

# STRIDER "TOM" TURKEY PREDICTION 6 MILE

Saturday, November 19, 2016

NO.	NAME	TIME	+OR-				
1.	*Chuck Mattson	51:55	+ :15	2.	*Trina Ehrenberg	51:09	- :24
3.	*Sheryl Douglas	71:33	- :33	4.	*Bryan Baroffio	46:31	- :59
5.	*Marshall Steel	48:27	-1:03	6.	Cheryl Stahley F 1 <sup>st</sup>	42:11	-1:04
7.	Bob Thome	42:51	-1:09	8.	Ray Jensen	44:49	-1:11
9.	Donnie Tietzman	39:49	-1:17	10.	James Roche	39:37	-1:23
11.	Stefanie Von Flue	44:08	-1:45	12.	Karla Nephew	53:49	-2:21
13.	Jay Valentine	42:36	-2:26	14.	Craig Parks	42:40	-2:38
15.	Andy Winnefeld	51:10	-2:50	16.	Tom Ela	49:23	-2:59
17.	Ryan Steel M 1 <sup>st</sup>	39:31	-2:59	18.	Mat Ozanic	41:14	-3:46
19.	Laura Venner	44:41	-3:49	20.	Jay Krabacher	54:08	+3:50
21.	Patrick Hummel	41:02	-3:58	22.	Conrad Cole	67:33	-4:27
23.	Randee Bergen	67:23	-4:37				

\* Denotes turkey winners

**FROWNS AND SMILES.** These dominated the faces of the finishers of the Turkey Prediction Run on Saturday, November 19, 2016. **FIRST** was the frown when the finisher heard their time and realized they ran much faster than predicted. Then **SECOND** came the smile with realization they had run faster than they thought they could. It is always self-satisfying to run faster than you believed yourself to be ready to do. It wasn't until Bryan Baroffio finished as the 14<sup>th</sup> runner that the one minute barrier was broken, but only by one second. In the end this was good enough for the fourth turkey. Only two runners didn't run faster than their predict. Why so fast?

All seemed to agree that the really beautiful morning was at fault for the fast times. The sun felt so good. The temperature was perfect. The usual Orchard Mesa east downslope wind off of Grand Mesa was missing. **YES**, the weather did it and also the course was in perfect shape.

James Roche and Donnie Tietzman blamed fastest runner Ryan Steel for making them run too fast, Ryan says it's all their fault for pushing him. Note, they all finished in an 18 second span to lead the herd. First lady, Cheryl Stahley's 42:11 was 1:04 faster than her predict, which was her 43:15 winning time last year. Same goes for Marshall Steel, last year's predict winner (2 seconds off), but this year was 1:03 faster than the same 2015 predict time. It was still good enough to take home a 13-pound frozen bird.

Sixty year old Chuck Mattson was the 19<sup>th</sup> finisher of 23 but won the "Big" bird by being 15 seconds fast. Sheryl Douglas was the final finisher and used her last year's finish time to end up 33 seconds slower and took home a 16-pound frozen turkey. Randee Bergen brought her big white dog to run with, she could have ridden him/her part of the way. It must have been the dog's fault for her running 4:37 too fast. This made her the furthest off of the predictors and she was awarded the can of chicken broth (turkeys were too fast for broth.). Do dogs like chicken broth? *(of course they do)*.

Great group, lots of fun, good running and good post-race camaraderie . Special thanks to OM City Market for donating the purchase of two birds and to Emma Jensen for her special help. Thanks for showing up, it was a fun time for the organizer as well.