

A President's Record

The President's 5K and 10K traditionally had been the least-attended Dallas Running Club event among the club's runs. But that changed Saturday (Jan. 6) morning. Even though the temperature was in the 40s and there was a breeze whipping across White Rock Lake, as 332 finished the races that started and ended at Winfrey Point.

First-year President Libby Jones couldn't offer a reason, and said the event usually had attracted about 100 to 130. The 332 finishers easily was the record for the club's free monthly races in years, Libby said. The club also had a new timing company, DH Sports, and experienced a few problems. However, Libby expects the glitches to be worked out by the time of the next event. Part of the problems included miscommunication and runners who signed up for one distance, but ran the other.

Libby also announced another record before the awards ceremonies; the club (which was the Cross County Club of Dallas until changing the name in late 2006) has reached a record 1,600 members.

Besides running, participants had a chance to buy shirts with Cross Country Club of Dallas logos, or from The Half at discount prices. And new members could pick up their shirts. However, some sizes weren't available. There was a good reason. Libby said club Secretary Tex McFaden, who had the shirts, was involved in a wreck Friday night and couldn't deliver them. The good news, Libby said, is that Tex didn't sustain any serious injuries

Winning the men's 10K was 50-year-old Chris Phelan with a 36:13 while 18-year-old Rosa Galvan took the women's division with a 40:50. In the 5K, the winners were Hector Delgado, 19:57, and 9-year-old Sarah Colbert, 21:01. (Times are rounded up).



Bob Smeby, men's winner of the DRC's City Championship series, was one of the top finishers in the President's 10K. He won the 50-54 age division with a 39:19.26. Bob also is becoming a new addition to the Neighbors pages this week.