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Robin Moran grins after receiving overall age-graded third place female as well as first place in the 50-54 age group in the 2009-10 Space Coast Runners Runner of the Year Series. The awards banquet was held on May 15 at the Indian Harbour Beach Recreation Center. Check out all of this year's award winners beginning on page 29. All award photos courtesy of Gene Ramba.

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### **2009-10: WHO WE ARE**

The **Space Coast Runners** (**SCR**) is a nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of the state of Florida whose purpose is to promote fitness and running at the community level. SCR is a chapter of the Road Runners Club of America. Visit us on-line at <a href="www.spacecoastrunners.org">www.spacecoastrunners.org</a>. We also invite you to attend our board meetings which are held at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of the month at Pro Health on Merritt Island.

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### 2010-2011 SPACE COAST RUNNERS RUNNER OF THE YEAR SERIES

### **Running on Island Time 5K**

August 21, 2010 Time: 7:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Catholic School Merritt Island http://www.dmccs.org/5k/

### Chain of Lakes 5K

October 9, 2010 Time: 8 a.m. Titusville Marty Winkel, 537-3526 runsalot@cf.rr.com

### Space Coast Classic 15K And 2-Miler

November 6, 2010
Time: 7:30 a.m.
Windover Farms, Melbourne
Cyndi Bergs, 514-6955
See page 24 of this newsletter

### Space Coast Marathon and Half Marathon

November 28, 2010 Time: 6:00 a.m. Riverfront Park, Cocoa Denise Piercy, 751-8890 www.spacecoastmarathon.org

### Reindeer Run 5K

December 11, 2010 Time: 8 a.m. Cheri Down Park, Cape Canaveral

### Sun n Fun 4-Miler

January 15, 2011 Time: 8 a.m. Port Canaveral Marlene White, 783-6535 marlenewhite@cfl.rr.com

### **Tooth Trot 5K**

February 12, 2011 8 a.m. BCC Wickham Park Pavilion Melbourne Jerilyn Bird, gwboms@aol.com

### Eye of the Dragon 10K and Tail of Lizard 2-Miler

February 26, 2011
Time: 10K-8 a.m; 2M-8:10 a.m.
Eau Gallie Cswy, Melbourne
Marlene White, 783-6535
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### **Downtown Melbourne 5K**

April 2, 2011
Males: 7:30 a.m.; Females: 8:15 a.m.
Downtown Melbourne
Frank Webbe, 674-8104
webbe@fit.edu

### Space Walk of Fame 8K

April 9, 2011 Time: 8 a.m. Space View Park, Titusville Marty Winkel, 537-3526 runsalot@cf.rr.com

### You don't have to be fast... To have a blast!!

The Runner of the Year Series offers you more than just a chance to rack up points for year-end Series awards. It also offers you ten races of varying distances that provide a great incentive to get fit!

The races, themselves, provide an opportunity to enjoy a 'catered' workout; socialize with fun and like-minded individuals and enjoy the unique amenities that are provided by each Race Director.

Once you start, you might become addicted! For complete Series information click http://www.spacecoastrunners.org/roy.html



## Spotlight on





Race: 5th annual Running on Island Time 5K Runner of the Year Series: Race number one

of the 2010-2011 season **Date:** August 21, 2010

**Time:** 7:30 a.m.

**Location:** Divine Mercy Catholic School, Google/MapQuest 1940 N. Courtenay Pkwy,

Merritt Island 32953

Benefits: School scholarships and academic program materials for students.

