

Area triathletes braved rain to finish

A steady rainfall that started Saturday night dampened the enthusiasm of many of the triathletes in Sunday's Greater Wilkes-Barre Triathlon but not for the local racers who persevered throughout the event.

Complete results of the race were not available at press time but those reported had two Back Mountain residents finishing among the 81 professionals and 22 finishing among the first 851 amateurs. To many of the amateur triathletes the goal is to finish the event and, if at all possible, in the top third.

William Sprau of Shavertown finished 70th in the professional division with a time of 2:24.05 and

Mauureen Connolly of Harveys Lake finished 73rd in 2:25.55. Both received trips for two to the Poconos.

Ken Augustine of Shavertown finished highest among the local amateurs. He was 279th with a time of 2:26.29.

Other Back Mountain finishers were James Harris, Dallas, 294; Robert Derr, Tunkhannock, 310; Wayne Devine, Harveys Lake, 312; Michael Fasulka, Truicksville, 347; Dwight Cummins, Kunkle, 369; Robert Friedman, Shavertown, 398; Donald Hosey, Kingston Township, 401.

Charles Eckman, Dallas, 412;

Chris Julian, Shavertown, 472; Michael Judge, Dallas, 494; Gene Cannon, Dallas, 499; C. Schineller, Harveys Lake, 527; Sean Kavanagh, Dallas, 580; Brian Davis, Dallas, 666; Doug Henderson, Harveys Lake, 679; Dr. Wm. Burak, Shavertown, 701; Andrea Isaac, Shavertown, 710; William Kelly, Sweet Valley, 743; Jeanie Karmiel, Shavertown, 764; Kelley Kavanagh, Dallas, 776; Jenni Wartella, Dallas, 842; and Allan Valunas, Shavertown, 849.

Times of the Back Mountain triathletes reported ranged from 2:26.29 to 3:54.09 for the three events.

Pro triathletes return to area because they enjoy the people and the race

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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More than 300 triathletes and friends gathered at the home of Gry Kowalski, Friday evening, as she and her family hosted the triathletes and friends at a reception.

Excitement and enthusiasm filled the air as the guests arrived with their families or in groups of two or three. Greetings and handshakes were exchanged as some of the triathletes saw each other for the first time in months and others were reintroduced for the first time.

With a short time, the yard and patio buzzed with conversation about the race coming up on Sunday, a well as how some of them did in the races they had entered during the summer.

As guests of Gerry Kowalski's, we were meeting these professionals for the first time. Curious as to why they came to the Back Mountain race, we decided to ask some of them their reason, fully expecting them to answer "Because it's a national championship race."

That wasn't the answer we received from most of those with whom we talked.

Colleen Cannon, who took first in the women's division in 1987, and finished first again this year, is from Boulder, Colorado.

"I fit came to Wilkes-Barre because a friend of mine, Tim Bauman, encouraged me to enter," said Cannon. "I loved the area and everything about it. The race was spectacular and so well organized. The people are friendly and the race has a wonderful flavor, a hometown atmosphere."

"I'm staying with local residents

and it's wonderful," Cannon said.

Prior to Sunday's race, Cannon had taken five firsts, three seconds and a third in 10 races. She had raced in Bakersfield, Memphis, Orange County, Columbus, Vancouver, and in the Heritage in California.

Liz Bulman of Ohio, who took first in the 1986 Greater Wilkes-Barre Triathlon, said she comes back to the area because it is so peaceful and the people are so great.

"The setting is beautiful and it is out in the country. The people are friendly and they put you up in their homes. It's so much nicer than staying in a lonely hotel room," Bulman said.

She said last year she suggested to Gerry that she apply to have the local event become a national championship race. Bulman said Gerry was hesitant at that time, so she was surprised when she learned the triathlon had become a national championship event.

Bulman had knee surgery earlier in the year so she did not expect to win on Sunday. She had raced twice in Ohio and twice in Chicago before coming to the Back Mountain. She also raced in British Columbia where she came in sixth.

Meeting many of the professionals for the first time and apparently enjoying himself a great deal was a young man from Japan. Ryo Murakami, who was entered in the race, his fifth since coming to the United States.

"I came to the United States to learn English," Ryo said. "I am attending the University of Pennsylvania. The triathlon has become a hobby for me. Running is my weakest and biking is my favorite," Ryo explained.

Carol Pickard, who's home is in

Australia, sat talking with several other athletes. This was the first time she had been to the Greater Wilkes-Barre Triathlon, since this was the first year she had been to the States.

Pickard had run five races before entering Sunday's event, two in Canada and three in the United States. She finished fourth and fifth in two of them. She said she entered the local triathlon because she had heard from others that it had the best competition. Despite the inclement weather on Sunday, Pickard finished 40th.

Ron Smith, Master Triathlete, was also entering the local triathlon for the first time. He also came because he had heard how wonderful the local event was. Smith came to the local area from Chicago where he had finished first in the Elite Masters Division of the Chicago Triathlon. The Master's Division is for those triathletes 40 years and over.

The local triathlon was to be his 10th race this season. "I have been doing a lot of traveling this season," Smith said. He was the guest of a local family and said the Back Mountain area was so beautiful, he planned to return.

