



SAFEhaven Kinderschuhe 5K Run/Walk

Some of the SMRC members ran in the SAFEhaven Kinderschuhe 5K Run / Walk in New Braunfels today. I have been informed that the word “Kinderschuhe” means “children’s shoes” and that “all proceeds will go to help Communities in Schools (CIS) purchase shoes for area low-income school children.”

Suzanne Williams, an SMRC member, occasionally joins us for a club run or social event. She now lives and works in New Braunfels. She was an integral part of this running event. She works at New Braunfels Utilities (NBU) and is a SAFEhaven volunteer. “SAFEhaven programs are volunteer employee projects of New Braunfels Utilities (NBU) designed to promote the health and vitality of the community and the safety and comfort of its residents,” according to the NBU website.

<http://www.nbutexas.com/safehaven/kinderschuhe.php>

Scott Wood was the race director for this event. He usually is the race director for the New Braunfels running events. David and I “worked” side by side with him today and were able to gain some insights. Scott does a swell job, being that he is practically a one-man operation.

Now I will quickly share with you one insight on being a race director that that you may find amusing. I came to the realization today that being a runner, attending hundreds of races, and volunteering and observing the operations of running events are not the main qualifiers of a race director. Scott illustrated flawlessly that the main variable for being a race director is the ability to “run”. Scott ran around looking for his lost phone. Then I saw him run part of the race course to check on something else. Then he darted off to the start line and then back to the finish line. I would not be surprised if he had not run a 5K distance before the actual race. He looks like a strong and fast runner also. The New Braunfels Runners Club is lucky to have Scott Wood.

8:30 a.m.

It was a wonderful spring morning. There were blue skies, cool temperatures and fresh air from the plentiful trees in Landa Park.

There were over 300 participants in this race. The SMRC participants were **David Alexander, Ed Mendoza, Laura Mason, Elma Minor, Dee Dee Esparza** and **Suzanne Williams**.

Since I did not run this 5K there is not much to report as far as the intricacies of the race. I heard that overall it was a great run for many and I did not hear anyone complain.

FUTURE RACE DIRECTORS

Two SMRC members will soon be deeply involved with their own running events in San Marcos. Both **Laura Mason** and **Phillip Adams** will take on the role of race director in the next few months. They may be asking for your assistance soon. Please give them all your support. At least we know they both have the main criteria as a race director, the ability to run.

Run On,

Randall Wood