

Dan McKelvey gets the 21st annual Manasquan Turkey Trot started with a bang from a shotgun. (PHOTO: MICHAEL J. TREOLA)

## Runners get help along Turkey Trot path

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MANASQUAN — At the mile-and-a-half mark of the race, Pam Herrmann still had lots of energy. But she wasn't among the approximately 2,400 runners in yesterday's 21st annual Manasquan Turkey Trot; she was an avid spectator.

"Good job, good job," urged Herrmann, 36, clapping and hollering to encourage runners from her East Avenue post. "All right, Ann Gioia," she yelled as her sister-in-law ran by and stopped briefly to kiss her 6-week-old daughter Josephine.

"It wouldn't be a Thanksgiving holiday without helping out," Herrmann said about the tradition that has held since her husband grew up on that street.

The five-mile race was the main event; there also was a one-mile run. The race raises

money, through entry fees, for several area organizations.

Herrmann was joined by many who lined the race's path and had varying ways of aiding participants along the route. The course started on First Avenue and wound around the town's neighborhoods before ending near Stockton Lake Park on Second Avenue.

"It's pretty fun to help people," said Charlie Loelius, 13, of Wall, who was working a water stop with Boy Scouts from Manasquan Troop 59.

Yet it can also be "pretty chaotic" when groups of runners come through at once, all grabbing for cups of water, Charlie said.

Fellow scout Nick Standt agreed, adding, "Last year I had a (cup of) hot chocolate and some guy took it from me."

To spur on certain runners — including her mother, aunt,

uncle and a friend — Aren Berkenbush, 6, of Livingston, sat on a curb on Second Avenue holding a sign she made herself.

And on Main Street, spectators partying in front of one house offered unique inspiration to some runners — beer.

"You have less than a mile left, guys, you can do it," urged Beth English from her front yard, where she stood on stilts.

As she urged on participants with words, others at the party handed cups of beer to some runners.

"They do that every year, that's another tradition," race director Pat Hoey said of the parties that accompany the race.

"That's really why most of the people come," said race official Pete Pappas of Manasquan.

But for the Mallecks of Point Pleasant, who swept the younger-age category wins, the race

was more of a family outing.

Stephen Malleck, 43, ran with his three children — Stephen, 12; Ryan, 10, and Kerry, 8 — who all earned first place in their age groups.

"They like to run. They are all very self-motivated," said their mother, Karen Malleck, who was there as a spectator.

"I don't know where they get it from," she joked.

Finishing first in the adult categories were Dave Slavinski of Toms River in 24:55 in the men's category, and Jill Evarts of Middletown in 29:47 in the women's. Placing second were Eric Motzenbecker of Wall in 24:45, and Karen Walker of Lawrence in 31:07; and placing third were Brock Butler of Manasquan in 27:17, and Lauren Dunning of Toms River in 31:38.

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# Thousands take to the streets of Manasquan

**MANASQUAN** — Runners from as far away as Allentown, Pa. and as nearby as Brielle turned out in droves to take part in a race that has been a Manasquan tradition for over 20 years.

At the conclusion of this year's annual Manasquan Turkey Trot, now in its 21st year, curious onlookers sighted a familiar face at the five-mile race's finish line.

Dave Slavinski, a Toms River resident who finished in first place at three prior Turkey Trots, was both the first male and the first overall to cross the finish line in the five-mile race on Saturday, completing the course in a total time of 24 minutes, 55 seconds.

Jill Everts, a resident of Middletown, was the first female to

cross the finish line in the five-mile race. She ended her run with a total time of 29 minutes and 47 seconds, according to race results.

In the shorter one-mile run, Peter Wells, of Rockaway, was both the first male and first overall to cross the finish line, concluding the race with a total time of 5 minutes and 34 seconds.

Emily Govel, a Manasquan resident, was the first female to cross the finish line in the one-mile race, clocking in at 6 minutes and 20 seconds.

A complete account of the results of the Manasquan Turkey Trot will appear in next week's issue of *The Coast Star*.



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Runners in the Manasquan Turkey Trot One Mile Fun Run (above) took off during the start of the annual borough tradition held last Saturday. The race drew thousands to run or watch its main attraction, the five-mile run. The race, in existence for more than two decades, is organized by Manasquan resident Pat

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# 21st annual Turkey Trot race draws record-high crowds to beachfront area

By Justin Velucci

The strength of tradition combined with unseasonably mild weather to draw record-high crowds to Manasquan on Nov. 22 to participate in the annual Turkey Trot races.

While 357 people completed the Turkey Trot one-mile run, 2,150 crossed the finish line in the five-mile run, according to Turkey Trot organizer Pat Hoey.

"It's the biggest turnout we ever had," said Ms. Hoey, in an interview this week. "I think I'll attribute that to the weather."

