

## Pacific Association Masters LDR Stars Shine at 2015 USA Masters 8 km Championships

“Same as it ever was ... Same as it ever was” – Talking Heads 1980

Just as they did in 2014, a talented crew of Pacific Association Masters runners traveled down to Brea and came back with significant bling and coinage from the 2015 USA Masters 8 km Championships.

The Brea 8K Classic, now in its 24<sup>th</sup> year and one of the larger 8 km races in the US, once again was the host for this championship event. The sponsorship and support of the SoCal Association insured the race more than met the standards for a National Masters Road Championship.

The race was held in ideal running conditions which meant the biggest challenges to the runners were the quality of the competition and an almost mile long hill in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> mile that punished those who didn't hold back a bit during the first half of the race.

Just as in 2014, Pacific Association runners took both of the top age-graded awards. USATF Masters Hall of Fame member and newly minted 60 year-old, Christine Kennedy dominated the women's age-graded competition with a 97.30%, while 2013 USATF Masters AOY, Brian Pilcher easily won the male competition with a 93.43%. (Note, these age grades are based on the tougher 2015 tables making them even more impressive.) Christine's time of 31:27 shattered the existing F60-64 American Record of 32:20 set by Kathryn Martin in 2012.

See the list below for all the PA runners and teams who won money and/or medals.

### Individual Results

Overall age-graded female winner (\$500) – Christine Kennedy: 97.30% (31:27)

Overall age-graded male winner (\$500) – Brian Pilcher: 93.43% (27:24)

5<sup>th</sup> place age-graded male (\$200) – Tom Bernhard: 91.77%

1<sup>st</sup> place M55-59 (\$100) – Brian Pilcher: 27:24

1<sup>st</sup> place F60-64 (\$100) – Christine Kennedy: 31:27 (pending F60-64 AR)

1<sup>st</sup> place F65-69 (\$100) – Jo Anne Rowland: 38:57

1<sup>st</sup> place M75-79 (\$100) – Neal Chappell: 38:59

2<sup>nd</sup> place F45-49 – Molly Friel: 29:47

2<sup>nd</sup> place M45-49 – Jaime Heilpern: 25:54

3<sup>rd</sup> place M60-64 – Tom Bernhard: 29:10

### Team Results (top 3 on each team score)

1<sup>st</sup> place Female 60+ (\$225) Impala RT (Jill Miller-Robinett Jo Anne Rowland, Irene Herman): 2:00:28

1<sup>st</sup> place Male 70+ (\$225) Tamalpa Runners (Len Goldman, Hans Schmid, Fred Martin): 1:47:52

2<sup>nd</sup> place Male 60+ (\$125) Tamalpa Runners (Glenn Misono, John Hirschberger, Donald Porteous, *Roberto Donaire*, *Joe Schieffer*): 1:37:03

3<sup>rd</sup> place Male 70+ West Valley J&S (Neal Chappell, Dick Chimenti, David Norlander ): 2:00:52

## **Performance Medal Winners**

### **Gold – 90%**

Christine Kennedy: 97.30%

Brian Pilcher: 93.43%

Tom Bernhard: 91.77%

### **Silver – 85%**

Jaime Heilpern: 88.80%

Molly Friel: 87.86%

Donald Porteous: 86.44%

Len Goldman: 86.38%

Meredith Mills: 86.36%

Honor Fetherston: 86.24%

Jo Anne Roland: 85.24%

Hans Schmid: 85.08%

Antonio Arreola: 85.01%

### **Bronze – 80%**

Sharon Lemberger: 84.26%

John Hirschberger: 82.61%

Glenn Misono: 81.68%

Jill Miller-Robinett: 80.53%

Complete final results are posted at:

<http://www.usatf.org/Events---Calendar/2015/USA-Masters-8-km-Championships.aspx>

Tom Bernhard