

STRIDER TOM TURKEY 2015

Nice turnout for not the greatest weather day. The O. M. east wind made a sunny morning cold. This, and the freshly-graded half mile gravel section and the half mile dirt section with an angled bike single track should have slowed times on the six mile predictions somewhat. Maybe predictors over compensated a little, anyway 18 out of 26 runners were under their predictions, yet only two of the turkey winners were under. Go figure.

The men's fastest was Kevin Donoher whose good 35:00 finish was exactly one minute fast as was women's fastest Cheryl Stahly with her good 43:15, crazy. Well, the craziest finish was by Jay Valentine who is usually quite close on his predicts. Jay is just returning to shape and racing from several injuries so he felt like 43:47 might be good. Then race/running with Scott Vig he felt better than expected and on the home stretch figured he was too fast. So near the finish he turned back, let Scott finish in 2nd (also had the 3rd best predict) ran a couple little circles and finished in 41:08, still 2:39 fast. Oops, but better faster than slower if you are looking to the next race. His wife, Yvette, did a good job of covering for him and bringing home dinner by being 31 seconds off to grab the last turkey.

Then there were those who changed their predicts just before the race start. I never had that work very well for me and most who changed would have been in contention as Angela Johnson lamented about adding a minute which cost her a 24 second finish and a 3rd place turkey dinner. Kristin Coakley made it work for her and garnered a tie for 4th with last year's "one second man", Tom Ela.

Thru all this the top turkey predictor was Marshall Steel whose two second miss put him on the all time Leading Predictors list. Marshall hasn't been getting many miles due to a calf problem and even wondered if six miles was a stretch. And he out guessed Bryan Baroffio the club's "Marathon Man" by 17 seconds. You have to be good at pace to finish marathons successfully.

OH! I heard there was a loose pig to "escape" from on the gravel section??? Maybe he was just a ham out cheering on turkey eaters.

6 Mile Prediction Run

Saturday, November 21, 2015

NO. NAME TIME +OR-

1. \$Marshall Steel 49:32 + :02
2. \$Bryan Baroffio 47:19 + :19
3. \$Scott Vig 40:33 - :27

4. \$Kristin Coakly 61:32 - :28
5. \$Tom Ela 52:05 + :28
6. \$Yvette Valentine 53:58 + :31
7. *Cheryl Stahly 43:15 - :60
8. *Kevin Donoher 35:00 - :60
9. Conrad Cole 70:42 - 1:18
10. Suzie Steel 43:40 - 1:20
11. Angela Johnson 54:06 - 1:24
12. Bob Thome 46:29 - 1:32
13. David Maas 49:27 - 1:33
14. Stefanie Von Flue 45:52 - 1:58
15. Kristi Siman 46:37 - 1:59
16. Jay Valentine 41:08 - 2:39
17. Chuck Mattson 49:50 - 2:57
18. Emma-Leigh Larson 53:39 - 3:12
19. Ray Jensen 47:00 - 4:00
20. Sheryl Douglas 71:04 +5:04
21. Katherine Donoher 59:51 +5:51
22. D Plunkett 63:37 - 6:06
23. Colleen Wright 53:32 - 6:27
24. Esa Crumb 59:16 +8:16
25. Heath Scott 59:16 +8:16
26. Evan Adou 54:06 -10:54

\$=Turkey winners

*=Fastest Male and Female