



Records Smashed at 20th running of the Jack Rabbit Derby!



Luis Luna on his way to running the fastest time ever recorded at the Jack Rabbit Derby – 15:08



Nicole Lane clocked 18:55 – good enough for 9th all time for women.

The Jack Rabbit Derby has been going on since 1992 and there have been a lot of very special races, hard running and incredible times on this very tough course, but 2011 will long be remembered as standing just a little higher than all the rest.

Coach **Luis Rosales** brought a large contingent of **Piner High School** runners led by **Luis Luna** who re-wrote the all-time men's record book. Luis was joined by team mates **Jaime Silva**, **Epi Nunez** and **Efren Reyes** 5th, 8th and 10th all-time!

Not to be outdone, 16 – year old **Nicole Lane** logged the 9th best time ever for women and is now the third best woman aged 13-19.

The race boasted three other new age-division top three runners all-time in **Alejandro Escutra** (3rd Boys 12 and under), **Carly McCready** (2nd Women 20-29) and **Sylvia Moffett** (3rd Women 50-59).

There were eleven runners age 12 or younger in the 3 Mile Race! In addition to Alejandro leading the way for boys age 12 and under, **Zuley Munoz** was the first girl age 12 and under. There were two boys under 10 years old in **Orion James** age 8 and **Cameron Meech** age 7. Talk about a youth movement!

The Empire Runner

Record Turnouts are becoming the norm at Empire Runner races and the Derby was no exception. There were 20 kids in the **Bunny Hop** with **Catherine Rauch** age 10 just nosing out **Will Beiswanger** age 7 for the victory. The 3 Mile race included 48 women and 70 men.



Left to Right – Steve Cryer, John Harmon, Jerry Lyman and Dave Goodwin charge across the Spring Lake boat-ramp.

No race can do without good volunteers and the JR Derby was blessed with the best of the best including but not limited to: **Bob Shor, Larry Meredith, John Anderson, Gil Moreno, John Harmon, Carl Triola and his band of Casa Grande course monitors extraordinaire, Tanya Narath, Tori Meredith, Robin Stovall, Chris Mason, Dave DeSelle (photography), Jerry Lyman and Val Sell.**

See you next year at the Jack Rabbit Derby!

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