

1982 AOH St. Pat's Run

Saturday, 13 March – 3 and 6 mile races sponsored by Anaconda's Ancient Order of Hibernians.

When one says that this year was Anaconda's inaugural AOH St Pat's Run, you are only partly correct. There was another version of the race the previous two years that was put on by the Locker Room Bar and the Goosetown Racquet Club, and many of today's event organizers were involved with that race as well, but the Ancient Order of Hibernians officially took over the race this year, and no records were retained from the first two races, so organizers do in fact consider this year's race to be "inaugural."

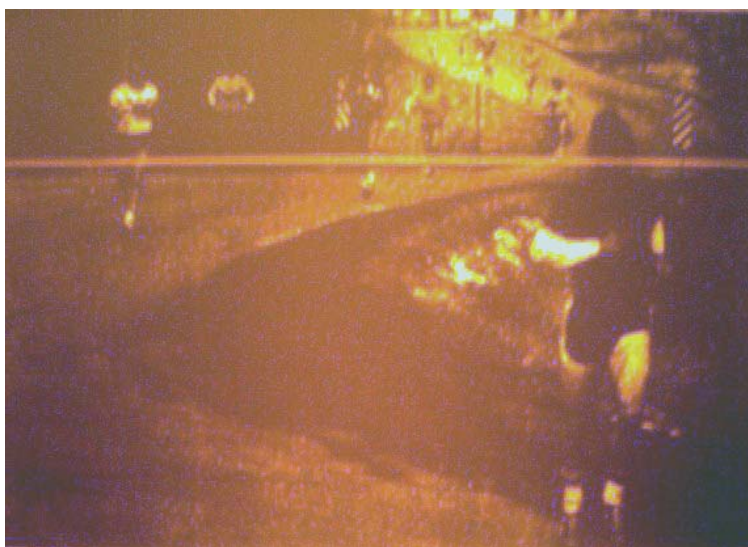
Both races started on Cable Road and finished on Third Street behind the Locker Room Bar. The 6 mile course started at "Babich's Root Cellar". That is what was printed on the entry blank. Babich's is the last house on north Cable Road before it joins the Georgetown Lake Highway, and there was a painted starting line on the road right in line with the door to the root cellar. Medals were awarded to the first three finishers in each category.



John Hahn of Helena won the 3 mile in 15:49.



Runners set to start the AOH St. Pat's 6 mile.



Runners descending Cable Road during the 6 mile.



Stan Zezotarski of Helena won the 6 mile in 30:25.

The official race results listed local girl Jennifer Frankovich as the 6 mile race winner with a time of 34:14. Frankovich was in the 13 and under age group, and her listed time would have put her seven minutes ahead of Helena's Ann Danzer, who carried big credentials as the marathon course record holder in Helena's Governor's Cup. It all reads like a typo, especially considering that another girl (Melissa Frankovich, also 13 and under and possibly Jennifer's sister) ran the 3 mile distance in 29 min. It seems more likely that Jen Frankovich finished the 3 mile a few minutes after her sister and was then mistakenly identified as a 6 mile runner -- a mistake easily made since both races started at 10:30 a.m. and then shared a common finish line. 26 years after this race, Bozeman runner Kirk Keller, who placed third in the men's division of the 6 mile that day, said that "I do not remember Jen and this would not add up - ahead of Ann - with such a time." Such a time indeed. Any woman running 34:14 for six miles would have been an achievement not easily overlooked or forgotten. Keller added "I do remember Anaconda doing everything possible to live up to its billing as a party town."

3-Mile Females Overall: 1, Sandra Germer, 19:32; 2, Marie Cook, 21:25; 3, Roberta Campbell, 23:09.

0-13: 1, Lisa Guay, Helena, 26:52; 2, Molly Oleen, Ana, 27:06; 3, Melissa Frankovich, Ana, 29:02; Jennifer Frankovich, Ana, 34:14.

14-19: 1, Elaine Cyr, Butte, 23:50; 2, Tara Chandler, Missoula, 24:04; 3, Leah Bailey, Missoula, 29:17.

20-29: 1, Shelley Bristow, Missoula, 24:30; 2, Kathy King, Bozeman, 25:13; 3, Jill Worsman, Bozeman, 27:14.

30-39: 1, Sandra Germer, Boulder, 19:32; 2, Marie Cook, Bozeman, 21:25; 3, Roberta Campbell, Ana, 23:09.

50+: 1, Dorothy Cordial, 31:59.

3-Mile Males Overall: 1, John Hahn, 15:49; 2, Rod Bodeen, 17:29; 3, Dan Shea, 17:47.

0-13: 1, Jim O'Neill, Butte, 19:05; 2, Brian Cyr, Butte, 22:30; 3, John McCarthy, Ana, 23:16.

14-19: 1, Pat McCarthy, Ana, 20:12; 2, Ken Pratt, Helena, 20:39; 3, Rick Keeter, Helena, 20:40.

20-29: 1, Chuck Devine, Ana, 20:01; 2, John Austin, Helena, 20:30; 3, Josh Robinson, Butte, 21:13.

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40-49: 1, Charles Anderson, Ana, 19:29; 2, Larry Lakel, Ana, 27:38; 3, John McKenna, Butte, 29:03.

50+: 1, George El Timson, Bozeman, 27:58; 2, Gene Alden, Bozeman, 28:01.

6-Mile Females Overall: Ann Danzer, 41:26; Rita Drain, 41:26; 3, Mary Ellen Crockfield, 45:49.

20-29: 1, Mary Ellen Crockfield, Bozeman, 45:49; 2, Kit Warfield, Bozeman, 46:45; 3, Mary Jean Vaugh, Missoula, 54:07.

30-39: 1, Ann Danzer, Helena, 41:26; 2, Lisa Guay, Helena, 45:57; 3, Eileen Robbins, Helena, 46:27.

40-49: 1, Rita Drain, Butte, 41:26; 2, Carolyn Baird, Helena, 47:13; 3, Joane Eschler, Helena, 50:37.

6-Mile Males Overall: 1, Stan Zezotarski, 30:25; 2, Jim Walker, 30:56; 3, Kirk Keller, Bozeman, 31:11.

14-19: 1, Dan Campbell, Ana, 34:43; 2, Rod Cyr, Butte, 39:32.

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40-49: 1, Bill Foulk, Bozeman, 33:33; 2, Vince Matule, Helena, 35:03; 3, Dean Hearsey, Boulder, 36:12.

50+: 1, Jack Campbell, Ana, 41:18; 2, Phillip Zamudio, Ana, 42:48.