AUGUST 9, the annual DESERT RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIPS -- 10K and 15K. Early-morning camaraderie, desert running at it's finest, chances are you'll be in the TOP TWENTY of this year's Desert Champions! (so said a previous pre-race announcement). And, now ...

15k: 1. Rob Tran 1:17:02 2. Mike McBride 1:19:07 3. Bob Thome 1:19:34 4. Ernie Langelier 1:21:11 5. Esa Crumb 1:33:45 6. Andy Winnefeld 1:53:14 10k: 1. Craig Parks 51:05 2. Pascal Brammier 52:31 3. Jay Kay, 54:38 4. Rick Warren, 64:06 5. Liz Norris, 65:07 6. Lucy Archuleta, 67:17 7. Dave Younger, 67:19 8. Conrad Cole. 71:05 9. Carl TenPas. 77:53 and chasing everyone in (& picking up flags, no doubt) -- Paul Wubben, 1:49:48.

the RACE DIRECTOR summarizes: "It was an ideal race day. The trail was dry, the bugs few, the temperature equitable and there was a slight breeze.

Unfortunately, two of the long runners ran too far -- the 7th Street hills were not flagged adequately.

GPS for the shorter run varied from 5.7 miles to 5.9 miles. I will call it 6 miles because of the hills and nature of GPS. Henceforth, these will be 6- and 9- mile runs. At least it is 3.8 miles north to the Mesa as per Larry Ingram's motorcycle.

Thanks, P. W,

Note: after the torrential rain a week before, there was a large lake behind the new leach dam. Unfortunately the water flowed over the dam (damaging it!) and down the road, flooding all the east-side parking areas. These dried out before the race."