

2012 Wulfman's Frigid Digger Race

Saturday, 18 February.

The race entry fee was \$15 for adults and included a long sleeve t-shirt and post-race refreshments. Pleasant pre-race weather drew in a record number of participants (146 finished). The previous high number of finishers was 126 in 2010. The races started at 10 a.m, shortly after a snow flurry blew in from the northwest, covering the ground with a skim of fresh snow over what was otherwise snow-free footing. The new snow concealed the few patches of ice that were on the course, making foot placement a sort of 'Russian roulette,' and at least two runners crashed hard as a result. Nicole Hunt of Deer Lodge went head-over-heels after slipping on a hidden ice patch shortly before the race started, and she got gashes on both arms and a sprained and swollen wrist. Hunt ignored her discomfort (and her fear of the ice) to win the women's 7-mile race in a close race with her training partner, Michele Bazzanella. Hunt finished in 54:07 with Bazzanella eight seconds behind. Nikki Kimball, Bozeman's ultra-fast ultra-marathoner, used the Frigid Digger race as her break from her winter of cross-country ski racing and she finished a close third in 54:31.

The other runner known to have fallen on the ice was Butte's Matt Choquette who slipped and fell when he was about two-thirds through the 7-mile course. Choquette suffered a hamstring injury as a result of his fall, but he still finished the race in second place overall with a time of 46:58. Helena's Eric Blake won the race, finishing in 45:49.

Susan Kaluza, Butte's longtime queen of distance running, is now 50-something and still winning races. She won the female's 3-mile race by two minutes with a time of 22:23. In the male division of the 3-mile, Butte High's fleet distance runner Josh Panasuk dashed the all-time record for the course, finishing in 17:25, a time 25-seconds faster than the previous record which was set on a slightly shorter course in the inaugural Frigid Digger Run by Jeff Thomas in 1987.

Breakdown of Race Finishers			
Race	3M	7M	Total
Females	57	22	79
Males	44	23	67
Total	101	45	146

3-Mile Females Overall: 1, Susan Kaluza, 22:23; 2, Charissa Bisch, 24:24; 3, Joby Rosenleaf, 25:27.

0-14: 1, Joby Rosenleaf, Butte, 25:27; 2, Allyson Cleverly, Butte, 30:57; 3, Addie Slinger, Helena, 34:20; 4, Ashlin Slinger, Helena, 39:05.

15-19: 1, Lindsey Carlson, Butte, 26:41.

20-29: 1, Mary Cameron, Stanford, CA, 27:39; 2, Lindsay Cannon, Butte, 31:24; 3, Erin Butori, Butte, 35:50; 4, Aleisha Gornick, Bozeman, 37:15.

30-39: 1, Charissa Bisch, Butte, 24:24; 2, Heather Jones, Butte, 35:35; 3, Sherry Spear, Butte, 37:21; 4, Jobyna McCarthy, Missoula, 37:44.

40-49: 1, Lyla Klobucar, Silver Bow, 30:11; 2, Dot Warner, Butte, 30:27; 3, Jody Parvinen, Butte, 34:50.

50-59: 1, Susan Kaluza, Butte, 22:23; 2, Karla Canavan, Butte, 27:22; 3, Jennifer Griggs, Helena, 29:35; 4, Georgia Cunningham, Whitehall, 30:41; 5, Sheila Franey, Butte, 36:59; 6, Nancy Tuber, Helena, 48:22.

60-69: 1, Charlotte McKenzie, Buxton, 33:49.

Walk: Brytin Garrett, Butte, 41:41; Gabrielle Jaeger, Butte, 41:42; Diane Sholey, Butte, 42:23; Barb Brophy, Butte, 43:15; Josie Breining, Butte, 43:52; Margaret Maddock, Butte, 44:06; Catherine Duhamel, Butte, 44:08; Jill Allen, Whitehall, 44:31; Susan Breining, Butte, 44:32; Shelly Cleverly, Butte, 44:52; Kathy Manion, Butte, 46:38; Janet Manchester, Butte, 46:53; Julie Flamming, Butte, 46:55; Mary VanGilder, Helena, 48:20; Channie Garrison, Butte, 58:29; Carlene Grant, Butte, 48:38; Mayce Grant, Butte, 48:40; Pat Gruss, Butte, 48:50; Janet Schrock, Butte, 49:06; Deb Pier, Hot Springs, 49:06; Delores Giacomino, Butte, 49:11; Dawn Johnson, Butte, 49:25; Cheryl Peterslie, Butte, 49:27; Renee Knapp, Butte, 51:02; Kathy Manning, Butte, 53:21; Julie Corbin, Butte, 53:22; Corbin Quinn, Butte, 53:32; Mary Obenhoff, Butte, 57:29; Ann Shea, Butte, 57:40; Talli Leach, Butte, 1:01:40; Janet Pace, Boulder, 1:01:40; Virginia Custis, Missoula, 1:10:26; Tracy Wollet, Helena, 1:10:29; Carrie Christensen, Helena, 1:10:30.

3-Mile Males Overall: 1, Josh Panasuk, 17:25, 2, Ray Hunt, 17:46, 3, Conor McGee, 20:56.

0-14: 1, Seth Grant, Butte, 30:48.

15-19: 1, Josh Panasuk, Butte, 17:25; 2, Conor McGee, Butte, 20:56; 3, Matt Tilstra, Twin Bridges, 21:54; 4, Nathan Hulet, Dillon, 22:00; 5, David Casey, Dillon, 25:10; 6, Nathan Chapin-Trang, Dillon, 26:15.

