

Here's to the best runners

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The Brazosport Area Road Runners Association celebrated the holiday season with dinner Dec. 4 at On the River.

After we enjoyed blackberry cobbler with ice cream — we ran off the calories later in the week — Bob Bowden, BARRA president, presented male and female Runners of the Year Awards determined by the order of finishes in the BARRA Series: the Spectacle Spectacular 5K/10K, the Gator Gallop 5K, the Flapjack 5K, the San Jacinto Festival 5K, the Brazosport Regional Health System 5K/10K and the Monster Dash 5K.

Carlo Deason won first in the male 39 and younger Runner of the Year competition. Deason finished first overall in the Spectacular 5K, the Gallop and the Monster Dash and second overall in the BRHS 5K, with his best 5K time, 17:08, in the Monster Dash. David Henry won second. Henry finished first overall in the BRHS 10K in 43:12. Chris Colosimo finished third, with his best 5K, 25:51, in the Flapjack.

Heather Holland topped the 39 and younger female competitors. Holland ran her best

5K, 35:06, in the Gallop. Trina Dominguez won second and Suzanne Dellinger took third. Dominguez ran her best 10K, 54:38, in the Spectacular, as did Dellinger, 55:46.

In his first year as a masters runner, Edwin Quarles won the Runner of the Year masters competition in the age 40-49 division. He finished first in the masters competition in the Flapjack and second in the San Jac, the BRHS 5K and the Dash, with his best 5K, 20:07, in the Gallop.



Bob Bowden won second. Bowden finished first in the masters competition in the San Jac and second in the BRHS 10K, with his best 5K, 20:10 in the San Jac and his best 10K, 44:34, in the BRHS. Steve Hahn won third, with his best 5K, 23:34, in the San Jac and his best 10K, 49:30, in the Spectacular.

Sue Wheeler and Janice Moody tied for first in the female masters competition. Wheeler finished second in the in the San Jac and first in the masters Spectacular 10K and Gallop, with her best 10K, 47:44, in the Spectacular and her best 5K, 21:14, in the San Jac. Moody finished second in the masters competition in the Dash and third in the BRHS 5K, with her best 5K time, 27:53, in the Gallop.

Kelly Colosimo and Teresa Holland won, respectively, second and third in the BARRA female masters competition.

Colosimo, also in her first year as a masters, finished first in the masters bracket in the Flapjack, the San Jac and the BRHS 10K, with her best 5K, 25:07, in the San Jac and her best 10K, 54:46, in the BRHS.

In the male veteran competition for 50 and older, Ralph Corry placed first, Orville Kremmer second and Bill O'Neill third. Corry won third in the overall 40-plus bracket in the San Jac in 22:04, his best 5K of the year. Kremmer was at the top of the 70 and older finishers throughout the series, with his best time, 24:24, in the Spectacular 5K, which is amazing time for a 74-year-old. O'Neill ran his best 5K, 22:50, in the San Jac.

In the BARRA female veteran competition, Susan Lorms led the pack. Lorms finished third in the 40 and older competition in the Spectacle 10K, the Flapjack, the San Jac and the BRHS 10K, with her best 5K, 28:02, in the Gallop and her best 10K, 59:06, in the BRHS.

Mary Deason, Carlo's mom, finished second, with her best 5K, 36:40, in the Gallop. Sandra Clevenger finished third, with her best 5K, 35:59, in the Dash.

I received Volunteer of the Year Award, the most prestigious of BARRA awards. I extend my personal thanks to my peers for this great honor.

Bill Shaw's running column appears in The Facts every other Monday.