

February 11, Valentine's Massacre Beverage-Prediction 3-mile run. Bottom of Little Park Road near the Gunnison River

The annual VMBP3mi had relatively optimal weather, considering how the rest of the day turned out. Only light rain, and practically none at all during and immediately after the run. We had more entrants than last year!

Good earnest cardiovascular healthy efforts were demonstrated by everyone who participated, but slightly-more stellar efforts were recorded by (1) over-all fastest runner: Patrick Hummel* who jogged the course in 18:44. (2) Karla Nephew, women's fastest, with 25:37 (3) over-all prediction winner, Donnie Tietsema, who was EIGHT SECONDS off his pre-race prediction, took home quite a lot of the entry "fee" (bottles or cans of various beverages) – and was greatly aided by his "team" (Valentine couple category) partner, Becca Fulmer, who was 46 seconds off her prediction, accounting for a team total of 54 seconds missing the perfect predict. They were 27 seconds ahead of the 2nd-place team of Katie and Patrick Hummel. (4) also winning beverages were almost-as-good-as-Donnie predictors LIZ NORRIS, JAY VALENTINE, LAURA SCHNEIDER, and BOB THOME.

Sheryl Douglas set the only age group record of the day – and upon further research, noted that she actually set the same a.g. record last year. Over 2/3 of the runners were within one minute of their predicted times. Many thanks to LARRY INGRAM & D J Nephew who assisted with this event !

*Minor? Note: the following week's Fruita Valentine-themed run had a Patrick Hunnel. Did we get the name incorrect here?

Finishers in order of least amount of time spent enjoying? the course –

1. Patrick Hummel* 18:44 44 seconds off predict
2. Scott Vig 21:06 24 3. James Roche 21:24 36
4. Bob Thome 22:51 21 5. Tom Ela 24:13 51
6. Jay Valentine 24:30 15 7. Donnie Tietsema 24:32 08
8. Karla Nephew 25:37 25 9. Yvette Valentine 27:12 1:18
10. Becca Fulmer 27:42 46 11. Katie Hummel 31:23 37
12. Laura Schneider 31:40 20 13. Liz Norris 32:45 15

14. Sheryl Douglas 35:22 22 15. Rhonda Bowen 35:25 2:25

16. Kim Cole 46:38 2:53 17. Conrad Cole 46:38 2:53