

74th annual Butte American Legion Veterans' Day Race

Friday, 11 November 2011 - Patrick Judge Embodies Spirit of Wulfman

Finishers	2.5 M	5.2 M	Total
Female	10	13	23
Male	5	42	47
Total	15	55	70

The United Veterans Council conducted Veterans Day services at 10 a.m. in Stodden Park. Harold Godtland trumpeted *Taps* and Rachel Roberts sang *The Star Spangled Banner*. Council Commander Mary Creech gave the call to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The

Marine Corps League raised the flag. Chaplain Art McCaffery spoke, and messages were presented by several politicians. All this happened while the race-day-only-registration for the traditional Veterans' Day foot race took place nearby under the direction of fellow Race Chairmen, Pat Kearney and Jack Whalen. Kearney pointed out that the date was a unique day in this century -- 11/11/11 -- adding two more ones to the usual November 11th race starting time of 11:11 a.m. All finishers were treated to a lunch at the American Legion Hall following the race. Trophies were awarded to the top three boys and to the only two girls in the 2.5-mile race, and the others who completed that race received ribbons. A similar but more extensive awards structure was used for the 5.2-mile race. Sixty-nine finished the two races under mostly sunny skies with mild temperatures 5 degrees above freezing.

At 41 years of age, Helena's Patrick Judge won today's 5.2-mile race again for the fourth time in his long racing career. He also won the race in 1995, 1996 and 2000. In addition to the overall winner's trophy, Judge was given the John "Wulfman" Wulf memorial award for what Race Chairman Kearney described as "embodying the spirit of the Veterans' Day race." Through the years, Judge has traveled over the mountains from Helena to race the Veterans' run a total of eleven times, and he has been the chief push behind Helena's large contingent of runners who also traditionally take part.

In last year's 5.2-mile race, Judge's training partner, Thomas Jodoin, led from the start before taking a wrong turn near the end, allowing Judge to take the lead to (but not across) the finish line. Judge stopped in front of the finish and waited for Jodoin to cross first. This year Jodoin and Judge again went immediately to the front with Jodoin leading and with Judge tucked neatly in his wake as they ran southward into a slight headwind. It appeared that the two may have been employing a pacing tactic designed to achieve a specific finish time, and after the race Judge said that he narrowly missed his time goal. In the later stages of the race, Judge pulled in front of Jodoin and then won by 13 seconds in a time of 28:49.

Butte's Michele Bazzanella took top honors in the women's 5.2-mile race with a time of 35:29. Helena's Elaine Dahl finished second with a 3-minute PR in 37:07. The winner of the 14 and younger boys' 2.5-mile race went to Butte Central elementary student Shannon Tempel. He had a winning time of 18:03. Tempel edged Central student Theron Nelson. The winner of the girls' race was East seventh-grade student Joby Rosenleaf with a time of 20:29. Abby McGee of Butte took second.

2.5 Mile Females:

0-14: 1, Joby Rosenleaf, Butte, 20:29; 2, Abby McGee, 21:26.

30-39: 1, Sunny Roy, Livingston, 38:13.

50-59: 1, Celia Bertioa, Bozeman, 23:58; 2, Leslie Sutphin, 26:18; 3, Georgia Cunningham, Whitehall, 28:50; 4, Sheila Franey, Butte, 28:50; 5, Cheryl Peterslie, Butte, 42:57.

60-69: 1, Yvonne Webber, 42:57; 2, Peggy Verlanic, 42:57.

2.5 Mile Males:

0-14: 1, Shannon Tempel, Butte, 18:03; 2, Theron Nelson, Butte, 19:29; 3, Quinn Sullivan, 25:50; 4, Jasper Ueland, 25:54.

50-59: 1, Kyle Klicker, Phillipsburg, 24:07.

5.2 Mile Females Overall: 1, Michele Bazzanella, 35:29; 2, Elaine Dahl, 37:07; 3, Shawna Gibson, 40:27.

19-29: 1, Karle Nash, 43:39.

30-39: 1, Michele Bazzanella, Butte, 35:29; 2, Elaine Dahl, Helena, 37:07; 3, Shawna Gibson, Butte, 40:27; 4, Charissa Bisch, 42:13; 5, Elizabeth Rehmer, Livingston, 43:29; 6, Jennifer Buszka, 44:03.

40-49: 1, Lori Cashell, 49:02.

50-59: 1, Eddi Walker, Butte, 45:22; 2, Karla Pomrenke, 47:21; 3, Ann Wayrynen, 49:18; 4, Gay Hamilton, 52:02; 5, Sandy Sedey, 57:02.

5.2 Mile Males Overall: 1, Pat Judge, 28:49; 2, Thomas Jodoin, 29:02; 3, Matt Choquette, 29:52.

15-18: 1, Josh Panasuk, Butte, 31:08; 2, Connor McGee, Butte, 33:50.

19-29: 1, Matt Choquette, Butte, 29:52; 2, Evan Eck, Helena, 32:59.

30-39: 1, Thomas Jodoin, Helena, 29:02; 2, Ozzie Rosenleaf, Butte, 34:25; 3, Bill Foley, Butte, 41:41.

40-49: 1, Patrick Judge, Helena, 28:49; 2, Peter Dan Sullivan, Helena, 31:17; 3, Chris Colberg, Helena, 33:09; 4, Mark Peterson, Butte, 35:37; 5, Mike Kearney, 38:27; 6, Greg Campbell, Butte, 38:39; 7, Dan McGee, 39:07; 8, Mike McCaughey, Butte, 40:34; 9, Kendal Weidinger, 43:48; 10, Mark McGinnis, 43:59; 11, Gary Marshall, 44:06; 12, Rod Viallon, 45:09; 13, Chris Alexander, 1:15:00.

50-59: 1, Marvin Speece, Butte, 32:22; 2, Chris Tippet, Butte, 33:19; 3, David Gregory, West Yellowstone, 34:01; 4, Don Sundberg, Butte, 36:16; 5, Bill Kearney, Helena, 39:07; 6, Donald Grinsell, 40:15; 7, Russ Ehman, Helena, 42:02; 8, Scott Craige, 42:13; 9, Paul Riley, 44:41; 10, Scott Frisch, 45:53; 11, Mike Patterson, Butte, 49:19; 12, Gary Rillema, 49:35; 13, Dan Harrington, Butte, 49:55; 14, Pat Kearney, Butte, 52:40; 15, Jim Downey, 1:05:21.

60-69: 1, Tim Johnson, 41:29; 2, Leon Shearman, Bozeman, 50:30; 3, Don Wood, 53:38.

70+: 1, Ed Foley, Butte, 45:31; 2, Bruce Robinson, Butte, 47:37; 3, Skip Montie, Dillon, 54:15; 4, Jim Lester, Butte, 1:00:00.

Patrick Judge of Helena won his fourth Vets' Day Race by pacing and drafting early in the race and then...



... pushing his effort to the finish.



Butte's Michele Bazzanella came through with a smile when she won the women's 5.2-mile.



70 year old Bruce "Red Dog" Robinson of Butte carried the 'colors' through the finish in the third fastest finish time ever recorded for the 70+ age division. His time of 47:37 was, however, only fast enough for second in that division this year.

Butte's 74 year old wonder, Ed Foley, won the 70+ division in 45:31, a standard bettered previously only by himself in last year's race when he finished in 44:12.

