

GARDEN SPOT VILLAGE ANNOUNCES FINAL MARATHON RESULTS

Boston Marathon qualifier at Lancaster County retirement community draws more than 1,000 registrants

NEW HOLLAND, Pa. — Apr. 11, 2011 — Lowell Ladd, 35, of Eagleville, Pa., finished first in the Garden Spot Village marathon on Sat., Apr. 9, with a time of 2:46:15. Katie Shelley, 22, of Columbia, Pa., finished first in the Women's Division and 17th overall, with a time of 3:16:16. Steven Monteleone, 21, of Berkeley Heights, N.J., was first across the finish line, winning the half marathon with a time of 1:16:36.

Richard Shaw, 52, of Fredericksburg, Va., won the Men's Grand Masters Division, for runners 50 years old and better, with a time of 2:58:39. Kathie Redmond, 52, of Coatesville, Pa, was the Women's Grand Masters winner, finishing in 3:31:13.

"This year we had a higher number of 'grand masters' over 65 entered in the marathon," said race director Scott Miller, himself a marathoner, who is also marketing director of the retirement community.

More than 200 of the 1,000-plus registered participants were age 50 or above. The oldest finishers in the full marathon, both age 75, were Ray Moses of Huntsville, Ala., and Eugene DeFronzo of Cheshire, Conn. The youngest finisher in the marathon was Benjamin Bliss, 13, of Corning, N.Y. Complete results will be posted at GardenSpotVillageMarathon.org.

The Garden Spot Village Marathon previously offered first, second and third-place awards for men and women in age categories, in five-year increments, ranging from ages 13-19 to age 70-plus. This year, the age category awards were extended to recognize the individual achievements of men and women runners ages 65 to 69, 70 to 74, 75 to 79, 80 to 84, and 85-plus. The event is believed to be the first marathon hosted by a retirement community.

An estimated 2,000 runners and spectators gathered near the community's Legacy Garden in the cool, crisp morning air for the start of the race. Sen. Mike Brubaker sent the marathoners on their way along a USA Track & Field (USATF)-certified course, which circles through the farmlands at the foot of Welsh Mountain before returning to the 104-acre Garden Spot Village campus. The event is a qualifier for the Boston Marathon.

First-place marathon finishers in each of four categories won cash awards: Men Overall, Women Overall, Men 50-plus and Women 50-plus. The Garden Spot Village Marathon is unique in that the masters awards for runners 50-plus are the same amounts as the overall awards.

Results for the full marathon were:

Men's Overall

First place Lowell Ladd, age 35, Eagleville, Pa.; 2:32:29
Second place Justin Gillette, age 28, Goshen, Ind.; 2:39:13
Third Place Marco Capelli, age 38, Collegeville, Pa.; 2:45:46

Women's Overall

First place Katie Shelley, age 22, Columbia, Pa.; 3:16:16
Second place Kristin Van Eron, age 39, Timonium, Md.; 3:29:16
Third place Lauren Doe, age 29, New Cumberland, Pa.; 3:29:33

Men's Masters (age 50 or above)

First place Richard Shaw, age 52, Fredericksburg, Va., 2:58:39
Second place William McGovern, age 51, Marathon, N.Y.; 3:16:48
Third Place Wayne Deegan, age 51, Pottstown, Pa.; 3:21:33

Women's Masters (age 50 or above)

First place Kathie Redmond, age 52, Coatesville, Pa.; 3:31:13
Second place Helma Clavin, age 67, Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y.; 4:24:10
Third Place Nancy Hanna, age 52, Hollister, Calif.; 4:25:44

The half marathon also is USATF certified. Results were:

Men's Overall

First place Steve Monteleone, age 21, Berkeley Heights, N.J.; 1:16:36
Second place David Hollely, age 35, Long Island City, N.Y.; 1:23:30
Third Place Luis Lopez, age 31, Parkesburg, Pa.; 1:24:12

Women's Overall

First place Janelle Seip, age 33, Jonestown, Pa.; 1:30:00
Second place Dawn Fisher, age 36, Gordonville, Pa.; 1:31:51
Third place Josalyn Smith, age 19, Hagerstown, Md.; 1:32:01

Men's Masters

First place Hugh Willing, age 50, Phoenixville, Pa.; 1:26:26
Second place Raymond Brown, age 53, Nashua, N.H.; 1:37:06
Third Place Dirk Sweigart, age 51, Newark, Del.; 1:38:01

Women's Masters

First place Melanie Marinaccio, age 53, West Lawn, Pa.; 1:47:35
Second place Pam Currie, age 51, Lancaster, Pa.; 1:49:47
Third Place Pattie Weaver, age 54, Reinholds, Pa.; 1:57:27

The Widener Law team from Harrisburg won the Relay Division with a time of 2:56:19. The Hot Papas from Sinking Springs took second place with a time of 3:11:34, and the Chris McGrath Team, from Burtonsville, Md., finished third, in 3:15:55.

Proceeds from the marathon benefit the Garden Spot Village Benevolent Fund, which helps support residents who need financial assistance. The event's Gold Sponsor is CBS 21 News. Comcast and Warfel Construction Company are Bronze Sponsors. Fessers Distributors, Liberty Sports Magazine, Pioneer, Singer, Kegel's Produce, Spring Glen Fresh Foods, Triangle Communications and Turkey Hill are Marathon Special Friends. Graystone Bank, Hess Energy, Highmark and United Concordia sponsored mile markers along the 26.2-mile, USA Track & Field-certified, Boston Marathon qualifier course. The Lancaster School of Massage provided complimentary sports massage for participants in the recovery tent.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Garden Spot Village Benevolent Fund, which helps support residents who need financial assistance.

###