



## Run the Rocks!

### Jack's Angels Relay for Research

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Vasquez Rocks County Park

10700 Escondido Cyn Rd., Agua Dulce CA 91390

## RACE REPORT

The day prior to the event, Saturday April 29, Agua Dulce was beset with especially forceful Santa Ana winds with gusts up to 70 mph, making trail markings difficult to see. We were concerned that if the wind continued we would not but thankfully the winds subsided, but our directions were compromised. Maps and directions were detailed, but markings on the course failed to provide consistent direction for the runners and walkers in the unofficial events as well.

This was first and foremost a charitable event dedicated to raising awareness for DIPG, diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma, perhaps the deadliest pediatric cancer for which there has been no progress and very little research funding and activity for over 50 years, and for our advocacy work with Congressman Knight, H.Res.69 which asks for more research funding for pediatric and high-risk cancers. Several runners had difficulty with staying on course but were generally tolerant of our make-shift crew of volunteers, understanding that Jack's Angels is a charity and reliant upon last-minute volunteers. Some of our official committee members did not show up to help, so our officials were over burdened and organization was chaotic at first. However, the beauty of Vasquez Rocks Natural Area is unparalleled and the challenge of the course was great fun for most of the runners. Youth runners and women dominated this course!

There was a large number of people registering on race-day which pushed-back our start to 9:20, from the 9am projected time. The PA system was a no-go, so we relied on a bull horn and yelling; maps were available to all, as well as a giant banner map that one could peruse in greater detail, but few availed themselves of the maps. There were many runners who went off course or simply finished their own fun-run, just happy to find their way back!

A very young, unknown runner Braeden Flores, only 14, was the overall winner of the 5k race! The ladies came in 2<sup>nd</sup> and third, and generally dominated the course. Dale Reicheneder, a well-known Trophy Series runner—on the cover of our Race Edition magazine in fact!—flew over the difficult 2 x 5k loops in barely over an hour to clinch the win for the 10k race. Many opted not to complete the loop a 2<sup>nd</sup> time due to its difficulty. Despite the trouble with the course markings—some cones had actually been moved—the threat of rattlesnakes and other wildlife, there were no reported injuries. Medics said they took care of one gentleman who had fallen and had bumped his glasses under or over his eye; they quickly treated him and sent him back on his way.

As Race Director it was clear where I had failed and what precautions and assistance we would need to employ to do this race again to have it be more successful for the runners and for the park. Generally, after contacting most of the field, we have heard reports of runners and walkers (we had 3 other unofficial events) loving the park, the experience, and hoping to do it again next year, and better!

We appreciate so much the opportunity to have been able to join the Trophy Series family for this season, and to be able to introduce runners to Vasquez Rocks, which is truly an amazing place and the jewel of Agua Dulce. Prizes included coupons to Le Chene Restaurant and free wine-tasting at our local wineries, as well as rock-climbing adventures at Top-Out Climbing in Valencia. Mountasia, a family-fun park in Santa Clarita, also sponsored prizes.

Ultra-distance runner Roy Wiegand was in attendance, running up from Burbank(30 mi) to join us, and Paul Miller from Littleton CO, both childhood cancer advocates and runners. Roy's Run 2017 is 131 miles on a 10 mile loop in Santa Clarita, CA on June 14<sup>th</sup> in support of another local charity supporting families of children with cancer, Michael Hoefflin Foundation. In fact, Jack's Angels founders are an MHF family, and they all knew Jack.

Jack's Angels relay for Research includes the ongoing virtual event at [curedipg.info](http://curedipg.info), and rallies around the facebook page "Run for DIPG." For more information about H.Res.69, visit [www.hres69.org](http://www.hres69.org).

Trophies for 8 So. Cal children who fought DIPG were awarded to winners, including Ethan's Cup, going to Dale Reicheneder, and "Katherine the Brave", going to Jeannie Rutherford, from Burbank and Fullerton, respectively, in the 10k. "Princess Leah" and Angels's Cup went to 5k winners. Final results and awards will remain posted at [www.runtherocks.info](http://www.runtherocks.info) Friday May 12 and thereafter.



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### Race Results 5k, 10k, Trail Runner Magazine Trophy Series Sunday April 30, 2017

5k-NAME	BIB#	Place	Men	Women	Youth	TIME	x
Robert Agazaryan	101	17			3	1:08:00:00	
Stacy Bryant	106	12		7		48:50:00	
Jessica Cochran	109	15		10		52:30:00	
Liisa Cushing	110	3		2		36:25:00	
Polly Drown	111	7		3		46:00:00	
Katherine Ehlert	112	13		9		48:59:00	
John Hernandez, Jr.	121	15	5			54:48:00	
Cameron Kunyavsky	125	19	7			1:03:40:00	
Bridget Sandoval	138	13		9		48:59:00	
Alwyn Cosgrove	174	4	1			37:20:00	
Alejandra Castro	175	18		11		1:02:50:00	
Jill Granlund	176	2		1		36:00:00	
Brittini Powers	179	8		4		46:20:00	
Max Watkins	180	8			2	46:20:00	
Jason McMurray	181	14	4			49:08:00	
Barbara Wyrozumski	189	9		5		47:36:00	
Kimberly Patrick	195	11		8		48:48:00	
Brian Vaela	225	6	3			45:20:00	
Toni Agovino	210	10		6		47:39:00	
Caleb DiPaola	209	5	2			37:32:00	
Braeden Flores	238	1			1	35:00:00	

10k-NAME	BIB#	Place	Men	Women	Youth	TIME	x
Dale Reicheneder	160	1	1			1:03:11:00	
Jeannie Rutherford	196	2		1		1:05:03:00	
Francisco Orellana	194	3 OC	2 OC			OC55:47:00	

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2.	Caleb DiPaola	37:32:00
3.	Brian Vaela	45:20:00

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\*OC indicates that 3 or more onlookers witnessed an off-course finish. Our timers for 10k did not see this runner come through the first loop..

Course conditions:

Sunny and hot (78-83F), extremely dry, elevation change of approximately 350 feet with downhill areas including loose rock. Rated "challenging" for the experienced runner.

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