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MISSOULIANS ON BICYCLES 34th ANNUAL

WESTERN MONTANA HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two records broken

- Forty-seven cyclists participated in this year's Hill Climb. It was perhaps the best weather in the event's thirty-four year history.
- Willy Zellmer, 17 years old, of Missoula, took first place with a 13:22 in the men's division. Nathan Keck was second with a 13:52 and Josh Tack (who won the event in 2005, 2008 and 2009) was third with a 14:15.
- Tamara Bissette won the women's crown with a time of 16:16 (she also took the title in 2007). Rhea Dahlberg took second with a 16:35, that also set a new record for the women's 35-44 years age category that was established in 1987.
- Wayne Vandeburge broke the record for the men's 65-74 year category with a 17:39.
- The climb went smoothly thanks to the efforts of the crew of volunteers that put it together. Jennifer Milyko was chief registrar and start timer with assistance from Rob Milyko. At the top Dick Lane was chief timer assisted by Derek Gallagher and Roger Olsen. Course Marshal up top was Chris Walters. Kevin McManigal handled prize distribution.
- Of course, we want to thank Big Sky Bikes for the use of their shop for registration.
- For a complete list of past champions and category records go to www.missoulabike.org.
- Most improved rider was 10-year-old Hannah Mikesell who posted a time of 35:16 this year. Her time last year was 61:03.
- One rider won a copy of a book about bicycle tours in West Texas. He had just moved to Missoula from there.
- Joe Arnone and Bruce Mikesell each made the ascent twice - once as solo a cyclist and once as the captain of a tandem



Tate Sansbury jumps off the starting line.



Kelsey and Jack Stamm, niece and uncle.



Willy Zellmer, Men's Winner.



Tamara Bisette, Women's Winner.



Bikes and riders wait for results announcements.



Riders dive in to pick up their prizes.

Next year's Western Montana Hill Climb Championships, the 35th annual, are scheduled for the first Sunday in October, 2011.

2010 HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

NEW RIDER WOMEN (12 years & under)

1-Hannah J. Mikesell (Huson)*35:16

INTERMEDIATE WOMEN (13-14 years)

1-Samantha Sayer.....20:29
2-Andrea Schmidt.....29:16

SENIOR WOMEN (18-34 years)

1-Sara McAllister18:59
2-Katie Monaco19:48

VETERAN WOMEN (35-44 years)

1-Rhea Dahlberg (New Age Category Record).....16:35
2-Kim Schneider (Whitefish).....21:59

MASTER WOMEN (45-54 years)

1-Tamara Bisette (2007 Winner).....16:16

NEW RIDER MEN (12 years & under)

1-Ethan Goss (Ronan)22:45

JUNIOR MEN (15-17 years)

1-Willy Zellmer13:22

SENIOR MEN (18-34 years)

1-Nathan Keck13:52
2-Josh Tack (2005, 2008 2009 Winner).....14:15
3-Tyler Smith.....14:50
4-Jason Mills (Kalispell)14:55
5-James Bird.....17:01
6-Jason Harding.....17:18
7-Nicholas Sloop.....18:16
8-Will Bradley.....19:14
9-Norman Singley*19:59
10-Arthur Mouratidis28:18

VETERAN MEN (35-44 years)

1-Cory Nelson (Plains)15:12
2-Robert Saylor15:18
3-Tate Sansbury15:42
4-Peter Lambros.....15:49
5-Doug Swain.....15:50
6-Ross Schneider (Whitefish)15:56
7-Peter Dove.....16:00
8-Josh Martel.....16:19
9-Rob Gillespie16:32
10-Darren Kennedy.....18:14

MASTER MEN (45-54 years)

1-Joe Arnone (Kalispell)(1999, 2000, 2001 Winner)14:40
2-Pat Scharfe.....16:47
3-Ken Cornelius (Ronan).....17:03
4-Keith Monaco18:26
5-Benjamin Schmidt21:36

GRAND MASTER MEN (55-64 years)

1-Howard Hickingbotham17:45
2-Kevin Detwiler.....19:10
3-Greg Siple*64:28

WHEEL MASTER MEN (65-74 years)

1-Wayne Vandenberg* (New Age Category Record)17:39
2-Alden Wright*21:20
3-Michael Wilder (Hamilton)23:05

SUPREME RIDER MEN (75 & up)

1-Tom Arnone* (Kalispell)31:52

MIXED TANDEM

1-Joe & Mandy Arnone (Kalispell).....17:51
2-Bruce & Emily Mikesell (Huson).....25:56
2-Kelsey & Jack Stamm27:45

*denotes MOBI member