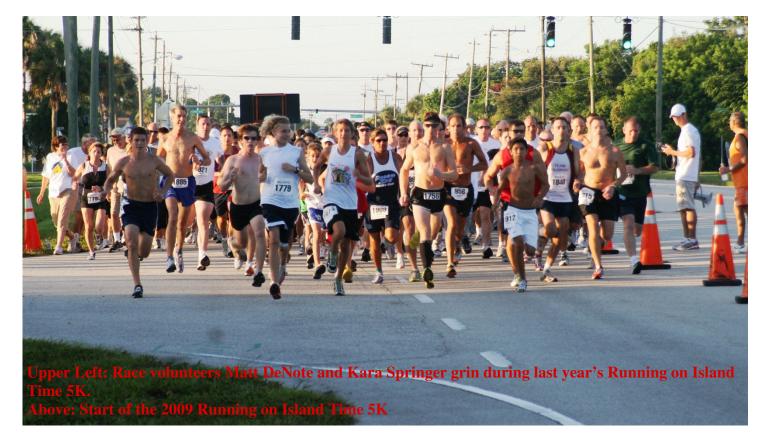
**Race Directors:** Debbie Wells and Kara Springer

Course: www.dmccs.org/5k/2010/ProposedCourse.pdf

**Kids run:** Free with prizes for all finishers

Amenities: Laid-back island theme with steel drums and unique awards including live palm trees to top three male and female; great race shirts; post-race party including home made treats; 20 to 30 gift certificate give-a-ways.

Info/entry form: http://www.dmccs.org/5k/





### 2009-2010 SEASON IN REVIEW

On Saturday, May 15, 2010, we celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. This was an opportunity for many of our members to enjoy an evening out with friends and family celebrating individual successes. For those of you who could not join us, here are some of the highlights we shared of this past season.

The 2009-2010 race series was a great success! We had an increase in participants in all four of the SCR races---Eye of the Dragon (EoD), Space Walk of Fame (SWoF), Space Coast Classic (SCC), and the Space Coast Marathon and-Half-Marathon which registered a record-breaking 2,500 participants. In addition, we added 2-mile races at EoD, SWoF, and SCC. Our kids' series continued to grow with more than 200 kids participating this past season. The 2009 marathon was also a RRCA State Championship race—this brought an opportunity

for our overall male and female to scoop up another award and earn the challenge of competing in Regionals. The EoD growth this year challenged our ability to accurately and quickly score four different races—so we utilized D-tag chips with the support of Running Zone. This certainly took a lot of pressure off of the finish line volunteers and the race director! As our races grow, we will continue to look to make things better for our participants and volunteers and appreciate any feedback and suggestions. In addition to our races, we held fun runs and socials in Palm Bay and Cocoa with some of our favorite stops at Ryan's Pizza, Murdocks, Tropical Café, and Café Unique'.

Our commitment as a running club is to provide back to the community. This past year, we gave back in many ways through our scholarships and contributions to Special Olympics, Team in Training, Diabetes Association, Space Walk of Fame Museum, Titusville Running Series, and water to Pinewood Elementary School. Finally, we upgraded some of equipment purchasing new finish line flag stands, mileage markers, and storage boxes for the Henry Campbell scoring system.

With the 2009-2010 race series behind us, we look forward to the 2010-2011 race series! Starting us off in August will be the Running on Island Time followed by Chain of Lakes, 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Space Coast Classic, Space Coast Marathon and Half-Marathon, Reindeer run, Sun-n-Fun, Tooth Trot, Eye of Dragon, Downtown Melbourne, and Space Walk of Fame.

Below we announce this year's slate of elected officers and board of directions.

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### THE PASSING LANE With Ron Hoar

### A Shirt From Another Era

I searched my closet for a shirt--a tank top--that I could wear on my hot June Sunday morning long run (as in 4.2 miles). Not able to find my well worn Maine tank proclaiming "Maine--The Way Life Should Be", I pulled out another from the few remaining tank tops in my running wardrobe. Several years ago I had gone through the 300 plus shirts and agonizingly let many of them go.

Starring at the words on the back of this shirt, I felt a reluctance to wear it on this run. Adding to the situation I had totally stopped running for about three weeks just after the Downtown Melbourne 5k. I had been nursing myself back to health from severe sciatica that resulted from pulling a large palm tree root ball to the street. Now after just a few two milers during the week, I wanted to go for a longer run than I had done in a month. I was reconciled to a slow pace of around ten minutes per mile and that shirt seemed to be a contradiction to my plan.

