## CROSS-TRAINING by Vici DeHann

Over Thanksgiving Warren and I flew our Cessna Turbo 210 all the way from Boulder to the Islands of Turks and Caicos located in the West Indies. We got to Tampa in time to have a Thanksgiving dinner with the director of our tour of Flying Physicians.

The day after Thanksgiving we flew on to Ft. Lauderdale to rent a raft for the over 500-mile over water hop down to the islands. From this point, we were joined by nine other private planes including another Turbo 210 from Colorado Springs. Our two planes did some loose formation flying in which we were in constant contact both visually and on our plane radios. In this way, besides wearing our life vests and having the raft ready to kick out the door should we end up ditching, we had the extra safety of knowing our friends were close by at all times.

While on the island, we did some beautiful diving, but also some great beach running. The beach was several miles long, so I could go as long as I felt like it without running out of sand. My first foray out, however, I neglected to look back at our individual condo so that I would recognize it when I returned. Consequently, on my return as I got close to where I thought we were staying, since I knew what our place looked like from the road, I decided to simply go up to the unimproved road and find my way from there.

Wrong! Nothing looked familiar from this point of view, and after getting several incorrect steers from some of the other resorts along the way, I finally ended up flagging down a police car. Good thing! At that point, I had been out over 3 hours, was running out of water, had managed to go a couple of miles in the opposite direction along another intersecting road, and the temperature was climbing. Wouldn't you know it---one of the couples from our group was sitting out front when I disembarked from the police car.

The flight back to Ft. Lauderdale was uneventful. After overnighting in Jacksonville, we were met with a line of storms between us and Boulder. Since the other plane also had two certificated pilots on board, we put our four heads together and decided to stay low and file instruments so we could fly through the clouds with heavy rain, but fortunately no thunderstorms or icing.

We had left Caicos with a filthy plane since they were doing runway work all week. By the time we got to Boulder, our plane was squeaky clean! All the way back, a ten-hour flight, we chatted with our friends in the other Cessna, and began planning our second Africa flying safari to South Africa for the fall of 2005. Talk about a great way to while away your time while flying in the clouds with nothing to do but sit there and watch the water stream by.

So now I'm back to cross-training with lots of cross-country skiing. Since I turn 70 in February, I can look forward to a brand-new decade of racing. Look out all you seniors!

Note!!
President's Corner will return in March.

- Editor


## Clear Creek 4 Miler <br> December 11, 2004

## By Dave Black

The Clear Creek 4 Miler and pancake breakfast was held at Prospect Park in Wheat. 59 runners and 2 racewalkersexactly the same number as in 2003- showed up on what was actually a rather warm (for winter) morning. So warm, in fact, that it was just the right temperature for the ice to be the slipperiest.

The course starts out on the bike path, out and back to the I-70 frontage road, going up a hill alongside the freeway; this part was all concrete asphalt and dry. Then comes the backstretch, around a mile on dirt through the trees on the other side of the creek from the start; this part had 3 icy stretches that were extremely slippery. Then comes the homestretch, doubling back onto the bike path. I was giving directions at this hairpin turn when the men's winner Fernando Herrera came by; he was flying, eventually finishing in 22:23 (which was 3:13 faster than last year's men's winning time). And it wasn't long until women's winner Christine Adamowski came by; She ran 26:20, which was 2:01 faster than the 2003 women's winner. And everyone seemed to be having a good time, so the race came off well.

Thanks to all the volunteers, without whose help the race couldn't happen- Tom Alison, Lou Hatch, Jim Price, Rich Romero, Pat Phillips, Adam Feerst, Rob Fisher, Joe Sanchez, Joe Baird, Lisa Black, Moriah Prescott and Marie Nguyen.

## Overall Results

| Place Name | Age | Time |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Fernando Herrera | 44 | $22: 23$ |
| 2. Andrew Adamowski | 30 | $23: 44$ |
| 3. Scott Kukel | 30 | $24: 20$ |
| 4. Patrick Casto | 17 | $25: 16$ |
| 5. Christine Adamowski | 37 | $26: 20$ |
| 6. Jim Perry | 43 | $26: 26$ |
| 7. Bruce Kirschner | 51 | $26: 52$ |
| 8. Jay Dee Trujillo | 46 | $27: 56$ |
| 9. Paul Welschinger | 47 | $28: 13$ |
| 10. Bob Caillouette | 50 | $28: 41$ |
| 11. Kent Enwright | 42 | $28: 45$ |
| 12. Jim Romero | 64 | $29: 06$ |
| 13. Jim Bosik | 54 | $29: 15$ |
| 14. Rich Romero | 68 | $29: 28$ |
| 15. Scott McFarlane | 53 | $29: 54$ |
| 16. Ross Westley | 68 | $30: 23$ |
| 17. Ken Lotze | 54 | $30: 25$ |
| 18. Mitch Chesbro | 46 | $30: 32$ |
| 19. Ken Randall | 66 | $30: 39$ |


