

Wildflower Run set for Saturday

Some will run just for fun. Some will run the prizes and to excel and be noticed.

Some will run for the self fulfillment of it all.

But few will stop to smell the flowers in Saturday's sixth annual Wildflower Run.

But still there should be some flowers in bloom along the way for all to glimpse.

The runs will be a 10K, a 5K and a 2K for boys 12 and under and all females.

Last year the 10K and 5K runs were opened up to males as well as females for the first time in this annual event put on by the American Association of University Women.

The races will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at Live Oak High School. Each run begins and ends there. The 2K and 5K runs are on completely flat paved roads while the 10K (6.2 miles) course has one moderate hill at the base of Anderson Dam.

Entry fee is \$12 or for immediate families of four or more, \$38.

Race T-shirts will be given to the first 400 registered runners with awards and prizes for top overall finishers. Complimentary photographs are available for whole family registrants from 8 to 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Competition will be in male and female runs in the following age groups: 12-and under, 13-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49 and 50-and-over.

Last year's 10K top finishers among the men were Michael Taylor in 33 minutes and 9 seconds; Steve Eckstrom in 33:51 and James Strachan in 34:03.

The top women were Barbara Frank in 37:41; Heather Sprenger in 39:57 and Kathy Landers in 40:58.

More information can be obtained by calling Kathy at 779-7561 or Ruth at 778-1650.

Vida at MH card show

Vida Blue, the retired A's and Giants pitcher, is scheduled to make an appearance Saturday at a baseball card show at the Britton Middle School gym.

The left-hander will be on hand for autographs from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Morgan Hill Police Reserve Association card show.

Blue's autograph will cost card show goers \$3, and there is a \$2 admission charge to the show.

Show hours will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There are also 50 dealer tables available at \$35 each, or \$30 each if two or more are reserved. More information can be obtained by calling 779-7847.

MH Day May 7 at 'Stick

Morgan Hill Day at the Giants is set for May 7 this year.

Tickets for the game at Candlestick Park between San Francisco and the St. Louis Cardinals will go on sale locally on April 10.

Tickets are \$8 each for the 1:05 p.m. Sunday game and will be available through the city's Parks and Recreation Department and Morgan Hill Pony League baseball.

The 500 tickets are reserved in a bloc in a lower-deck section. They can be purchased at the Friendly Inn Community Center on Crest Avenue and through team managers in Pony Baseball.

More information can be obtained about the special day at the ballgame by phoning the city's Giants Trip Hotline at 779-7285 between 8-5 Monday through Fridays.

Munoz and Negrete win Wildflower

Few took time to stop and smell the roses, let alone any wildflowers.

But a good time was had by almost all.

A record field of more than 400 ran Saturday morning in the sixth annual Wildflower Run, with Gilbert Munoz and Terri Negrete the big winners.

Munoz won the men's 10-kilometer run on the course starting and ending at Live Oak High and winding through the orchards east of Highway 101, coming in with a time of 32 minutes, 51 seconds.

Munoz was almost a minute ahead of second-place finisher Adane Alemu in 33:43. David Fergus was third in 34:23.

Negrete, meanwhile, won the women's 10K race in 44:34. Beth Prancetotolkrang was the second woman across the finish line 38 seconds later in 45:16. Third was Lydia Escobar in 45:51.

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Paul, 20 months, and Scott, 3, are along for the ride with dad, Mike Bertramp of Gilroy, who finished 17th in a field of 165 in the Wildflower Run's 10K.

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scholarship fund, said AAUW's Kathy Sass.

Helping defray the costs of putting on the event was sponsor Marv Hoaglund, local owner of Hoaglund's Floor Covering, Sass said.

A record field of more than 300 entered last year, and this year's field grew by almost a 100, to the women's group's immense pleasure.

Most of the field was split almost evenly between the 10K (6.2 miles) and 5K runs, Sass said, with a few women plus a few boys under 12 participating in a 2K race.