I had gotten the shirt while living in Dallas and being a member of the JC Penney corporate running team. We fielded a masters coed team (I was already a grand master then). Those were the years when I could hold my own with all but a few of the runners in my age group in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. I had retired the shirt when I did-- more than a dozen years ago.

Now I sensed a feeling of embarrassment about wearing the tank top--and not because it was tattered or worn. On the contrary, the shirt appeared to look as good as new. That was all the more reason not to show it off on this Sunday run.

Briefly I thought about running without a shirt. But I quickly pushed that thought aside as I noted my rounded belly which had become the prime beneficiary from the additional 15 pounds that had settled on my body since the mid 1990's. That presentation on the streets of Windover Farms didn't paint a pretty picture in my mind. Just too much of a contrast to a lean and mean 152-155 pound appearance of many years ago.

So it was back to considering that little used tank top. I knew that I would be running the same streets frequented by Coach Doug Butler and many of his Holy Trinity running team members. Even if I got out early I still might not avoid them. They would quickly overtake me, while reading those large words on the back of the tank as they approached. And since they run an out and back there would be at least a three mile opportunity for them to catch me and my top.

I swallowed some pride, pulled on the tight fitting shirt and ventured out for my run--at a little later time than my usual Sunday run. And behold--I returned home without being spotted.

So a couple of Sundays later -again with high heat and humidity--I opted for that top again rather than a tee shirt. I thought I might miss them again with a later start, but less than halfway on my "out" on Windover Way, that long parade of fit high schoolers and their coach passed me--fortunately going in the opposite direction as they completed their "back". I took an extra deep breath and continued my ten minute plus or minus per mile pace. My running watch had malfunctioned at about the same time I did a few weeks earlier. So running without a watch I could only estimate my pace which was probably plus rather than minus.

With just two more Sundays before heading to Maine--and one of those being my premiere appearance in a "walk" event-- I may still be able to avoid being exposed in that shirt that reads "JC Penney RACING Team" (emphasis by author).

Oh well--maybe they will think I'm race walking.

### 6th Annual Titusville YMCA Family Challenge Triathlon

For those of you who have loved and participated in this race for the past five years, the 2010 race will not disappoint. This year we will focus ever more on bringing families together under the banner of fitness. This years race is solely brought to you by the Titusville YMCA Family Fitness Center. All profits will be used to support the YMCA Scholarship Program. This program provides help tp families and individuals with Y Memberships.



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### Our Goals ..... Families Together in Fitness..... Friends Overcoming Obstacles....

This race is not meant to be a one day affair, or another opportunity to pile the family into the SUV so Mom and Dad can cheer from the sidelines. Our goal is to bring the whole family together for a summer of fitness. Dinner conversation will turn to how the training is going. Desert may become a few extra laps as a family. On race day Mom's in the pool as Dad and Sister ready themselves for the bike or run. Who knows you may bring home the Robin Fisher State Farm Fastest Family Vase.

Whatever the result on race day may be the real benefits are long term. You have just spent a few weeks working together as a family. When on the way home Junior turns to Mom and says "I bet with a little more training you can take a minute off your swim. We will have to start training earlier next year." We've met our GOAL







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# A Mile With... Lisa Petrillo



Name: Lisa Petrillo

Family: Husband, Mark and Weimaraner-child, Cooper

**Ages:** My husband and I are both 36, and Cooper will be two-years-old in September.

**Occupation or Dream profession:** I work part-time for the City of Satellite Beach as an administrative assistant. My dream would be to have my own successful business, preferably traveling all over the world making jewelry, selling it at shows and teaching jewelry making classes.

**Number of Years Running: 23** 

**Began Running Because/To:** I was good at it. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, having never run longer than a mile, I went out and ran 5 miles with the high school cross-country team and felt like I could keep going. These days, I could never go very long without running because it is my stress reliever.

I Knew I Was Hooked When: I placed in my first race. I had found something I was good at, and I enjoyed it.

