

50th Annual Butte American Legion Veterans' Day Race

Wednesday, 11 November 1987 – Record Setting Day as recapped, in part, by Pat Kearney

The Race was dominated for the third consecutive year by a member of the Raunig family, but for the first time it was Tom Raunig, rather than his sister Debbie, who crossed the finish line first. Tom, from Bozeman, also joined Debbie as a course record holder with a time of 26:17. Race spokesman John Wulf added that all men's age division records fell in the men's 5.2 mile.

The female winner of the event was Jacque Stingley of Great Falls in a time of 34:23. Today's race marked the third time that the Vets' Day race has been run on the new 5.2 mile course from Stodden Park to Legion Hall. Debbie Raunig's standing course record (31:50) was set in that inaugural race two years ago.

The boys' fourteen and under 2.5-mile winner was John Castner of Butte in a time of 14:58. There was also an event of 2.5-miles for boys 15-18, which was won by Tom O'Neill of Butte in 14:37, establishing a new course record.

Finishers	2.5 M	5.2 M	Total
Female	6	12	18
Male	10	46	56
Total	16	58	74

The girls' 2.5 mile race also ended with a record time. Helena's Wendy Lutgen won in 17:14.0, edging Heather LaFontaine at the finish line by half of a second. LaFontaine of Deer Lodge was the 3-time defending champion.

2.5 Mile Females:

0-14: 1, Wendy Lutgen, Helena, 17:14.0; 2, Heather LaFontaine, Deer Lodge, 17:14.5; 3, Shawna O'Brien, East Helena, 24:07; 4, Molly MacIntosh, Butte, 24:09.

15-18: 1, Deann Surdock, Helena, 18:52; 2, Tammy O'Brien, East Helena, 18:58.

2.5 Mile Males:

0-14: 1, John Castner, Butte, 14:58, 2, Russell Erickson, Butte, 15:11; 3, Brodie Cooney, Butte, 17:59; 4, Albert Lovshin, Butte, 32:38.

15-18: 1, Thomas O'Neill, Butte, 14:37; 2, Brian Noctor, Butte, 15:51; 3, Steve Neary, Butte, 15:59; 4, John Sonderegger III, Butte, 16:10; 5, Don Foley, Butte, 17:07; 6, Jeremy MacIntosh, Butte, 17:59.

5.2 Mile Females Overall: 1, Jacque Stingley, 34:23; 2, Penny Colton, 35:02; 3, Maggie Smith, 35:18.

26-34: 1, Jacque Stingley, Great Falls, 34:23; 2, Maggie Smith, Butte, 35:18; 3, Susan Kaluza, Butte, 35:44; 4, Lauri Sullivan, Butte, 47:09.

35-44: 1, Penny Colton, Butte, 35:02; 2, Marie Cook, Butte, 39:25; 3, Claudine Micone, Butte, 39:41; 4, Charmaine Everett, Anaconda, 40:03; 5, Teyrl Rouse, Anaconda, 55:41; 6, Laura Wing, Warm Springs, 56:06.

45-54: 1, Anna Aplas, Butte, 38:41.

55⁺: 1, Barbara Campbell, Anaconda, 43:54.

5.2 Mile Males Overall: 1, Thomas Raunig, 26:17; 2, Terry Boos, 27:39; 3, Jeff Thomas, 27:59.

19-25: 1, Tor Gudmundsen, Butte, 29:25; 2, Roy Wandle, Butte, 35:22.

26-34: 1, Thomas Raunig, Bozeman, 26:17; 2, Terry Boos, Bozeman, 27:39; 3, Jeff Thomas, Helena, 27:59; 4, Marty Kearney, Bozeman, 28:59; 5, Bob Stingley, Great Falls, 29:43; 6, Pat Kearney, Butte, 30:48; 7, John Willard, Butte, 32:38; 8, Richard Talbert, Butte, 32:55; 9, Robert Lewis, Butte, 36:29; 10, Jim Gilbert, Bozeman, 37:39; 11, Bob Dennehy, Butte, 38:29; 12, Vince Wells, Butte, 40:30; 13, Ted Bury, Butte, 41:41.

35-44: 1, James Hatcher, Helena, 28:19; 2, Robert Webster, Butte, 30:50; 3, Bill Doran, Butte, 31:39; 4, David Mueller, Butte, 32:13; 5, Michael Wetzal, Helena, 33:22; 6, Phil Telling, Butte, 34:05; 7, Randall Chong, Vallejo, CA, 34:35; 8, Jim Sims, Great Falls, 36:01; 9, Jerry O'Brien, East Helena, 36:44; 10, Lou Parrett, Butte, 37:05; 11, John Conlan, Butte, 38:24; 12, Herb Ferguson, Manhattan, 41:14; 13, Dave Bennetts, Clancy, 41:40; 14, Dave Wing, Butte, 45:58; 15, Albert Lovshin, Butte, 52:06.

45-54: 1, Donald Patterson, Great Falls, 31:44; 2, James Lester, Butte, 33:26; 3, Jerry Youngblood, Butte, 33:43; 4, Andy Sandgray, Helena, 35:00; 5, Carl Clark, Great Falls, 35:12; 6, Dennis McCarthy, Butte, 35:55; 7, George Calcutt, Butte, 37:30; 8, Leo Medina, Butte, 40:25; 9, Charles Canty, Butte, 41:06; 10, Gordon Thompson, Clancy, 41:44; 11, John S. Wulf, Butte, 42:25; 12, Don Peoples, Butte, 42:51.

55⁺: 1, Robert Erickson, Black Eagle, 36:38; 2, Jack Campbell, Anaconda, 40:39; 3, Phil Zamudio, Anaconda, 41:57; 4, Al Likes, Sheridan, 46:06.