

2014 Senior Olympics Winners

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The 2014 Senior Citizen Summer Olympics was held at the Church of the Nazarene Gym last Thursday morning. The event featured a 1K race, throwing washer competition, bean bag toss, Nerf javelin, horse shoe throwing and un-assisted walk race. The event was free to the public and winners in the competition received red white and blue ribbons in each category. In the 1K race, Michael Smith received a first place medal, John Little won second place and Debbie Young placed third place overall as well as in the 60-69 year old category. Glen Fulbright won the 1st place in the 1K race in the wheelchair bracket with Treasa Kerby and Gary Williams receiving second and third respectively. Joann Kelly, Travis Hunter and Mary Kernes placed first through third place respectively in the assisted walk race which included both individuals with walker and canes. The 1K race winners were also ranked by age category; James Cock received first place in the 50-59 year old category; Michael Smith received first place in the 60-69 year old category; Joann Kelly received first place in the 70-79 category and Jean Johnson won first place in the 80 and older category on Thursday. During the second leg of the Senior Olympics, competitors were challenged at the washer throw competition. Donna Soeder received first place in the 50-59 year old category; Mary Edwards was awarded first place in the 60-69 year old competition; Lynn Mills won the first place washer award in the 70-79 year old category; Barbara Dunavin received the first place medal for the 80 years old and older category and Marya Estes received first place in the wheelchair, walker and cane bracket in the event. Follower with washer competition was the bean bag toss in which Patsy Cowan received first place in the 50-59 years old category, Charlotte Haygood won first place in the 60-69 years old category; Linda Payne placed first in the 70-79 years old category; Jean Johnson received first in the 80 years old and older division and Glen Fullbright won the first place medal in the wheelchair, walker and cane bracket. Next up the senior got to participate in the Nerf Javelin throw in which they tossed swimming pool noodles. Donna Soeder won first place in the throwing competition in the 50-59 age bracket; David Soeder won 1st place in the 60-69 years old competition; Carroll Gregg received the first place in the 70-79 year old bracket; Wilma Thompson placed first in the 80 years old and older category and Travis Hunter placed first in the wheelchair, walker and cane bracket of the competition. In the final competition, competitors tested their skills at throwing horse shoes. Kim Moore received the first place medal in the 50-59 category; Bill Alford won first place in the 60-69 year old category, Lynn Mills won first place in the 70-79 year old bracket, Jean Johnson received the first place in the 80 years old and older division and Tony Shifflett was award first place in the wheelchair, walker and cane

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bracket. The Senior Olympics also held an un-assisted walk race in which Donna Soeder received first place in the 50-59 years old category; David Soeder won the first place in the 60-69 years old bracket; Carrol Gress received first place for the 70-79 year old division and Wilma Thompson won the first place in the 80 years old and older age bracket. The 2014 Senior Citizen Olympic Sponsors included Texas Mentor, Sunny Springs Nursing and Rehab, Vibrant Home Health, Rock Creek Health and Rehab, Gentiva Hospice, Exceptional Home Health and the Senior Citizens Center in Sulphur Springs.