

Montana Cup Highlights 2021 **by Michele Bazzanella**

The 29th edition of the "Montana Cup Team Cross Country Championship" took place Sunday, October 31, 2021 on the rugged dirt roads and trails west of Montana Tech in Butte. The men's race began at noon, followed by the women's race at 1:00. Conditions were overcast and chilly (in the 30s). With light winds, no precipitation, plenty of challenge, gorgeous fall scenery, and just a single water feature, runners from around the state were delighted with the conditions of our 7.6-km course. Pre-race and post-race activities took place in the Student Success Center at Montana Tech.

A total of 208 runners completed the event – 119 men and 89 women. All seven regions (representing Montana's seven largest cities) were represented. For the first time in a number of years, team Green (Butte, Dillon, Whitehall, and surrounding) fielded complete open and master's teams for men and women.

The race was hosted by the Butte Piss & Moan Runners, and was organized by a small crew of dedicated individuals who I like to refer to as The Reliables. Timing was performed by the Butte Track Club, led by the legendary Merrifield & Dennehy families, with assistance from the indefatigable Eddi Walker. The Montana Tech cross country team pitched in tremendously with course prep, and a large contingent of helpful volunteers and creatively costumed course guards staffed the event. Helena's Jeff Thomas, a MT Tech alum, served as Master of Ceremonies during which he honored Butte native and Montana running legend Tony Banovich (1962-2020). Butte region had several "All Montana Cup" (Top 7) finishers:

- Ethan Wroblewski – 4th Junior Male
- Kaden Hennessey – 5th Junior Male
- Riley Lubick – 6th Junior Male
- Ida Real – 6th Junior Female
- Zach Kughn – 3rd Open Male
- Nicole Murray – 4th Masters Female

Sources

www.montanacup.com

<https://www.buttetrackclub.com/data/uploads/mtcup2021/MainMenu.htm>

Montana Cup XXIX **Summary Results**

Division	Champion
Open Women	Bozeman
Masters Women	Helena
Open Men	Missoula
Masters Men	Missoula

All Montana Cup - Open Female	Team
1. Jennifer Lichter	Kalispell
2. Erin Clark	Missoula
3. Anna Dalton	Bozeman
4. Trisha Drobeck	Missoula
5. Jamie Brusa	Bozeman
6. Malory Peterson	Bozeman
7. Elizabeth Wasserman	Kalispell

All Montana Cup - Open Male	Team
1. Adam Peterman	Missoula
2. Tony Clement	Bozeman
3. Zach Kughn	Butte
4. Paden Alexander	Kalispell
5. Leif Everson	Bozeman
6. Jeff Mogavero	Missoula
7. Micah Drew	Kalispell

All Montana Cup - Junior Female	Team
1. Emma Stolte	Helena
2. Morgan Delaney	Kalispell
3. Araeya Nelson	Kalispell
4. Quinn Delaney	Kalispell
5. Helena Duffy	Helena
6. Ida Real	Butte
7. N/A	

All Montana Cup - Junior Male	Team
1. Zollie Friedman	Missoula
2. Jacob Curry	Helena
3. Keiran Boyle	Helena
4. Ethan Wroblewski	Butte
5. Ryan Dupuis	Kalispell
6. Kaden Hennessey	Butte
7. Riley Lubick	Butte

All Montana Cup - Masters Female	Team
1. Trisha Drobeck	Missoula
2. Heather Lieberg	Helena

3. Sarah Graves	Billings
4. Nicole Murray	Butte
5. Amy Friedman	Missoula
6. Jenni Brown	Kalispell
7. Alyson Zellner	Great Falls

All Montana Cup - Masters Male	Team
1. Jason Delaney	Kalispell
2. Jesse Zentz	Helena
3. Aaron Derry	Missoula
4. Jimmy Grant	Missoula
5. Greg Friedman	Missoula
6. Cory Soulliard	Missoula
7. Calamity Seeley	Kalispell