20-29: 1, Phillip Knopp, Butte, 22:14; 2, James Pearston, Butte, 24:01; 3, Brad Smith, Butte, 24:24; 4, Mohammad Alabdelmohsin, Butte, 29:22; 5, Aaron Sessions, Butte, 29:28.

30-39: 1, Daniel Kachmarik, Butte, 22:50; 2, Andrew Babst, Butte, 25:17; 3, Dallas Crnich, Couer D'Alene, 37:24.

40-49: 1, Ray Hunt, Deer Lodge, 17:46; 2, Dan McGee, Butte, 23:03; 3, Paul Babb, Butte, 24:00; 4, Rod Viallon, Dillon, 27:40; 5, Sean Cleverly, Butte, 30:59; 6, Mark Parvinen, Butte, 34:50.

50-59: 1, Tim Hansen, Silver Star, 26:40; 2, Jim Ryan, Jr., Butte, 28:10; 3, Bradley Murfitt, Helena, 29:25; 4, Leonard Baluski, Bozeman, 29:26; 5, Todd Case, Butte, 30:10; 6, Dan Harrington, Butte, 31:32; 7, Jim Moyle, Butte, 34:06; 8, Ted Bury, Butte, 34:08; 9, Barry Brophy, Butte, 43:41.

60-69: 1, David Mueller, Butte, 25:56; 2, Donald Wood, Livingston, 30:17; 3, Leon Shearman, Bozeman, 31:27; 4, Bill Wells, Helena, 42:00.

70+: 1, Bruce Robinson, Butte, 30:52; 2, Jim Lester, Butte, 36:21; 3, Mike McCarthy, Butte, 37:16.

Walk: John Sholey, Butte, 42:20; Earl Sholey, Jr., Butte, 42:38; Barry Brophy, Butte, 43:16; Earl Sholey, Sr., Butte, 48:30; Bob Tremis, Butte, 48:45; Ron Gruss, Butte, 48:52; George Parrett, Butte, 49:21.

7-Mile Females Overall: 1, Nicole Hunt, 54:07; 2, Michele Bazzanella, 54:15; 3, Nikki Kimball, 54:31.

0-14: 1, Samantha NoRunner, Butte, 1:32:25.

15-19: 1, Olivia Wood, Anaconda, 57:27; 2, Emily Cleverly, Butte, 1:23:52.

20-29: 1, Hannah Dysinger, Butte, 1:04:15; 2, Brenna Boyd, Bozeman, 1:07:35; 3, Brittany Petersen, Butte, 1:15:51.

30-39: 1, Michele Bazzanella, Butte, 54:15; 2, Amber Wood-Jensen, Butte, 59:47; 3, Angie Welles, Butte, 1:01:16; 4, Sarah Slinger, Helena, 1:05:03; 5, Maria Pace, Boulder, 1:07:08; 6, Katie Hailer, Butte, 1:07:38; 7, Tassis Preston, Butte, 1:10:52; 8, Margi Okrusch, Butte, 1:10:53; 9, Samsara Chapman, Helena, 1:12:51; 10, Alysa Pearston, Butte, 1:16:46; 11, Celeste Johnston, Butte, 1:17:24.

40-49: 1, Nicole Hunt, Deer Lodge, 54:07; 2, Nikki Kimball, Bozeman, 54:31; 3, Suzy McClernan, Butte, 1:18:04.

50-59: 1, Linda Mathiason, Helena, 1:16:50; 2, Mary Wood, Anaconda, 1:23:17.

7-Mile Males Overall: 1, Eric Blake, Helena, 45:49; 2, Matt Choquette, 46:58; 3, Ozzie Rosenleaf, 50:19.

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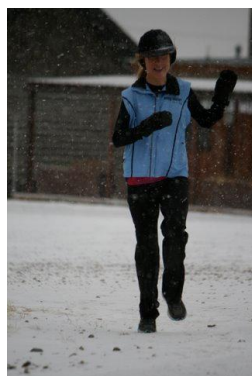
20-29: 1, Matt Choquette, Butte, 46:58; 2, John Mulcaire-Jones, Butte, 1:03:29; 3, Jacob Floch, Butte, 1:04:11; 4, John Becker, Butte, 1:04:26; 5, Cody Curtis, Helena, 1:04:41; 6, Jake McDermott, Butte, 1:05:46; 7, Matt Matich, Butte, 1:06:39; 8, William Daggett, Butte, 1:15:59.

30-39: 1, Ozzie Rosenleaf, Butte, 50:19; 2, Mark Noel, Helena, 50:23; 3, Israel Green, Butte, 1:22:11; 4, C. Max Detjens, Butte, 1:40:21.

40-49: 1, Don Foley, Butte, 52:50; 2, Greg Campbell, Butte, 57:58; 3, Jay Grant, Butte, 1:09:53; 4, Tom Wood, Anaconda, 1:17:08.

50-59: 1, Gary Hoar, Butte, 57:42; 2, Tim Near, Whitehall, 1:07:20; 3, Paul Riley, Butte, 1:09:47; 4, Terry Gauthier, Helena, 1:17:02; 5, Donn NoRunner, Butte, 1:30:20.

60-69: 1, Don Sundberg, Butte, 1:01:17.



Pictured from top are 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the women's 7-mile, respectively Nicole Hunt, Michele Bazzanella and Nikki Kimball.

