

Good morning Prague and good morning to the members of the AIMS and Markus Hermann

**The first official marathon with women:
Bräunlingen/Germany**

... der Klassiker unter den Naturläufen

**BRÄUNLINGEN/
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**45. INT. SCHWARZWALD-MARATHON
13. + 14. Oktober 2012**

**80% Waldwege
beim Marathon**

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We are here to represent the Black Forest Marathon in Bräunlingen, the first marathon where women could participate in a marathon ever and the second oldest marathon event in Germany.

When Mister Hermann called us and asked us to present the first marathon worldwide that allowed women to participate, we felt very honoured. It is a pleasure and honour for us to be here today and speak about the first days and the history of women in marathon



Klaus Banka

OK Präsident Schwarzwaldmarathon e.V.



Klaus Banka in Aktion - Marathon-Bestzeit 2:25 Stunden!

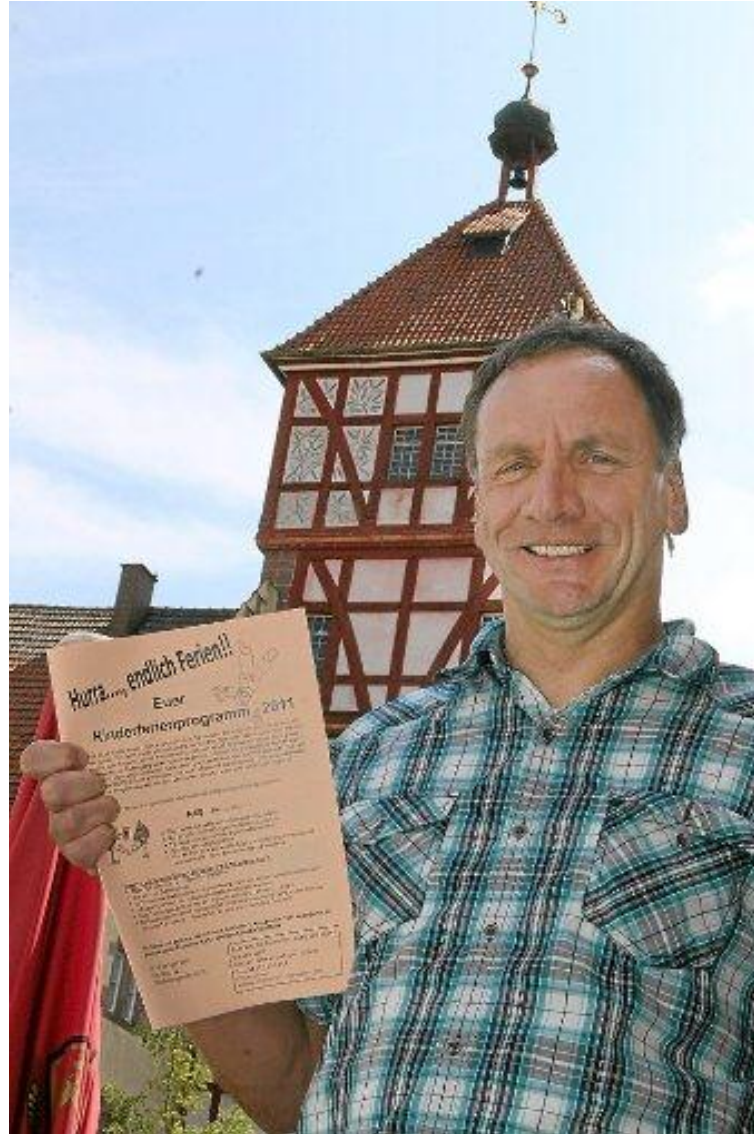


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Office of Tourism, Culture and Sports



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Braunlingen
Natürlich auf der Höhe



with the best
regards from our
major Jürgen
Guse



Bräunlingen

The gate to the South of Black Forrest





The Kirnberg Lake, 800 m above sea level



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Bräunlingen – das Tor zum Südschwarzwald



