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One Course Record Broken at 2017 Cowtown Marathon

Records Set in New Conquer the Hill Challenge

(Fort Worth, TX) ---

Fort Worth, February 26, 2017 -- Some 8,500 registered runners enjoyed chilly winds but a beautiful morning for running Sunday's long-distance races of the 39th Cowtown Marathon.

In the men's Half Marathon, last year's third-place winner, Julius Koskei of Morristown, NJ, ran a time of 1:04:23 to take the win, setting a new course record. This time beat the previous record of 1:04:34 set in 2014. For the women, Joan Alyabei of Lansing, MI, took first in a time of 1:15:31.

In the men's Marathon, Justin Gable of Amarillo, TX, led the pack to win in a time of 2:28:00. Elite Amy Puzey of Calgary, Canada took the women's title with a time of 3:01:29.

The Miller Coors Ultra Marathon, a distance of 50K, was won by Elite Program runner Calum Neff, of Katy, TX, with a time of 3:09:35. Women's winner was Tracy Gruman of Grapevine, TX, in a time of 3:44:51.

Elite Program runners this year vied for a share of \$20,000 in prize money.

A new competitive opportunity, the "Conquer the Hill Challenge," was available to the fastest non-elite man and woman in each of the three marathon distances to reach the top of the .344-mile Main Street Bridge hill approaching the Tarrant County Courthouse. Winners received a free entry into the 2018 Cowtown.

Half marathon Conquer the Hill Challenge winners were Shawn O'Malley of Dallas, TX, at 1:11.0 and Kristy Deavers of Fort Worth at 1:14.0. Marathon distance Challenge winners were Eric Van Horn of Dallas at 1:11.0 and Ana Martinez of Wylie, TX, at 1:29.0. Ultra distance Challenge winners were Matthew Reily of Oklahoma City, OK, at 1:16.0 and Emily Marsh of Edmond, OK, at 1:45.0

"We were impressed by the mix of wins of both elites and non-elites at the 2017 Cowtown," commented Heidi Swartz, Executive Director of The Cowtown. Swartz continued, "We were especially excited by the wins of Texas runners. Congratulations to them and to all the tens of thousands of runners at 2017's Cowtown."

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The Cowtown, the largest multi-event road race in North Texas, has a \$10.4 annual economic impact in Fort Worth, Texas, and has one of the largest youth runs in the nation. The 39th annual Cowtown is scheduled for Friday, February 24 through Sunday, February 26 at Will Rogers Memorial Center, Fort Worth, Texas. The Cowtown races are presented by the University of North Texas Health Science Center, Medical City Healthcare, MillerCoors, Star Telegram, NBC 5, The Ranch, Bruce Lowrie Chevrolet and Cook Children's Health Care System. For more information, see cowtownmarathon.org

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