**Race PRs (Personal Records):** 5K - 20:23 my freshman year of high school, and I'm still trying to run that again! My 5K PR since high school - 22:19; 10K - 50:24; Half Marathon - 1:50



Mark, Lisa and Cooper visit the Sheldon Church ruins inn Beaufort County, SC.

**Most Satisfying Race Performance:** Probably my first half marathon, which was Disney in 2009, because it was a big accomplishment for me after having had knee surgery several years prior. I wasn't sure if I'd be able to run that far ever because my knee was always bothering me. It turned out I just needed to slow down my training instead of trying to do too much too soon and too fast.

**Favorite Race:** The Cooper River Bridge Run 10K in Charleston, SC because it was beautiful running over the bridge, and it was the largest race I've ever ran - 40,000 runners and walkers!

**Favorite Place(s) to Run:** My favorite place that I've run at was Red Rock Canyon in Nevada. It is so scenic, and although it can get hot, there is no humidity. When I ran there last, I saw a roadrunner and a coyote! Locally, my favorite place is River Road in Cocoa in the early morning.

Running Partner(s): Cooper, Erin Schuck and my buddies at Coach Butler's running camp.

If I Could Go on a Social Training Run With Any Other Persons, Dead or Alive: The Dalai Lama

**Funniest or Oddest Thing I've Seen While Running**: I ran past a giant Whoopee cushion at the Ghostly Ghecko 5K last year, but I may have been the strangest thing he's seen since I was a shark attack victim...and Cooper was dressed as the shark!

**Training Philosophies:** I think it is very important to listen to your body. If you want to prevent injuries, you have to know when to ease up and not push yourself too hard. I think joining a running camp is a great way to train. It has the structure that many people find beneficial, and the camaraderie cannot be beat!

One Piece of Advice That I Would Give to a New Runner: Follow some sort of training plan, either from a running magazine/website or running camp instead of trying to wing it on your own. Easy runs are just as important as hard runs.

**Running Goals for the Next Year:** I plan to run my first marathon, the Space Coast marathon, in November. I also plan to run every race in the 10/11 Running Zone Race and ROY series with the goal of placing in my

age group at the end of the year for both series.

Other Sports& Interests: I did my first triathlon last month and recently started biking more. I love to spend time outdoors with my husband and Cooper. I make jewelry in my free time and sell it online and at local craft shows.

**Favorite Reads:** Any books by Deepak Chopra, jewelry and running magazines.

When Nobody is Looking I Like to: Eat dark chocolate syrup right out of the jar.

**Favorite Meals:** Chicken Korma, pierogies, sushi, and a philly cheesesteak when in PA

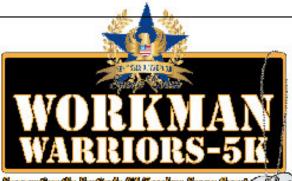
**Dream Vacation:** Europe, Africa and Belize

I Think That SCR Could Do A Better Job: I think they are doing a great job! I went to the SCR series awards dinner for the first time this year, and I was very impressed with it!

Left: Lisa poses with **Super Cooper!** 



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### RUNNER REGISTRATION FORM

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## WALK THIS WAY

### **By Dave Hernandez**

On June 6, local running clubs across the nation teamed up with Weight Watchers to provide their members with the first annual Weight Watchers 5K Walk It Challenge. Weight Watchers and RRCA provided sponsorship and funding.

Space Coast Runners Cyndi Bergs and Carol Ball stepped up as race directors for the Brevard event, Below, Dave Hernandez gives us an account of that special morning which drew 170 walkers to the finish line and the start of a more active and healthy life-style.

Because of this partnership, SCR was able to donate \$1,000 to the Central Brevard Sharing Center for their food bank helping to provide food for the increasing ranks of the unemployed and underemployed in this county. A huge thanks to all who helped with the event!

