

VERNAL EQUINOX MUD GRAND PRIX (72ND)
19 MARCH, 1995 12:00 NOON

1) DEAN JUSTICE . . . . .	.50:26	
2) STEVE CACKLEY. . . . .	.51:30	
3) BILL STANDAL . . . . .	.56:52	
4) CYNTHIA CHILTON. . . . .	.56:55	FIRST WOMAN
5) JOHN MARTIN. . . . .	.57:08	BACKWARDS; EARLY START
6) EDDIE ZAWASKI. . . . .	.57:41	(3-18)
7) JOHN SALMON. . . . .	.57:50	
8) D "SPUD DOG" HENDERSON . . . . .	.57:59	
9) RICK CARLSON . . . . .	.58:13	
ED HERSHBERGER . . . . .	.58:13	
11) ERIK SCHARFFENBERG . . . . .	.58:44	(3-22)
DEL SCHARFFENBERG. . . . .	.58:44	(3-22)
13) BILL CAPRON. . . . .	.58:23	
14) VALDEMAR SCHULTZ . . . . .	.59:15	
15) E DAVID GRANUM . . . . .	.60:39	
16) ANNA GAIL. . . . .	.66:23	
FRED HASLE . . . . .	.66:23	
18) TERRY CASTLES. . . . .	.67:17	
19) BOB HAMMERS. . . . .	.67:45	
20) KATHY SEVERSON . . . . .	.71:31	
CHARLIE MARTIN . . . . .	.71:31	SECOND WOMAN
22) WILD BILL MCCRACKEN. . . . .	.72:44	(3-20)
23) CHARLA SCHARFFENBERG . . . . .	.77:48	(3-16)
24) ROGER LARSON . . . . .	.81:15	(3-18)
25) LINDA STANDAL. . . . .	.93:08	(WALK AND RUN)

LATE RESULTS FROM WINTER SOLSTICE '94: In the US, SPACCARELLI AND GRILL: 54:28 (12-31-94). In Poland, ZAWASKI 57:31.

Welcome to old runners and new runners! Welcome back to Eddie Zawaski, whose report of the winter solstice edition of the Polish Mud Grand Prix is appended. Eddie had run the US course the day before, but came to support the runners in the company of Sabin, who although not quite 14 months old, appreciated the sunshine, the mud, the company, and the cookies at least as much as his elders.

On race day, the temperature was mild; the trails were muddy. A big tree was down on Dogwood. The race didn't start on time, and some times may be approximate; as race director and runner, I remember doing better and remain guardedly optimistic about improvement.

A record number of participants had schedule conflicts. Running the course at your own convenience is an option that is discretionary, depending on the race director, and the current leadership is entirely open to the idea. Some runners were absent this time because of supporting or running Fred Willet's Pacific Rim One Day race, including Wild Bill McCracken, who now has the dubious distinction of having participated in three races in three days, including a one-day run. (Ask him for details.) Red Fisher ran a fast 50 K in Longview, and then stayed up all night helping. Erik aided Del to a fourth-place total 107 miles.



MUD GRAND PRIX GAZETTE JUNE, 1985

ATTENDANCE

How many people usually run the Mud Grand Prix? Is it growing or fading in popularity? Do runners prefer a particular season for this race? Let us examine these seminal questions.

A total of 1518 finishers are listed for the 68 races for which documentation exists. (The results of four races are missing.) The overall average is thus just under two dozen participants.

Number of runners	Number of events
less than 10	3
10-14	7
15-19	19
20-24	16
25-29	12
30-34	5
35-39	2
more than 40	4

The highest number of runners in one race was in 1978, when forty-six people ran the race; the fewest number of finishers was six. All three runs with fewer than ten finishers were in 1985.

Average number	Era
26.6	1970s
19.0	1980-84
19.5	1985-1989
25.6	1990s

A careful examination of these statistics shows the races are better-attended now than they were ten years ago, but not quite as popular as at their inauguration.

The results of an examination of the best attendance seasonally show that equinoxes beat solstices decisively, with the winter solstice run drawing the most participants. Perhaps people are making resolutions a couple of weeks early, or fulfilling them fifty weeks late. Possibly they simply prefer running in inclement weather. Maybe it's not as much fun if you cannot complain that it's too cold, too hot, or too muddy!

Spring average number	20.4
Summer average number	23
Autumn average number	20.4
Winter average number	26

SUMMER POTLUCK



Following the run on June 21, we will have our second annual grand prix pot luck. Bring your children, parents, coaches, fans, blankets, chairs and/or wienies. See you!