| 20. Nancy Denniston | 54 | $30: 47$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 21. Andy McKean | 59 | $30: 50$ |
| 22. Julie Kimpel | 33 | $30: 53$ |
| 23. Theresa Jockers | 43 | $30: 56$ |
| 24. Gale Meuret | 57 | $31: 38$ |
| 25. Tom Chambers | 61 | $31: 43$ |
| 26. Todd Dunning | 40 | $31: 50$ |
| 27. Adam Lee | 32 | $31: 54$ |
| 28. Patrick Shea | 42 | $32: 04$ |
| 29. Kim Massey | 46 | $32: 36$ |
| 30. Julie Thenell | 46 | $32: 46$ |
| 31. Jim Fay | 53 | $32: 52$ |
| 32. Ed Youngberg | 61 | $33: 08$ |
| 33. Carmen West | 53 | $33: 44$ |
| 34. Brent Jockers | 54 | $33: 49$ |
| 35. Deb Holland | 32 | $33: 53$ |
| 36. Ray Grundmeyer | 66 | $34: 02$ |
| 37. Mark Johnson | 47 | $34: 25$ |
| 38. Roy Bengston | 65 | $34: 37$ |
| 39. Mike Vanoni | 56 | $35: 08$ |
| 40. James Chow | 48 | $35: 29$ |
| 41. J. Gutierrez | 52 | $35: 38$ |
| 42. Ron Lopez | 49 | $35: 42$ |
| 43. Janet Ralston | 42 | $35: 56$ |
| 44. Michelle Slingsby | 35 | $36: 06$ |
| 45. Chris Vanoni | 53 | $37: 19$ |
| 46. Bruce Young | 52 | $37: 53$ |
| 47. Carol Johnson |  |  |
| 48. Jim Foley |  |  |
| 49. Lee Bengston | 50 | $37: 34$ |
| 50. Don Robinson | 63 | $37: 47$ |
| 51. Ken Green | 67 | $37: 54$ |
| 52. Olga Hnizdil | 72 | $38: 21$ |
| 53. Earl Beam | 75 | $38: 29$ |
| 54. Vici DeHann | 60 | $39: 08$ |
| 55. Frank Hathorn | 54 | $39: 30$ |
| 56. Roger Gerard | 69 | $40: 50$ |
| 57. Denise Lopez | 71 | $40: 56$ |
| 58. Dennis Velenchenko | 61 | $41: 22$ |
| 59. Pat Crespi | 48 | $44: 06$ |
|  | 58 | $46: 42$ |
| RACEWALKERS | 46 | $48: 38$ |
| 1. Laura McCoy |  |  |
| 2. Connie Ahrnsbrak |  |  |
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## Pelican Update By Connie Ahrnsbrak

Oops! 9/5- Kool Shades (Ken Randall) in Greeley for Run for Jesus 12K, 56:02.
Oops! 10/3 - Portland Marathon saw Pitts \& Penelope O’Donnell, 4:24 \& 4:55 respectively.
$\mathbf{1 0 / 2 5}$ - Relentless Dave Black running the Dublin, Ireland marathon, 6:21:23!
11/6 - Boyd Lake Half, Loveland: Rob Fisher, 1:39 (2 $\left.{ }^{\text {nd }}\right)$; Kool Shades, 1:43 ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}\right)$; The B-Man (Jim Romero) 1:46 (2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ ); Nancy Denniston, 1:51 ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}\right) \&$ Fern Oliner, 2:29 ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}\right)$. The 10K saw The Painted Horse (Jesse Tijerina), 47:32 (4 $4^{\text {th }}$ ); David Schmaltz, 47:45; Light Foot (Deb Acree) 48:39 ( $\left.2^{\text {nd }}\right)$; Jimbo (Jim Peterson) 52:16 ( $\left.3^{\text {rd }}\right) \&$ Connie Ahrnsbrak, 53:05 ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}\right)$.

11/7 -X-Country 5K Fest @ Chatfield: Painted Horse (Jesse Tijerina), 23:10 (1 $1^{\text {st }}$ ); Light Foot, 25:28 (1 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ ); K2S (Ken Simons), 26:33 ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}\right)$; Kim Massey, 26:46 $\left(2^{\text {nd }}\right) \&$ Connie Ahrnsbrak, 27:00 $\left(1^{\text {st }}\right)$. Fun course, bales of hay to traverse, all trail running, but not all flat.

