

MINNESOTA MASTERS 15K USATF CHAMPIONSHIP
Sept. 14, White Bear Lake

The 18th running of the Masters 15K is one that almost didn't happen. When the City of Edina tore up the start/finish area of the course we've used since 1983, we thought we'd take the year off. But Jerry Beutel suggested that we simply move it to one of the other certified 15K courses in the area, we couldn't think of a good enough reason not to. Thus we had Our Year in (and around) White Bear Lake, on the course used by the Manitou 15K. Fortunately, we got excellent help from the Hugo Track Club (Ken Perry and Don Mooney), who put on the great White Bear Grand Prix, a series of races that includes the Manitou 15K, and also got us in touch with Boy Scout Troop 494, which provided terrific on-course assistance.

Eight Minnesota age records were broken, as indicated by boxes around their results below. Special congratulations to Barbara Andersen whose marks is (just as in her two previous runnings of this race) also a national record. Lloyd Young's time computes to an excellent 87% on the WAVA age-graded tables; the top finishers on that basis are listed below.

Along with these record setters the Minnesota Masters 15K gives awards in "Novice" divisions to runners who have never won their age group in any race, ever. Congratulations to Peter S Tabor, Larry Mulenberg, Andrew Power, Stuart L Finney, Carol Pelletier, Mary Jo Seberg, and Sara Olson, who have now broken that habit.

Thanks to Q Cumbers, now a seven-year sponsor.