

## RUNNING SHORTS

### Several hundred runners on hand for Huntsville Half

#### Marathon

By Ken Johnson

Nearly 500 runners and walkers from 60 different cities and several states were in Huntsville for the 31<sup>st</sup> Hillcrest Huntsville Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk on Oct. 17.

Most ran the half marathon (13.1 miles) while others ran or walked the 5K (3.1 miles). Ideal weather conditions contributed to the near record field. Both courses started and finished in front of the Health & Kinesiology Center on the Sam Houston State University campus.

Adrienne Langelier, 27, of Spring (formerly of Huntsville) was the first place female in the half marathon for the third consecutive year. She finished in 1:23:20, bettering her time of 1:27:58 last year.

Juan Venegas, 29, of Cleveland was the overall male winner, with a time of 1:22:39. This was his first win in the race, even though he placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in his age group in 2007.

In the 5K race, Emily Garner, 29, of Huntsville was first in the female division, with a time of 21:54.

Carlo Deason, 39, of Houston was the first male finisher in the 5K. His time was 18:00. Deason won the race five times before, but had not won since 2006.

Local runners who placed in age groups were as follows:

#### Half Marathon

Jay Phillips, 24	1:34:40, 1 <sup>st</sup>
Jason Wallace, 29	1:36:43, 3 <sup>rd</sup>
J. C. Guzman, 37	1:31:14, 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Mark Robinson, 62	2:00:40, 2 <sup>nd</sup>

#### 5K

Laura Timmons, 19	32:15, 1 <sup>st</sup>
Crystal Spencer, 20	27:39, 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Melissa Boone, 25	26:39, 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Angelina Santos, 44	29:13, 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jill Baine, 48	22:21, 1 <sup>st</sup>
Carol Joy, 47	34:27, 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Colleen Spencer, 57	35:33, 1 <sup>st</sup>
Isaiah Pittman, 12	24:34, 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Zachary Richardson, 21	20:33, 1 <sup>st</sup>
Justin Bickford, 22	22:48, 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Felix Montelongo, 33	23:36, 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Dean Thomason, 34	24:12, 3 <sup>rd</sup>
David Pollis, 35	30:31, 2 <sup>nd</sup>
William Woodward, 49	34:52, 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Jackie Edwards, 50	26:04, 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Irvin Harvey, 64	25:34, 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Alan Jenkin, 77	46:59, 2 <sup>nd</sup>

For a complete race results, visit the Seven Hills Running Club web site at <http://7hills.us/hvhalf.htm>. The club wishes to thank Hillcrest Ford, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville Police Department and the many individuals and organizations that provided volunteers to support the race.

**Other race results:**

**Shiitake Mushroom Festival 5K, Madisonville, Oct. 17**

Don Ortloff, 63 31:38 (1<sup>st</sup> in age group)

**Fontainebleau Adventure Duathlon, Fontainebleau State Park, LA, Oct. 17**

(2-mile Trail Mud Run, 10-mile Mountain Bike, 2-mile Trail Run)

Robert Duncan, 49 1:06:02 (2<sup>nd</sup> in age group)

**Octoberfest 3-Mile Run, Baton Rouge, Oct. 17**

Robert Duncan, 49 18:52 (1<sup>st</sup> in age group)

**USA Space City 10-Miler, Clear Lake, Oct. 11**

Leah Koester 1:45:00

**10 for Texas, 10 miles, The Woodlands, Oct. 10**

Robert Duncan, 49 1:06:01 (2nd AG)

J. C. Guzman, 37 1:06:08

Jason Martinez, 36 1:10:06

Melvin Neely, 53 1:16:23

Christine Gann, 33 1:36:40

Elaine Minton, 51 1:49:41

Philip Swicegood, 58 1:49:28

Pamela Walton, 54 1:52:13

Anita Shreves, 49 2:10:35

Sarah Reeder, 32 2:36:47

Marty Reeder, 33 2:36:47

**Upcoming Huntsville Races:**

Nov. 14 – Kats for the Cause 5K

Nov. 28 – Leftover Turkey 10K, 5K, 1-Mile

Dec. 5 – Texas Trail Runs, 50K & 12.5-Mile, Huntsville State Park

For more information about these and other races, visit the Seven Hills Running Club web site at <http://www.7hills.us> and click on Race Schedule.