City of Trees Marathon, Boise, ID saw Walking Man (Neil Horton), 6:03. Outstanding, small city marathon. Also, the Santa Barbara News Press Half, CA: Mike Vanoni, 2:12; Christine Vanoni, 2:18 \& Terry Mcfarlane, 2:21.

11/13 - Turkeys @ the Longmont 10K Turkey Trot: Diane Ridgway, $45: 04$ ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}\right) \&$ The Master (Rich Romero) 47:33 (1 $1^{\text {st }}$ ). Jimbo, 15:40 ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}\right) \&$ Leslie Woods, 26:04 opted for the 2-miler.

Rim Rock 37K, Grand Junction: Ray Blum, 2:52 (2 $\left.2^{\text {nd }}\right)$; Mean Ed Green, 3:28 (2 $\left.{ }^{\text {nd }}\right)$; Michelle DelPiccolo, 3:31; Wm Faulkner, 3:36 ( $\left.3^{\text {rd }}\right)$; Pitts O’Donnell, 3:53; Pat Emigh, 4:21 ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}\right) \&$ Penelope, 4:36.

11/14- Turkeys @ Panicking Poultry 5K, Boulder Rez: Painted Horse, 21:28 (2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ ); Connie Ahrnsbrak, 25:19 (1 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ ); Earl Beam, 28:27; Jan Hallez, 35:53 (4 th $_{\text {th }} \mathbf{R W}$ ) \& Rosalie Murch, 37:15 (2 ${ }^{\text {nd }} / \mathbf{R W}$ ).

Also, Rattlesnake Rumble 7.4, FTC saw Jimbo \& Traveling Man (Roger Rybicka) sharing 42:30. Fun $x$-country with 16 bales of hay to jump over, but not all at once.

11/19 - Gilbert Days 5K, Gilbert, AZ: Pitts O'Donnell captured $1^{\text {st }}$ place, 23:38.
11/20 - Turkeys @ Brighton Turkey Trot 5K: Slimfast (Bruce Kirschner) 20:12 (1 $1^{\text {st }}$ ); Painted Horse, 21:19 (2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ ); Race Man (Mitch Chesbro) 23:24; K2S (Ken Simons), 24:44 ( $\left.2^{\text {nd }}\right)$; Taunya Wilson, 25:38 ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}\right)$; *DeAnn Reaves, 28:05; *Matthew Reaves, 29:22; Frank Hathorn, 30:28; Shirley Simons, 36:01 (1 $\left.{ }^{\text {st }}\right)$; Kim Shenfeld, 37:17 \& Leslie Woods, 41:03. *Ken's family.

The Oak (Ross Westley), 21:30, placed $2^{\text {nd }}$ in a 50 plus age group @ the Gobble Gallop 5K trail, Ft. Morgan.
11/25 - Fair weather turkey in San Francisco, Turkey Beach Trot, Jay D. Trujillo, 45:04, \& another turkey @ Topanga
Turkey Trail 15K, Trail Man (Adam Feerst), 1:11 (1 $1^{\text {st/ OA }}$ ), Canyon State Park, CA. (somewhere around LA)
Turkeys @ Greeley Turkey Trot 5K: Painted Horse, 21:03 (4 $\left.4^{\text {th }}\right)$; Bob Caillouette, 21:04 ( $\left.5^{\text {th }}\right)$; Traveling Man, 26:24; \& J Gutierrez, 26:29. Two turkeys @ Highlands Ranch Turkey Trot 5K: The Oak, 23:46 ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}\right)$ \& Bob Fancher, 27:26 ( $3^{\text {rd }}$ ).

Mile Hi United Way 4-Mile turkeys were: Oscar Ponce, 20:02 (2 ${ }^{\text {nd }} / \mathrm{OA}$ ); Hector Martinez, 21:10; Isaiah Rubio, 22:17; Miguel Cazares, 22:28; Luis Flores, 24:09; Jeff Young, 24:16; Grid Iron (David Kelble) 25:39; Mean Ed Green, 28:25; James Dowdell, 28:33; Lightfoot, 29:40; Gait Man (Grayson Drexel) 29:57; Bob Reilly, 30:00; Robert Klumpp, 33:06; Kim Massey, 34:02; Lee Bengston, 37:11; Earl Beam, 37:22; Frank Hathorn, 38:02; Joe "Elmers" Baird, 39:00; Carl Schiele, 39:37; Carol Dowdell, 39:55; Alice Bernard-Vorhees, 40:40; Cassie Klumpp, 41:15 \& Shenfeld/Woods, 41:42/49:36 respectively.

CU Turkey Trot 5K saw Palmer Beam, $32: 51$ \& Linda Neale, 43:51, while Jimbo ran the Tynan's FTC Thanksgiving Day 4miler, 32:46 ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}\right)$.

