



THE TOP FOUR FINISHERS in the men's 10K are Don Jedlovec, Sonny Bourne, Mark Landin and Stan Schultes.



TROPHY RECIPIENTS in the women's 10K included Kerri Landin, Pat Guthrie, Judy McKee and Joan Hargett.

Record Number Turn Out For Oyster Festival Run

BY SUSAN USHER

In spite of the rain, a record 89 runners turned out for the 5th N.C. Oyster Festival Run at Holden Beach Saturday.

"I can't believe this many people showed up," said rain-soaked race coordinator Johnny Craig, sports editor for The Brunswick Beacon.

Runners in the one-mile, 5K and 10K events began and ended their races at the old Surfside Pavilion at the east end of Holden Beach, New Hanover County entrants registered the best times in all three events.

Participation was heaviest in the

5K, with 39 registered, followed by the 10K with 32 runners.

The rain appeared to have kept away only the less serious runners who enjoy the one-mile event, which drew only six competitors Saturday.

"I like to run when it's misty," said Judy McKee of Sunset Beach, a 5K runner participating her second year in the Oyster Festival event. "But, ugh, the head winds were hard to manage coming back."

Why travel across the state to various runs?

Danny Seagle, a runner from Morganton in his mid-40s, has been

running now for 17 years.

"Runners compete against a course, others, the weather and themselves," he said. Saturday he finished 18th in a field of 39.

Also, there's the joy meeting people of similar ages and interests.

"I usually talk to the over-40s crowd because that's who I run with. I have friends from all over," Seagle added.

And in one last argument for running, Seagle pointed out, "You can take it with you."

Don Jedlovec of Wrightsville Beach finished the 10K run with a time of 34:59, more than a half-minute better than his closest competitor, Sonny Bourne of Charlotte. Top female finisher was Pat Guthrie of Charlotte, with a time of 43:28.

Several runners said they had logged their best times ever on the flat, straight course along Ocean Boulevard.

Top male finisher in the 5K run was George Walker of Wilmington, who clocked in at 14:37, a full minute ahead of Ken McCraw, also of Wilmington.

In the fun run, Terry Ellis of Wilmington edged Larry Pigott of Shallotte for the top time at 5:38.

Also earning a trophy in the male division of the fun run was Frank Johnson of Oakland, N.J., at 7:38.

Keely Dempsey of Charlotte led in the women's bracket, clocking 9:05; followed by Shelia Wolfe of Morganton, 9:26; and Shirley Johnson of Raleigh, 11:48.

Taking the men's third place in the 5K was Layne Fuller of Wilmington, 15:53; with Jim Gummow of New Bern fourth at 16:10.

Placing first in their age divisions were Wesley Miller of Asheboro, in the 12 and under category.

Miller completed his first 5K run in 28:37. He's previously run in the one mile event at the Asheboro YMCA and at the 1984 Oyster Festival Run.

Also, Colin Smith of Holden Beach, 13:19, 16:19; Robert Creech of Wilmington, 20:29, 19:21; Frank Meares of

Wilmington, 30:09, 17:41; Sam Lipscomb of Wilmington, 40:49, 29:51; and Gerhard Mutschinski of Sunset Beach, 50 and older, 24:22.

Frances O'Connell of Wilmington led the women in the 5K, finishing in 19:28. Behind her were Jean Weeks of Wilmington, 19:51; Bette Dietrick of Montgomery, Pa., 22:55; and Marilea Lovett of Charlotte, 26:58.

Age bracket winners were Anne Johnson of Raleigh, 12 and under, 27:01; Karen Thomas of Goldsboro, 20-29, 28:51; Martha (Marty) Ellis of Wilmington, 30-9, 27:19; Joyce Summerous of Charlotte, 28:23; and Bernyce Roe of Wilmington, 50 and older, 0:41.

Overall male winners in the 10K after Jedlovec and Bourne were Mark Landin of Wilmington, third at 36:20; and Stan Schultes of Wilmington, 37:24.

Age bracket winners were Michael Coulman of Wilmington, 20-29, 40:05; Stephen (Steve) Trull, 30-39, 40:16; Chuck Mammay of Yaupon Beach,

40-49, 37:30; and Warren Martin of Hickory, 50 and older, 47:06.

Following Guthrie in the women's 10K were Kerri Landin of Wilmington, 49:18; Judy McKee of Sunset Beach, 49:53; and Ann Bishop of Raleigh, 51:04.

Winning a trophy in the 40-49 age bracket was Joan Hargett of Charlotte, 54:52.

Other entrants and their times were as follows, by race:

5-Kilometer: Fitz Dove of Charlotte, 20:11; Walt Miller of Asheboro, 20:57; Lee Miller of Asheboro, 21:41; James Pelham of Bennettsville, S.C., 22:24; Sandy Blocker of Greensboro, 24:36; Danny Seagle of Morganton, 24:50; John Kearns of Asheboro, 24:56; Jim Petrea of Hillsborough, 25:18; Rick Webster of Roanoke, Va., 25:24; Joe Vatovec of Carolina Beach, 25:35; Les Parker of Charlotte, 25:51; C.B. Wells of Wilmington, 26:07; Max Hakes of Montoyersville, Pa., 26:18; Mark Rickards of Wilmington, 26:40;

Todd McDonald of Asheboro, 26:53; Ruth Petrea of Hillsborough, 28:33; Walt Miller of Asheboro, 28:38; Lynda Thomas of Goldsboro, 30:26; and Cathy Johnson of Oakland, N.J., 30:27.

10-Kilometer: Larry Wescott of Wilmington, 38:20; Bob Ferrier of Charlotte, 39:29; David Morgan of Winston-Salem, 40:32; John Guthrie of Charlotte, 41:13; Russ Simmons of Wilmington, 41:59; Carey Donovan of Richmond, Va., 42:57; Robert Segal of Wrightsville Beach, 43:17; Jim Honeycutt of Wilmington, 43:50; Larry Wilson of Southport, 44:08; Tom Thomas of Hickory, 44:54; Jim Johnson of Raleigh, 46:25; William Stevens, Lake Waccamaw, 46:39; Lonnie Yonce of Holden Beach, 47:48; John Schwab of Summerville, S.C., 49:14; Robert Wilhelm of Whiteville, 50:15; Jody Chaffee of Greenville, 51:05; Robert Civech of Fort Mill, S.C., 52:12; Scott Venable of Raleigh, 56:50; and Lynn Hale of Winston-Salem, 56:52.



AMONG THE SIX one-milers are, in front from left, Shelia Wolfe and Keely Dempsey, and at the back, Terry Ellis and Frank Johnson.



NOT TOO MANY BYSTANDERS turned out to watch their efforts, but misting rain didn't keep 89 runners away from the N.C. Oyster Festival Run at Holden Beach Saturday morning.



TROPHY WINNERS in the men's 5K included, at the front, Wesley Miller; second row from left, Layne Fuller, Ken McCraw, Frank Meares and Sam Lipscomb; third row, George Walker, Robert Creech, Jimm Gummow, Gerhard Mutschinski and Colin Smith.



RECEIVING women's trophies in the 5K are, on the front from left, Bette Dietrick, Anne Johnson and Marty Ellis; back row, Marilea Lovett, Joyce Summerous, Frances O'Connell, Jean Weeks and Karen Thomas.