Several volunteers from SCR were on hand to set up the finish line, time, marshal, and to provide fluids for the first annual Weight Watchers 5K Walk It Challenge. It was a well attended walk with about 170 participants strolling the out & back through Windover Farms in Melbourne on an absolutely beautiful morning! It was a great event for SCR to get additional community exposure as well as an opportunity to raise funds since Weight Watchers provided the marketing and shirts

I manned the half-way turn around point, shouting words of encouragement along with the splits. After the last walker passed, I went to the finish line and helped Mo (Johnson) and Tammy (Foster). It was truly refreshing to see the looks on the walker's faces and to feel their energy! Most of them were competing in their first ever "race". After the run, Jim Van Veen and Kathy Ojeda gave well-received lectures about running and proper diet.

As "runners"- it's easy to take for granted the amazing gift that God has blessed us with! The look of accomplishment and joy that these walkers had as they finished was simply awesome. It is a wonderful feeling to be able to help other people accomplish their goals simply by volunteering to help just one Sunday morning!!! As is usually the case- I definitely got more out of it than I put into it!!



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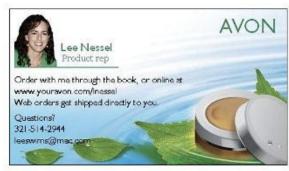
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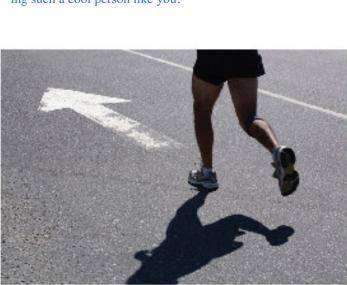


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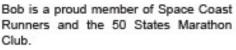
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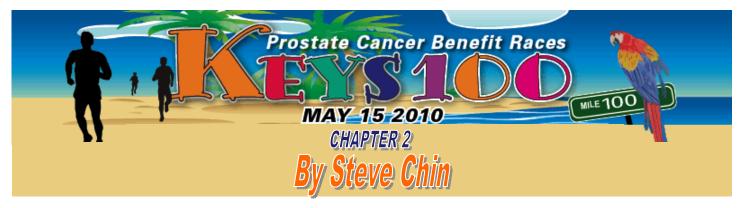
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Hard to believe it has been a year since my first Keys 100 relay race but time flies and here I am in Key Largo again, having my usual pre race meal of pizza and beer but this year with different teammates. Missing my team from last year but enjoying this year's team made up primarily of my regular training partners and friends, Crate, Davis, Larson, Streufert and Toledo. The six of us will make up the 2010 team of "Shut the \*\*\*\* Up and Run!!!"

I have a slightly different mission this year however. In addition to running a tough competitive race on a beautiful 100-mile course, this year I want to win this thing and I want to win it badly! With that said I now consider last year's race to be a scouting mission and I will use that experience to provide my team with the best chance of finishing this race ahead of last year's winners and any other competition that might show up.

Last year's winners, The Keys Athletes made up primarily of high school and college kids with a great support crew finished the race in 10:46:08 (previous course record). With that in mind I estimated we would have to run 6:15 per mile to stay comfortably ahead of them. So as my team started to come together, based on each runner's 5K pace it looked very possible to maintain this pace but it would be a challenge.

What I didn't figure was that that last year's winner wasn't challenged and was able to cruise into the finish at their own comfortable pace. How much faster would they be? We were about to find out.



Local team (1 to r) of Pedro Toledo, Steve Chin, Jessica Crate, Shane Streufert, Scott Larson and John Davis not only WON the Keys 100 relay, but set a COURSE RECORD! Congrats to all of you!

So off to Key Largo we go to pick up race packets, decorate the party wagon, meet and reunite with other relay teams and individual Ultra runners and just soak up the pre race atmosphere that is always so motivating. As I always say at these ultra relay events, there is nothing more comfortable than being surrounded by hundreds of people that are just as crazy as you.

Race day is here and we are awake by 0430 to get to the start line at mile-marker101 by 0600. We see the familiar faces of Jim Schroeder, John Pyle and Joe Ninke preparing for the 100 mile individual (all three of these guys are nuts). with approx 68 teams registered there are almost twice as many as I remember from last year so this race is growing quickly. Team themes and vehicle decorations are great, hard core runners with a wacky sense of humor! The excitement is overwhelming in anticipation of the start of the races.

