

2007 UPRRC Annual Meeting Fun Run



Left to right: Christie Pruett, Vicky Begalle, Alan Jarvie, Gary Barrett, Jody Bergeon, John Wallace, Karen Wallace, Jerry Giancola, Santa Sved, Al Salmi, Mike Camilli

5K Results:

1. 19:04 Mike Camilli, Marquette
2. 20:55 Alan Jarvie, Fibre
3. 20:57 Gary Barrett, McMillan
4. 23:59 Jerry Giancola, Iron Mountain
5. 28:19 Christie Pruett, Ishpeming

2.5K Results:

1. 16:04 Vicky Begalle, Escanaba
2. 16:21 John Wallace, Ishpeming
3. 20:45 Bill Sved, Marquette
4. 21:27 Jody Bergeon, Escanaba
5. 22:02 Karen Wallace, Ishpeming,
6. 22:03 Al Salmi, Rapid River

One Runner's Account, by Gary Barrett:

Well, conditions looked better this year... I thought. At least, it wasn't snowing... yet. Last year, in falling snow, this race got off to a leisurely pace and stayed that way. I expected the same this year: my first mistake. Santa's bells served as starting gun; Mike Camilli and Alan Jarvie were off to the races. Oh-oh, I should have warmed up better. I struggled to catch Al on the opening downhill. We rounded the turn onto packed snow together. Mike was receding into the distance. Slippery footing slowed the pace... ah! that was better! Then came the hills and even that pace seemed hard. Al and I played cat-and-mouse to the turn-around (wasn't that closer in last year?). In search of better footing, we took opposite sides of the road and Al gained on me some. Mike was nowhere to be seen by this time. We cheered encouragement to Jerry and Christie going the opposite direction. Up a short but nasty slope, then gently down to the final turn, I gradually made up the distance I lost. Al and I rounded that last turn together. Then I got it in my head to kick in the final straight. I haven't done that in over twenty years! What was I thinking? I separated from Al but he sprinted by me right before the finish. My quads hurt for the next three days!



John was probably thinking of warmer climes.



New club secretary, Jody, leading Karen and Al into the finish.



Too many marathons for this Santa... where's the belly?