



127 finish Surfside Beach Marathon 301 finish Half Marathon

Five records fall in 3rd annual contest

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SURFSIDE—Facing a 20 mph headwind, almost 500 runners lined up on the sand to run the Third Annual Surfside Beach Marathon/Half Marathon, and despite the wind, finishers broke four records in the marathon and one in the half marathon.

In a pre-race story in *The Facts* Wednesday, Feb. 7, Houstonian Stephen Baumgartner of Houston said he hoped to be the first to finish the Surfside Beach Marathon in less than three hours; he realized his hope by romping the 26.2-mile route from Stahlman Park to the San Luis Pass along the beach in two hours, 55 minutes and 44 seconds, a 6:42 mile pace that put him well ahead of his competitors. Baumgartner finished the contest first in 2005 and second last year. He beat the 3:01:17 contest record he posted in the inaugural race in 2005 by 5:33.

Baumgartner and a small



And away we go!

pack of half marathoners, who started the race simultaneously, helped each other by bearing the brunt of the wind so others could draft them.

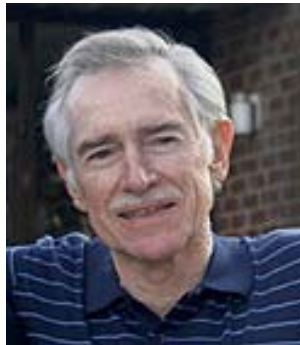
“I ran with them against the wind through their turnaround; we all took turns taking the lead so we could keep out of the wind,” said Baumgartner. “From the marathon turnaround, I was sure I could keep up the pace I had. The wind didn’t

take as much out of me as it did last year. I was in better shape, and I also ran smarter.”

Ed Sturdivant, who trailed Baumgartner in third place last year and second in 2005, trailed Baumgartner for the third year but did some record setting himself. Now 40 and a masters runner, Sturdivant of Missouri City finished

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Editor's Notes



Despite my request, as usual, no one has sent me news of races outside of our area. The big news, of course, is the success of our third annual

Surfside Beach Marathon/Half Marathon. With no other news, then, I thought it might be appropriate to reprint my story from the Sunday, Feb. 11, *Facts* with some slight abridgement, along with a few pictures I took on race day. So if you have any complaints about the newsletter lacking variety, it's because no one responds to my call for material.

Congratulations to Daryl Beatty for a successful contest, and thanks to the multitude of volunteers who made the contest possible. If you volunteered and did not get a T-shirt, please let Daryl know.

Jim Jarvie seriously ill

Jim Jarvie, long-time active BARRA member and former Webmaster, is seriously ill. After two and a half weeks in Methodist Hospital, Jim returned home Feb. 27. The diagnosis is mesothelioma, lung cancer.

"He is doing OK, considering," said Lena Jarvie. He perks up for visitors."

If you would like to visit Jim and chat with him, please call first.

Please remember Jim and Lena and their family in your thoughts and prayers.



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Mission Statement: The purpose of the Brazosport Area Road Runners Association shall be to encourage and promote competitive and recreational running, triathlons, and walking with a view to promoting health and fitness in the greater Brazosport Area. The Brazosport Area Road Runners Association will support, promote, and organize sports competition in these areas and distribute information pertaining to these activities. The Brazosport Area Road Runners Association shall also provide a regular newsletter and encourage social activities germane to the sport of running.

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Please attend our next meeting at the Riverpoint Restaurant in Lake Jackson at 6:30 p. m. on Tuesday, March 13.

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second overall and first in the male masters competition in 3:09:34, a 7:14 pace, and broke the previous record by 12 seconds.

“Steve was almost two miles ahead of me; I was at the 24-mile mark when he was finishing,” said Sturdivant. “He took off with the lead group of half marathoners, and I couldn’t catch them. Steve continued to pull ahead of me, and at the turn around mark, he was about three-quarters of a mile ahead of me and kept gaining ground. He’s a very strong runner.”

Scott Tonnessen, 36, of Friendswood finished third overall and second in the open male competition in 3:12:54.

Rick Autrey, 45, of Nacogdoches, and Francisco Graza, 41, of Houston finished fourth and fifth overall, respectively, in 3:16:45 and 3:16:54, to earn second and third places in the male masters competition.

“I did better than I expected,” said Graza, who completed his 19th marathon. “It was going to be a training run, but with the wind at my back, I picked it up.” Autrey was unavailable for comments.

Also finishing her 19th marathon, Gayle Zorrilla, 35 of Denver, Col., finished sixth overall and first in the open women’s competition in 3:23:55, a 7:14 pace, to break the women’s marathon record and wipe out the record set last year by 21:44.

“I was slower than usual; the wind going out was certainly a challenge, but the sand was better than I expected,” said Zorrilla.

Ted Traynor, 57, of Houston finished seventh overall in 3:26:06 to place third in the men’s overall competition. He was also unavailable after the race for comments.