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**WUTACH
SCHLUCHT**

The Kirnberg- Lake , very famous by the tourists in summertime



Town hall of Bräunlingen, built up 1520



„The Mühlentor“ the Mill Gate built up 1200, with the inner and outer wall ring



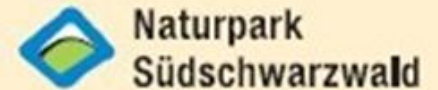
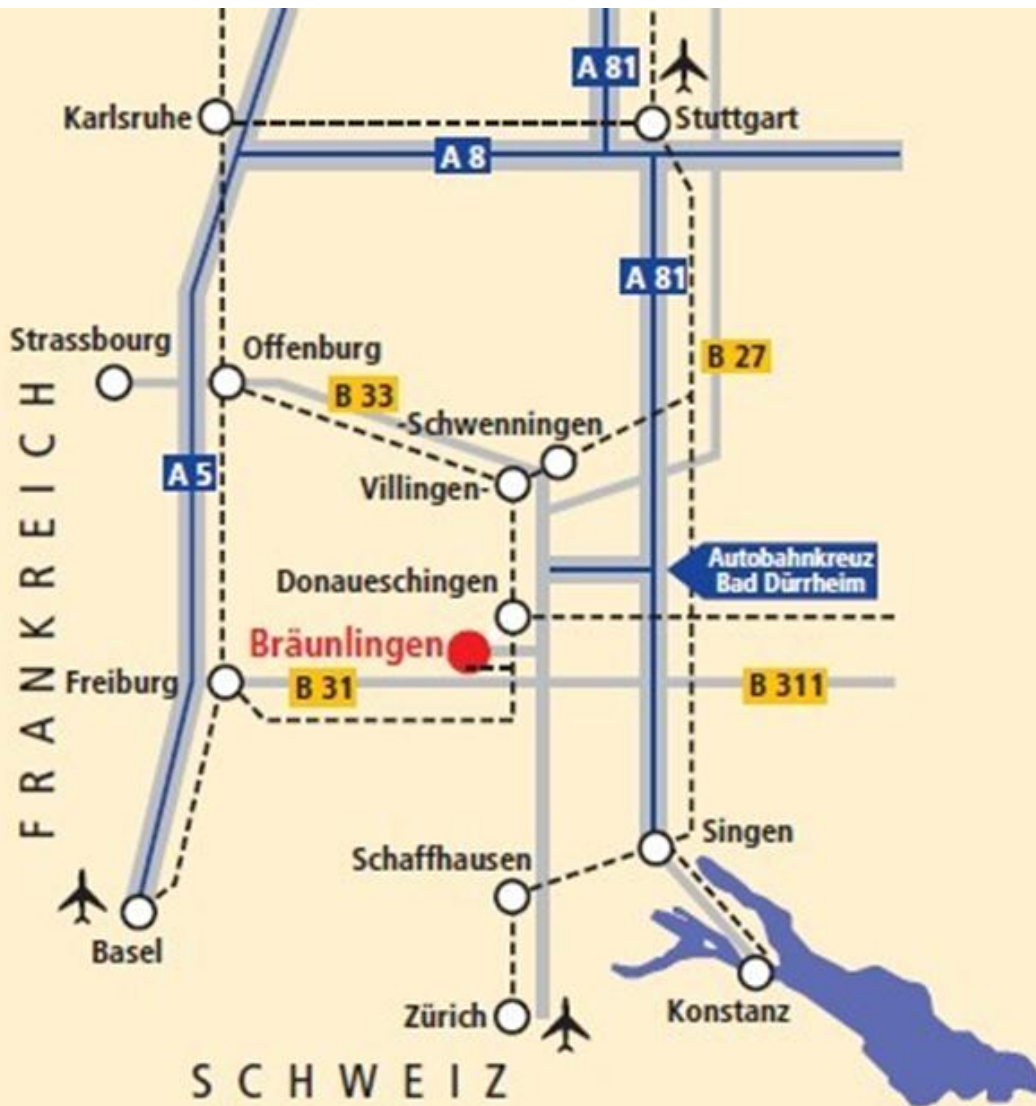
Building ensemble of Kelnhof-Platz

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WUTACH SCHLUCHT



The very famous area for walking in a canyon the Wutachschlucht and Gauchachschlucht



I guess you are already wondering where the hell is Bräunlingen

The World Oldest Woman Marathon Bräunlingen

First women's marathon in Bräunlingen

The first public road race in Baden, a part of South Germany, was held in Bräunlingen in 1967. Inspired by the success of the event, the organisers wanted to organise a marathon in 1968, which should be open to everyone.

