

28th ANNUAL 2:18 RUN ELK/BEAVER ULTRAS

Hosted by Prairie Inn Harriers Running Club - Victoria, BC, Canada - May 9, 2015

Race Report

It is my pleasure to report we had a very successful event this year. We enjoyed a great turnout of athletes from across the country.

It was a hot and dry day for the event. Temperatures climbed to 25 degrees and the Race Crew worked hard to keep all the athletes well hydrated and comfortable throughout the day.

I would like to thank our sponsor, Victoria marathoner Phil Nicholls and his business 2:18 RUN. Once again we enjoy a great selection of technical race shirts, ribbons and trophies for our athletes. Thank you.

We had great volunteer support from Harriers members and friends of the club. I can't thank you enough. Your time was greatly appreciated. I hope to see you next year.

I especially want to thank Carlos Castillo, Carlos Castillo II (C2), and Bob Reid for their support and dedication throughout the year to help make this event as successful as it was. These gentlemen put more work into this event than I did, and this event would not have happened without their expertise and know how. As usual, Carlos ran the 50K in the opposite direction to assist runners. He completed his event in a very respectable 5:45:18. What a guy!

100K National Championships

This year we were honored to be awarded the opportunity to host the 100K National Championships. Armand Leblanc of the ACU was also on hand to present the National Championship trophies and see potential members of the National team first hand.

This year's winner was Adam Kahtava (Calgary) winning the Open Men's 100K Division with a time of 8:08:55. Second place finisher, and winner of the Master Men's category, was Jason Loutitt (Vancouver) in a time of 8:23:21. Jason was also the top Master Male in the recent Vancouver Marathon, just 6 days ago. These gentlemen provided a thrilling race throughout the day. At times only a minute separated these exceptional runners. For the women, Arielle Fitzgerald (Toronto) won the Open Women's competition with an inspiring 8:29:32. She will certainly be a name to watch in the future.

10 athletes stayed on the course and easily finished this race under the 12 hour cut-off; we had 5 DNF's. What an amazing display of talent and determination.

50 Miles (80.47K)

The 50 Mile Division was won by an athlete in the Master Men's category; Darren Seaman completed the course in 6:20:04. His winning finish was celebrated by many friends and family. The next athlete to cross the line was Glen Jasechko, winning the Open Men's category in a time of 7:38:05. Melanie Williams won the Master Women's category with a time of 9:48:32. We had 12 athletes in this race, and 4 DNF's. Well done!

50K

This race had the largest field. The overall winner of the 50K was Alicia Woodside (North Vancouver) in the Open Women's category, in a time of 3:53:18. Alicia was the overall winner of our 50 Mile Division last year. Second place, and winner of the Master Men's category, was Rafael Albert in a time of 3:57:37. Third place overall, and winner of the Master Women' category, was Lise Wessels, in a time of 4:02:28. Lise was the overall winner of this event in 2013. We had 37 athletes starting this race with 4 DNF's.

The "First Timers" Marathon (42.2K / 26.2 Miles)

This year we had a very good turnout of 12 first time marathoners. Winning this race is reserved for athletes that have never participated in a marathon before. If you ran a marathon in the past, you cannot win the trophy. Kody Kryzanowski won the event with a very strong 3:22:50, claiming the Open Men's category. Vanessa Le placed second overall and claimed the Open Women's category with a time of 3:51:32. Marie O'Callaghan placed 4th overall and won the Master Women's category with a time of 4:08:23. Darrel Frank placed 9th overall and won the Master Men's category with a time of 4:53:47. This event had 11 finishers and only one DNF. It is always so inspiring to see first time marathoners complete this lifetime goal. Well done everyone!

40K Walk

We only had three Masters athletes in this event. Chris Rudram walked away with the Men's Master title in a time of 6:50:35. Kristie Congram placed second overall and won the Master Women's category with a time of 6:52: 35. Dave Fodor placed third overall with a time of 6:53:01. We had no DNF's in this event. Good job everyone.

Thank you for choosing to participate in our event! I hope our visitors enjoyed your stay in our beautiful city. I look forward to seeing all of you next year. Bring a friend.

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