

1978 Inogene Pass Mountain Marathon

The fifth annual Inogene Pass Mountain Marathon was run at 8:30 A.M. on Sunday, September 17, 1978. Weather conditions ranged from moderate to very bad as the day dawned overcast with light rain beginning just before the start. The rain turned to a very wet snow at 11,000 ft. and above 12,000 ft. the weather became absolutely wintry. At the 13,114 ft. pass runners had to contend with a 25 M.P.H. wind, 2 in. - 12 in. of snow, fog and a temperature in the mid 20's. In short there were white-out conditions above 12,500 ft. turning the race into a survival test.

On the Telluride side the snow changed back to rain at Tombay and even this stopped below 10,000 ft. By the time the tail-end runners made it to Society Tunnel, the skies to the west were actually showing blue and the first rays of sun struck the finish line just as the last runner was finishing.

Forty-two runners started in the race and in spite of the adverse conditions 39 reached the summit and 37 made it all the way to Telluride. There were 37 men and 5 women. Ages ranged from 13 to 51. Just completing the course in the worst weather conditions yet was a major accomplishment. The new record set by Lou Lund of Helixton is incredible and deserves special notice.

Results are as follows:

Men:

			Record.
Junior (11-14)	1) Tony Conditte	4:48:27	(3:45:55) 1976 Mark Trujillo ↑
Teenager (15-19)	1) Joe Conditte	4:17:20	(New Record) first time run.
Champion (20-29)	1) Alan Fox	2:35:48	(2:15:56) 1976
	2) Tony Morris	2:45:00	
	3) George Crane	2:54:45	

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Men:

Veteran (30-39)	1) John Crippis	2:35:21
	2) Ken Mansky	2:45:30
	3) Ken Weil	3:08:17

Record
(2:31:51)
1976
Terry Dennison ↑

Master (40-)	1) Lee Watson	3:41:57
	2) Haskell Rosebrough	4:09:34

(2:52:44)
1977
Jack Peru

Women	1) Lori Lund	3:16:42
	2) Kim Fisher	3:33:21
	3) Chris Gardner	4:27:09
	4) Kathy Lund	4:34:06
	5) Kathy Larson	4:34:53

(New Record)
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1977

Overall Placings and Times

Place	Name	Age	Ascent Time	Final Time	Home
1	John Crippis	36	1:51:37	2:35:21	Los Alamos, N.M.
2	Stan Hox	23	1:54:00	2:35:48	Telluride
3	Terry Morris	28	2:01:00	2:45:00	Silverton
4	Ken Mansky	32	2:02:30	2:45:30	Durango
5	George Crane	26	2:12:30	2:54:45	Silverton
6	Joe DeMott	22	2:04:00	2:57:06	Durango
7	Dan Peterson	29	2:12:20	2:57:53	Grand Junction
8	John Larson	26	2:15:02	3:07:00	Durango
9	Ken Weil	36	2:17:40	3:08:17	Farmington, N.M.
10	Gerry Roach	35	2:13:00	3:13:37	Durango
11	J. D. Dickinson	25	2:26:25	3:14:43	Durango
12	Tom McKinney	32	2:20:50	3:15:49	Ridgway
13	Lori Lund	20	2:26:35	3:16:42	Silverton
14	Andy Hutchinson	21	2:21:05	3:17:52	Durango
15	Jim Sullivan	35	2:22:34	3:19:22	Montrose

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16	Jerry Rhee	32	2:26:37	3:19:57	Telluride
17	Rob Blair	34	2:31:55	3:27:39	Durango
18	Gary Gould	24	2:26:38	3:29:37	Durango
19	Bill Gardner	30	2:36:07	3:31:51	Silverton
20	Kim Fisher	20	2:36:08	3:33:21	Telluride
21	Jack Carter	28	2:44:43	3:39:23	Shiprock, N.M.
22	Lee Watson	50	2:34:10	3:41:57	Kirtland, N.M.
23	Jack Jollymore	31	2:44:58	3:44:28	Ouray
24	Jim Rohr	26	2:45:00	3:45:26	Durango
25	Mark Stanton	22	2:44:59	3:52:28	Durango
26	John Amerino	28	2:47:31	3:55:31	Prescott, Ariz.
27	Wesley Rosebraugh	51	2:49:37	4:09:34	Darmington, N.M.
28	Joe Conditte	15	2:45:10	4:17:20	Ouray
29	Robert Campbell	35	3:03:18	4:17:36	Telluride
30	Chris Gardner	26	3:04:52	4:27:09	Silverton
31	Kathy Lund	31	3:01:35	4:34:06	Silverton
32	Frank Larson	25	2:36:11	4:34:53	Durango
33	Kathy Larson	25	3:04:51	4:34:53	Durango
34	Tony Conditte	13	3:05:45	4:48:27	Ouray
35	Scott Schuetz	26	3:04:35	4:58:47	Silverton
36	Butch Crim	26	3:06:59	4:58:47	Silverton
37	Dave Lyons	21	3:12:00 ±	5:03:59	Durango

Did not finish:

Bill Lund	25	2:50:49	Silverton
Mark Hamilton	21	3:07:07	Durango
Blake Knoll	26		Durango
Paul Dunn	27		?
Jim Pilkington	39		Ouray

T-Shirts

Several runners expressed an interest in obtaining a T-shirt as a souvenir of the 1978 Imogene Pass race. No T-shirts were made up before the race, but those who wish to do so can now obtain one after the fact.

Tom McKenney has volunteered to take care of the designing, printing and shipping of the T-shirts. The shirts will have a design portraying Imogene Pass as you may remember it in 1978. They will be made of 50% cotton and 50% polyester and come in various colors.

Granted, it is no longer the T-shirt season as sundays race made all to clear, but the T-shirts will bring back cooling memories next summer when the heat makes the memory of snow and wind seem as far away as Siberia.

If you desire a T-shirt, fill out the order form and send it along with a \$5.00 check to Tom McKenney. If you have a favorite color put it down on the form. Tom will try to get the color you want, but he can make no guarantees. We need at least 20 orders.

Send Order To:

Tom McKenney

R.R. 1

Ridgway, Colorado 81432

Your Address:

Please send me _____ T-shirts. I enclose a check for \$5.00 for each shirt ordered. Circle the size: S M L XL

Color: _____

Comments: _____