11/27 - A crispy Fisher's of Men Fellowship 5K, Aurora: Painted Horse, 21:22 (2 $\left.{ }^{\text {nd }}\right)$; The B-Man, 22:12 (1 $\left.{ }^{\text {st }}\right)$; The Master (Rich Romero) 22:45 ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}\right)$; Race Man, 22:49 ( $\left.3^{\text {rd }}\right)$; Connie Ahrnsbrak, 24:41 ( $\left.{ }^{\text {st }}\right)$; Sir Fred Trentaz, 26:02 (2 $\left.{ }^{\text {nd }}\right)$; Pitts O’Donnell,

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26:21 ( $\left.2^{\text {nd }}\right)$; Dennis Velenchenko, 34:41 ( $\left.4^{\text {th }}\right)$; Kim Shenfeld, 35:23 ( $\left.2^{\text {nd }}\right)$; Penelope, 35:27 ( $\left.3^{\text {rd }}\right)$; Rosalia Murch, 36:39 ( $1^{\text {st }} \mathbf{R W ) ~}$ \& Leslie Woods, 40:42. Sunflowers to Mike/Christine Vanoni, they ran the course early, then worked the finish!

12/4 - Rock Canyon Half, Pueblo: Lou Huie, 1:36 ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}\right)$; The B-Man, 1:43 ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}\right)$; The Oak, $1: 51$ ( $1^{\text {st }}$; Gale Meuret, $1: 53\left(5^{\text {th }}\right)$ \& Christine Vanoni, 2:13 ( $\left.6^{\text {th }}\right)$, while Jan Huie, 25:54 opted for the Jingle Bells 5K, in the Springs.

Also, Get Fit 5K, Oro Valley, AZ: Pitts O'Donnell, 26:14. Temp in low 40 s \& heavy rain.
12/5 - Bobbie Olson Half in Tucson, AZ: Pitts O'Donnell, 1:53. Michelle Delpiccolo, 3:40 \& Bob Reilly, 3:46 took on the Marathon. Temp was perfect, in the 40s, course was benign, either flat or slightly downhill. Plus, Jingle Bells 5K, FTC saw Painted Horse, Roger Rybicka, J Gutierrez, 27:15 \& Laura McCoy, 38:50 (RW).

12/11 - Rudolph Run 5K, FTC: Lone Painted Horse, 22:00 (1 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ ).
12/12 - Jingle Bells 5K, Covington, KY, Jimbo, 24:40 ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}\right)$. Huge race, rainy \& cold! Plus Walking Man @ Honolulu Marathon, 6:30.

12/19-Rudolph Ramble 5K, WP: Oscar Ponce, 16:09 ( $2^{\text {nd }} \mathrm{OA}$ ); Isaiah Rubio, 16:38 ( $\left.2^{\text {nd }}\right)$; Miguel Cazares, 17:22 ( $\left.3^{\text {rd }}\right)$; Hector Martinez, 16:41 ( $1^{\text {st }}$ ); Jesus Martinez, 18:36; Oscar Flores, 22:08; Mean Ed Green, 22:28; Jeff Young, 22:38; The Oak, 22:44 $\left(2^{\text {nd }}\right)$; Jack Barry, 23:24 ( $\left.3^{\text {rd }}\right)$; James Dowdell, 23:40; Leslie Mitchell, 23:49 ( $\left.2^{\text {nd }}\right)$; Sir Fred Trentaz, 25:08; Connie Ahrnsbrak, 25:28 ( $1^{\text {st }}$ ); J Gutierrez, 27:55; Earl Beam, 29:56; Carol Dowdell, 30:12; Rosalie Murch, 38:12 ( $3^{\text {rd }} / \mathbf{R W}$ ); Kim Shenfeld, 38:53; Laura McCoy, 40:36 ( $\left.4^{\text {th/ }} \mathbf{R W}\right)$ \& Leslie Woods, 40:38. Kudos to J Gutierrez for volunteering after running the race!

CMs @ the 4-Mile Xmas Classic, FTC: Painted Horse, 22:00 (1 $1^{\text {st }}$; Traveling Man (Roger Rybicka), 34:22 \& Jimbo, 34:46 $\left(3^{\text {rd }}\right)$.

