

2007 Tussey Teaser #2: Tussey-to-Whipple 11 Miler

By Mike Casper

A light breeze wafted about and the mercury was stuck in the teens Saturday morning as 16 runners thumbed their noses at Old Man Winter and took on the Tussey-to-Whipple 11 Miler. Master Winter blew a few flurries around here and there but it didn't amount to much. Andrew Webb took advantage of the mild weather and dry surface to click off a new record for the distance, snipping nearly 2 minutes from the time posted by Denny Simonetti in 2005. Monika Modest unmodestly chopped more than 5 minutes from Susan Gillmor's leading 2005 time. Tim Spigelmyer has improved his time the last two years, this time shaving 51 seconds from his 2006 time. Bob Boozer snipped 27 seconds off his 2006 effort. Recovering from a bout with plantar fasciitis, three-time Mountainback ultra finisher Joe Shuta bested his time from 2005. More accustomed of late to marathon diaper changing, Mike Casper was quite satisfied with his first jaunt over 5 miles in months. This was his first timed run on this route since the late nineties when he didn't hear race director Bob Crowe's explicit directions, stopped in the first straightaway to tighten his shoe laces, missed the turn onto Laurel Run Road, kept trying to catch up with the pack, and logged an extra 3 miles en route to Whipple. Like most of the rest of us, prior to the start Mara Modest and Dana Kracaw wondered, "What are we doing here?" They nevertheless covered the distance at a very steady pace. Taking the opportunity to put in a few extra clicks, Marvin Hall was spotted before 8 a.m. on his way from Whipple to the start, so Marv's time was actually recorded after an (at least) 11-mile warm-up. Regrets to all who wished for the water placed at mile 7. Some unscrupulous (or mighty thirsty) driver-by nabbed the water even before Andrew got to it. Gotta camouflage it next time. Back at Tussey new snow was blowing furiously across the landscape as runners got back in their cars and turned on the heat. Ah, Spring!

The next Teaser on May 6, the Sidewinder 10K, features age- and gender-graded results. The complete Teasers schedule and details are posted at www.tusseymountainback.com/tussey_teasers.html

| <u>Pl. Name</u> | <u>Time</u> |
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| 1. Andrew Webb | 1:12:21 |
| 2. Tim Spigelmyer | 1:15:08 |
| 3. Costas Maranas | 1:17:01 |
| 4. Jim Myers | 1:23:27 |
| 5. Bob Boozer | 1:23:43 |
| 6. Monika Modest* | 1:28:32 |
| 7. John Lacombe | 1:28:08 |
| 8. Bob Crowe | 1:29:05 |
| 9. Dan Guss | 1:33:13 |
| 10. David Gray | 1:33:17 |
| 11. Joe Shuta | 1:33:20 |
| 12. Pamela Scott* | 1:33:36 |
| 13. Mike Casper | 1:37:37 |
| 14. Mara Modest* | 1:39:22 |

15. Dana Kracaw* 1:39:22
16. Marvin Hall 1:53:36