

Creek Road Runners

NEWARK, DELAWARE

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SUNSHINE AND AN IMPROVED SURFACE HIGHLIGHT
THE 9TH ANNUAL DEC. 31 RUN.

Generation barrier broken as a record ten runners
"Wring Out the Old, Ring In the New."



Creek Road Runners **Jordan Deshon, Charlie Riordan, Vic Kaliakin, Bruce Hubbard, Bob Bennett, Steve Goodwin, Steve Tague, Bob Opila, Dan Simmons, and Mark Deshon** salute the new year 2008.



Jordan (center) and **Charlie** push the pace at the end, with **Mark** finishes about a 120 yards back. **Steve T.** at their heels.



Vic and **Steve G.** look surprisingly fresh at the end of another New Year's Eve run. **Dan** had fun; only the photo was a washout.



Bob B. finishes strong in the bright backlighting. **Bruce** and **Bob O.** bring up the rear. Nice effort for Bob this year after having recovered from major surgery.



It's a good thing we weren't out competing with these folks for the trail, eh, **Vic**? This is what **Matt Robinson** missed most about this run. See you next year?

A record ten runners joined to enjoy the bright sunshine and amenable temperature to run this ninth annual trail run. The group began to separate a bit early this year, with **Steve Tague** and youngster **Jordan Deshon** setting what was a comfortable pace for them. **Charlie Riordan** and **Mark Deshon** joined them along the banks of the Big Elk Creek and comprised the lead group until well into the ascent of Meunster Hill.

Event veterans **Vic Kaliakin** and **Steve Goodwin** followed at a safe distance, followed by event newcomer **Dan Simmons**. **Bob Bennett** moved a head of **Bruce Hubbard** and **Bob Opila** as they headed downhill to the Creek, but couldn't quite hook up with Dan.

But the big treat of the day was when everyone reached the summit of Meunster Hill and, anticipating the worst (it having rained the day before), were rewarded with a new gravel surface on the downhill trail leading from the top of the hill and all the way back to the parking lot!

Unfortunately, **Mark Deshon** lost ground on the other three as a result of the hill and finished dead last among his own

family. Charlie's assessment was that **Jordan Deshon** was running only as fast as he needed to this day to stay at the front. Kudos to **Dan Simmons** and **Bruce Hubbard** for running this the day after a race.

A good time was had by all. Munchkins™, the official post-race event food, were consumed afterward, as we watched the horses and hounds head out for a hunt.

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