

End of an Era - Maybe not!

By John LeRoy

Maine's running community has enjoyed the benefit of having their own running magazine for over a dozen years. Most runners assumed that we had seen the end of an era when Lance Tapley, editor of Maine Running & Fitness, announced that his magazine was dead, but this may not be so. Final arrangements are being made to start up another running magazine which will be dedicated to running, similar to Mainely Running. An announcement is expected to be made shortly, so save that rebate you received from Lance Tapley for a subscription to the new magazine.

I have been very disappointed in the magazine's demise and I apologize to the members of the Maine Track Club for my mistake in transferring ownership of Mainely Running to Lance Tapley.

For the record, everyone should know that Lance did not pay anything for Mainely Running. In hopes of assuring success, all rights of publication, a computer, computer software, inventory, an extensive file of photographs, film, and other production equipment were transferred to Lance at no charge. Also, to get him started I provided the majority of material for his first two issues and substantial race coverage for the next year. I was prepared to continue covering races and provide major input for the magazine, but I found dealing with Lance to be too unpleasant.

I still believe that a magazine devoted to endurance sports in Maine can be a viable business for someone willing to do a little work and who has some understanding of the endurance sports community. I believe that person has come forward and am enthused over the impending return of a quality running magazine to Maine.

Mainers clean up at Lake Winnepesaukee Relay

By Bob Aube

The Lake Winnepesaukee Relay course is renowned for its rugged hills, but a large contingent of Mainers who made the trek to New Hampshire last Saturday found the 65.9-mile route much to their liking and brought home numerous awards.

Among the more than 1,200 runners who braved the rain to take part in the eighth-annual race were several of Southern Maine's top competitors in the open, master and senior categories. Maine was well-represented at the awards ceremony.

The most notable performances were turned in by the women's open and men's masters teams, each of which placed first in its division. Maine squads also took second in the men's open division and third among the senior men. A second group of men's masters finished a respectable fourth.

Each team consists of eight members who ran distances ranging from four to 11 miles. Even the shortest legs are challenging, due to the relentless hills.

"None of the legs are easy," said Terry Sutton, a member of the victorious women's team. "There are hills on every leg."

The women's open team, dubbed the "Ghosts of Pease" by team organizer Tom Littlefield, set a course record with a time of 7 hours, 6 minutes and 16 seconds. Besides Sutton, the team included Christine Snow-Reaser, Rose Prest-Morrison, Laurel Valley, Katie Payson, Wanda Binette, Marjorie Haney and Kelly Rodrigue.

Snow-Reaser led off and gave the Maine squad a lead it would never relinquish. North Medford Club was a distant

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