

2010 Big Butte Challenge



Big Butte 11K winner, Mike Telling of Dillon, shown powering to the finish line with a slim 4 second lead over Helena's Patrick Judge. Telling paced the course in 44:07.



Deer Lodge runner Nicole Hunt won the women's 11 km in 50:05.

Saturday, 3 April –100 walkers and runners managed the elements on a fresh skiff of snow, in sub-freezing temps (- 2 °C) and with a strongly gusting NW wind.

Butte's 50 year old Susan Kaluza continues to defy aging as she proved by winning the women's 5-kilometer run for the sixteenth time in her seventeen attempts. Her finish time of 22:18 also earned her second place among the men's field, which was won by Matt Choquette, also of Butte, in 19:20.

The 11 km race was an affair of changing leaders for men. Bozeman's Dewey Peacock started conservatively, following the early leaders up Big Butte. It was Peacock's strategy to avoid getting lost again in the tangled web of trails that climb to the "M," as he had in his only previous attempt at the course two years earlier.

Breakdown of Race Finishers				
Race	5K	11K	1M	Total
Females	37	13	?	50
Males	20	30	?	50
Total	57	43	?	100

It wasn't until near 2 km where Peacock asserted himself by taking the lead and pulling 20 meters ahead of the followers. Shortly thereafter, Helena's Patrick Judge (a freshly christened masters-age runner) surged and bridged the gap to Peacock. Judge continued following closely in Peacock's slipstream for some time as the two fought a strong headwind all the way down Orofino Road for the race's first 5 km. It wasn't until after the creek crossing just past 6 km when Judge pulled away from Peacock, and at that point the two leaders were well clear (perhaps as much as 100 meters) of the third place runner Mike telling of Dillon.

Judge steadily widened his lead over Peacock all the way to the finish, but Telling (a 40+ runner like Judge) was also moving quickly through the rolling hills. With the wind at his back, Telling blew by Peacock at the 9 km point, and then set his eyes on Judge, whose lead Telling had already cut in half. Telling caught Judge at the base of Heartbreak Hill, at the 10 km mark, and then the two leaders ran stride for stride up Heartbreak Hill and the following hill before Telling sprinted away to a four second victory in the finishing straight. Given the weather conditions, Telling's finish time of 44:07 was especially impressive. It was the 20th fastest time ever recorded.

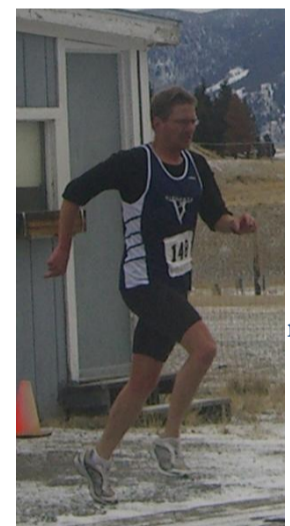
Deer Lodge's Nicole Hunt (39) won the woman's 11 km in 50:05, a time that placed her 2 minutes and 50 seconds ahead of the second woman, Marta Fisher of Helena who finished in 52:55. To put Hunt's lead in perspective, note that Fisher's second place time was the 16th fastest woman's time ever. Historically, Hunt's time was the sixth fastest, trailing her three previous times from the race, including her course record (46:55) from last year which was run in ideal conditions.

- 5K Females Overall:** 1, Susan Kaluza, 22:18; 2, Cara Whitlock, 23:42; 3, Shawna Koefeld, 25:31.
13-18: 1, Ashton LaFond, Butte, 39:58; 2, Kasey Fouts, Butte, 43:37; 3, Keara Todd, Butte, 54:35.
19-29: 1, Karli Nash, Butte, 33:00; 2, Dena Helman, Butte, 45:16; 3, Callie Boyle, Butte, 45:28; 4, Krista Fellows, 57:25.
30-39: 1, Cara Whitlock, Butte, 23:42; 2, Shawna Koefeld, Butte, 25:31; 3, Mary Bobst, Butte, 30:12; 4, Amanda Badovinac, Butte, 30:52; 5, Hannah Waldner, Marion, SD, 35:46; 6, Dawn Peterson, Clancy, 35:46; 7, Jackie Maynard, Butte, 36:40; 8, Suzy McClernan, Butte, 36:48; 9, Dana LaFond, Butte, 45:32; 10, Beth Holland, Butte, 51:03; 11, Mary Currin, Helena, 53:25.
40-49: 1, Mary Larson, Big Timber, 26:47; 2, Debbie Fouts, Butte, 51:03; 3, Kathe Manning, Butte, 51:50; 4, Julie Corbin, Butte, 55:50; 5, Somer Gauthier, Butte, 57:55; 6, Tammy Brunell, Butte, 1:09:14.
50-59: 1, Susan Kaluza, Butte, 22:18; 2, Sheila Franey, Butte, 33:30; 3, Madelyn LaFave, Butte, 34:34; 4, Cathy Duhamel, Butte, 38:57; 5, Colleen Boyle, Butte, 45:40; 6, JoAnn Farrow, Butte, 46:09; 7, Cheri Cusson, Butte, 48:26; 8, Ella Todd, Butte, 50:08; 9, Kathleen Robinson, Butte, 51:50; 10, Pat Gruss, Butte, 54:34; 11, Eula Compton, Butte, 1:09:14.
60-69: 1, Flo Helman, Butte, 45:28; 2, Carol Curran, Butte, 51:56.

