

50-59: 1, Chris Tippet 50:14; 2, Rande Farrow 56:54; 3, Jim Hueftle 1:05:43; 4, Mike Patterson 1:15:14.

60+: 1, David Mueller 55:40; 2, Jim Lester 1:17:45; 3, John Wulf 1:31:45.