

Pollack 3-peats at 27th Annual Bumper Run

Shelby Twp (2/10) – Stony Creek Metro Park was once again the host site for the 27th annual edition of The Bumper Run. Even in this difficult pandemic time that we are experiencing, this yearly winter race was able to happen safely, as participants maintained social distancing before and after the race, and did not gather in the traditional pre and post race celebration. The safety path provided excellent footing on a well-maintained park route around the lake. Crisp, chilly winter temperatures in the teens were offset by rare windless conditions, and runners had an excellent chance to test their February fitness.

The 6:15pm start sent the runners off onto the clockwise loop, and 2019/2020 Champion Alex Pollack (Oxford HS/Alma College) of Lake Orion and Red Cedar Running Club, shared the lead with Donnie Richmond (Oxford HS/CMU) of Portland for the first mile, and then surged ahead in mile 2 (5:50). Pollack continued to push the pace and increase his lead, as this turned into a race against the clock. A spread out field followed, with a string of scattered runners in tow. Pollack held strong to his lead through the finish in 34:52, a 13 second improvement over his winning time of 2020. This was Alex's third consecutive Bumper Run win. Richmond gained runner-up honors, just over 2 minutes behind.

Masters runner Rachela Lack came in fit and ready to improve on her time and her 2nd place finish from 2020. She was able to do both, as she bested her 2020 time by almost 5 minutes, running an impressive 40:08 to switch places with 2020 champion Misty Pollack, who finished over 4 minutes back. This was Rachela's first win in many tries at this event, as she claimed one of the best masters times ever run here.

This is a race that is held each year to promote and educate pedestrians and drivers on sharing the roads and trails as safely as possible. Participants in this event are encouraged to take any and every opportunity to spread the message of safety, and hopefully prevent the types of tragic automobile-pedestrian accidents that we are continuing to see over recent years.

27th Annual Bumper Run Top Ten Results

February 10, 2021

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Time</u>
1.	Alex Pollack	28	34:52
2.	Donnie Richmond	35	37:14

3.	Rachela Lack	45	40:08* ** ***
4.	(Name Not Available)	NA	40:13
5.	Sebastian Tochowicz	47	40:31
6.	(Name Not Available)	NA	41:50
7.	Misty Pollack	27	44:45
8.	Don Saville	60	45:35
9.	Alex Williams	36	50:10
10.	Cassie Williams	35	51:10

* first master

** first female

*** first female master