

MAINE TRACK CLUB

DEAR CLUB MEMBER:

Please send me your 1981 membership fee today! The response to the Club Race and Awards Banquet has been slow. It's only natural that everyone will wait until the final week, but I need to know early. I must notify the Holiday Inn, have ID cards prepared, and figure the handicaps for our race. So please, send me your information today.

Our last meeting on Nov. 13th was very productive with over 40 members attending. These areas were discussed and approved for 1981:

A. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB:

To promote running in Maine, establish and maintain a year round road race program, hold monthly meetings, publish a monthly newsletter, encourage and promote a close membership within the club.

B. CLUB MEETINGS:

Held the second thursday of every month, to be at a location for a club run to start at 6 P.M. Meeting with refreshments to start at 7:30 P.M. This will help attendance for meetings, promote your weekly training schedule, and allow members to become known to each other.

C. NEWSLETTER:

To be sent to club members monthly, one week before meetings. Anyone wishing to have information in the newsletter, simply contact the President. The newsletter will contain club business, race flyers, any information concerning membership.

D. MEMBERSHIP:

It was decided to impose stricter requirements to join the club. Anyone living within a 50 mile radius of Portland must attend 3 club meetings, as well as work at 3 races. It is to encourage and promote a close membership.

At the meeting, a motion to raise funds for club member John Keller was well taken, as \$68.00 was given to John from members in attendance. John will travel to the NAIA National Cross-Country Championships representing U.S.M.

Missing from the club list of Casco Bay Marathon Finishers: Ray Cooper 3:19:12, Ron Burton 3:25:17, Rick Hanson 3:48:38 and Bill Hannum 4:06:45.

The past month the club won two team trophies. At the Wiscasset 4.5 mile, M.T.C. was the winning team. Mark Hoffmaster, Brian Bettney, Joe Bean, Red Dean and Tom Petterson led the club.

The club placed second out of nine teams in the New England A.A.U. Cross-Country 10K held in Exeter, N.H. A strong field of 140 runners on a beautiful course. A great race by club member Hank Pfifle, as he won in 30:56. Jamie Fildard 10th 31:29, Buddy Carroll 23rd 32:07, John Keller 32nd 32:42, Gene Coffin 38th 33:08, Brian Flanders Jr. 56th 34:56, Bob Coughlin 69th 36:36.

Also great runs lately by Mike Towle, Dick McFaul, Bob and Barb Coughlin, Red Dean, and Frank Morong.

The election of 1981 club officers also took place at our last meeting. Names were presented for all positions, except President. At that time, I was asked to leave the room by secretary Dave Paul. Upon my return, the club asked that I remain President. In return, they would give me \$500.00 towards expenses for the "Bermuda Marathon and 10K weekend" trip. I will remain as President for 1981. Naturally, I was touched by this offer, but what has impressed me the past few months is the importance of the club to many members. With the present organization, especially new race directors, I can devote more time to my own running. I look forward to the new year and working with our new officers.

Again, send me your membership fee today. The club 10,000 meter handicap run and awards banquet is Dec. 6th. We will be giving over 40 awards at the banquet. Door prizes from Nike and The Maine Mariners will be given out also. Race movies, Free Beer! Also, Bernie Chapman of Bernie's Fashions will sponsor handsome plaques to go to all members who finished the Casco Bay Marathon. Hope you make it! If you have not sent your membership fee by Dec 1st, your name will be taken off the mailing list. See you soon.

Sincerely,



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1981 SPRING SCHEDULE

APRIL 20 - PORTLAND BOY'S CLUB 5 MILE
RACE DIRECTOR: DAVE PAUL 774-4089

26 - BOB RICE MEMORIAL 10,000

RACE DIRECTOR: GENE COFFIN 856-6238

BRIAN GILLESPIE 772-3617

MAY 17- WGAN-TV YMILE

RACE DIRECTOR: DAVE SILVERBEAND 799-4744

BRIAN GIVESPIE 772-3617

25 - MEMORIAL DAY 10,000 GORHAM

RACE DIRECTOR: PHIL COOK 839-4245

JUNE 6 - BETHEL INN 10,000 7 - BETHEL INN HALF - MARATHON PACE DIRECTOR: BRIAN GILLESPIE 772-3617

IF YOU CAN HELP AT ANY OF THESE RACES, PLEASE CALL
THE RACE DIRECTOR. ESPECIALLY NEED HELP FOR APRIL 26.

BRIAN