

## Desert Championships 2017

### The Aug. 5, DESERT CHAMPIONSHIPS, 3-DAM(n) Course

This year we saw 13 runners. Participation numbers have varied widely over the years, some with more than double this year's attendance, and a few with less. "Ya' never know ..."

The Race Director summarizes: "(Weather was ) cool, dry, winds from S & SE. No flags pulled out and (hence) no-one lost! Two GPS's were 4.9. Previously, there was one at 5.5 (& 5.7!) – so henceforth we'll call the race distance 5 miles.

It is a very interesting course but might be better-attended if longer.

Decades ago we had a run to the "Flat-Top" which is west\* of the old "Triple Jump" – it was listed at 7 miles. If there is enough interest, we can do it next year.

Tom Ela checked the flags Friday evening and picked them up on his mountain bike on Saturday. I really appreciated this!

*\*Dr. W wrote "east" for Flat-Top direction from old "Triple Jump" course. Editor may be wrong, but I think he meant the big flat-top feature to the northwest.*

3-Dam 5-mile Desert-Run finishers: 1. DAVE YOUNGER, 38:52 2. Bryan Baroffio, 42:16

3. ANNA HANTACK, 43:18 4. Joe Schwarz, 44:27 5. Ernie Langelier, 47:54

6. Andy Winnefeld, 49:52 7. Tom Ela, 50:17 8. Laura Venner, 51:30 9. Karla Nephew, 51:30 10. Kristin Coakley, 56:59 11. Liz Norris, 61:34 12. Conrad Cole, 70:04 and winner of the category of "most time spent enjoying the course" – Paul Wubben, 1:40:47