



Maine Track Club

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Dear Club Member:

The next club meeting will be July 3rd, 7:30 P.M., at "The Max", 77 York Street, Portland. Films of the past Spring races will be shown.

Imagine a team of Maine Track Club members running in a race through the English or Irish countryside. Dave Silverbrand is working on a tour of one country, or both, for some time next summer. Dave says he is contacting running clubs on the continent and he thinks it could be a fun trip for anyone. He will be discussing his idea including the projected cost at our meeting. If you are interested, be sure to give him your input and support.

I would like to explain the last newsletter, as I guess I have upset many people. The newsletter is printed a week before I actually get it together. I received the bumper stickers after the newsletter was done. They were bigger than ordered and too big to mail. When I put together everything, it was too heavy and would have cost over 30¢ to mail. So, I then sent only those which you really needed at that time. You must pick up your bumper sticker at a meeting or race.

As you see, the point system is very interesting and will be a lot of fun. If you are not on it, you will not be on it for this year. Everyone had their chance to notify Peter Hand to be included. It is a lot of work and there are going to be mistakes, let it go at that.

As you know, the John Fyalka Memorial 10,000 will be July 19th. I sincerely hope everyone makes an effort to run. Don't forget it is a club championship race. Everyone who runs scores points for the club. The donations for awards have been very slow, much to my surprise. It is a tax deductible donation to the John Fyalka Memorial Fund. Send to me soon as possible.

Quite often I get calls asking why I didn't put this or that in the newsletter. I am at every race and know almost 100% of what is going on, but I can't know when someone sets a PR. Write or call me if you would like anything in the newsletter.

The "Runners' Weekend" at the Bethel Inn was just a super time. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and the Inn was very pleased. I hope we can fill the Inn up with club members at next year's race. Just a beautiful place to stay, super food, many things to do. Another great run by Gene Coffin, overtaking Ken Flanders at the 10 mile mark to finish in 1:08:56 for a tough 13.1 miles.

The Cook's Corner 5 Mile Race on July 12th has now become a world class affair. Bill Rogers, Greg Meyer, Randy Thomas, Kevin Ryan, and many more will be running. It is our race and we must do a good job. The field may reach 1000. We need workers badly. Please call or make the meeting. It would look very impressive if we can get 15-20 club people in their T-Shirts working at this race.

Hope everyone makes an effort to get to the meeting. We showed the Spring Race films at Bethel. They are excellent. See you the 3rd. Don't forget intervals, Wednesday night, 6:30 at Portland Stadium Track.

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