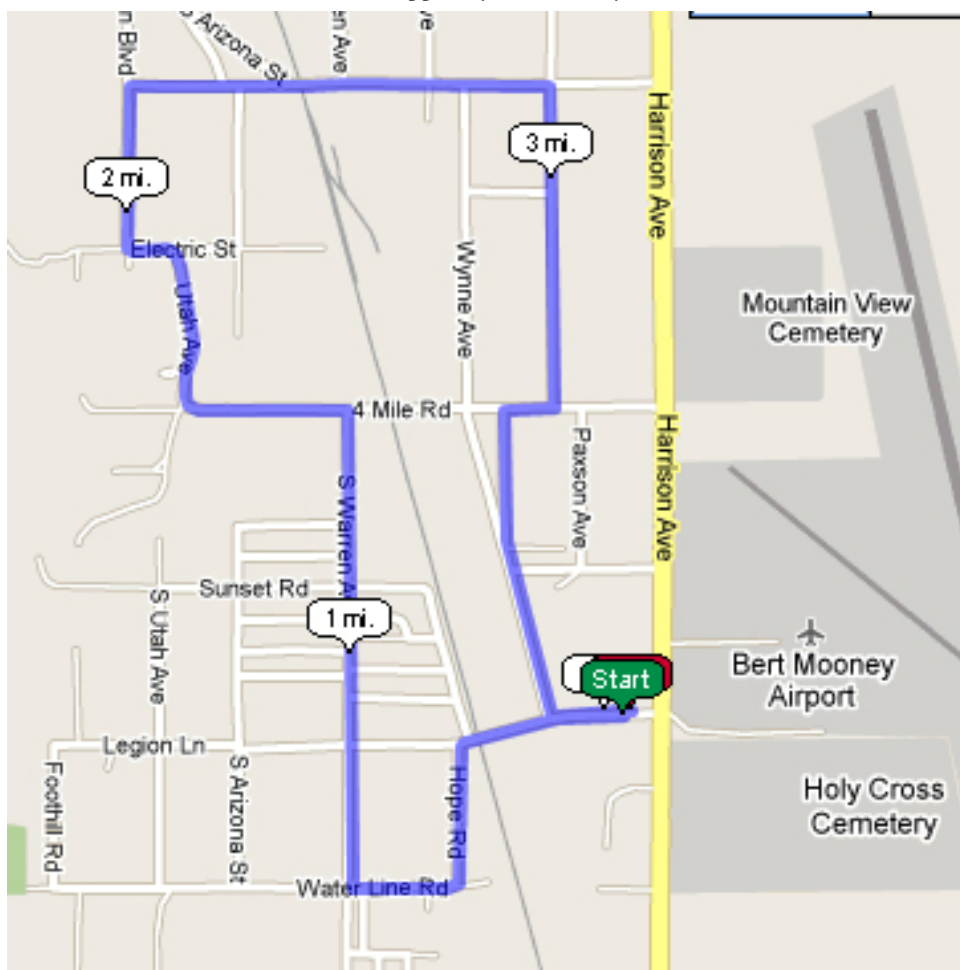


42nd Annual Butte American Legion Veterans' Day Race

Sunday, 11 November 1979– Houlihan a Fourth Time as recapped by Pat Kearney

A new 4.5 mile course was established to start and end at the American Legion Hall just off of Harrison Avenue near the Bert Mooney Airport.



Mike Houlihan successfully defended his men's title in a time of 23:06. Houlihan became the first four-time winner of the race. His previous wins were in 1974, 1975 and 1978. Houlihan surpassed Lester Sodja and Dave McDougall who were the only three-time winners.

The female winner was Deirdre Caughlin of Butte in 32:22.

The victor of the 2.5-mile fourteen and under boys' race was Bob Whalen in a time of 14:50. Whalen's older sister, Mary, had previously won the race in 1974 and 1976. The Whalen's join the brother-sister combination of Bill and Linda Kearney as the only siblings to win the race.

The fourteen and under girls' winner was Kelly Peck of Butte in a clocking of 16:31.

The top three finishers in each race were awarded trophies with ribbons going to the next 12 place winners.

Finishers	2.5 M	4.5 M	Total
Female	7	12	19
Male	9	24	33
Total	16	36	52

2.5 Mile Girls:

0-14: 1, Kelly Peck, Butte, 16:31; 2, Elaine Cyr, Butte, 16:43; 3, Lori Harper, 17:33; 4, Kimberly Powers, NT; 5, Jeanine Rashleigh, NT; 6, Colleen Fairchild, NT; 7, Kerry Drain, Butte, NT.

2.5 Mile Boys:

0-14: 1, Bob Whelan, Butte, 14:50; 2, Troy Lester, 15:14; 3, Chuck Merrifield, Butte, 15:33; 4, Mark Noctor, Butte, NT; 5, Hank Sitton, NT; 6, Rod Cyr, Butte, NT; 7, Kevin Noctor, Butte, NT; 8, Brian Noctor, Butte, NT; 9, Brian Cyr, Butte, NT.

4.5 Mile Females Overall: 1, Deidre Caughlan, 32:22; 2, Marie Cook, 32:34; 3, Jean Johnston, 33:29.

15-18: 1, Jean Johnston, 33:29; 2, Pam Sheehan, 38:06.

19-25: 1, Mary Murphy, 39:08.

26-34: 1, Deidre Caughlan, Butte, 32:22; 2, Andrea Stalker, 33:30; 3, Lanor Kaney, Anaconda, 46:35; 4, Lotti Kovisto, NT; 5, Eddi Walker, Butte, NT.

35-44: 1, Marie Cook, Butte, 32:34; 2, Rita Drain, Butte, 34:45; 3, Sheila Cyr, Butte, 41:17; 4, Mary Gail Fairchild, NT.

4.5 Mile Males Overall: 1, Mike Houlihan, 23:06; 2, Stan Zezotarski, 23:25; 3, Bill Kearney, 25:28.

15-18: 1, Steve Noctor, Butte, 27:46; 2, Joel Temple, Anaconda, 25:51; 3, Scott Fitzpatrick, 26:54; 4, Dave Mitchell, Anaconda, NT.

19-25: 1, Mike Houlihan, Butte, 23:06; 2, Bill Kearney, 25:28; 3, Glenn Metz, 26:37; 4, Steve Stanisich, NT.

26-34: 1, Stan Zezotarski, 23:25; 2, Tim Finley, 29:05; 3, James Kaney, Anaconda, 30:28; 4, Anthony Favero, NT; 5, Gerald Decker, NT.

35-44: 1, Dennis McCarthy, 26:25; 2, Dean Hersey, Boulder, 26:39; 3, Myron Currie, 28:10; 4, Rich Will, NT; 5, Kenneth Erickson, NT; 6, James Lester, Butte, NT; 7, Don Peoples, Butte, NT; 8, Ed Will, NT; 9, Norm Hermsmeyer, NT.

45-54: 1, Warren Swager, Sheridan, 28:40; 2, Ronald Lasik, 39:39.