

RUNNING SHORTS

Local runners flock down to Houston for marathon

By Ken Johnson

Several local runners joined nearly 19,000 others in the Houston Marathon and Half Marathon on Sunday.

Darryl Shreves, 54, of Midway was the fastest local runner in the marathon. He finished the 26.2-mile distance in 4 hours and 39 seconds. It was his 10th marathon. Not far behind Shreves was Jody Slaughter, 51, of New Waverly. He finished in 4 hours, 6 minutes and 10 seconds. It was Slaughter's 14th marathon.

Matthias Woechener, 26, a Criminal Justice student at Sam Houston State, ran his second marathon. His time was 5 hours, 21 minutes and 6 seconds.

In the half marathon race, Jose Torres, 21, of Trinity finished the 13.1-mile course in 1 hour, 43 minutes and 39 seconds.

Kristy Vienne, 37, of Huntsville was the fastest local female runner, with a time of 2 hours, 27 minutes and 10 seconds.

A complete list of local runners participating is below. Congratulations to all.

The inaugural Houston Marathon was held in 1972, with less than 100 finishers. It has continued to grow ever since. This year, there were 7,143 finishers in the full marathon and 11,758 in the half marathon.

The cap for 2015 was 25,000, which means there were about 6,000 who registered and did not participate, started but did not finish or finished but did not meet the cutoff times for finishing (6 hours for the marathon and 4 hours for the half marathon).

The cap for 2016 has been increased to 27,000 and entry through the lottery system has been eliminated. Registration is open now.

Recent race results:

Houston Marathon, Jan. 18

Darryl Shreves, 54	4:00:39
Jody Slaughter, 51	4:06:10
Willard Oliver, 47	4:22:32
Jose Moreno, 53	4:36:21
Matthias Woechener, 26	5:21:06

Half Marathon

Jose Torres, 21	1:43:48
Kristy Vienne, 37	2:27:10
Ken Johnson, 73	2:55:44
Anna Shreves, 54	3:17:38

ABB 5K, Houston, Jan. 17

Jose Torres, 21	18:44
Matthias Woechener, 26	24:29

Resolution Run, 2.86 miles, Kingwood

Donna Fabian, 40	20:42
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Resolution 5K, Temple, Jan. 11

Donna Fabian, 40 24:17

Run the Woodlands 5K, The Woodlands, Jan. 10

Stephen Dunn, 24 17:40

Ken Johnson, 73 35:34

Upcoming races in Huntsville:

January 24 – Frost Your Fanny, 5K, 1-Mile, Spring Lake Sub-Division

January 31 – Rocky Raccoon 100-Mile Trail Run, Huntsville State Park

February 7 – Rocky Raccoon 50-Mile Trail Run, Huntsville State Park

February 14 – Love.Run.Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K, Huntsville State Park

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