

Schendel Soars on New Mayo Open Course

A gorgeous, sunny late afternoon greeted the participants in the 21st running of the Mayo Open 5-kilometer cross country race on September 14th, following the high school invitational event. For the first time, the race was held at Oak Summit Golf Course. The runners raved about the first mile but were less enthusiastic about the finishing hill.

Zachary Schendel, making his debut in the event, was the only person under 17 minutes, with a time of 16:47. Second place went to Kevin Grigg in 17:31. Last year's winner, Jesse Nelson, was third. The first Master's runner was Joe Reynolds, in 19:21. For the women, De Thomford was first in both the open and Master's division, with a time of 21:39, followed closely by LaRee Etter, in 21:43. Renee Saxman was third in 22:01. Unfortunately these three women took a wrong turn on the course, so it is unclear what their times would have been on the regulation course. For Grand Prix results, they were each given a 1:30 penalty, but this did not change the age groups places.

This was the first time we had a finisher in the 70 and over men's category – Pat Brown. One race record was set, as Rosemary Harnly, who recently turned 60, ran 27:50, breaking the legendary octagenarian, Ether Furne's, old mark of 42:08, set in 1990.

Participant awards included squash, zucchini, and tomatoes from the race director's garden, as well as some cucumbers and apples from his next door neighbor. Thanks to the expert volunteers, who ran things smoothly, despite being few in number – Don Gabrielson, Gary Larson, John Modry, Roger Spee, and (at the registration table) Nathaniel DeBoer.

1. Zachary Schendel 28	16:47	22. Carlo Biondolillo 50	22:18
2. Kevin Grigg 25	17:31	23. Brian Purrington 55	22:22
3. Jesse Nelson 30	17:45	24. Barb Giles 38	23:17
4. Ron Giles 37	18:15	25. Roger Heil 56	23:18
5. Tony Einertson 33	19:11	26. Nate DeBoer 13	23:20
6. Joe Reynolds 46	19:21	27. Bill Joppa 44	23:21
7. Scott Helt 38	19:27	28. Ann-Kristin Gjertsen 46	23:59
8. Josh Erwin 18	19:34	29. Dennis Schreiber 55	24:19
9. Brad Kautz 49	19:43	30. Lin Gentling 55	24:56
10. Ben Dolphin 22	20:41	31. Katie Schneider 24	25:02
11. Stephen Weigand 34	21:04	32. John Resman 48	25:08
12. Steve DeBoer 51	21:05	33. Jon Heil 26	25:15
13. John Brown 63	21:27	34. Yvonne Hubmayr 55	25:36
14. Gary Dutton 47	21:28	35. James Lovett 51	26:15
15. Matt Shrader 30	21:31	36. Rosemary Harnly 60*	27:50
16. Deb Thomford 49**	21:39	37. Wendy Haack 25	28:07
17. LaRee Etter 38**	21:43	38. Susan Powers 55	28:58
18. Jim Mason 46	21:50	39. Pat Brown 70	28:58
19. Espen Gjertsen 48	21:56	40. Krissy Resman 11	30:31
20. Renee Saxman 45**	22:01	41. Anna Resman 15	30:33
21. Larry Kleppe 51	22:05	42. Justin Murray 68	34:42

* new age group record

** made wrong turn on course