The weather on Nov. 22 was so nice, in fact, that most people put

aside their Thanksgiving gear for clothing more appropriate to the Fool's Run, held in the spring, said Mrs. Hoey.

"It was 50 degrees," she said, with a laugh. "Everybody was out in short-sleeved shirts."

While the weather surely played a hand in encouraging people to take part in the late-fall outdoor event, tradition also may have played a part.

Now in its 21st year, the Turkey Trot typically draws thousands from throughout southern Monmouth County — and beyond — to the Manasquan beachfront area.

### The Five-Mile Run

Tradition also surfaced on the course itself, which wrapped around the beachfront area, beginning on First Avenue and ending near the Stockton Lake Park Little League fields.

For the fourth year in a row, Toms River resident Dave Slavinski took first-place honors overall and among male runners, crossing the finish line with a time of 24 minutes, 55 seconds.

The time is Mr. Slavinski's third-highest finishing time. In 2000 — the first year that he took top honors — he ran the five-mile course in 24 minutes, 22 seconds.

Mr. Slavinski was closely trailed on Nov. 22 by Wall Township resident Eric Motzenbecker, who finished with a time of 25 minutes, 45 seconds, and Manasquan resident

18 to 24, Joe Santonacita, of Manasquan, won first-place honors among male runners and Tara Cullen, of Middletown, won first place among female runners.

In the category for runners ages 25 to 29, Joe Hemler, of Ocean Township, won first-place honors among male runners and Terra Samacki, of Eatontown, won first place among female runners.

In the category for runners ages 30 to 34, Fred Reynolds, of Barnegat, won first-place honors among male runners and Carrie Slavinski, of Toms River, won first place among female runners.

In the category for runners ages 35 to 39, Joe Donahue, of Point Pleasant, won first-place honors among male runners and Kate Harper, of Wall Township, won first place among female runners.

In the category for runners ages 40 to 44, Jack Miskin, of Manasquan, won first-place honors among male runners and Gabby Barrett, of Freehold, won first place among female runners.

In the category for runners ages 45 to 49, Gary Krebs, of Brick Township, won first-place honors among male runners and Carolyn Vanschaack, of Middletown, won first place among female runners.

In the category for runners ages 50 to 59, Dan Jessop, of Wall Township, won first-place honors among male runners and Alane Mahoney, of Spring Lake, won first

Lambertville, won first place among female runners.

In the category for runners ages 80 and over, Clarence Lurch, of Wall Township, won first-place honors among male runners.

### The One-Mile Run

Residents of southern Monmouth and northern Ocean counties were a clear force in the Turkey Trot one-mile run on Nov. 22, garnering five of the six top finishing spots.

Rockaway resident Peter Wells took first-place honors among male runners, finishing the one-mile run with a time of five minutes, 34 seconds. Manasquan resident Emily Govel was the first female runner to cross the finish line, completing the course with a time of six minutes, 20 seconds.

Point Pleasant resident Anthony Tarantin took second place among male runners, with a time of five minutes, 47 seconds. Brielle resident Rich Siderko finished third among male runners with a time of six minutes, six seconds.

Brielle resident Holly McGill took second place among female runners, with a time of six minutes, 30 seconds. Manasquan resident Jamie Gytakis finished third among female runners with a time of six minutes, 33 seconds.

In the category for runners ages five and under, Paul Ramsey, of Brielle, finished first among male runners and Jessica Stansfield, of Wall Township, finished first among

Wall Township, finished first among female runners.

In the category for runners ages 10 to 11, Sean Keefe, of Allentown, Pa., finished first among male runners and Taylor Murdy, of Manasquan, finished first among female runners.

In the category for runners ages 12 to 15, Nick Baretta, of Brielle, finished first among male runners and Abby Thornton, of Brick Township, finished first among female runners.

In the category for runners ages 16 and over, Greg Baroni, of Bayville, finished first among male runners and Jennifer Moretti, of Manasquan, finished first among female runners.

Bob Langston and Emily Govel were the first male and female Manasquan residents, respectively, to cross the finish line in the Turkey Trot one-mile run.

### What's Next for Turkey Trot

Those who think the work of Turkey Trot organizers ended on Nov. 22 when the final runner crossed the finish line should think again.

Mrs. Hoey said she and her fellow volunteers will be out in force tomorrow night, when they serve hot chocolate and cookies to those who brave early December weather and turn out for the borough's annual tree-lighting ceremony.

The ceremony, which is held in Squan Plaza, will be followed by a

Brock Butler, who completed the race in 27 minutes, 17 seconds.

Mr. Butler was also the first male Manasquan resident to cross the finish line in the five-mile run.

