

2012 Big Butte Challenge



The Big Butte Challenge's unique starting procedure had the 5K and the 11K runners start at once while facing one another. After the starting horn, the two groups passed by each other on opposite sides of the street. The two starting lines were slightly further apart this year due to the starting lines being adjusted backwards to compensate for the usual finish line moving outside the Mining Museum's locked gate.

Saturday, 7 April – The Butte Family YMCA started its 32nd Annual Big Butte Challenge a little after 9 a.m. Saturday, after the previous day had layered the race courses with slick ice and areas of 10+ cm of snow cover. The snow-over-ice combination made the 11K route straight up and over Big Butte especially challenging. There were several runners who slipped and fell during the races. The clear and calm morning sky allowed the sunshine to warm the temperature from -2 °C at the start to just above freezing when the 11K runners were finishing. Race officials reported that about ninety total runners and walkers competed in the three races, but results were not made available for 5K walkers or for the 1-mile fun run. Amanda Badovinac of Butte was the winner of the women's 5K in 30:45, and Butte High's 19 year old Josh Panasuk was the men's 5K winner. Panasuk's 18:02 finish was the fifth fastest time ever in the 5K race. The standing course record of 16:42 was set by Pat Judge under milder, late May conditions in 1994.

Breakdown of Race Finishers				
Race	5K	11K	1M	Total
Females	14+	11	?	
Males	14+	14	?	
Total	28+	25	?	~90

5K Females Overall: 1, Amanda Badovinac, 30:45; 2, Cheryl Sinerius, 31:33.
0-12: 1, Ashlen Slanger, Helena, 38:02.
19-29: 1 Mari Benjamin, Butte, 34:15; 2, Shelley Hodges, Butte, 34:34; 3, Cassie Hodges, Butte, 34:42; 4, Mollie Benjamin,

Butte, 36:10; 5, Krista Fellows, Butte, 40:36.

30-39: 1, Amanda Badovinac, Butte, 30:45, 2, Cheryl Sinerius, Butte, 31:33; 3, Tahya Neal, Abilene, Texas, 34:06; 4, Renee O'Keefe, Butte, 35:49; 5, Callie Boyle, Butte, 40:15; 6, Dena Helman, Butte, 45:48.

50-59: 1 Ann Wayrynen, Butte, 34:06; 2, Sheila Franey, Butte, 35:33.

5K Males Overall: 1, Josh Panasuk, 18:05; 2, Shannon Tempel, 24:09; 3, Benjamin Miller, 26:18.

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30-39: 1, Benjamin Miller, Butte, 26:18, 2, Brett Badovinac, Butte, 30:58.

40-49: 1, Martin Anzik, Butte, 29:19.

50-59: 1, Terry Gauthier, Helena, 30:02; 2, Leonard Baluski, Bozeman, 30:42; 3, Dan Harrington, Butte, 32:17; 4, Ted Bury, Butte, 33:20.

60-69: 1, Phil Cammack, Butte, 31:06; 2, Leon Shearman, Bozeman, 33:59; 3, Dennis Lazzari, Butte, 38:40; 4, Lewis Burton, Butte, 40:57.

70+: 1, Bruce Robinson, Butte, 30:11.

11K Females Overall: 1, Nikki Kimball, 52:57; 2, Nicole Hunt, 57:09; 3, Sarah Slanger, 1:02:18.

19-29: 1, Ginger Terry, Great Falls, 1:20:06; 2, Krystina Farrow, East Helena, 1:23:19.

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40-49: 1, Nikki Kimball, Bozeman, 52:57; 2, Nicole Hunt, Deer Lodge, 57:09; 3, Carrie Holland, Butte, 1:05:21; 4, Michele Anderson, Livingston, 1:05:25; 5, Angie Lamkin, Butte, 1:15:04.

50-59: 1, Karla Pomrenke, Butte, 1:19:25; 2, Karen Hueftle, Butte, 1:23:12.

60-69: 1, Nancy Wells, Helena, 1:43:56.

11K Males Overall: 1, Devin Cowan, 46:02; 2, Bryan Johnson, 50:16; 3, Kyle Klicker, 52:19.

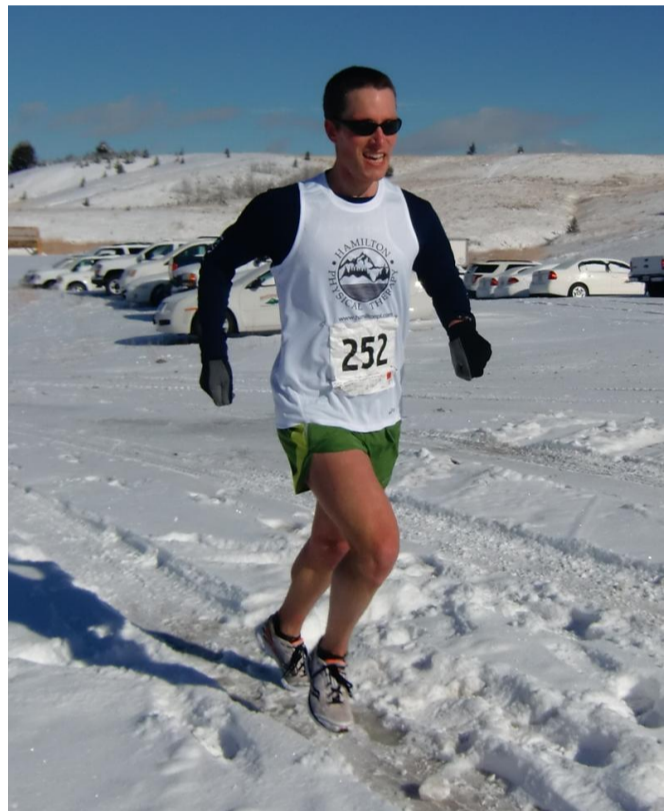
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30-39: 1, Bryan Johnson, Helena, 50:16; 2, Scott Farrow, East Helena, 1:00:50.

40-49: 1, Don Foley, Butte, 54:37; 2, Mark Peterson, Butte, 58:06; 3, Paul Babb, Butte, 1:02:23; 4, Juan Gonzales, Helena, 1:08:16; 5, Tony Campeau, Butte, 1:13:28; 6, Ray Rogers, Butte, 1:13:36.

50-59: 1, Kyle Klicker, Philipsburg, 52:19; 2, Rande Farrow, Butte, 1:02:38; 3, Tim Near, Butte, 1:04:16.

60-69: 1, Tim Johnston, Sheridan, 1:06:40; 2, Dave Mueller, Butte, 1:11:52.



Helena's Devin Cowan won the Men's 11K with a time of 46:02.



Bozeman's Nikki Kimball won the Women's 11K in 52:57.