

# 2014 Big Butte Challenge



Runners found calm cool weather at the 11K start. The races top four overall finishers broke away from the chase pack even before the Big Butte ascent.

**Saturday, 19 April** – Race Director Laurie Peterson summed up the event "It was a beautiful day to be outside and enjoy the weather!! This year we combined The Big Butte Challenge/ Community Stride so there was something for everybody!! If you wanted to challenge yourself race in the Big Butte Challenge. If you want to just relax and socialize community stride."

Butte's George Parrott became the first 80 year old to complete the 11 km in the history of the race, but his finish time was unknown.

**5K Females Overall:** 1, Jackie Higgens, 36:36; 2, Marrison Hamm, 36:46; 3, Flo Helman, 41:27; 4, Dena Helman, 41:54.

**5K Males Overall:** 1, Bob Whalen, 22:18; 2, Michael Real, 23:16; 3, Mike Maeser, 25:59; 4, Leonard Baluski, 29:05; 5, Ryan Tomich, 29:16; 6, John Tomich, 29:31; 7, Dan Muehler, 29:47; 8, Bruce Robinson, 32:55; 9, Leon Sherman, 35:14; 10, Jim Lester, 36:50; 11, Jake Ricci, 42:39.

**11K Females Overall:** 1, Nicole Hunt, Warm Springs, 48:53; 2, Lisa Minnehan, Opportunity, 50:15; 3, Tessi Preston, 1:08:32; 4, Lily Carroll, 1:11:49; 5, Jessica Hiner, 1:13:39; 6, Karen Hueftle, 1:21:49; 7, Sheila Franey, 1:26:44; 8, Tracy Watt, 1:30:08; 9, Theresa Allen, 1:39:57.

**11K Males Overall:** 1, Rande Farrow, 1:03:06; Ray Rogers, 1:06:01; 2, Will Mehrens, 1:06:39; 3, Fred Jozovich, 1:09:32; 4, Paul Riley, 1:10:04; 5, David Mueller, 1:10:31; 6, John Eneigh, 1:13:18; George Parrott, ?.

**Trifecta Females Overall:** 1, Charissa Bisch, Butte, 1:36:04 (11k: 1:02:??, 5k: 25:??, 1M: 8:??); 2, Suzie Kaluza, Butte, 1:38:09 (11k: 1:02:??, 5k: 26:??, 1M: 9:??).

**Trifecta Males Overall:** 1, Matt Choquette, Butte, 1:11:22 (11k: 46:52, 5k: 18:39, 1M: 5:51); 2, Kyle Klicker, Philipsburg, 1:19:34 (51:29, 21:00, 7:04); 3, Eric Shelton, 1:47:25.

**1M:** 1, Aiden Maeser; 2, Mindy Maeser; 3, Caitlin Maeser.



Butte's Matt Choquette (pictured nearest) won all three individual races on his way to a record smashing effort in the second annual Trifecta. Choquette was paced the majority of the distances by his training partner Josh Panasuk (orange headband), who was not an official entrant. Choquette's combined 1:11:22 Trifecta time took 7.5 minutes off the previous record.



Nicole Hunt of Warm Springs, shown cresting Heart Break Hill, won the women's 11K, as the second finisher overall with a time of 48:53.



Butte's Charissa Bisch climbing Heart Break Hill with a smile. Bisch went on to win the women's Trifecta in 1:36:04.

**Breakdown of Race Finishers**

Race	5K	11K	1M	Trifecta	Total
Females	4	9	2	2	17
Males	11	7	1	3	22
Total	15	16	3	5	39