12/26 -Kwanzaa 5K, Aurora: Miguel Cazares 16:04 (1 $1^{\text {st/ }} \mathrm{OA}$ ); Hector Martinez, 16:09 ( $2^{\text {nd }} \mathrm{OA}$ ); Isaiah Rubio, 17:04 ( $\mathrm{r}^{\mathrm{rd} / \mathrm{OA}) \text {; }}$ Jesus Martinez, 17:55 ( $\left.3^{\text {rd }}\right)$; Mauro Martinez, 18:14; Jeff Young, 21:12 ( $\left.3^{\text {rd }}\right)$; Mean Ed Green, 21:44 ( $1^{\text {st }}$ ); Kim Massey, 24:21 (1st); Connie Ahrnsbrak, 24:29 ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}\right)$; Race Man (Mitch Chesbro), 25:14; Pitts O’Donnell, $25: 28$ ( $\left.2^{\text {nd }}\right)$; J Gutierrez, 26:34; The BMan, 28:05 ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}\right)$; Lee Bengston, 28:12 ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}\right)$; John Hallez, 29:49; Penelope, 33:44 ( $\left.2^{\text {nd }}\right)$; Jan Hallez, 35:10 ( $3^{\text {rd }} / \mathbf{R W}$ ); Rosalia Murch, 36:32 ( $\left.2^{\text {nd }} / \mathbf{R W}\right)$; Kim Shenfeld, $38: 24\left(2^{\text {nd }}\right)$ \& Leslie Woods, 39:50. Thanks to Mike/Christine Vanoni for working the finish.

12/31- Resolution 5K Run, WP: Hector Martinez, 16:52 (OA); Miguel Cazares, 17:08 (2 ${ }^{\text {nd }} \mathrm{OA}$ ); Jesus Martinez, 17:26 (3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ OA); Isaiah Rubio, 17:31; Alex Dowdell, 19:34; Jeff Young, 20:46; James Dowdell, 23:34 \& Earl Beam, 29:04. Spiderman/Terry McFarlane, Rick/Alice Voorhees, Kim Shenfeld, \& Leslie Woods were not timed. Bandits were Connie Ahrnsbrak, Carol/Lee Bengston, Kim Massey \& Chris/Mike Vanoni.

1/01 - New Years 5K, FTC: Painted Horse, 20:34; Bob Caillouette, 21:13; Connie Ahrnsbrak, $24: 36$ ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}\right)$; Traveling Man (Roger Rybicka), 25:44; Jimbo, 25:57; J Gutierrez, 27:05 \& Laura McCoy, 37:33. Congratulations to Jim Peterson, recipient of a special award as a running icon in the area.

Lastly, Rescue Run in the Springs. Jan Huie, 28:40 ( $\left.\mathbf{3}^{\text {rd }}\right)$ in the 5K, while Lou Huie, 45:36; The Oak, 51:07 (2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ );Terry Luahon, 58:52 \& Tall Red (Ed Youngberg) 59:05 ran the 10K.

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## A Taste of Colorado IX - Part 1, January through June

## C. Ross Westley

Happy New Year, 2005. It's hard to believe that our Colorado Tour has completed nine years, participating each year in a whole host of new and different races from all over beautiful, colorful Colorado.

Nationally, we had the excitement of a presidential campaign and the sobering struggle with the radical Islamic terrorism and the Iraq war. In spite of it all, it was a great year for running in our state, as we continued to pursue the state's half-marathons and sample races in our small, rural towns with associated festivals and also taking on some of the race series.

The year kicked off with the Ft. Collins premier New Year's Day 5K along with a clear, sunny day and warm enough for running in short sleeves and shorts. What Colorado weather! I was surprised when the race director, from the Runner's Roost Running Store, announced that I would receive the Runner of the Year Award (a new pair of Saucony shoes) for participating in so many Ft. Collins area races and driving up from Arvada. The Saucony Stabile M.C. are now my best training shoes.

The tour has experienced in previous years, most of the races in January, but the winter series in Colorado Springs in January and February is worth revisiting. This is a challenging four-race series consisting of a varying distances with the short series starting at a 5 K and progressing to 10 K and a long series beginning with a 10 K and progressing to 20 K . The weather can be unpredictable, but the races can keep you going through the winter. Some of the races have great winter views of Pikes Peak. The 20K in late February is a good start for the half marathon season. Due to slipping on the ice and sustaining a significant hamstring pull, the tour was sidelined from mid-February into March, but recovery was just in time for the new St. Patrick's Day 5K, the Shamrock Shuffle on the rolling terrain around the Colorado Inverness Athletic Club in Douglas County. We'll just have to wait until 2005 to do some of the March races on the western slope, and the rugged Alfie Packer Half-Marathon in Chatfield State Park.

The tour greeted spring on a cold, cloudy day with a 10 K run on the bike path in Westminster. Instead of entering April with rain showers we found ourselves in Parker running a 5 K in snow showers. Twenty-four hours later, however, we initiated the half-marathon season with the new point-to-point Platte River Half-Marathon, beginning in Littleton, continuing on the bike path and ending up at the Buckhorn Exchange in downtown Denver. There's an old saying, "If you don't like Colorado weather, wait twenty-four hours" and sure enough, the day was warm and sunny enabling running in shorts and allowing for a very enjoyable spring half-marathon. I was thrilled that my hamstrings cooperated so well.