Joann Ernst of Palo Alto, California, said it was her first visit to the local area. "I like to race against the best in competition and this triathlon has a great reputation. I have raced in Miami, Phoenix, Vancouver, and Chicago. I am rebuilding after surgery." Ernst came in 43rd Sunday.

The athletes and friends continued to arrive at the Kowalski's and as they greeted one another and renewed friendships, it was time for them to enjoy the food and beverages prepared for them.



Racing in the rain
These competitors in Sunday's triathlon were rained on as they passed the intersection of 42nd Street and Old Lake Road on their way to the finish line. (Photo by Linda Shurmaitis)

Dance show will be in memory of Allison Jones

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Academy of Dancing will celebrate its 14th anniversary under the direction of former Rockette and Shavertown resident Barbara Woronko Anzalone with the presentation of "That's Entertainment" on the Wilkes College stage. This song and dance variety show will include nearly 100 local talents in two different shows. The first show will run on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. and the second show on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 2 p.m.

According to Mrs. Anzalone, the show will spotlight many award winning performers in jazz, tap, classical and neo-classical performances, pantomime, novelty and vocal routines, not to mention a fashion and talent show scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Anzalone announced that the performance will be dedicated to the memory of Allison Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones of Dallas.

Allison, an 11 year old student at the academy was afflicted with Well's Tumor, a form of cancer which most often victimizes young children.

Barbara Anzalone is the wife of Dr. A. Anthony Anzalone of Shavertown.

Rain dampens Harveys Lake celebration

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Dusk came early Monday at Harveys Lake as dark clouds hovered overhead bringing with them brisk winds and cold air. Bright stars refused to be denied their last glimpse of summer on the lake as they twinkled across the sky defying the clouds.

The brisk, cold wind had an effect on the crowd that usually gathers for the regatta and huge fireworks display which annually heralds the close of summer at Harveys Lake. People began arriving at the Sunset section of the lake where the display is held but not in the numbers that have assembled in past years.

The steady downpour of rain Sunday and the increasing cold temperature throughout Monday sent many people to the city Sunday as they closed up their vacation homes and returned to the

Valley for work and school this week.

For the brave who lingered, floating slowly in a boat across the lake sometimes with the motor idling, sometimes with it off, the sight was of yellow lights decorating boathouses along the shores and casting their glow over the angry waves, lighting the way for the lake regatta.

Sitting in the boats many participants and spectators were dressed in winter jackets, gloves and hats as they glided toward Sunset Beach for the fireworks display.

Just as the cold temperature reduced the number of spectators assembling for the fireworks display, the brisk winds and choppy waters reduced the number of boats in the regatta. Sails were not hoisted but with masts trimmed with colored lights, the sailboats moved slowly around the lake escorted by myriads of small motorboats with their lights flickering like fireflies. As the regatta

approached the Sunset area the fireworks display began.

An hour of green, orange and purple sprays, hearts and flowers and red, white and blue patriotic bursts filled the sky drawing 'oohs' and 'ahs' from the crowd on shore as well as those passengers in boats braving the 50 degree temperatures to watch from the center of the lake.

Police, fire and ambulance volunteers were standing by taking every precaution to protect the men, women and children gathered for the last day of summer 1988 at Harveys Lake.

Sailboats slowly disappearing, the other boats heading toward their docks, the crowd left. Some to their cars, others into the Grotto for pizza or spaghetti before wending their way home from their final day of summer vacation.

Another summer behind them - another winter ahead.

Fontain dedicated in memory of Mark Wiener

By SAI J. LUNDBERG
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Frier and family of the late Mark Wiener hosted a dedication ceremony at the Kingston Township Municipal Building on September 4, where fountain recently was erected Wiener's memory.

Wiener was a resident of Trucksville until his death from bone cancer 1987 at the age of 30.

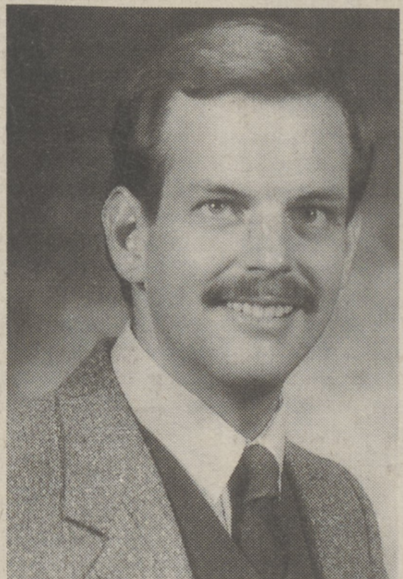
His mother, Howard C. Wiener, Jr. thanked his friends, neighbors and business associates for attending the dedication ceremony. Wiener also expressed his appreciation to Fred Potzer, township manager of the Supervisors of Kingston Township for their help and cooperation; and area professionals who helped in the construction of the fountain.

At the ceremony Howard Wiener

said, "We dedicate this fountain as a gift to Trucksville residents and visitors in the memory of, and with love from, Mark Burchard Wiener."

At the time of his death, Wiener was public relations director for the Committee for Economic Growth (CEG).

A graduate of Dallas High School, Wiener received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and English, graduating from Juniata College in 1979. Before joining the CEG, he was employed as vice-president of Creative Services for Du Val Advertising in Tucson, Ariz.



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