The organizer **Roland Mall** wanted the race also to be open for women, for the first time ever.

Since women were not allowed to join a marathon at that time by the German Athletic Organization, the organizers of the race just didn't mention the possibility for the women's race to the authorities.

Roland Mall was convinced of the endurance possibilities of women. He was a trainer for female cross-country skiers. In the summer they prepared for their 5 or 10 km races doing long runs. Instead of asking the German Athletic Organization for approval of the women's race, the organizers applied with the German Skiing Federation – which gave their approval in 1968.

The World First Woman Marathon Bräunlingen

The racers in the first marathon were divided into four age groups, corresponding to the rules of the German Athletic Federation. The rules included a waiver for damages and health problems. The cut off time was set to ten hours. Only the local press was informed and the advertising leaflet was mainly sent to ski-clubs, the Black Forest skiing federation helped by sending the leaflet to foreign countries.

Through this help even some female racer from foreign countries started. Even some members of the skiing national women's team participated. Among them were the German Champion **Michaela Endler** and the second place champion **Ingrid Rothfuss**, both having raced in the Olympic winter games.

1. int. Schwarzwald- Marathon

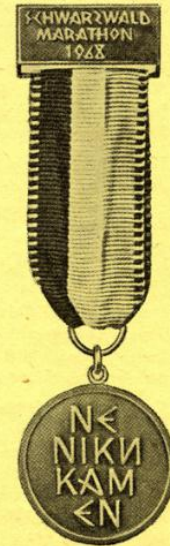
6. Oktober 1968

42,2 km auf einmaliger verkehrsgesperrter Waldstrecke.
Sollzeit 10 Stunden.

Start und Ziel: Café Waldrast.
Départ et Arrivée: Bräunlingen

Klassen: Damen und Herren
Classes: Dames et Messieurs

- I. Jahrgang — Année 1937—49
- II. Jahrgang — Année 1928—36
- III. Jahrgang — Année 1915—27
- IV. Jahrgang — Année 1914— und älter