Continuing in April we had our glimpse of 'spring in the Rockies' with a venture over the mountains and onto Moab, Utah, for the maiden running of the Moab Marathon and 20 K . The 20 K was the main attraction, starting in the foothills of the LaSalle Mountains and gradually descending through the Castle Valley to finish at Red Cliffs Lodge on the Colorado River. The course was fast and very scenic, being surrounded by the red cliffs. You are bussed from Moab to the start. The start is in the early morning before sunrise, and as the sun rose, the canyon walls lit up in a spectacular, brilliant red color. This is a must for you fans who love the Moab, Utah area.

Rounding out April, we traveled again for a double header of 5Ks to Ft. Collins. The first race started on the CSU Oval and was organized by the Army ROTC Team. Then we drove over to the Veterinary School to join the First Annual Fast and Furriest Run With Your Dog.

Also, be on the lookout in April for a new trail half-marathon in the Montrose area and a multi-distance 12.5-50K run in Greenland (no not in the North Atlantic) just a few miles south of Castle Rock.

Moving into May with many choices of different races, the tour ramped up into high gear. May 1, I had the unique experience to win the Mustang Stampede, the First Annual 5K. This was a benefit run sponsored by our local neighborhood middle school. I haven't won a race in years! The rest of the month was filled with exciting races which include the Make-A-Wish Half-Marathon on a warm, sunny, blue-sky, Colorado spring morning, looping around Cherry Creek State Park with great views of the mountains. There was also The Great Escape Half-Marathon Trail Run, on another gorgeous, warm, sunny spring morning on the trails of Deer Creek Canyon in Jefferson County Open Space. The race started with a long, challenging uphill section to the summit of the mesa followed by a 2.5 -mile loop on the summit before returning back down. One steep area on the ascent required a short walk, but the rest of the course was runnable. Throughout the run, the course ducked in and out of the pines, with some views of the local Red Rocks area. Small purple flowers were also in full bloom along the trail. One tour member erroneously made a couple of loops on the summit loop, which stretched his run into $16-17$ miles. He was rescued by the sweeper or he still might be loopin' that summit! For you trail lovers, be sure and put this on your 2005 calendar.

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For some mid-week fun, try out the Dash and Dine Series on alternate Tuesdays during May and continuing into the summer. This is an evening 5K race at Coot Lake near the Boulder Reservoir. This is good for a little mid-week spadework followed by a nice picnic in the park with salad, Boca Burgers, hot dogs and hamburgers for the runners.

A few Mothers' Day races are now cropping up. Check out the Mama Mia 5K in City Park on a uniquely different course configuration in the park. It also is a Bolder Boulder qualifier.

One of the highlights of the month was our tour's first trip of the year to the Western slope, to the small town of Hayden for the 26th Annual 8.6 mile Cog Run. Where is that? This was an incredibly nice, sunny but cool morning with the sun backlighting the previous evening's new snow on the peaks around Rabbit Ears Pass as the highway descended into the brilliant, green Yampa Valley and continued to Hayden. Hayden is 25 miles to the west of Steamboat Springs in the western Colorado coal country. This race now includes a 5 K and a 10 K as well as the Cog Run. The Cog Run was the original run and has been in existence as long as the Bolder Boulder and is part of the Steamboat Springs Summer Race Series. The Cog Run is actually on paved roads, starting in town and continuing mostly level for the first $11 / 2 \mathrm{miles}$ and then it climbs up switchbacks to the summit of the cliffs just north of Hayden and returns back to town. The pace down was about 10 minutes faster than the pace going up. Give it a try and stay for the weekend and enjoy the Steamboat Springs area.

The remaining events of the month included a dynamic duo combining 5Ks, one in Highlands Ranch and the other a 5 K in Parker. The Highlands Ranch was one of the most challenging community 5 Ks , with multiple uphill (some even quite steep) and downhills on varied surface including concrete, blacktop and dirt trails. The refreshments and prizes were excellent for a small race. There also was a very nice Native American dance performed by a local Denver Native American family. The race actually benefited the local Indian PowWow Association.

We then ran the Colorado Rockies Home Run 5K in LoDo. My grandson joined us and we ran together. He was really excited when we ran the last two tenths of a mile around the warning track in Coors Field and finished just outside the field in the parking lot. Each participant received a ticket to a Rockies game.

The final race of the month was on Memorial Day and was a 10 K back at the Colorado Athletic Club Inverness campus. This was the tour's alternative to the Bolder Boulder. It was a rolling course with excellent views of the snow-capped Front Range mountains. I was surprised at the good turnout, but again, no traffic and no crowd. The race was also part of the Club's Summer Race Triad (Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day).

