Grafton man emerges on top in close fight for City of Seven Hills crown

Dozens of intrepid athletes tackled the elements and a challenging course during the third annual City of Seven Hills Triathlon in Port Washington last Saturday morning.

William Fischer of Grafton emerged as the overall winner of the competition, which included a 2/10ths of a mile swim in Pirates' Hollow Waterpark, followed by a 12-mile bike ride and 3-mile run on city streets.

Fischer, who was the top finisher among males ages 30 to 39, posted a time of 1 hour, 3 minutes, 52 seconds, including transition periods between events.

Close behind in a three-way fight for the title were runner-up Eagan Norman of Port Washington and third-place finisher Michael Denzien of Fredonia.

Norman, who placed third overall last year, was clocked at 1:04:31. Denzien finished in 1:04:33.

The top female finisher was Sheboygan resident Khara Schelach (1:08:49).

The winning relay was Team Strohl, consisting of Pam Strohl and Nicole Nelson, both of Port Washington. Their collaborative time was 1:17:047.

A total of 47 people participated in this year's event, which was organized by the city's Parks and Recreation Department.

A summary of the top age-group finishers follows.

Male

Age 13 and younger — 1, Calhan Norman, Port Washington, 1:14:16.

14 to 17 — 1, Eagan Norman, Port Washington, 1:04:31.

18 to 29 — No entrants.

30 to 39 — 1, William Fischer, Grafton, 1:03:52; 2, Jason Lanser, Racine, 1:07:13; 3, Steven Schaefer, Port Washington, 1:07:48.

40 to 49 — 1, Daniel De Lone, Cedarburg, 1:14:37; 2, Danny Fletcher, Port Washington, 1:16:26; 3, Jeff Williams, Port Washington, 1:20:29.

50 and older — 1, Michael Denzien, Fredonia, 1:04:33; 2, Mike Jajtner, Port Washington, 1:11:22; 3, John Kenney, Grafton, 1:13:19.

Female

13 and Younger — No entrants.

14 to 17 — No entrants.

18 to 29 — 1, Tori Ann Klotz, Port Washington, 1:18:52; 2, Alex Anderson, Port Washington, 1:18:53; 3, Melissa Ruder, Port Washington, 1:22:24.

30 to 39 — 1, Khara Schelach, Sheboygan, 1:08:49; 2, Nicole Setzer, Port Washington, 1:08:52; 3, Paula Curtis, Grafton, 1:20:32.

40 to 49 — 1, Tamara Kasper, Cedarburg, 1:19:37; 2, Linda Pierschalla, Saukville, 1:21:32; 3, Sally Purcell, Saukville, 1:22:31.

50 and older — No entrants.

Relay Teams

1, Strohl, 1:17:07; 2, Adams, 1:21:18; 3, Roberts, 1:22:16; 4, Peiffer, 1:29:09.

Image Information: READY TO POWER their way through the swimming portion of the City of Seven Hills Triathlon were (from left) Tori Ann Klotz, Andi Barber and Alex Anderson. Photo by Sam Arendt