Rebecca Gartrell, 34, of San Antonio and Parvaneh Moayedi, 42, of Austin rounded out the open female competition by finishing, respectively, 37th and 42nd overall, in 4:11:11 and 4:14:20.

“The course is good; the wind did slow me down,” said Gartrell, who finished her ninth marathon. “That’s what makes it challenging, the wind.”

“I was counting the women at the turnaround, and I didn’t count many of them, so it made me run faster,” said Moayedi, who finished her 99th marathon and plans to run her 100th next week in Austin.

Finishing her 112th marathon, Suzy Seeley, of Houston, 47, broke the contest record in the female masters competition in 3:43:49, an 8:33 pace.

“I ran faster in Georgia last weekend, in the three twenties,” said Seeley. “I was all by myself, and the surface was good.”

Tina King of Edmond, Okla., like Sturdivant, just turned 40, and won second place in the female masters competition in 4:08:11. King placed first overall in the 2005 contest and second in the 2006 contest.

“It’s my first masters trophy; I did better this year than last,” said King. “I wasn’t trying to compete with anyone, just trying to finish. You are out there on your own.” Jitka Newald, 49, of League City, unavailable after the race, finished

third in the female masters competition in 4:11:22.

Brazoswood High School senior cross country runner Weston Caceres came to the shorter 13.1-mile marathon, like Baumgartner, hoping to break the half marathon record, but the 20 mph headwind on the way north slowed him down until he reached the turnaround and had the wind at his back. He finished the distance in 1:21:10, a 6:11 mile pace, for first in the open competition but 1:29 short of the contest record posted in last year’s contest by Larry Millard of Houston.

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Brazoswood runner Weston Caceres sought to break the half marathon record mark but fell short; however, he did finish first in the open male competition in 1:21:10.

Caceres did distance himself from his closest and frequent Needville High School competitor James Logan Smart, 17, who finished second overall in 1:25:50, 4:40 behind Caceres.

“I started out a little bit slow and waited to push it until halfway in the race,” said Caceres. “At the start quite a few were in front of me, but by the first mile, I was in front. The wind did slow me down, and I couldn’t make up the time I lost against the wind.”

“We were together, and then Weston took off,” said Smart. “He wanted the record real bad; I figured he was going to get out there and burn himself out. I beat him three times this year in cross country meets. He took this race really seriously. We ran together with Kurt Pepper and Steven Baumgartner (a marathoner). We worked together until the turnaround.”

Pepper, 47, of Missouri City, achieved what Caceres failed to do. He finished the distance third

overall in 1:27:00, a 6:38 pace, and broke the male masters (40 plus) contest record by 18:14.

“Logan, Steve and I traded off running in front to shield the wind from about the three-mile mark,” said Pepper. “When we got to the turnaround, Logan took off. Weston was just a speck on the horizon. I took off after Logan, and Logan took off with about the same success after Weston.”

Michael Tognareli, 35, of Houston finished fourth overall and third in the open male competition in 1:28:08, over a minute behind Pepper. Tognarelli ran with his friend Autumn Ray, 27, of Galveston.

“Autumn and I ran together for most of the race and paced each other,” said Tognarelli. “I pulled ahead late in the race at about mile 12 or 13. I treated the wind the same as an uphill run and felt really good in the last four miles.”

Ray, 27, trailed Tognarelli, by 21 seconds and placed first in the open



Bob Sipple “chills” while he work the finish line.

female competition in 1:28:33, a 6:46 mile pace.

“I held up for the first six miles because of the wind and had a good steady pace,” said Ray. “I put a lot of effort into the last miles. The only challenger I had was Michael, and he beat me.”

Dave Dipenet, 43, of Sugar Land finished 6th overall behind Ray in 1:29:22, to capture second place in the male masters bracket. He was unavailable for comments after the race, as well as Predrag Bjoovic, 44, of Houston, who finished 9th overall and third in the masters competition.

Alexandra Gajewski, 32, of Houston finished seventh overall and second in the open women’s competition in 1:30:47.

“I was out to run my own

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Brazoswood High School National Honor Society students braved the wind and chilly weather to do duty at the water stations.



Volunteer Half Marathoners celebrate Kelly Colosimo's birthday. Is she thirty yet?

race and not kill myself," said Gajewski. "Autumn passed me around mile five, and I knew I couldn't catch her."

Catherine Chaffine Kruppa, 33, of Houston finished 10th overall and third in the open women's competition in 1:36:11.

"The wind was worse than I expected," said Kruppa.

Making the trip from Aylesbury, U. K., to run the Surfside Half Marathon, Linda Huxley finished 24th overall and first in the female masters competition in 1:44:16, a 7:57 pace. Huxley enjoyed the race and the Texas hospitality.

"This race is right up there with the top of them," said Huxley, "the friendliness, the atmosphere and everything. "It was a bit cooler than I expected, but it was lovely running along the surf."