(Editor's note: Thanks to Del for his incisive numerical analysis. cws)

MUD GRAND PRIX RESULTS (73rd)
 SUMMER SOLSTICE 1:34 PM LOCAL TIME
 RUN HELD 6-21-95 6:30 PM

1) MARK BLOUDEK. . . . .	.42:50	
LARRY MERRIFIELD.	42:50	
3) MICHAEL HAGMEIER.	46:40	
4) QUENTIN PHILLIPS.	47:17	
5) SCOTT BURGESS	48:07	
6) JOHN DUDLEY	48:15	
7) TODD STREIFF.	48:44	
8) GEOFF WHITING	48:56	
9) DEL SCHARFFENBERG	49:04	
10) DEAN JUSTICE.	49:05	
11) MIKE CHRISTENSON.	49:39	
12) ERIK SCHARFFENBERG.	50:51	
13) TED NOLAN	52:07	
14) ELLIE NOLAN	52:15	FIRST FEMALE
KEN FLETCHER.	52:15	
16) STEVE CACKLEY	52:20	
17) JIM ATHAY	52:36	
18) JERRY DUNCAN.	53:28	
19) THOMAS TRIEU.	54:11	
20) GERRY GREEN	55:09	
21) RICK CARLSON.	56:48	
BRYAN CHAPMAN	56:48	
23) BETTE DZAMBA.	57:20	SECOND FEMALE
24) D "SPUD DOG" HENDERSON.	57:25	
25) BILL CAPRON	57:50	
26) E DAVID GRANUM.	58:30	
27) MIKE BARTOLUS	58:43	
ALAN CABELLY.	58:43	
29) BILL STANDAL.	59:41	
30) DENNIS TONG	62:47	
NATHAN TONG	62:47	
32) TOM MCENTEGARD.	63:07	
33) JENNIFER TAYLOR	63:28	THIRD FEMALE
34) BOB HAMMERS	63:42	
35) PAULA BARTOLUS.	63:58	FOURTH FEMALE
LYNN BYERS.	63:58	
37) ROGER LARSON.	64:53	(EARLY START)
38) BILL MCCRACKEN.	66:38	(6-17-95)
39) JIM SNYDER.	71:37	
40) CHARLA SCHARFFENBERG.	77:07	(6-19-95)
41) ANN WHITING	79:02	
42) FREEMAN TONG.	114:08	(LONG COURSE)

LATE RESULTS FROM VERNAL EQUINOX RUN, 1995: ELAINE PAUL AND CAROL SUNDHOLM: 70:00 minutes.

In the 73 times this race has been held, this is only the fifth time we have had more than forty runners. The weather was cloudy and cool for summertime (low 60s). Somebody was wondering about the elevation of the course:

Wallace Park 128'
 Lower Macleay (bottom of stairs) 100'
 Where Dogwood crosses the Wildwood 700'

(All altitudes approximate)

AUTUMN EQUINOX MUD GRAND PRIX (74TH)
23 SEPTEMBER, 1995 9:00 AM

- 1) JOHN DUDLEY46:50
- 2) DEL SCHARFFENBERG.49:51
- 3) RICH SPACCARELLI AND BUCKWHEAT . . .50:13
- 4) STEVE CACKLEY.50:28
- 5) BILL STANDAL51:15
- 6) JIM ATHAY.51:45
- 7) GERRY GREEN.52:13
- 8) BILL CAPRON.54:59
- 9) JERRY DUNCAN55:07
- 10) JOHN MARTIN.56:16
- 11) TERRY CASTLES.57:15
- 12) JIM HAUER.57:16
- 13) EDDIE ZAWADZKI57:58
- 14) MICHAEL RYAN58:45
- 15) ROGER LARSON60:09
- KARL WETZEL.60:09
- 17) JOHN SALMON.60:43
- 18) D "SPUD DOG" HENDERSON66:15
- 19) BILL MCRACKEN.68:42
- 20) E DAVID GRANUM69:00

COMBATANTS COMPLETING TRUNCATED OR EXTENDED ALTERNATE COURSES

- 21) BRUCE HOSTETLER
- 22) FRED HASLE
- 23) MICHAEL WELLS
- 24) LAURIE ALBRECHT
- 25) TOM MCENTEGARD
- 26) JIM SNYDER
- 27) LINDA STANDAL
- 28) CHARLA SCHARFFENBERG

FALL

The rain is raining.
The leaves are leaving.
The leaves are raining.
The rain is not leaving.

