

2007 Frigid Digger Race

Saturday, 17 February

Sixty six runners braved treacherous running conditions. Leonard Baluski of Bozeman who ran the 3-mile said "Leon [Shearman] and I went to Bob Ward's before the race, to get some Yak Trax."

Four years later in retrospect Michele Bazzanella, who won the women's 7-mile, recalled the race course as "Solid ice except on Brown's Gulch. It was scary - almost everyone had trax or cleats. I chased Maurie [McLaughlin] and caught her on the road."

For her part, McLaughlin remembered the day solemnly as "the last time I ran with John Wulf. =(The road was icy in patches, one man slipped, I remember, and had cut his leg. John had let me borrow his yak traks." Wulf died unexpectedly six months later, leaving McLaughlin and the rest of Butte's running club missing his jovial antics.

| Breakdown of Race Finishers | | | |
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| Race | 3M | 7M | Total |
| Females | 31 | 3 | 34 |
| Males | 19 | 13 | 32 |
| Total | 50 | 16 | 66 |

3-Mile Females Overall: 1. Kaci Hockaday, 26:14; 2, Anna Kovash, 27:43; 3, Britnee Saylor, 27:58.

0-14: 1, Marissa McDaniel, Butte, 29:09.

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20-29: 1, Anna Kovash, Bozeman, 27:43; 2, Keri Petritz, Butte, 28:08; 3, Kelsi Canavan, Bozeman, 28:19; 4, Liz Paget, Great Falls, 28:39; 5, Vicky

Maassen, Butte, 29:36; 6, Lindsay Cannon, Bozeman, 31:07; 7, Hilja Mueller, Butte, 31:49; 8, Patty Pace, Dillon, 40:20; 9, Casey Dixon, Butte, 43:40.

30-39: 1, Maria Biastoch, Butte, 32:21.

40-49: 1, Karla Canavan, Butte, 28:19; 2, Georgia Cunningham, Whitehall, 31:23; 3, Cheryl Peterslie, Butte, 41:18; 4, Jane Fillmore, Butte, 51:03.

50-59: 1, Sheila Franey, Butte, 36:15; 2, Nancy Tuber, Helena, 40:20.

Walk: (all from Butte) 1, Sara Todd; 2, Jen Sholey; 3, Janet Schrock; 4, Stacy Webber; 5, Lindsay Webber; 6, Peg Probasco; 7, Michelle Blakeley; 8, Maggie Pesanti; 9, Sharon Hanni; 10, Kerry McKenzie; 11, Stacy Peterson; 12, Heather Stenson.

3-Mile Males Overall: 1. Ryan Kearney, 22:41; 2, Jim Ryan, 24:35; 3, Jordan Brown, 26:42.

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20-29: 1, Ryan Kearney, Butte, 22:41.

30-39: 1, Pete Pace, Dillon, 41:09.

40-49: 1, Jim Ryan, Butte, 24:35; 2, Earl Sholey, Butte, 27:15; 3, Mike Hogan, Butte, 29:52; 4, Tim Mueller, Butte, 34:55; 5, Dan Harrington, Butte, 35:33.

50-59: 1, Mark Reece, Whitehall, 27:40; 2, Leonard Baluski, Bozeman, 28:28; 3, Keith Kovash, Butte, 31:49; 4, Pat Kearney, Butte, 33:18; 5, Les Williams, Wasilla, AK, 37:56.

60-69: 1, Leon Shearman, Bozeman, 26:52; 2, Bruce Robinson, Butte, 28:46; 3, Don Wood, Livingston, 29:50.

70+: 1, George Parrett, Butte, 48:09.

Walk: (both from Butte) 1, Jim Moyle; 2, John Wulf.

7-Mile Females Overall: 1. Michele Bazzanella, 53:54; Maurie McLaughlin, 54:24; 3, Dawn Giovanini, 1:20:44.

20-29: 1, Maurie McLaughlin, Jackson, 54:24; 2, Dawn Giovanini, Bozeman, 1:20:44.

30-39: 1, Michele Bazzanella, Helena, 53:54.

7-Mile Males Overall: 1. Marvin Speece, 51:14; 2, John Babcock, 52:17; 3, Ozzie Rosenleaf, 52:40.

0-14: 1, Josh Panasuk, Butte, 58:20.

20-29: 1, Kelly LaFountaine, Billings, 57:47; 2, Tim Paget, Great Falls, 59:20; 3, Chris Colson, Bozeman, 1:05:49.

30-39: 1, John Babcock, Butte, 52:17; 2, Ozzie Rosenleaf, Butte, 52:40; 3, Brad Sheehan, Pocatello, 1:18:40.

40-49: 1, Marvin Speece, Butte, 51:14; 2, Gary Hoar, Butte, 57:52; 3, John Tomich, Butte, 1:04:11.

50-59: 1, Chris Tippett, Butte, 53:09; 2, Don Sundberg, Butte, 53:24.

60-69: 1, Dave Mueller, Butte, 1:01:33.