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## Rez runners start, finish in sunshine this year

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From left: Beck Cate and Jonathan "ACE" Katayanagi Photo Cathy Dausman

Lafayette Rotary Club.

What a difference a year made for the Lafayette Reservoir Run. Race day this year dawned sunny and mild with a light breeze; a great improvement over the rainy skies of 2016.

Marshall Eames, one of several Oakwood Athletic Club volunteers biking the course for the last several years remembers "it rained a good portion of the race" last year.

This year, master of ceremonies Tom Stack offered ongoing play by play, while Stanley Middle School's combined symphonic bands pumped out music to race by.

Mere steps from the starting line where Oak Hill Road meets Lafayette Circle, vendors at the Healthy Lifestyles Fair vied for customers lured astray by the diet-busting aroma of pancakes on the griddle served by The

Approximately 1,650 participants competed in one of three races—a certified 5K and 10K run and the stroller and dog friendly 2-mile fun run. They came from around the Bay Area. The young and fit triumphed in the 5K race as Nick Hutson, 15, finished in 17:22 for the 5K. Less than three minutes and 10 runners separated Hutson from the first female to cross the 5K finish: 11-year-old Makena Weberski clocked a time of 19:57. It was the seventh 5K run in three years for the Walnut Creek resident.

J.D. Kieffer, 22, of San Mateo powered through a 5:30 pace to finish first in the men's 10K at 34:08. Orinda's Alison Zamanian finished first in the women's category with 42:46.

Now in its 25th year; the Lafayette Reservoir Run for Education is a benefit for the school district's Lafayette Partners in Education and the Lafayette Chamber.

"A truly beautiful day in downtown Lafayette," said the chamber's Executive Director Jay Lifson.

Eames, who remembers "being really wet" last year, could hardly disagree.



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