

25<sup>th</sup> Annual American Legion Veterans' Day Race

Saturday, 10 Nov 1962 at Legion Hall in Uptown Butte – Course record disallowed



The current Vets' Day Race course record stands at 15:57 by Butte Central's Chuck Smith from 1952. That record was beaten in today's race, but it was done by a post high school runner who race-administrators deemed ineligible for official consideration.

Calvin Strobel of Terry representing Butte's School of Mines finished the course one second faster than Smith's record.

The disqualification of Strobel's victory and record time came despite the races' periodic past practice (as recently as 1959) of allowing post high school runners official entry.

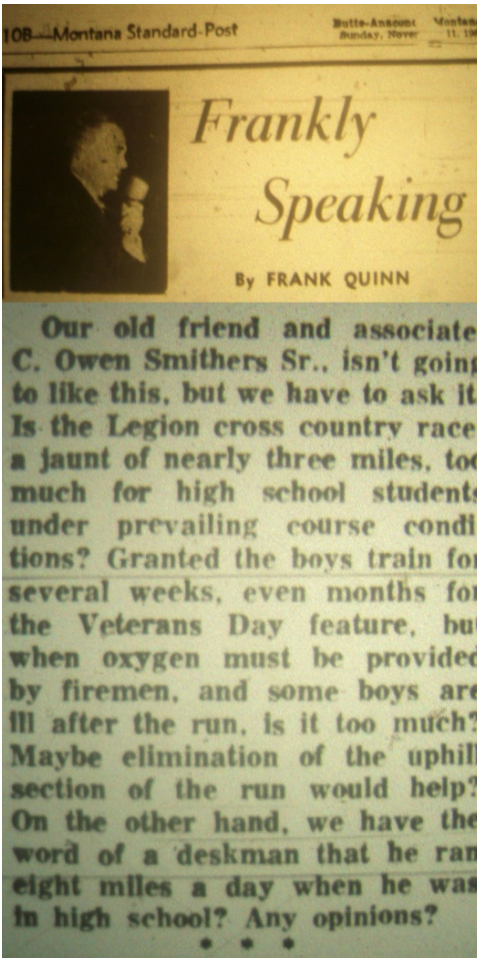
The race's recognized winner was Don Brunell of Butte High, who finished in 16:10.

Race finishers included 32 high schoolers plus Strobel.



**Above:** Awards Ceremony from left, Race Chairman & Founder C. Owen Smithers, Sr., (holding the team award that is named in his honor); 1<sup>st</sup>, Don Brunell, BH, 16:10; 2, Jim Moses, Anaconda; 3, Ken Scherr, BC; 4, Ken Johnson, BH; 5, Jerry Sjodahl, Anaconda; 6, Bob Chamberlin, BH.

**Right:** Not everyone loves the Veterans' Day Race.



With a winning total of 10 team points today, Butte High stretched its lead in this the fourth year of seven in competition for the C. Owens Smithers Plaque. The Bulldogs now have 58 points, followed by Anaconda with 16 points (Anaconda missed the '59 race), and Butte Central with 12.

This year's Saturday race was run on a day other than November 11<sup>th</sup>. This happened once before in race history, and both times the reason was to accommodate Sunday church services.

**HS Boys' Team Scores:** 1, Butte High, 10; Anaconda, 7; Boys Central, 4.

**HS Boys' 2.7 mile:** 1, Don Brunell, BH, 16:10; 2, Jim Moses, Anaconda; 3, Ken Scherr, BC; 4, Ken Johnson, BH; 5, Jerry Sjodahl, Anaconda; 6, Bob Chamberlin, BH.

**Additional runners:**

**BH:** Jerry Stuck, Jerry Bugal, Frank Koskimaki, George Salovich, Brian Frank, Bob York, Ron Lowney, Gary Dunford, Bob Cawley, Dave Koskimaki, Bob Davis.

**Anaconda:** Ben Roth, Chet Stodden, Jim Currie, Pat Jones, Mike Nichols, John Jackson.

**BC:** Rick Brown, Terry Sullivan, Charles Field, Ray Byrne, Curly Thornton, Dan Foley, Alan McCarthy, Joe McManus, Ed Keyes.