

57th Annual Butte American Legion Veterans' Day Race

Friday, 11 November 1994 – Kaluza, Hatcher, Cunningham Tops in Race



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Butte's Susan Kaluza winning her record sixth Veterans' Day 5.2 mile race, finishing in 33:04.



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Like Kaluza, Jim Hatcher of Helena also set a Veteran's Day race record for victories by finishing in 30:10, claiming his fifth title.

As recapped by Pat Kearney: Jim Hatcher of Helena became the all-time men's open champion winning the race in a time of 30:10. Hatcher took top honors for the fifth time. His other victories were in 1982, 1984, 1986 and 1991.

Hatcher and Mike Houlihan each had won the four times previously. Hatcher won the race in a dense fog and cool conditions over Mike Walsh of Helena who had a time of 30:48.

The women's winner for a record sixth time was Susan Kaluza of Butte. Her winning time of 33:04 was Kaluza's best time ever in the event.

Mitch Cunningham successfully defended his fourteen and under boys title with a winning effort of 17:25.

For the second straight year there were no contestants in the girls fourteen and under division.

The 35 runners who competed represented the lowest number of participants since 1971.

2.5 Mile Females – None.

2.5 Mile Males:

0-14: 1, Mitch Cunningham, Butte, 17:25; 2, Augie Brower, 18:57; 3, Michael Lovshin, Butte, 22:43; 4, John Lovshin, Butte, 26:34.

Finishers	2.5 M	5.2 M	Total
Female	-	11	11
Male	4	20	24
Total	4	31	35

5.2 Mile Females Overall: 1, Susan Kaluza, 33:04; 2, Katie Green, 39:28; 3, Eddi Walker, 40:21.

15-18: 1, Katie Green, Butte, 39:28; 2, Beth Buck, Deer Lodge, 45:14; 3, Joleen Wahlers, Gold Creek, 45:15; 4, Dawn Buck, Deer Lodge, 48:19.

19-25: 1, Ann Monaghan, Butte, 42:53.

35-44: 1, Susan Kaluza, Butte, 33:04; 2, Eddi Walker, Butte, 40:21; 3, Peggy Benton, 51:41; 4, Eileen Lowery, 58:29.

45-54: 1, Donna Sims, Great Falls, 45:43.

55+: 1, Virginia Sutphin, Great Falls, 54:12.

5.2 Mile Males Overall: 1, Jim Hatcher, 30:10; 2, Mike Walsh, 30:48; 3, Don Sundberg, 31:16.

15-18: 1, T.J. Hart, 34:15.

19-25: 1, John Bardsley, Butte, 32:49; 2, Edward Sullivan, 43:38.

26-34: 1, Brian Mladenich, 34:15; 2, Mark Amaral, 38:15.

35-44: 1, Mike Walsh, Helena, 30:48; 2, Don Sundberg, Butte, 31:16; 3, David Roberts, Helena, 31:31; 4, Jim Ryan, Butte, 32:46; 5, Rick Spady, Ovando, 33:58; 6, Pat Kearney, Butte, 34:26; 7, Chris Tippett, Butte, 42:01; 8, Robert Dennehy, 45:41.

45-54: 1, Jim Hatcher, East Helena, 30:10; 2, Don Patterson, Great Falls, 33:33; 3, Leon Shearman, Bozeman, 34:54; 4, Stuart White, Great Falls, 36:23.

55+: 1, Jim Lester, Butte, 38:48; 2, Carl Clark, Great Falls, 39:28; 3, Bill Yeagle, Butte, 41:45.