

2019 AZT Oracle Rumble Recap

Thank you for helping to make the 3rd Annual AZT Oracle Rumble presented by Summit Hut was a rousing success. We couldn't have asked for better weather as it was sunny with the low around 30 and the high in the 60's!

This event directly benefits the Arizona Trail Association (ATA), the nonprofit organization whose mission is to protect, maintain, enhance, promote and sustain the Arizona Trail as a unique encounter with the land. The Arizona Trail is a complete non-motorized path, stretching 800 diverse miles across Arizona from Mexico to Utah, connecting deserts, mountains, canyons, forests, communities and people. Please check out the other events in the Arizona Trail running series at www.runazt.org.

This amazing event is also a huge economic boost for the small town of Oracle, and the relatively unknown Oracle State Park.

As for this year's races, did you know we had runners from four countries (Italy, Great Britain, Canada and the United States), four Canadian provinces and 26 different states?!?

A hearty congratulations to every runner in every distance who toed the starting line. You are an inspiration and the reason why we spend many hundreds of hours to make this event a great success.

Results

Full results can be found here:

https://ultrasignup.com/results_event.aspx?did=57969.

Photos

Ultra event photographs from Michele Bauer are available for viewing and downloading here:

<https://photos.michelebauer.com/2019OracleRumbleAZTRunning/>

Videos

To see a really cool video from the event put together by Craig Mills go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_vhGQo02Dw&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1eJ0F03BENOP0_UgugjehSy-vMBuDD8vr3gg_8QV8DF083eqT0NbLi4Q0.

And another cool little video of the ultra start from Kristi McCauley here: <https://www.facebook.com/kristina.mccauley/videos/1771896006248875/>

And a cool 'relive' video from Mr. Ed Osterhoudt here: <https://www.facebook.com/ed.osterhoudt/videos/2509766589035876/>

Drop Bags

If you're an ultra runner and didn't have a chance to grab your drop bag before heading home, they are being held at Summit Hut in Oro Valley for the next week. After that time, they'll make their way back to the Arizona Trail Association office in downtown Tucson. If you're willing to pay for shipping, we can mail your stuff back to you.

Event Swag

We are selling Oracle Rumble event swag on the Arizona Trail Association Online Store: <https://aztrail.org/store/page/2/>
Gloves, trucker hats and T-shirts are available (while they last).

The Winners

In the 50 Mile men's event, Sion Lupowitz returned this year and obliterated his course record by a ridiculous 26 minutes with a blistering time of 7:44. Second place and third place were Derek Lemoine (8:43) and Ben Markwart (9:35). For the women's 50 Mile, the winner and also setting a course record, was Melissa Elbert in a very impressive 10:06, second and third place were Angela Stark (12:10) and Lorie Alexander (12:16).

In the 50 Mile Relay four teams toed the start line and Team Blais, father and son, Josh and Jacob took the title in a super-fast 9:44. Second was Mayra Melendez and Ryan Cody (11:18) and third was Carolyn Leary and Abby Yassin (12:10).

In the 50K the top 3 women to slay this tough course were Moira Hough (5:26), Julie Henk (5:31) and Tracy Drozynski (6:17). The top 3 men were Kevin Schofield (4:39), Patrick Thurber (4:47) and Stephen Pickett (4:50).

In the Half Marathon the top 3 men were Tim Evens (1:41), Alexander Aldridge (1:43) and Rogelio Hernandez (1:49). For the women the top 3 were Siouxsie Owen (1:50), Claire Hans (1:56) and Lauren Cmiel (1:58).

And, in the 12K, the top 3 women were Anne Neuenschwander (crushing the course record in 1:04), Sara Wagner (1:07), and Ashleigh Thompson (1:11). On the men's side the top 3 were Jonathan King (smashing the course record by 4 minutes in 56:33), Jacob Lashot (1:04) and William Barg (1:07).

Sponsors

We have a huge number of event sponsors to thank as their contributions are integral to the overall success of the event. We hope that you will take the time to support them as they have supported us:

1. Summit Hut (www.summithut.com)
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6. Huppy Bar (www.huppybar.com)
7. THAT Brewery (www.thatbrewery.com)

And to our shuttle sponsors:

1. Oracle Ford (www.oracleford.com)
2. Arizona Zipline Adventures (www.ziparizona.com)
3. Southwest Trekking (www.swtrekking.com)

Event Host

We would also like to thank the staff at Oracle State Park for allowing us to take over the park for the day. Come back and visit this park sometime and experience the many miles of trails that are great for hiking, running and mountain biking.

Volunteers

The trail running community here in Southern Arizona is simply amazing. They showed up by the dozens to volunteer many hundreds of hours to make this event happen and become an amazing experience for runners like you. Since it would probably take an hour to list everyone here we will instead like to give a shout out to some of our key volunteers. However, please note that every single volunteer in this group of more than 100 is valued more than you know. You are all amazing!

John Mollenhour (course marker and monitor)

Angela Greynolds (course marker and sweep)

Stephen Woodall (course marker and sweep)

Gary Parcher (course marker, Aid Station captain, setup and cleanup)

Gary Faulkenberry (course marker, trail maintenance, setup, cleanup, transportation)

Pam Hoyt (course marker, setup, cleanup, also raced)

Don Taylor (setup, cleanup, transportation, lots of other stuff)

Monica Bermudez (registration, Aid Station Captain, cleanup)

Kathleen Bober (course marker, trail maintenance, photography)

Until Next Year

We hope you'll join us for the 4th annual AZT Oracle Rumble next year. Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 25, 2020.

Thanks again for your support of the Arizona Trail!

Sincerely,

Steve Outridge, Michelle Hawk and Matt Nelson
Race Directors