

FINANCE

A Taxing Race

Tax Auditors continue a 30-year fun tradition of running a mile against each other.

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Steve Tanouchev eyed the six other Tax Auditors on the racetrack with him. As the tallest competitor in this one-mile race, he felt extra confident this Saturday. Steve didn't mind the noonday sun hovering over them at 80 degrees. He has been running twice a week regularly for the past four months, and this was a race that he could not lose, except perhaps to Dun'ne Bowden, who has been working out regularly at a gym.

Almost 30 years ago, a dozen or so Tax Auditors, who were then part of the City

Kachanyan and Eve Panyakorn, recorded the time and made sure everyone completed their four laps.

Other Tax Auditors in the original race included Pat Uy, Rusty Sanchez, Jerry Waggoner and Terry Manocchio. The latter two are now retired.

Tax auditors individually meet business owners and visit their accountants or offices to conduct audits of the taxpayer's reported tax measures. More than 70 Tax Auditors as a team are responsible for generating audit billing of roughly \$41 million in tax revenue annually. Seventeen Senior Tax Auditors review their work and help them perform more complex audits.

The Office of Finance was created in 2000



From left: Raymond Moreno; Jim Lyons; Phil Nunley; Dun'ne Bowden; Michelle Dolan, 10 (Brian's daughter); Ping Deng; Steve Tanouchev; and Thomas Dolan, 12 (Brian's son).



From left: Dun'ne Bowden, Steve Tanouchev, Jim Lyons, Raymond Moreno, Ping Deng and Brian Dolan.

Clerk's Office, organized and competed in a four-lap race around a track. Dennis Ogren, now retired, won the one-mile stretch in just over five minutes. Stuart Susswain, now Chief Management Analyst, Airports, finished second about a minute later. Coming in third with a time of six-and-a-half minutes was Senior Tax Auditor Jim Lyons, who left the City in 1986 and returned to the Tax and Permit Division's Audit Section in 2003.

This past January, a new generation of Tax Auditors duplicated this good-natured experience at the running track on the campus of Cal State Long Beach. Rarely seen in shorts, the Tax Auditors all made it to the end without having to call any emergency personnel.

"In our jobs, we sit all day, which is inevitable," Steve said. "By doing this race, I was hoping to change that, to make people more [physically] active."

Tax Auditor II Dun'ne Bowden came in first at 6:37. Tax Auditor II Steve Tanouchev came in at 6:43, and Tax Auditor I Raymond Moreno, breaking a close tie against Tax Auditor II Ping Deng, and came in third in just under seven minutes.

Tax Auditor IIs Brian Dolan and Phillip Nunley and Senior Tax Auditor Jim Lyons, the only participant who also ran in the original competition, also completed the race.

Tax Auditor IIs Maria Rangel, Sarah

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From left: Sarah Kachanyan, Eve Panyakorn and Maria Rangel.

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