

Stoick and Schendel Speedy at Oak Summit

In the closest finish of the Mayo Open Cross Country Race's 22 year-history, Mike Stoick edged Zachary Schendel to win the September 13, 2007 edition of the event, held for the second year at Oak Summit Golf Course. They were both timed in 16:42, the fastest finishing time since 2001, when Dan Simmons ran 16:04 (Jason Sinwell ran 16:12 on a shortened course in 2004). Despite rain, lightning and hail less than 3 hours earlier (causing a delay of the start of the Mayo Invitational high school races held before the Open), a record 51 participants completed the course.

Among the males, first master's finisher was Tom Woo, in 19:11. The first 50-59 year old, Brad Kautz, almost set an age group record, crossing the line in 19:36, only 4 seconds off the record set by Hal Gensler in 1997. Brad still, however, holds the 30-39 age record of 16:35, as Mike Stoick's time of 16:42 this year is now the second fastest for that group.

First woman finisher was Deb Thomford in 22:43. She also set a new record for 50-59 year olds, besting Lin Gentling's time of 24:06, run in 2005. Renee Saxman was second female in 23:57. There were only 5 women running this year, down from 13 in 2006, and all were age 40 and above. This included Rosemary Harnly, who broke her own 60-69 age group record, with a time of 27:17, nipping Pat Brown by 1 second, as he set a new 70 and over record.

The race director completed the race shirtless for the 20th consecutive year. Local garden produce was awarded to all race volunteers (Paul Anderson, Loren Johnson, Gary Larson, John Modry, Kenny Parker, Bruce Petz, and Nate DeBoer) as well as any race finishers who stopped by the registration table after the race.

1. Mike Stoick	31	16:42	27. Gary Dutton	48	21:47
2. Zachary Schendel	29	16:42	28. Brian Purrington	55	21:52
3. Robert Mitchell	28	17:07	29. Steve DeBoer	52	21:57
4. Chris Lutz	22	17:25	30. John Brown	64	22:00
5. Jesse Nelson	31	17:28	31. Matt Schrader	31	22:06
6. Tim Kersey	32	17:35	32. Chris Frye	54	22:10
7. Jason Sinwell	29	17:48	33. Mark Winter	38	22:25
8. Matt Kurke	25	17:56	34. Jon Arnold	60	22:36
9. Andrew Sholha	22	18:11	35. Nate DeBoer	14	22:37
10. Mark Carey	36	18:14	36. Deb Thomford*	50	22:43
11. Chris Chen	25	18:23	37. John Trolander	62	23:02
12. Ron Giles	38	18:50	38. Chad Couser	9	23:13
13. Todd Rowekamp	38	19:08	39. Don Gabrielson	48	23:22
14. Tom Woo	48	19:11	40. Bill Macon	52	23:41
15. Stephen Weigand	35	19:25	41. Renee Saxman	46	23:57
16. Brad Kautz	50	19:36	42. KC Reed	53	24:14
17. Craig Weckwerth	44	19:46	43. Lin Gentling	56	25:01
18. Bob Miller	34	19:52	44. John Resman	49	26:04
19. Wayne Dickie	42	20:22	45. Yvonne Hubmayr	55	26:57
20. Eric Woodford	34	20:34	46. Steve Strange	61	27:03
21. Scott Helt	39	20:45	47. Rosemary Harnly*	61	27:17
22. Mitch Oyen	37	20:52	48. Pat Brown*	71	27:18
23. Tim Jennings	30	21:23	49. Ethan Couser	7	30:51
24. Nate Oglesby	23	21:24	50. Jim Newbold	46	30:58
25. Greg Hagen	53	21:27	51. Justin Murray	69	36:07
26. Mark Mueller	44	21:45			

* new age group record