

1998

19th Annual Maine Track Club Awards Banquet

The Maine Track Club held its annual Awards Banquet on January 16, 1999 at the Val Halla Banquet Center, Cumberland Center. President John Gale presided. The invocation was given by Mel Fineberg. The guest speaker was runner and race director, Dave McGillivray. The lasagne, sausage, and meatballs were purchased from The Village. The rest of the meal was a modified Pot Luck (Truly Delicious!). Thanks to all of the talented cooks in the group!

New officers were installed:

- President:*Marge Aube*
 - Past President:*John Gale*
 - Treasurer:*Carlton Mendell*
 - Membership:*Maggie Soule*
 - Race Committee:*Bob Aube*
 - Clothing:*Steve Fox*
 - Statistician and Photography:*Don Penta*
 - Course Certification:*Dale Rines*
 - Newsletter:*Mike Doyle*
- At Large: *Maureen Sproul, Howard Spear, Rodger Smith, & Sandy Utterstrom.*

Awards were received by:

First Time Marathoners:

Maryellen Fitzpatrick, Steve Fox, Carol Hogan, Shelley Lathrop and John Whitman

MTC Most Improved Runners of the Year:

Open DivisionMaryellen Fitzpatrick & David Chamberlain.
 Masters DivisionJoan Lee & Carlos Philbrick.
 Senior DivisionSally Paterson & John LeRoy

MTC Comeback Runner of the Year:

Al Sproul

Outstanding Contribution to Maine Running:

Joan Samuelson & Dave McGillivray

MTC Runners of the Year:

Jeanne Hackett & Michael Payson

MTC Masters Runners of the Year:

Carol Hogan & John Mollica

MTC Senior Runners of the Year:

Polly Kenniston & Jim Toulouse

Maine Runners of the Year:

Julia Kirtland & Bob Winn

MTC Volunteer of the Year:

Sandy Utterstrom

John Fyalka Award for Service to the MTC:

Howard Spear

MTC Receives Fyalka Memorial Contribution

This fall the MTC was pleased to receive a \$300 contribution from the John Fyalka family of Springfield, Illinois in memory of their son, John. John was an early and enthusiastic member of the Maine Track Club before his untimely death. In his memory, the Club matches the Fyalkas donation and awards two scholarships to an outstanding male and female high school runner. Please join me in thanking the Fyalkas for their generosity.

John Gale

Presidential Message

February, 1999

Dear Fellow Runners,

It promises to be a great year for running! The Banquet was a huge success by all reports and next year's banquet is already in the planning stages!

We have a lot to celebrate in the Maine Track Club. Our runners are doing extremely well in races of all lengths and challenges - hills, rain, terrain that is currently being paved as the race commences, and other circumstances too numerous to mention. New members are joining in record numbers and renewals are on the rise. We have many opportunities to offer our club members. Among these are the unfilled offices of Secretary and Vice-President. Think about these possibilities as your chance to participate in a unique organization. My phone number is listed on page 11 of this issue, along with the other officers. Give one of us a call.

My goals for the next year are to build upon the solid footing attained by Past-President John Gale. I hope to strengthen the feeling of camaraderie that he created and to instill a feeling of pride in our club, its members, and their accomplishments. I envision a variety of activities to offer members so that greater participation is achieved, volunteering is increased, and attendance at meetings reaches an all time high.

It is time for us to come together as a group and continue to do what the Maine Track Club does best - RUN! We have planned our next meeting to do just that! Willie and Maureen Sproul have offered their gorgeous country home in New Gloucester to host a Sunday morning Run and Brunch. Please put this on your calendar and make every effort to attend. It is sure to be a fabulous event. The hills and dales in that area are spectacular and the company could not be better.

Thank you John Gale who did a spectacular job as President of the MTC and who organized the Banquet. He obtained a speaker who dazzled us all! Dave McGillivray is truly a remarkable individual who shared several of his accomplishments with us. We hope he will return for another visit with this group in the near future.

Happy New Year!

Happy Running!

....Marge

