

## 2006 Frigid Digger Race

### Saturday, 18 February

At -27 °C, this year's race was the frigidest ever. The previous low temperature for the race was recorded at -22 °C in 1996. Unlike 1996, this year's race route was not *totally* covered with slippery ice. Men's 7-mile runner Jeff Braun said "it was too cold for skiing today, so I decided to run the race instead." Braun indicated that the course was covered with a fresh skiff of snow saying "John Wulf started the race early, and his footprints were the only marks in the snow" before the rest of the runners came through. Braun added that there were only a few brief patches of snow-hidden ice, one of which he fell on during his return run in the area west of the Mining Museum.

Maurie McLaughlin, who won the women's 7-mile, encountered John Wulf in person at the race, and she recounted that "John was a cold, happy camper making everyone smile as usual, especially me. I think his idea was once you smiled, your face had to be frozen in that smile in that cold ... The sky was a crisp clear blue. John's beard was frozen after the race, and my eyelashes kept freezing during the race."

**3-Mile Females Overall:** 1. Susan Kaluza, 21:15; 2, Bekka Kirtley, 22:25; 3, Anna Kirtley, 23:36.

**0-14:** 1, Bekka Kirtley, Dillon, 22:25.

**15-19:** 1, Anna Kirtley, Dillon, 23:36; 2, Naomi Kirtley, Dillon, 31:09.

**40-49:** 1, Susan Kaluza, Butte, 21:15; 2, Karla Canavan, Butte, 27:36.

**50-59:** 1, Sheila Franey, Butte, 35:19.

**3-Mile Males Overall:** 1. Mitch Tamietti, 18:58; 2, John Kirtley, 20:37; 3, Daniel Kirtley, 21:05.

**0-14:** 1, Daniel Kirtley, Dillon, 21:05.

**15-19:** 1, John Kirtley, Dillon, 20:37.

**20-29:** 1, Mitch Tamietti, Butte, 18:58; 2, John Babcock, Butte, 21:06.

**40-49:** 1, Elton Kirtley, Dillon, 21:32; 2, Jim Ryan, Butte, 21:46; 3, Erik Nelson, Butte, 24:32; 4, Earl Sholey, Butte, 26:20; 5, Dave Susanj, Butte, 29:49; 6, Dan Harrington, Butte, 31:55.

**50-59:** 1, Leonard Baluski, Bozeman, 28:20.

**60-69:** 1, Leon Shearman, Bozeman, 26:58; 2, Jim Lester, Butte, 31:56.

**Walk:** 1, Larry Tidwell, Butte, 48:00.

**7-Mile Females Overall:** 1. Maurie McLaughlin, 57:43; Amber Wood-Jensen, 1:03:32; 3, Aubrey Briscoe, 1:04:04.

**0-14:** 1, Aubrey Briscoe, Helena, 1:04:04.

**20-29:** 1, Maurie McLaughlin, Jackson, 57:43; 2, Amber Wood-Jensen, Butte, 1:03:32.

**30-39:** 1, Angela Bechtell, Butte, 1:04:22.

**50-59:** 1, Carolyn Twidwell, Butte, 1:11:25.

**7-Mile Males Overall:** 1. Patrick Judge, 44:33; 2, Marvin Speece, 45:29; 3, Ozzie Rosenleaf, 50:30.

**20-29:** 1, Gabe Combs, Butte, 52:47.

**30-39:** 1, Patrick Judge, Helena, 44:33; 2, Ozzie Rosenleaf, Butte, 50:30.

**40-49:** 1, Marvin Speece, Butte, 45:29; 2, Jeff Braun, Butte, 54:05; 3, Chris Tippett, Butte, 56:59; 4, Gary Hoar, Butte, 57:44; 5, Jim Woy, Butte, 1:03:56.

**50-59:** 1, Patterson, Butte, 1:06:40.

**60-69:** 1, John Wulf, Butte, 1:19:10.