Also in June and continuing into August came a new addition to the tour, the mid-week Summit Running Series on the mountain trails around Breckenridge. The runs were on Wednesday evenings, frequently associated with beautiful sunsets, but fortunately no thunderstorms. Three runs are in June, two in July and one in August. The elevation for all of these races is over 9,000 feet. These runs are great mid-week workouts. All runners who completed the series received a very nice sports bag with the race logo. The Breckenridge Recreation Center plans to continue the series next year. You trail hounds should check it out.

Other June events included the inaugural running of the U.S. Half-marathon Denver in Cherry Creek State Park. The course was similar to the Make-A-Wish Half-marathon. This was also on a bright and sunny, hot spring morning, again with some great views of the mountains. All participants received a very fine inaugural medal, however, the race occurred on the same day as the ever-popular Steamboat Springs Half-marathon. Apparently the U.S. Half-marathon series is continued in various cities throughout the country.

Another special feature of our tour is participating in small-town Colorado races. We kicked off this feature in June with a short jaunt up I-25 to the small farming community of Berthoud, for the Annual 5K Run for Habitat. As usual, the race was part of the Annual Berthoud Days Spring Celebration which also incorporated a pancake breakfast and a parade. These are the three ingredients of almost all small Colorado town events. Fortunately, we had another beautiful sunny spring morning. The course was fast and flat, running through the neighborhood of the delightful small town.

The June tour was then abbreviated due to my 45th wedding anniversary and a wonderful trip with my bride to the Maritime Canadian Provinces

Well, fans, we've completed the winter and spring tour of the Taste of Colorado IX. Look for Part II (Summer and Fall) sometime in the spring of the year. Check out Colorado Runner Magazine active.com and Rocky Mountain Sports for future races during the winter and spring of 2005. Happy running in 2005 and stay injury free!


| 65-69 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Jim Peterson | 26:36 | Connie Ahrnsbrak | 25:42 |
| 2. Roy Beengston | 26:58 | Vici DeHann | 31:24 |
| 3. Ray Grundmeyer | 27:19 |  |  |
| 60-64 |  |  |  |
| 1. Tom Chambers | 25:04 | Fay DiZerega | 33:45 |
| 2. Jim Romero | 27:13 |  |  |
| 3. Doug Tolin | 27:25 |  |  |
| 4 Larry Vincent | 35:02 |  |  |
| 55-59 |  |  |  |
| 1. Roger Rybicka | 25:39 | Penelope O'Donnell | 34:19 |
| 2. Jerry O'Donnell | 26:47 |  |  |
| 3. Charles Schmacher | 28:33 |  |  |
| 4. Bruce Rasor | 28:37 |  |  |
| 5. Dennis Velenchenko | 39:00 |  |  |
| 50-54 |  |  |  |
| 1. Bob Caillouette | 21:58 | Deb Acree | 24:13 |
| 2. Ken Lotze | 23:00 | Nancy Denniston | 24:21 |
| 3. Scott McFarlane | 23:12 | Carol Johnson | 28:25 |
| 4. Brent Jockers | 25:51 |  |  |
| 5. Earl Beam | 29:09 |  |  |
| 45-49 |  |  |  |
| 1. Ray Blum | 19:56 | Susan Stewart | 25:15 |
| 2. Paul Welschinger | 21:30 | Kim Massey | 25:30 |
| 3. Jay Trujillo | 21:34 |  |  |
| 4. David Kelbe | 22:29 |  |  |
| $40-44$ |  |  |  |
| 1. Jim Perry | 20:25 |  |  |
| 2. Dave Stewart | 22:45 |  |  |
| 3. Kent Enwright | 22:56 |  |  |
| 4. Todd Dunning 35-39 | 24:48 |  |  |
| 1. Philip DiZerega | 20:35 | Michelle Slingsby | 27:58 |
| 3. Todd Brand | 30:20 |  |  |
| 34 and Under |  |  |  |
| 1. Robert Kanieski | 23:37 |  |  |
| 2. Jeff Rasor | 28:36 |  |  |
| Racewalkers |  |  |  |
| 1. Lew Hutch | 33:00 | Rosalia Murch | 33:10 |
| 2. |  | Darla Yoerg | 44:42 |
| 3. |  | Lisa Gotlin | 44:43 |
| 4. |  | Gay Thames | 44:45 |

## CMRA BANQUET

We express our thanks to the Christie's for hosting our Annual Banquet again this year. As always the food was outstanding and everyone enjoyed the evening.
The highlight was having Bob Findlay from the Rocky Mountain News share some of his experiences in training for and competing in the Leadville 100. As always the food was outstanding and everyone enjoyed the evening.
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Forty Furlongs
Sat. Feb. 12, 20059 AM
Warm up your winter running with this fast CMRA 5 mile race
To reach the start,go west on Bowles from Santa Fe Dr. to the dome at South Suburban Golf and Tennis Club. Park on the east side of the "Bubble" at South Platte River.