Top finishers in the women's 5K: 1. April Powers 17:57; 2. Debbie Holst 20:03; 3. Nicole Dias, 20:53.

The top three in the men's 5K: 1. Bruce Hamilton 16:03; 2. David Furst 16:06; 3. Steve Ligor 16:10.8.

Two Live Oak High members of the girls track team led the way in the 2K, which was a little more a mile run. First was senior Christi Holmes in 8:16.9 followed by junior Kim Granata in 8:46.9 with Elena Garcia third in 8:57.2.

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Wildflower Run grosses \$7,000

Runners turned out in record numbers at the Wildflower Run on Saturday, April 8, in Morgan Hill despite the vast number of competing and conflicting events scheduled the same weekend.

430 athletes registered for the three races which began and ended at Live Oak High School. More than 400 participated despite the heat wave that hit the Bay Area (397 finished in either the 2K, the 5K or the 10K events). Co-meet Director Cathy Sass was very pleased with the turnout. "We had 100 more runners in 1989 than in 1988."

Gilbert Munoz, of Watsonville, continued his mastery over local runners with another triumph in the 10K race. Munoz, who set a new course record of 32:51 over the moderately hilly course, won more Monterey Bay Area races than any other runner in 1988. He is off to another fine start this year.

David Furst of San Jose mastered the 5K course in 16:06 to come in second overall (Bruce Hamilton of Fremont won the race) and first in the master's division and the race itself. Debs Holst returned to the scene of her second place finish in 1988 in the 5K and copped yet another second place to April Powers of Kentfield. Live Oak's Christie Holmes won the 2K.

Joanne Hall, of Morgan Hill, won the 50-plus division of the 5K. Chuck Wilson, of Morgan Hill, took the honors for the 50-plus men's division with a time of 39:00.

Most importantly, the races proved a financial success for the AAUW. The races grossed more than \$7,000 according to Sass. For the first time, the local AAUW will be able to award college scholarships to Live Oak seniors in addition to the other scholarships given to those who qualify through the AAUW scholarship program.

The AAUW races achieved financial success despite the competition from a number of other running events. The vast majority of high school track and field athletes were at the Gilroy High Invitational track meet.

An additional contingent of 25 members from the South Valley



Bill
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Tri-Sport Club camped near San Luis Obispo on Saturday, April 8, in order to take part in the Cuesta Biathlon. Jim Williams, of Morgan Hill, teamed up with David Stern of San Diego to win the senior division of team competition. Another Tri-Sport team, with Bob Thompson on the bike and Doug Avrit doing the running, came in second. Jaime Rozzi of Morgan Hill and Sam Vandenberg of Santa Cruz worked together to come in third to sweep the first three places for the local club. In the individual competition, Jane Grypma, of Morgan Hill, came in second and Teri Snyder of Los Gatos came in first.

Barbara Frank, of Hollister, chose not to defend her 10K title in the Wildflower Run in order to compete in the Bonne Bell 10K in San Francisco. Barbara placed sixth overall and third in her division with a time of 37:26.

Dete Kraus, who lives in Hollister and trains with Barbara Frank, ventured even further afield to Medford, Oregon along with this journalist. Dete came in second place in the 45-49 men's division of the Pear Blossom 20K (which also served as the National Master's TAC Championship).

On Saturday, April 22, fourth, fifth and sixth graders from Gilroy schools will take part in the second Nob Hill Foods sponsored 5K at Las Animas Park. Members of the Gavilan Joggers and Striders, along with other volunteers, will help these fledgling runners go through their paces. Anyone interested in helping to make the event a success that day can contact Pat Vickroy at Las Animas in Gilroy.

Bill Flodberg is a San Martin resident, teacher and running enthusiast who pursues physical fitness through a training program and running competitions.

400 beat MH heat

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By Jack Rux
Sports Writer

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Runs and roses



Photos by Ed Honda

Many of the more than 400 in Wildflower Run round bend and head south on Cochrane Road Saturday