



Zetnick honored at Winter Run

The late Don Zetnick, founder of The Runner specialty store and main sponsor of the Arlington Winter Run, was honored Saturday (Dec. 2) at the renamed Don Zetnick Winter Run. Almost 600 runners and walkers participated in the 2-mile and 10K races that started at finished at the UT-Arlington Activities Building on a crisp (temps in the 40s and rising) morning made for running. Phil Zetnick, Don's son and owner of The Runner, and Don's widow Sally helped start both races. Phil was decked out in a Santa Claus suit, a tradition started by Don. Phil, Sally and The Runner manager Larissa Simms are pictured at left.

Some of the lucky participants went home with a cute ceramic penguin and everyone who entered took home a T-shirt with a running Don, including familiar radio in hand, on the front.

Winner of the 2-Mile women's race was Mishael Berger, 27, with an 11:53.13. Louis Brasco, 35, won the men's 2-mile race in 10:40.26.

In the men's 10K, UTA junior Jody Broccoli-Hickey, 21, won in 33:35.52 and in the women's division, Jodi Hulett, 21 and also a UTA junior, won in 37:24.82. Broccoli-Hickey, who grew up in Houston, said his PR is about two minutes faster than what he ran, but said the race was a good workout and he enjoyed the event's atmosphere. He was runner-up last year. Ironwoman Frances McKissick of Irving won the women's masters titles in both races.

Jodi Hulett, an Arlington High grad, said she almost didn't compete because her left knee was hurting while she was warming up. Jodi said she has had IT band syndrom, and this was her first time back after resting a few days after cross country. "I was thinking about not running, and thought about dropping out after the first mile (as the knee continued to hurt). But it got better and better." This was her first official Winter Run. Last year, she ran as a bandit because she had to hurry to a class.



Participants in the Don Zetnick Winter Run received a long-sleeved shirt with Don on the front, and those lucky and fast enough also took home a ceramic penguin.



This is one of the ceramic penguins that the age-group winners took home.



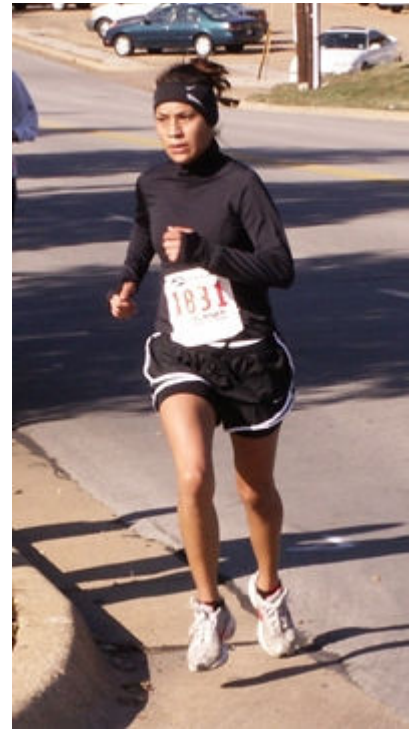
Winners of the 10K were Jodi Hulett in 37:24.82 and Jody Broccoli-Hickey in 33:35.52. Both are UT-Arlington juniors.



Santa, Phil Zetnick, and race director Jeph Abara, handed out trophies to the winners.



Runners were waiting for the start of the 10K at the Don Zetnick Winter Run.



Heading to the finish.



The 10K is off as the middle-of-the pack runners follow the leaders.

