

2011 Big Butte Challenge



Big Butte 11K winner, Devin Cowan of Helena, shown cruising to a commanding early lead before finishing in 43:08.



Bozeman runner Nikki Kimball won the women's 11 km in 51:07.

Saturday, 23 April – Race officials reported that 146 walkers and runners enjoyed beautiful clear day with temperatures rising above freezing on the calm and clear morning.

Bozeman resident, Nikki Kimball won the Women's 11 K run and Helena's Devin Cowan was the overall winner of the Men's 11 K.

Cowan led by a wide margin from start to finish, finishing in 43:08, the fifteenth time ever recorded on the route and four minutes ahead of the next runner who was Mike Kallas of Butte.

Kimball won the women's 11K race for the first time in her fourth running of the event. Her first three tries ended with narrow second-place finishes behind Nicole Hunt of Deer Lodge, and from those four duals between Kimball and Hunt, the seven fastest times ever run by a woman on this course have been produced. Kimball's 51:07 winning time today is the seventh fastest ever, although it was also nearly four minutes inferior to

her all-time best of 47:30 from 2007. Today, Kimball lead all women over the top of the Big Butte, before Hunt passed her briefly on the downhill slope. Hunt, who was in the ninth week of pregnancy, couldn't hold her pace and Kimball soon retook the lead and then pulled away for a comfortable margin of victory. Butte's Michelle Bazzanella also overtook Hunt to finish second in 52:28. Hunt held onto third place with a time of 53:34.

Breakdown of Race Finishers				
Race	5K	11K	1M	Total
Females	21	20	?	41
Males	22	18	?	40
Total	43	38	?	81

5K Females Overall: 1, Jenny Pierce, 21:36; 2, Cara Whitlock, 23:02; 3, Shawna Gibson- Koefeld, 24:01.

13-18: 1, Olivia Laramie, Butte, 33:45.

19-29: 1, Jenny Pierce, Livingston, 21:36; 2, Karli Nash, Butte, 27:42; 3, Maggie Keating, Butte, 27:46.

30-39: 1, Cara Whitlock, Butte, 23:02; 2, Shawna Gibson- Koefeld, Butte, 24:01; 3, Patricia Pace, Butte, 27:48.

50-59: 1, Mary Gail Sullivan, Butte, 31:16.

Other finishers of unlisted age: Terry Schmidt, Butte, 26:44; Amanda Badovinac, Butte, 28:08; Shelly Hodges, Butte, 28:26; Maggie Braun, Bozeman, 29:45; Jackie Hedvan, Butte, 31:27; Renee O'Keefe, Butte, 31:57; Sheila Franey, Butte, 32:23; Mary Bobst, Butte, 32:26; Cassie Hodges; Butte, 33:04; Brady Laramie, Butte, 33:44; Brittany Rooney, Butte, 37:16; Casey Clark, Butte, 37:17; Lisa Hansen, 40:10.

5K Males Overall: 1, Kyle Klicker, 20:15; 2, Mark Baszler, 23:30; 3, Theron Nelson, 23:55.

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13-18: 1, Brady Laramie, Butte, 33:44.

19-29: 1, Joe Torpy, Bozeman, 34:13.

30-39: 1, Mark Baszler, Butte, 23:30; 2, Duane Kutchtyn, Butte, 24:13; 3, Joe Horrocks, Twin Bridges, 29:13.

40-49: 1, Rod Viallon, Dillon, 26:36; 2, Terry Schmidt, Butte, 26:44; 3, Mark McGinnis, Butte, 26:57.

50-59: 1, Kyle Klicker, Philipsburg, 20:15; 2, Tim Hansen, Butte, 25:07; 3, Dan Mueller, 27:01.

60-69: 1, Leon Sherman, Bozeman, 28:37; 2, Phil Cammack, Butte, 29:11; 3, Lewis Burton, Butte, 38:48.

70+: 1, Bruce Robinson, Butte, 28:54; 2, Jim Lester, Butte, 32:13.

Other finishers of unlisted age: Ted Bury, Butte, 34:14; Dennis Lazzari, Butte, 38:15; Bill Hodges, Hardin, 38:46; Derek Hansen, Butte, 40:14.

11K Females Overall: 1, Nikki Kimball, 51:07; 2, Michele Bazzanella, 52:28; 3, Nicole Hunt, 53:34.

13-18: Samantha Ayotte, Butte, 59:13.

19-29: 1, Molly Hamilton, Butte, 58:02; 2, Erin Ellmaker, Butte, 59:17; 3, Natalie Brandsma, Bozeman, 1:06:56.

30-39: 1, Nikki Kimball, Bozeman, 51:07; 2, Michele Bazzanella, Butte, 52:28; 3, Elaine Dahl, Helena, 59:11.

40-49: 1, Nicole Hunt, Deer Lodge, 53:34; 2, Maureen Tomich, Butte, 1:17:30; 3, Mellisa McGregor, Walkerville, 1:27:00.

50-59: 1, Eddi Walker, Butte, 1:08:30; 2, Karen Hueftle, Butte, 1:20:08.

Other finishers of unlisted age: Margie Okrusch, Butte, 1:05:03; Rebecca Smith, 1:05:07; Katie Hailer, Butte, 1:05:40; Brittany Peterson, Butte, 1:09:06; Joncee Kelly, Helena, 1:11:52; Ida Reighard, Butte, 1:14:50; Sherry Spear, Butte, 1:33:00; Nancy Hillman, Billings, 1:46:27.

11K Males Overall: 1, Devin Cowan, 43:08; 2, Mike Kallas, 47:09; 3, Eric Huff, 50:23.

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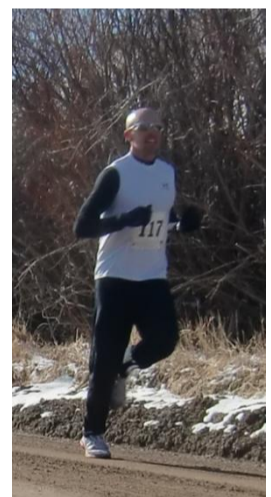
30-39: 1, Lance Oswald, Butte, 52:09; 2, Andy Bobst, Butte, 1:00:15.

40-49: 1, Mark Peterson, Butte, 55:49; 2, Donn NoRunner, Butte, 59:04; 3, John Tomich, Butte, 1:01:56.

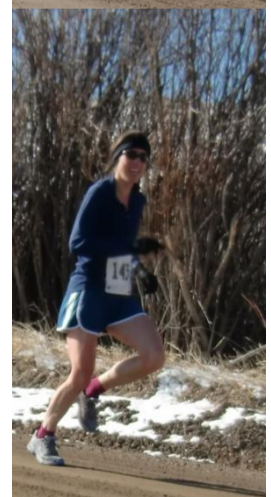
50-59: 1, Eric Huff, Sheridan, 50:23; 2, Rande Farrow, Butte, 59:46; 3, Jim Ryan, Jr., Butte, 1:02:40.

60-69: 1, Dave Mueller, Butte, 1:04:16; 2, Steve Rumley, Helena, 1:08:40.

Other finishers of unlisted age: Daniel Cachmarik, Butte, 58:46; Scott Farrow, East Helena, 1:01:47; Sean Wisner, Whitehall, 1:03:08; Tony Campeau, Butte, 1:07:58; Daniel Hillman, Billings, 1:09:38.



Butte's Mike Kallas finished second in the men's 11K with a time of 47:09.



Butte's Michele Bazzanella placed second among women in the 11 km in 52:28.