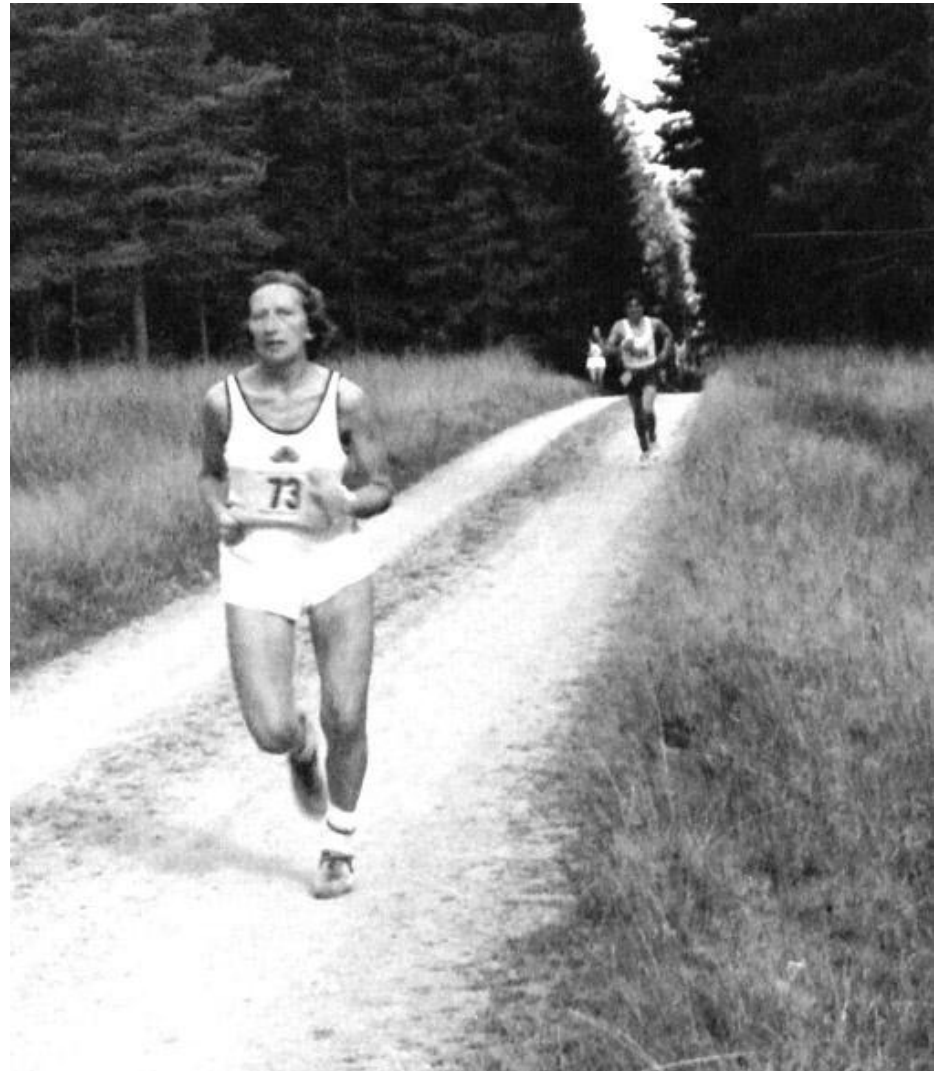


Jeder, ob Vereinsmitglied oder nicht, erhält bei Sollzeiteinhaltung die Schwarzwald-Marathon-Medaille in echt Silber!

7 h — 8 h 45	Startkartenausgabe Distribution des cartes de Départ	ca 12 h 00	Ankunft der ersten Läufer Arrivée des premiers coureurs
8 h 15	Gäste- und Presseorientierung: Renseignements donnés aux invités et à la presse: Café Waldrast	19 h 00	Zielschluß Fin du contrôle
8 h 30	Nachmeldeschluß Fin d'inscription	20 h 00	Sportlerball TuS Bräunlingen mit Rangverkündung: Bal et proclamation des résultats: Stadhalle Bräunlingen
9 h 00	Start - Départ		Genehmigt DLV



The 1st Black Forest Marathon took place on October 6th, 1968. 51 women from five countries participated. Only two women didn't finish. Winner in the women's marathon was **Marthel von der Berge in 4:19:57h** almost the same time as **Michaela Endler** and followed of **Ingrid Rothfuss in 4:25:25h**.



Winner of the 1st women's marathon in Bräunlingen: Marthel von der Berge

Marathon memorial in Bräunlingen
containing the names of all male
and female winners since 1968



The press regarded the first Black Forest Marathon, in which women could take part, as a big success.

For the second Black Forest Marathon in 1969 the organizers applied officially for a women's race.

Neither in 1969 nor 1970 the race was officially approved, but it was also not forbidden in those years for women to take part in the Black Forest Marathon.

The organizers encouraged women to join. Through this in both years women took part. In 1969 the Black Forest Marathon had 876 participants, men and women, 53 women finished the race.



Early days of the Black Forest Marathon

In 1970 the total number of registrants was 1151 in the male and female race, with runners from 11 countries.

The Black Forest Marathon was, according to the running magazine “Condition” the marathon race with the most starters worldwide.

In that year 62 women started, only one did not finish. After 3 years of successful women’s participation the women’s race of 1971 was officially approved.

The German Athletic Federation was worldwide the first National Athletics Federation which has allowed women officially to race in a marathon.

This was the same time when there were the first German Championships for women in the 1500m (1967) and 3000m (1973) distance were held.

