

Creek Road Runners

NEWARK, DELAWARE

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GREAT WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS THE 13TH ANNUAL RUN

**Ten runners “taste the rainbow” while
saying “goodbye” to 2011.**



Creek Road Runners **Jordan Deshon, Charlie Riordan, Bill Rose, David James, Bob Opila, Steve Goodwin, Bob Bennett, Kathy Boone, Vic Kaliakin, and Mark Deshon** salute the new year 2012 before wringing out the old.



Youthful and exuberant, **Jordan** shows us how he ran through the tape, finishing ahead of everyone else. We'll take his word for it.



Having conceded (once again) to his son, **Mark** finishes a strong second.



David kept a solid pace and finished third. No problems along the way is a victory.



Charlie glides in next, having expended a lot of energy on the hill.



Vic finishes his 13th consecutive Wring Out the Old, Ring in the New.



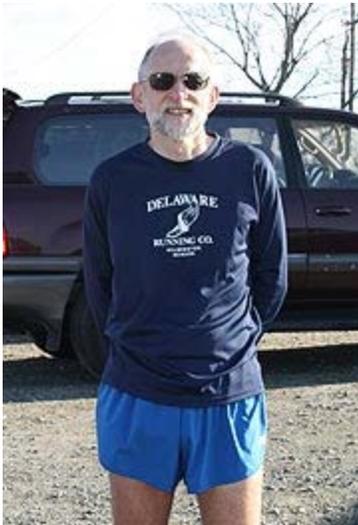
Steve shows off the event's stylish 10th anniversary shirt.



Newcomer **Kathy** gets used to the terrain in this part of the country.



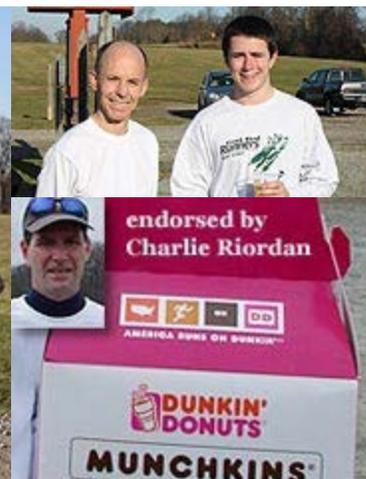
Bill (center) escorts **Bob** and **Bob** (Opila and Bennett) to the end of the course for a three-way finish.



Having set many age-group state records, venerable **David** is about to bid adieu to the 50s.



As usual, everyone listens when **Steve** has something to say.



Vic, Bob, and **Mark** reminisce about the glorious history of this event.

Bill and **Jordan** relax with the event-sponsored treat. Thanks, **Charlie**.



Kathy is glad to have finished her first Wring Out the Old, Ring in the New.

With **Bob B.** looking on from behind, **Bob O., Steve,** and **Mark** toast to the year that was and the year that is to come.

Ten runners, including one new Creek Road Runner who was making her inaugural run with this austere Delaware running group, enjoyed ideal weather for a good ending to 2011 and a nice transition into 2012.

Once we got past a couple dogs and dogwalkers, we crested the first hill and, incredibly, spotted a beautiful rainbow to the northeast. No kidding! Sorry, but no one was running with a camera. It would have made a great addition to this page.

The group took an easy pace out to Oprah's, with the two **Bobs** picking up the rear.

Down the hill toward the Big Elk Creek, the group began to spread out a bit. **Jordan** and **Charlie** led the pack, followed closely by **David, Mark, Vic, Steve, Kathy,** and **Bill**. As the crew began to make their way uphill after turning away from the creek for the first time, **Mark** caught up to **David**.

On the downhill before the big uphill, **Mark** made a bold sprint to catch up with **Jordan** to give him the car keys, as it seemed more than likely that **Jordan** would get there ahead of his dad because he and **Charlie** were extending their lead on the rest of the runners, The hill, of course, tests everyone.

David had made up ground and caught up with **Mark**, and the two of them made some progress up the hill behind the two leaders. After the hill, **Jordan** continued pulling away, and **Charlie** faded. **Vic**, who kept his event streak alive as the only

Creek Road Runners to have done all 13, claimed to have been slowed from having to take a nature break but managed to stay just ahead of **Steve** and **Kathy**, who gritted their way up the hill and finished in good shape. **Bill** graciously stayed back to help the two **Bobs** up the "monster," the three of them finishing together.

When we were all done, we gave way to the trail bikers who had assembled.

A fun time was had by all. What a nice way to welcome **Kathy** to the greater Creek Road area, all the way from Nebraska. Not that this area is mountainous,

but, as **Charlie** bemused, "The mountains of Nebraska are Colorado."

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