

60th Annual Butte American Legion Veterans' Day Race

Tuesday, 11 November 1997 – Butte, Anaconda Runners Front Veterans' Day Race

As recapped by Pat Kearney: Sunny skies with temperatures in the low 30's greeted 67 runners for the race. It was the largest turnout for the race since 1989.

Jason Hamma of Missoula was the overall winner with a time of 29:19. He beat Clark Christensen of Dillon by 26 seconds. Hamma was a former cross country runner at Butte High and also competed for the University of Montana. It was his first Veterans' Day win.

On the women's side a familiar face came across the line first, Susan Kaluza of Butte. It was the seventh time she has captured the race and her first win in the event since 1994. Suzie has previous won the event in 1988, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994.

The winner of the boys' 14 and under division was Jake Sorich of Butte with a winning time of 17:23.

The girls' winner was Anaconda cross country runner Mariah Heaney who posted of time of 17:57. She is the first female runner from Anaconda to win at the Butte race. Only four Anaconda runners have ever won the Butte Veterans' Day Race, Fred Martin in 1961, Howard Johnson in 1967, Dave O'Brien in 1969 and now Heaney.

Finishers	2.5 M	5.2 M	Total
Female	5	6	11
Male	22	35	57
Total	27	41	68

2.5 Mile Females:

0-14: 1, Mariah Heaney, 17:57; 2, Lucy Richards, 23:09; 3, Carrie

Darrington, Helena, 28:18. **35-44:** 1, Donna Fleury, 38:42.

55⁺: 1, Jean Cremer, 41:08.

2.5 Mile Males:

0-14: 1, Jake Sorich, Butte, 17:23; 2, Mike Crowe, Butte, 18:33; 3, Michael Schultz, 19:09; 4, John Mark Stepan, 21:14; 5, Michael Lovshin, Butte, 21:17; 6, Jesse Phillips, 24:06; 7, Andy Fay, 27:08.

15-18: 1, James Schultz, 16:20, 2, Zack Madrazo, 17:00; 3, Sean Schwiegert, 17:11; 4, John Groce, 17:33; 5, Joe Henrich, 17:37; 6, Timothy Browning, Dillon, 17:37; 7, Matt Cozby, 18:22; 8, Mike Banks, Butte, 18:23; 9, Chris Banks, Butte, 19:35; 10, Nick Fortune, 21:10.

26-34: 1, Kevin Noctor, 18:20; 2, Mark Noctor, 20:55.

35-44: 1, Steve Noctor, 19:33.

45-54: 1, Charlie Mueller, 20:29; 2, Dan Ferestad, 23:09.

5.2 Mile Females Overall: 1, Susan Kaluza, 34:14; 2, Eddi Walker, 40:55; 3, Karissa Norman, 43:12.

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35-44: 1, Suzie Kaluza, Butte, 34:14; 2, Eddi Walker, Butte, 40:55.

45-54: 1, Pam Naugle, Butte, 43:23; 2, Teddy Dorland, 45:30; 3, Sheila Franey, Butte, 47:15.

5.2 Mile Males Overall: 1, Jason Hamma, 29:19; 2, Clark Christensen, 29:45; 3, Mark Bolt, 29:47.

0-14: 1, Kevin Kovacich, Anaconda, 38:41; 2, Matt Darrington, Helena, 45:52; 3, Bradley Darrington, Helena, 47:05.

15-18: 1, J.D. Anderson, Anaconda, 31:03; 2, Mitch Cunningham, 31:27; 3, Cody Siders, 36:20; 4, Kevin Heaney, Anaconda, 34:48.

19-25: 1, Jason Hamma, Missoula, 29:19; 2, Mark Bolt, Billings, 29:47; 3, Tim Dees, 40:51.

26-34: 1, Andy Burton, Butte, 33:22; 2, Don Foley, Butte, 36:11.

35-44: 1, Clark Christensen, Dillon, 29:45; 2, Marvin Speece, Butte, 32:17; 3, Marty Kearney, 34:48; 4, Bob Kearney, Butte, 35:33; 5, Pat Kearney, Butte, 36:01; 6, Kevin McCaughey, Butte, 37:39; 7, Lauren Kostoff, Elliston, 38:01; 8, Tom Cashell, 42:55.

45-54: 1, Don Sundberg, Butte, 31:18; 2, David Mueller, Butte, 33:28; 3, Leon Shearman, Bozeman, 35:48; 4, Rick Spady, Ovando, 36:21; 5, Stuart White, Great Falls, 36:39; 6, Alan Overmier, 36:49; 7, Jim Hatcher, Helena, 38:28; 8, Tony Schetzle, 40:39; 9, Jim Dorland, Opportunity, 44:38; 10, Bill "Dusty" Rhoads, 46:13; 11, Albert Lovshin, Butte, 64:00.

55⁺: 1, Russell Meech, Cascade, 40:21; 2, Jim Lester, Butte, 42:21; 3, Don Peoples, Butte, 45:21; 4, Warren Swager, Sheridan, 45:37; 5, Phil Zamudio, Anaconda, 58:51.