

Lizard Breath 2009

The 8th Annual Lompoc Lizard Breath Fenceline Fun Run was held Saturday, July 11, 2009 at La Purisima Mission. The competitors enjoyed cool, cloudy conditions for the first hour, from 8 to 9. By 9 it was sunny, increasing the degree of difficulty for those still out on the very sandy and hilly course.

There were 32 finishers, which is a record for this Lompoc Valley Distance Club event, beating the previous high of 31 established in 2003 and 2004.

Men's winner Levi Block, a 17-year-old Cabrillo High student, finished in 58 minutes and 30 seconds. Micky Sederburg, 34, of Vandenberg AFB was second in 1:02:24.

The women's winner was 16-year-old Nikki Peirtsegaele, also a Cabrillo High student. Peirtsegaele clocked 1:08:43, the second-fastest female time in the history of the Lizard Breath fun.

An incorrect announcement at the finish by race director Lizard Breath AI gave the winning women's watermelon to April Fienga, who was actually the second-fastest walker behind Julie Campos.

Nonetheless, the event was judged an overall success because of the efforts of tireless volunteers, including Nancy Perry, Lee Holloway, Wayne Davis, Mary Lou Seelandt, Olga Lucaric, Harvey Wynne, Jack Webb, Steve Crummy, Gudrun Fink, Jim Seaslak, Tricia Tiggerman, Jillian Voyles, Mike Benson, Janis Hunt and Two-Ton Tawny.

Thanks to Ron Cortopassi, the LVDC's behind-the-scenes insurance man, and, of course, La Purisima Mission State Historic Park.

Course records remain with Craig Farley's 53:21 in 2002 and Angie Gonzalez's 1:05:43 in 2003.

2009 Lompoc Lizard Breath Fenceline Fun Run Runners

1. Levi Block, 17, Lompoc (58:30)
2. Micky Sederburg, 34, VAFB (1:02:24)
3. Steve Brookshire, 49, Santa Maria (1:06:42)
4. Craig Wise, 16, Lompoc (1:08:31)
5. Joey Pogue, 16, Lompoc (1:08:42)
6. Nikki Peirtsegaele, 16, Lompoc (1:08:43)
7. Zachary Madewell, 21, Santa Barbara (1:10:02)
8. Britni Heter, 16, Lompoc (1:12:09)
9. Rick Hummel, 53, Lompoc (1:12:10)
10. Betty Lee, 42, Lompoc (1:13:10)
11. Craig Bamberg, 43, Lompoc (1:13:30)
12. Todd Gossett, 42, VAFB (1:13:41)
13. Erik Voyles, 29, Lompoc (1:18:06)
14. Steve McCort, 37, Lompoc (1:18:07)
15. Chris Yuncker, 33, Lompoc, (1:23:02)
16. Mary Lou Seelandt, 53, Lompoc (1:24:42)
17. Tom Schmidt, 52, Lompoc (1:25:02)
18. Greg Danet, 37, Lompoc (1:27.42)
19. Aaron Williams, 33, VAFB (1:29:05)
20. Alison Webb, 33, Lompoc (1:32:56)
21. Fran Zimmerman, 60, Lompoc (1:34:08)
22. Patty Landis, 68, Santa Ynez (1:42:57)
23. Larry LaMay, 77, Lompoc (1:45:06)

Walkers

1. Julie Campos, 56, Lompoc (1:00:36)
2. April Fienga, 42, Lompoc (1:07:25)
3. Lisa Norcutt, 73, Lompoc (1:12:23)
4. Liz Salcido, 48, Lompoc (1:23:32)
5. Karen Williams, 51, Kerman, Cal. (1:25:23)
6. Janis Ferrari, 45, Santa Maria (1:38:30)
7. Amy Bessermin, 54, Santa Maria (1:38:33)
8. Larry Gooch, 68, Santa Maria (1:47:42)
9. Penny Gooch, 66, Santa Maria (1:47:43)