

Veterans of race course win Lake Tahoe Marathon



Sean Meissner of Sisters, Ore., is familiar with the Lake Tahoe Marathon race course, having won the event's Tahoe Triple (three marathons in three days) four times in the last few years. Meissner proved he could also win gold in the marathon division, taking first this year with a time of 2:58:02.

It was hometown favorite Gretchen Brugman of Truckee winning the women's marathon division with a time of 3:34:24, setting a personal record on the Lake Tahoe route. Like Meissner, Brugman isn't new to the race course and finished first in the Tahoe Triple's women division in 2003.

Lynyrd Skynrod of Reno also proved that past Tahoe Triple experience is a plus having one that race in 2007, celebrating at the finish with a cigarette. This year, he again was first in the Tahoe Triple with a three-day time of 2:43, 2:54 and 3:02.

Coming in first for the Tahoe Triple women's division was a new face, Leslie Stallings, of Tampa Bay, Fla., with a three-day time of 3:53, 3:47 and 3:54.

The Lake Tahoe Marathon 72-Mile Bike Race record was shattered Saturday for the second year in a row, when Curtis Doman of South Jordan, Utah, won the race by a mere half-a-bike length with an official time of 2:55:21.77. First place female went to Katrin Tobin of Santa Cruz with a time of 2:57:57.58. In the master's division (over 40 years), Tahoe City's Todd Weitzenberg won with a time of 2:55:22.04, along with Nancy Harrison of South Lake Tahoe with 3:14:10.19.

According to Race Director Les Wright, Sunday's events along

with the entire Lake Tahoe Marathon Race Week, Sept. 23-27, ran like clockwork, with more than 9,000 participants and spectators enjoying Lake Tahoe's balmy fall weather.

For a complete list of results for races conducted throughout Marathon Race Week, go to www.laketahoemarathon.com.