

Creek Road Runners

NEWARK, DELAWARE

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ANNUAL DEC. 31 RUN AGAIN SAW MILD TEMPS AND MUNCHKINS™, BUT THIS YEAR SLED DOGS, TOO.

Six, no, wait, *seven* survivors give new meaning to the word "mush" in the 7th Annual "Wring Out the Old, Ring In the New" Trail Run



Creek Road Runners (better-late-than-never) **Bob Opila**, **Mark Deshon**, **Bob Bennett**, **Vic Kaliakin**, **Steve Tague**, **Charlie Riordan**, and **Bruce Hubbard** salute the new year 2006.



Steve and **Charlie** bring it on home.



Mark and **Vic** finish next.



Bob finishes solo...



...followed by **Bruce**.



Opila goes for the goodies.

The Iditarod was in full land mode this year at Fair Hill, as we passed a small team of huskies with musher. There was a lot of early jostling for position, with **Bob Bennett** pressing for an early lead just past Oprah's. Just after the group had finally reformed, **Mark Deshon** took a necessary nature break and then worked hard to catch up. As usual, the hill strung everyone out, after which **Charlie Riordan** and **Steve Tague** (as part of a bike-run-bike biathlon from home) had taken the lead for good.

While enjoying the post-run Munchkins™, mega-distance man **Bob Opila** finished, having started at the wrong parking lot, a la **Steve Goodwin** (see the [2002 run](#)). We gave him a few of the goodies, as he was catching his breath, and subsequently gave him a ride back to his car. 'Twas the least we could do for the seventh man's nearly seven-mile effort on this seventh annual run.

So important is this event that **Bob Bennett** not only cut his vacation in Akron short by a day but, as a result, had to purchase a plane ticket for his wife to return a day later. That's sacrifice!

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