- 5K Males Overall:** 1, Matt Choquette, 19:20; 2, Ken Dickerson, 22:43; 3, Philip Knopp, 23:02.
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19-29: 1, Matt Choquette, Butte, 19:20; 2, Philip Knopp, Butte, 23:02.
40-49: 1, Ken Dickerson, Butte, 22:43; 2, Bob Lopp, Butte, 24:38; 3, Ted Bury, Butte, 32:03.
50-59: 1, John Willard, Butte, 25:26; 2, Mike Patterson, Butte, 29:26; 3, Leonard Baluski, Bozeman, 30:20; 4, Lyle Gusson II, Butte, 38:31; 5, Ron Gruss, Butte, 54:34; 6, Tim Fellows, Butte, 57:28.
60-69: 1, Leon Shearman, Bozeman, 29:10; 2, Phil Cammack, Butte, 29:59; 3, Bruce Robinson, Butte, 30:29; 4, Lewis Burton, Butte, 40:28; 5, Ed Curran, Butte, 51:52; 6, Bill Wells, Butte, 57:59.
70+: 1, Ed Foley, Butte, 25:00; 2, Jim Lester, Butte, 32:32.

- 11K Females Overall:** 1, Nicole Hunt, 50:05; 2, Marta Fisher, 52:55; 3, Michele Bazzanella, 53:20.
19-29: 1, Helena LaFave, Bozeman, 1:01:27; 2, Melissa Johnson, Butte, 1:10:32; 3, Ginger Terry, Butte, 1:13:47; 4, Kristina Farrow, East Helena, 1:21:33; 5, Casey Clark, Butte, 1:28:47.
30-39: 1, Nicole Hunt, Deer Lodge, 50:05; 2, Marta Fisher, Helena, 52:55; 3, Michele Bazzanella, Helena, 53:20; 4, Nikki Kimball, Bozeman, 54:00; 5, Fran Zelenitz, Bozeman, 1:02:42.
40-49: 1, Carrie Holland, Butte, 1:06:07.
50-59: 1, Eddi Walker, Butte, 1:07:50; 2, Nancy Tuber, Helena, 1:25:33. **60-69:** 1, Nancy Wells, Helena, 1:37:00.

- 11K Males Overall:** 1, Mike Telling, 44:07; 2, Patrick Judge, 44:11; 3, Dewey Peacock, 44:59.
19-29: 1, Mike Kallas, Butte, 57:53; 2, Matt Matich, Butte, 1:03:43; 3, Jacob Floch, Butte, 1:09:45.
30-39: 1, Dewey Peacock, Bozeman, 44:59; 2, Chris Colberg, Helena, 52:39; 3, Andy Bobst, Butte, 55:43; 4, Brian Schinke, Butte, 1:00:14; 5, Alfonso Martinez, Great Falls, 1:01:36; 6, Warren Harden, Butte, 1:05:26; 7, Garrett Jasinski, Bozeman, 1:07:17; 8, Tom Letke, Belgrade, 1:09:30.
40-49: 1, Mike Telling, Dillon, 44:07; 2, Patrick Judge, Helena, 44:11; 3, Ray Hunt, Deer Lodge, 45:58; 4, Jeff Braun, Butte, 47:12; 5, Paul Babb, Butte, 59:26; 6, John Tomich, Butte, 1:02:41; 7, Timothy Hansen, Silver Star, 1:05:03; 8, Ray Rogers, Butte, 1:05:26; 9, John LaFave, Butte, 1:08:01; 10, Tony Campeau, Butte, 1:13:47; 11, Gary Marshall, Helena, 1:17:19.
50-59: 1, Marvin Speece, Butte, 47:52; 2, Tim Near, Whitehall, 54:16; 3, Rande Farrow, Butte, 59:12; 4, Dan Mueller, Butte, 1:07:39; 5, Terry Gauthier, Helena, 1:12:26; 6, Scott Craigle, Clancy, 1:17:19; 7, Barry Brophy, Butte, 1:41:41.
60-69: 1, David Mueller, Butte, 1:03:48.



Helena's Patrick Judge (at right) led almost the entire second half of the race before being overtaken near the finish by Telling.



Helena's Marta Fisher placed second among women in the 11 km.