Before we got started, Gerry Green caught the fall spirit, but he wiped off most of the blood and mud, and ran anyway. The morning was warm and clear. It had been windy in the week before the run, and two trees were on the trail.

Thanks to several benefactors of the postage fund, including an anonymous one. Thanks to Spud Dog for refreshments.

FOUND AT THE FINISH: 1 PAIR OF OAKLEY EYESHADES
1 NAVY BLUE LONG-SLEEVED CRATER LAKE PULLOVER
Call 245-9070 to arrange for transfer.

Happy Trails. Camembert Gardenberger, Associate Race Director

WINTER SOLSTICE MUD GRAND PRIX (75TH)
23 DECEMBER, 1995 9:00 AM

1) SETH WETZEL . . . . .	.42:42	
2) MARK BLOUDEK . . . . .	.42:54	
3) MICHAEL LYNES . . . . .	.43:46	
4) JOHN DUDLEY . . . . .	.48:05	
5) DEAN JUSTICE . . . . .	.49:31	
6) SCOTT BURGESS . . . . .	.50:10	
7) CAL ALSLEBEN . . . . .	.50:25	
8) DEL SCHARFFENBERG . . . . .	.50:40	
9) STEVE CACKLEY . . . . .	.51:08	
10) BOB LYNES . . . . .	.52:28	
11) RICHARD SPACCARELLI . . . . .	.52:32	
12) MELISSA THORNE . . . . .	.54:33	FIRST WOMAN
13) PATRICK GRILL . . . . .	.54:39	
14) DENNIS TONG . . . . .	.54:50	
NATHAN TONG . . . . .	.54:50	
16) JERRY DUNCAN . . . . .	.55:03	
17) VALDEMAR SCHULTZ . . . . .	.56:05	
18) MICHAEL EBELING . . . . .	.56:49	
19) FRANK MACMURRAY . . . . .	.57:04	
20) MICHAEL RYAN . . . . .	.57:12	
21) MARK FREY . . . . .	.57:25	
22) DAVID DRONKOSKI . . . . .	.58:22	
23) EDDIE ZAWADSKI AND ALICE (3 stops)	58:33	TWENTY-SECOND MAN, FIRST DOG
24) JOHN SALMON . . . . .	.60:48	
25) ALAN CABELLY . . . . .	.61:09	
26) ROBO SCHWEOFFERMANN . . . . .	.61:55	
27) EVERETT THORNE . . . . .	.62:19	
28) BILL CAPRON . . . . .	.62:57	
29) JOHN ROBISON . . . . .	.63:35	
30) E DAVID GRANUM . . . . .	.63:42	
31) PETE TAYLOR . . . . .	.63:51	
32) DEAN STROUP . . . . .	.64:01	
33) RICK CARLSON . . . . .	.64:15	
ED HERSHBERGER . . . . .	.64:15	
35) DAVID REGISTER . . . . .	.64:31	
STEVE SHAPIRO . . . . .	.64:31	
37) TODD BRADLEY . . . . .	.65:33	
JOHN BRADLEY . . . . .	.65:33	
JASON BRADLEY . . . . .	.65:33	
40) MARY SMITH . . . . .	.68:56	(Wild Cherry)
KATIE GARVIE . . . . .	.68:56	(Wild Cherry)
42) ROGER LARSON . . . . .	.69:42	
43) BILL MCCRACKEN . . . . .	.69:46	
44) FRED WILLET . . . . .	.72:28	
45) ANNA GAIL . . . . .	.74:08	SECOND WOMAN
FRED HASLE . . . . .	.74:08	
47) SPUD DOG HENDERSON . . . . .	.75:43	
48) CYNTHIA BOHAN AND FREYA . . . . .	.78:34	THIRD WOMAN, SECOND DOG
49) CHARLA WHEELER SCHARFFENBERG . . . . .	.81:02	(12-20-95)
50) JOE KREGAL . . . . .	.83:48	(LONGER COURSE)
51) LINDA STANDAL . . . . .	.94:16	FOURTH WOMAN
BILL STANDAL . . . . .	.94:16	
53) JOHN WILLET . . . . .	.95:39	
PAT AHERN . . . . .	.95:39	
55) BARBARA ALSLEBEN	125:00	FIFTH WOMAN

PREVIOUSLY-UNREPORTED RESULT FOR FALL EQUINOX 1995 RUN:
FRANK MACMURRAY 55:48
