

## Triathlon draws participants

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PEARLAND — The inaugural Silverlake Sprint Triathlon drew 400 individual and relay entries Sunday for a 400-meter open-water swim, a 10-mile bicycle ride and a three-mile run.

A Florida Marine on leave and a triathlete returning to competition after a layoff of 18 years finished first in the overall male and female competitions.

Victore Joynanki, 23, finished the three segments, unofficially, in 52:30, to win first place in the overall male competition.

All results are unofficial, and individual splits were unavailable at press time. The official results, along with swim, cycle and run times and transitions, will be posted on [RunnerTriathleteNews.com](http://RunnerTriathleteNews.com) and [FitnessSolutions.net](http://FitnessSolutions.net) upon validation.

Joynanki, who has done "a lot" of triathlons, enjoyed the contest.

"It's one of the friendliest triathlons I've done," Joynanki said.

Suzanne Beauchamp, 44, of Houston finished first in the overall female competition in 57:01.

"This was my first triathlon in 18 years because of my children," Beauchamp said. "I've always been a swimmer, and the swimming and the biking saved me. The water was the perfect temperature, and the volunteer help was perfect."

In the male masters (40-plus) competition, Rod Meyers, 44, a native New Yorker who has been in Texas since 1982, finished

first in 56:34. The Silverlake Triathlon was Meyers' third triathlon, all with open water swims.

Ann Wacker, 48, a veteran of "numerous" triathlons finished in 1:01:24 to garner first place in the female masters competition, but had to beat a fierce competitor to do so.

"Ellen Hoppe passed me on the bike, and I passed her on the run," Wacker said. "I was racing with my daughter, and she beat me by two minutes."

Finishing her fourth triathlon, Virginia Ney, 11, received a special award for the youngest of triathlete competitors. Her time was unavailable.

"At first the open-water swim was sort of hard, but I got used to it," said Ney. "I like to get out there and do my best in triathlons; they are good for me physically."

In the Clydesdale division, men 190 pounds and over, Michael Ross, 35, finished in 1:10:40 to win first in the division. In the Athena division, women 140 pounds and over, Nicole Edwards, 31, of Pipe Creek, near San Antonio, finished first in 1:14:21.

Several Brazosport area triathletes finished the Silverlake Sprint Triathlon.

Susan Lorms, 59, of Lake Jackson finished in 1:17:05.

"The event was well-organized and the course was well-marked; the bike course was flat," said Lorms. "I'm really enjoying triathloning now, and I made a new age-group friend."

Janice Moody, 45, of Freeport finished the contest in 1:19:05.

"It was my first open-water swim, and I'm hooked," said Moody. "I can't wait for the next one. I loved it in the open water, picking your spot and swimming

through others."

John Garnett and Alison H. Hasbargen, Dow employees who train with other Brazosport triathletes, finished, respectively, in 1:09:19 and 1:10.

"I did get kicked in the head a little bit in the swim, but the bike was easy, and the run was well-marked," said Garnett, who finished his third triathlon.

"I liked the open-water swim," said Hasbarger, "and I think the volunteers did a great job giving directions."

Local Jenny Seagraves finished her first triathlon, but she was unavailable for comment after the race, as was Rachel Solis, who participated on a relay team.

Lisa Adamson, 34, of Pearland, daughter of Dan and Lynette Walsh of Lake Jackson, finished third in the Athena competition in 1:18:16.

Cliff Wilson, 71, of Lake Jackson finished in 1:23:03 to win third in the 70-74 age bracket, and Bill Shaw, 66, of Freeport finished in 1:31:20 to win first in the 65-69 age group.

Pearland triathletes were the inspiration behind The Silverlake Sprint Triathlon.

"The racing group dreamed of racing at home instead of going to Katy or someplace else," said Gaye Koenning, race coordinator. "I was really honored to have so many people out for the event. The race went well, and we had no injuries. The future of the race looks good, but I envision a small race. I don't see this as a race for 1,000 triathletes."