

RUNNING SHORTS

More than 450 runners in town for annual race

By Ken Johnson

There were over 450 runners in Huntsville for the 34th Annual Huntsville Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk held on October 27. This is up from just over 400 last year.

This is event of the Seven Hills Running and is the fourth oldest half marathon of nearly 100 in Texas. Runners had a choice between a half marathon (13.1 miles), a quarter marathon (6.55 miles) and a 5K (3.1 miles). Most ran the half marathon.

All three races started and finished at the Health & Kinesiology Center on the Sam Houston State University campus. The hilly course is challenging, especially for the Houston-area runners who are accustomed to flat courses.

Jose Torres, 19, of Trinity was the male winner in the half marathon with a time of 1:20:27. Sara Collazos, 23, of Houston and a recent graduate of Sam Houston State University, won the female division with a time of 1:36:22.

In the quarter marathon, Chad Martin, 23, of Coppell, Texas was the fastest male with a time of 36:22. Emily Denny, 23, of Trophy Club, Texas won the female division with a time of 44:42.

Complete race results, to include the 5K, are on the Seven Hills Running Club web site at <http://www.7hills.us>.

Race Director, Darren Grant, reports that the feedback he received about the race was very positive. He is proud of the way volunteers from the community came together to welcome, serve and support the runners. He also reports that several thousand dollars from race proceeds will be distributed to local charities and scholastic running teams.

Other recent race results:

Sunday Night 5K, The Woodlands, Nov. 4

Leah Koester, 46	26:09
Ken Johnson, 71	37:58

Rocky Raccoon Trail Run, Huntsville State Park, Nov. 3

50K (31 miles)

Ken Johnson, 71	9:22:36
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25K (15.5 miles)

Elaine Minton, 54	2:50:09
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10K (6.2 miles)

Donna Fabian, 38	1:01:25
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Robert Duncan, 52	1:08:40
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Marvin Dunbar, 46	1:12:05
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Texas 10 Series, 10 Miles, Conroe, Nov. 3

Doug Dretke, 54	1:39:12
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DeeDee Dretke, 52	1:51:27
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Shiitake 5K, Madisonville, Oct. 27

Don Ortloff, 66 33:40

Toughest 10K, Galveston, Oct. 20

Steve Bickford, 51	48:12
Darryl Shreves, 52	50:45
Gerald Johnson, 57	55:11
Glenn Green, 50	1:00:19
Tom Reynolds, 38	1:09:05
Susan Haller, 41	1:12:54
Anna Shreves, 52	1:17:23
Renee Evans, 42	1:37:14

Upcoming races in Huntsville:

November 10 – Running to Shine 5K, SHSU campus

November 24 – Leftover Turkey 10K, 5K, 1-Mile Run/Walk, Veterans Mem. Parkway

December 1 – Christmas in the Pines 5K, SHSU campus

December 1 – Texas Trail Runs, 50-Mile, 50K, 20K, Huntsville State Park

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