Middletown resident Jill Everts took first-place honors among female runners for the first time since 1992, crossing the finish line with a time of 29 minutes, 47 seconds.

Ms. Everts was followed by Lawrenceville resident Karen Walker, who took second place among female runners with a time of 31 minutes, seven seconds, and Toms River resident Lauren Dunning, who completed the course in 31 minutes, 38 seconds.

Brittany Rutter was the first female Manasquan resident to cross the finish line in the five-mile run, completing the course with a time of 24 minutes, 57 seconds.

In the category for runners ages 10 and under, Ryan Malleck, of Point Pleasant, won first-place honors among male runners and Kerry Malleck, also of Point Pleasant, won first place among female runners.

In the category for runners ages 11 to 13, Stephen Malleck, of Point Pleasant, won first-place honors among male runners and Samantha O'Brien, of Rumson, won first place among female runners.

In the category for runners ages 14 to 17, Jesse Pettyjohn, of Brick Township, won first-place honors among male runners and Brie Moran, of Little Silver, won first place among female runners.

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place among female runners.

In the category for runners ages 60 to 69, Paul Haupt, of Shrewsbury, won first-place honors among male runners and Barbara Shannon, of Elberon, won first place among female runners.

In the category for runners ages 70 to 79, Joe LaBruno, of Bayonne, won first-place honors among male runners and Jane Nart, of

female runners.

In the category for runners ages six to seven, Michael Martilnetti, of Wall Township, finished first among male runners and Brittney Ramsey, of Brielle, finished first among female runners.

In the category for runners ages eight to nine, Patrick Buckley, of Basking Ridge, finished first among male runners and Wanda Frain, of

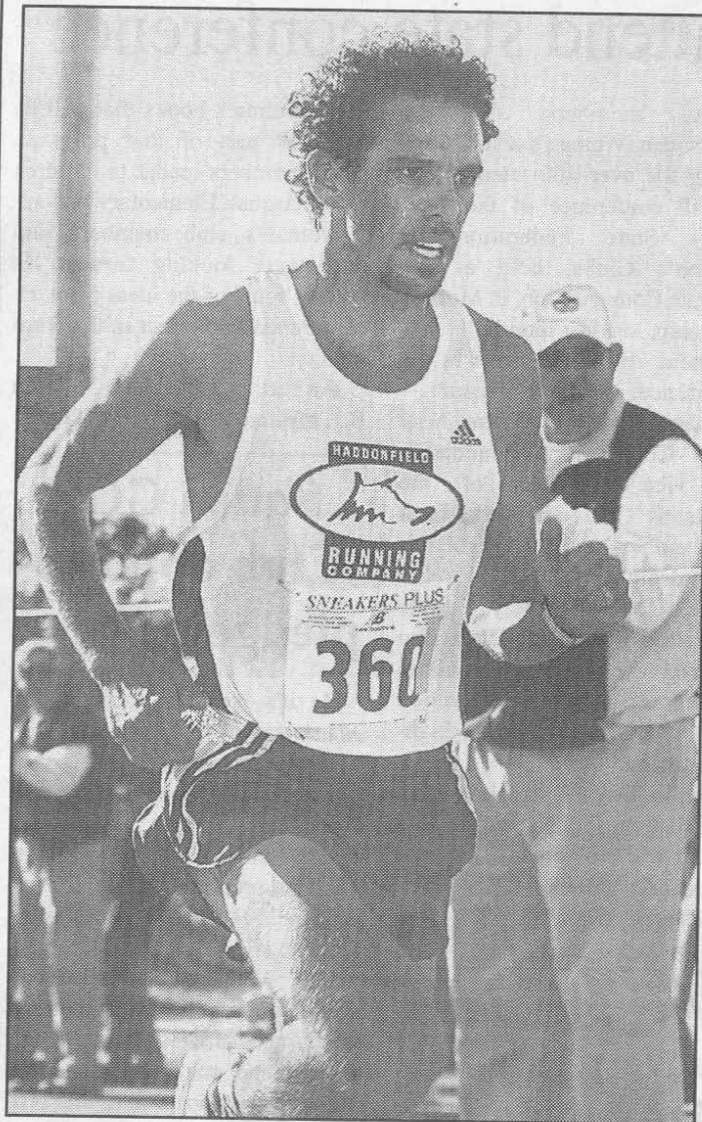
candy cane hunt, sponsored by Manasquan Chamber of Commerce. [See related story, Manasquan pages.]

The Turkey Trot committee is always at the candy cane hunt, set up just outside Manasquan Liquors, handing out hundreds of cups of hot chocolate and hundreds of cookies.

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### Number One Trotter



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Dave Slavinski [above] of Toms River, placed first overall in the men's division of the annual Manasquan Turkey Trot with a time of 24:55.