Karen Bowler, 57, of

Houston, and Carol Clark, 43, of Littleton, Col., finished 36th and 43rd overall and second and third in the masters women division in 1:48:28 and 1:52:17.

"I loved it; it was a fantas-

tic race," said Bowler. "I'm definitely coming back next year."

"It was a beautiful, flat, clean course with good volunteer support," said Clark. "You felt like it was just you and the beach."

"Everything went exceptionally well," said Daryl Beatty, race director and director of road racing for the Brazosport Area Road Runners Association. "The volunteers handled it all flawlessly; I didn't hear a single complaint."

OverNite Software is the contest title sponsor, and ConocoPhillips is the founding sponsor of the contest. The Village of Surfside assists in the race, Hope Fellowship Church of Lake Jackson prepares and serves the BBQ to the runners, the Brazoswood Honor Society helps at the water tables, event. The proceeds of the race go to the Save Our Beach Association and to the BARRA college scholarship fund.



BARRA Half-Marathon Volunteer Race winners, from left to right, Mick Bayer, overall male; Kelly Colosimo, first masters female; Terry Allen, first overall female; Ralph Corry, first in 50-59 male group; and Daryl Beatty, male masters winner. Photo provided by Mick Bayer.



BARRA has new Website

With Jim Jarvie's illness, Bill Shaw has taken over the BARRA Web site. The site has been moved from the Brazosport College server to the GoDaddy server with a name change, www.barrahome.net. Check it out. If you have suggestions about the site, or if you have something you would like posted, e-mail runwriter@sbcglobal.net.



Quarles jogs and blogs

BARRA secretary Edwin Quarles has taken on blogging for the *Houston Chronicle*. Check out <http://blogs.chron.com/runhouston>.



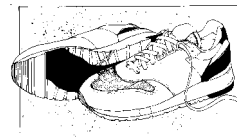
Meeting switched to second Tuesday of Month

As a result of the survey distributed at the Christmas party and tabulated for the January meeting, BARRA members to move the meeting night to Tuesdays in hopes of increasing attendance. For the sake of planning, members also voted to designate the second Tuesday of the month as a regular time. We are still meeting at Riverpoint Restaurant in Lake Jackson; however, depending on what the program committee decides, we may hold our meetings in a quieter place if we have guest speakers or programs that require better acoustics.

2007 BARRA Runner of the Year Series Races determined at February Meeting

The club voted to include 9 races in the BARRA series.

1. Spectacle Spectacular 10K/5K, Saturday, Jan. 27, Angleton
2. Gator Gallop 5K/1mile, Saturday, March 31, Lake Jackson
3. Run for Jesus 5K, Saturday, April 14, Danbury
4. San Jacinto Festival 5K, Saturday, April 21, West Columbia
5. Flapjack 5K, Saturday, April 29, Freeport



6. Brazosport Regional Health Services, Saturday, May 12, Lake Jackson
 7. Race for the Cure 5K, Saturday, June 2, West Columbia
 8. Mosquito Chase 5K, Saturday, July 28, Clute
 9. Monster Dash 5K, Saturday, Oct. 27, Lake Jackson
- Participation points will be given for the following races:
1. Firecracker 4, Wednesday, July 4, Lake Jackson
 2. Summertime Blues Triathlon, Sunday, Sept. 2, Freeport
 3. Brazosport Relay Triathlon, Saturday, Sept. 8, Lake Jackson

A handful of BARRA members run Volunteer Half Marathon

Five BARRA members ran the Surfside Half Marathon route a week before the scheduled event on Saturday, Feb. 3. Mick Bayer finished first overall male, Daryl Beatty finished first in the male masters competition, and Ralph Corry was first in the male 50-59 age group. Terry Allen finished first in the open female competition, and Kelly Colosimo finished first in the female masters competition.



The group celebrated Kelly's birthday after the run. (See photos page 5.)

2007 Brazosport Area Race Schedule



Brazosport College Gator Gallop
Lake Jackson
Saturday, March 31

Leslie Way, Director
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Run for Jesus 5K
Danbury
Saturday, April 14

Amy Plander, Director
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San Jacinto Festival 5K
West Columbia
Saturday, April 21



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No Race Director
Might be Cancelled

Flapjack 5K
Freeport
Saturday, April 28

Mary Stotler, Director
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Brazosport Regional Health Services 5K/10K
Lake Jackson
Saturday, May 12

Patty Green
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Race for the Cure
West Columbia
Saturday, June 2



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Firecracker 4
Lake Jackson
Wednesday July 4

Bill Shaw, Coordinator
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Mosquito Chase 5K
Clute
Saturday, July 28



Calvin Shiftlet, Director
www.mosquitofestival.com
800-371-2971

Summertime Blues Triathlon
Freeport
Sunday, September 2

Jana and Kevin Landry
www.triontherun.com

Brazosport Relay Triathlon
Lake Jackson
Saturday, September 8

John Farone
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Monster Dash 5K
Lake Jackson
Saturday, October 27



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