

Hans Wins!

The oldest winner in the history of the Dipsea traveled to Japan and competed in the Mt. Fuji Mountain Race -- a 10,000-foot climb over 13.1 miles, four times greater than the ascent to Mt. Tam's East Peak. Only about 40 percent of runners in the Mt. Fuji race actually complete the event.

"Very few old guys like me, a race for young studs."

Schmid finds the Dipsea more to his liking -- and more suitable for his age group. Last June, at the age of 72, he won the 102nd Dipsea to become the oldest champion. Hans eclipsed Joe King as the oldest to win the 107-year-old event. King won the Dipsea in 1996 for the second year in a row at the age of 70, edging then 59-year-old Eve Pell.

Schmid, held off 41-year-old marathon runner Chris Lundy of Sausalito, who broke her women's age group course record of 58:51 previously set by Gail Scott in 1987 by one minute and 14 seconds. Diana Fitzpatrick, 54, placed third, her highest finisher ever in the Dipsea with a new record in her age group. Alex Varner, a 26-year-old scratch runner, was fourth yet became the first runner in Dipsea history to win the best time award for the fourth consecutive year. His time was 49:01.

Schmid's actual time of one hour, 10 minutes and 10 seconds was a new age group record in the Dipsea.

"I am a bit embarrassed by all this attention, but deep down I must admit that it feels good. More so that I actually could do it physically and stay ahead of all the youngsters," Schmid says. "Generally I have received very warm, genuine congratulations, perhaps recognized from the article in the Marin I.J., on the radio or in the San Francisco Chronicle."

Schmid, who finished second in the Dipsea in 2011, ran 46 seconds faster this year and helped his club team, the Tamalpa Runners, win the Team Trophy.

The starting field again consisted of 1,500 runners ranging in ages from six (Brendan King of Mill Valley) to 86 (Roy Harvey of Medford, Ore. who was competing in the Dipsea for the 32nd time) representing 26 different states and three foreign countries. Barbara Robben completed her 41st Dipsea at the age of 78. Defending champion Jamie Rivers, 61, of Mill Valley placed 10th, one spot ahead of 16-year-old Julia Maxwell of Ross who was the first high school runner to finish in the field. Trevor Reinhart, 16, of Ross was the first boy high school finisher at 41st. Julian Lepelch, an 11-year-old from Mill Valley, took 15th place and, with his 49-year-old father Patrick who finished 26th, claimed the Alan Beardall Family Trophy. They also received black numbered T-shirts for finishing in the top 35 as did 65-year-old Keith Krieger of Santa Rosa, who said he had been trying for 49

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The Dipsea Race Foundation

Scholarships:

In 2013, the Dipsea Race Foundation is proud to announce it will be awarding four Scholarships to high school seniors who have either been a Dipsea Runner or Volunteer.

The recipients will each receive a \$5,000 scholarship if attending an accredited four year school, or a \$2,500 if attending an accredited two year school.

To obtain a copy of the 2013 Scholarship Application, please visit the Dipsea Foundation website and download a copy: www.dipseafoundation.org

2012 Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the five students who received scholarships from the Dipsea Race Foundation last year at the the annual Dipsea Hall of Fame dinner.

- Hannah Brennan - Tamalpais High School
- Daniel Milechman - Tamalpais High School
- William Cooney - Marin Catholic High School
- Rachel Skokowski - Castilleja High School
- Benjamin Vogensen - Redwood High School

Thanks to friends and family, the Dipsea Race Foundation established a new perpetual scholarship fund in the name of Bill Patterson. William J. Patterson was a prominent San Francisco investor and philanthropist who led the effort to revitalize the California Academy of Sciences. He was a great lover of the Dipsea.

Lodging:

The Holiday Inn Express - Mill Valley has set aside a block of rooms at special rates, mention the Dipsea when making reservations.

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years to win his first coveted Dipsea black T-shirt. On the 10th anniversary of Jack Kirk's final start and finish in the Dipsea at the age of 95, 67-year-old Don Madronich of Sebastopol, competing in his 45th Dipsea, won Kirk's "Dipsea Demon" award for dedication, perseverance and performance over time. Longtime Dipsea race handicapper Jim Weil of Mill Valley was awarded the Red Tail Hawk Award (Jerry Hauke Perpetual Award) for leadership, dedication and sportsmanship. Dave Lambert of Novato was the recipient of the Norman Bright Award for extraordinary effort in the Dipsea Race.