1505 Teilnehmer beim größten Marathonlauf der Welt

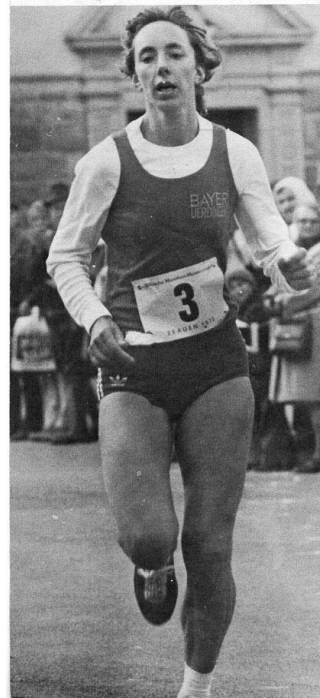
Der Stuttgarter Siegfried Schadt gewinnt mit neuem Streckenrekord

Der Stuttgarter Siegfried Schadt gewinnt mit neuem Streckenrekord Bräunlingen. Wenn man den Worten des Ansagers glauben darf, dann hat noch niemals auf der Welt ein Marathonlauf mit einer größeren Teilnehmerschar stattgefunden als gestern, Sonntag, in Bräunlingen. 1505 Läufer gingen beim Vierten internationalen Schwarzwald-Marathon an den Start, viele erreichten das Ziel. Als erster kam unter dem 12-Uhr-Läuten der Bräunlinger Stadtkirche und von Böllerschüssen begleitet der 30 Jahre alte Stuttgarter Siegfried Schadt ins Ziel: in zwei Stunden, 29 Minuten und 37 Sekunden hatte er den zwei Jahre alten Streckenrekord des Konstanzers Peter Reiher um mehr als zwei Minuten unterboten.

The first German Marathon Championships for women took then place in 1975 – at the Black Forest Marathon in Bräunlingen.



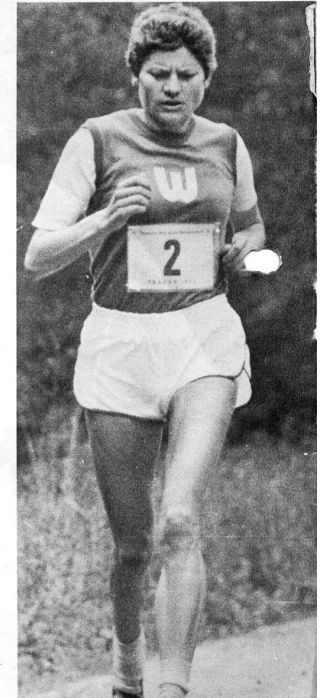
Winner was Christa Vahlensieck
in 2:45:43 hrs
Her winning time from 1975 is
still the course record at the
Black Forest Marathon



**Christa Vahlensieck:
Mit elf Minuten
Vorsprung zum
Marathontitel**

Fotos: Horstmüller

In Bräunlingen im Schwarzwald wurden am 11. Oktober die ersten deutschen Meisterschaften im Marathonlauf der Frauen ausgetragen. Erwartungsgemäß holte sich Christa Vahlensieck (Barmer TV) den Titel. Die Weltrekordlerin (2:40:15) löste sich schon nach 20 km von ihren Gegnerinnen und dehnte ihren Vorsprung bis ins Ziel, das sie nach 2:45:43 Stunden erreichte, auf fast elf Minuten aus. Auf dem Foto oben empfängt sie die Glückwünsche der zweitplatzierten Manuela Preuß. Die Uerdingerin (Foto links) konnte sich in der Schlußphase noch deutlich von der Siegerin des Boston-Marathonlaufes, Liane Winter (rechts), lösen. Ihre Zeit betrug 2:56:30. Liane Winter, die im Dezember schon wieder einen Lauf über die längste Distanz in den USA bestreiten wird, kam auf 2:58:15.





Black Forest Marathon 1983, women starting separately
from the men's race

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The Black Forest Marathon today...



Race thru Bräunlingen



At 5km

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Winner 2009

At the end of our presentation we would like to hand over some presents from Black Forest:

Rosa Mota:

A copy of the advertising leaflet of the 1st Black Forest Marathon 1968, a book about the history of women in marathon “Marathonlauf – Frauen – geborene Marathonläuferinnen” by Karl Lennartz.

Horst Milde:

A copy of the advertising leaflet of the 1st Black Forest Marathon 1968 for the marathon museum in Berlin.

Markus Hermann:

A copy of the advertising leaflet of the 1st Black Forest Marathon 1968, a book about the town of Bräunlingen



Thank you for your attention and we wish a nice time in Prague.