Call Lee Bengston at 303-282-7531 or see www.comastersrun.org for more information or to volunteer.

## SPRING SPREE 10K SUN MARCH 19,2005 9 AM <br> Twin Lakes Park

Directions:
Take I-25 to Boulder Turnpike (west). Exit at Pecos and get back on the turnpike going east (you can't exit at Broadway going west). Exit at Broadway and go south, then turn west onto $70^{\text {th }}$ Ave and park on the North side at the Park-N-Ride. Race starts directly south across the street at Twin Lakes Park

## Sand Creek 5 Miler Stapleton April 9, 2005 <br> 9 AM

This race is replacing Red Rocks!!!!!! Directions: See the next Newsletter or the web site for directions.


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Annual dues are $\$ 25$ for individuals and $\$ 35$ for families.

# COLORADO MASTERS RUNNING/RACEWALKING ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 

## CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY-DECEMBER 2005

For the mutual benefit of runners and racewalkers 35 years and older
Monthly events Free to members
All ages welcome
Runners Male/Female
"Masters Divisions" 35-39,40-44,45-49,50-55,60-64,65-69,70-74,(men)75+
Racewalkers
Male and Female divisions
Dues: Single member $\mathbf{\$ 2 5 . 0 0}$ per year Family (household) $\$ 35.00$ per year
Runner $\qquad$ Racewalker $\qquad$ Wheelchair $\qquad$
NAME: $\qquad$ SEX: M $\qquad$ F $\qquad$

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FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: (please list only members from immediate household)
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I would like to participate in the following club operational activities:
Work a race $\qquad$ Event Director $\qquad$ Member Board of Directors $\qquad$ Newsletter Editor $\qquad$ Event registration $\qquad$ Member Recruitment $\qquad$ Membership Database $\qquad$ Quartermaster Corps $\qquad$ Coaching $\qquad$
Racewalking Training $\qquad$ Course Measurement $\qquad$ Race committee $\qquad$
Newsletter: (please select one)
$\qquad$ I will download from the website "www.comastersrun.org"(dates will be e-mailed to you) Please mail it snail mail

## WWW.comastersrun.org

| Jan |  | Sat | 9 AM | Lake Arbor | Lake Arbor 5K | Ken Randall | 303-422-3745 |
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| Feb | 12 | Sat | 9 AM | S. Suburban Tennis Center | 40 Furlongs (5M) | Lee Bengston | 303-693-2278 |
| Mar | 19 | Sat | 9 AM | Twin Lakes Park | Spring Spree | Tom Alison | 303-791-6166 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Rich Romero | 303-751-4284 |
| Apr | 9 | Sat | 9 AM | Stapleton | Sand Creek 5 Mile | Rob Fisher | 303-738-0115 |
| May | 21 | Sat | 9 AM | DeKoevend Park | Memorial Run 5K/10K* | Rosalie Murch/ | 303-693-2278 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Connie Ahrnsbrak | 303-985-1168 |
| Jun | 12 | Sun | 8 AM | Water Canyon | Waterton Canyon 10K* | Deb Acree | 303-279-7020 |
| July | 17 | Sun | 8 AM | Christies @ Genesse | Mountain Madness 12K* | Jim Romero | 303-794-2952 |
| Aug | 10 | Wed | 6:30 PM | Fairmount Park, Golden | Fairmont 5K Trail | Pat Phillips | 303-238-4405 |
| Aug | 28 | Sun | 8 AM | Elk Meadow, Evergreen | Elk Meadow Trail 10K | Wayne Mathis | 303-979-9592 |
| Sept | 25 | Sun | 8 AM | Barr Lake State Park | Barr Lake 15K | Dave Black | 303-781-1738 |
| Oct | 16 | Sun | 9 AM | Randy's Ranch, Louisville | Coal Creek XC Challenge 5.5 | Bruce Kirschner/ <br> Randy Luallin | 303-666-0864 |
| Nov | 20 | Sun | 9 AM | Chatfield State Park | Chatfield 10 Miler | Kim Massey/ | 303-765-5572 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Scott McFarland | 303-904-4542 |
| Dec | 10 Sat |  | 9 AM | Prospect Park Wheat Ridge | Clear Creek 4-Miler | Vici DeHaan | 303-494-1782 |
| * | PANCAKE BREAKFAST |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * | 5K FOR RACEWALKERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *** | 5 MILES FOR RACEWALKERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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