Off we go on a 100 mile journey that will eventually end at beautiful Smathers Beach in Key West. The first thing we notice as the gun goes off is how many runners are going out really fast. Did I underestimate how competitive this race would be or are these guys just future kills for us to run down? My strategy is to start off running a 5K leg each and we do just that averaging around a six-minute pace and making all the proper kills along the way to Islamorada. We quickly find ourselves in a three team race with "Keys Athletes" and "Faster we run, sooner we drink". As we notice Keys Athletes are running shorter, faster two-mile legs we make the necessary adjustment and now the race is on. Just south of Islamorada we have dropped team FWR-SWD and it is just us and TKA and the lead change is frequent at this point.

As we approach Marathon, the halfway mark, both teams shift to one-mile legs and the pace drops down to a 5:30 average as we near the challenging seven-mile bridge. Temps are in the high eighties and the sun is directly overhead as it is time for each team to send a runner out to cross the bridge with no exchanges allowed. After running this leg last year I defer this year's journey to Davis as I know he will enjoy running the seven miles of steamy asphalt with cool, tranquil turquoise waters below. Both teams start their runner within 200 yards of each other, we have the lead at this point but anything can happen on the bridge. As the team party wagons pass the runners at the halfway point they are running together almost as if they have both decided to just survive and start the race again at the end of the bridge? As Larson and I wait for Davis to come in we quickly discover that is no longer the case. Here comes Davis with no sign of the competition! The tag is made and off goes Larson with what is now a substantial lead, Davis just killed the bridge averaging a 6:10 pace!

We are amped up now and hoping they are discouraged as we continue to kill mile after mile, at a pace surprising even to ourselves, we increase our lead to 3:00 by mile-marker 25. For the first time all day we have enough of a lead that we don't see their runners exchanging anymore. Finally we think the young team (average age being 22) has lost hope and that their endurance has faded as they watch the more experienced team (average age being 36) run away from them.



Another local team, 'Couch Bernie's Potatoes' conquered the Keys 100 to honor their friends and loved ones battling prostate cancer. Proceeds hurdle. There are no shoulders to pull over from the event went to fight the disease. From left to right are Rick Foresteire, Danny Barrett, Veronica Sim, Charis Gaines, Tracey Donnelly and Rick Foresteire, Jr.

Approaching Sugarloaf Key, where the breeze stops due to walls of mangrove and the heat rises into the nineties we start to see TKA again. These pesky kids are really starting to irritate me now, running halfmile legs to catch back up, we will kindly do the same in an attempt to hold them off going into Key West.

Somewhere south of mile-marker10 we time our lead and discover they have closed to within approx 1:20 and the nerves start to rattle. They are catching us but will they have enough real estate to do it? As we enter Key West I am in a very familiar situation resembling last year's race. This is going to be a foot race to the finish again?

Exactly that! Rounding the corner on US1 heading toward the finish about two miles away, both teams make exchanges as often as possible with the traffic being a major on so the hazard lights go on and both sliding doors of the party wagon are open and

we are going to finish this in an all out sprint. Both teams staging runners along the final stretch, it is hard to determine how far back they are due to all the obstacles along the final route but we know we can see them and we know they are fast. Crate, Davis, Chin, Larson and then back to Davis in the last mile, keeping a fresh runner out there to hold off the kids. Finally after the last handoff to Davis we see the finish line and as we are joined by Streufert and Toledo we all run across the finish line at full speed as the adrenaline is peaked. We just won the Keys 100 relay, we earned this victory and it felt good!

The Keys Athletes would come through the finish 45 seconds later, as a team and as a great group of competitors, well respected by the elder team that just experienced one of their most epic races to date.

The margin was less than half a second per mile. What a race and what a weekend! A great job to all relay team runners and individual ultras that ran this year, amazing accomplishments by many runners in all three races. I was able to spend time with the winners of the 50 and 100 mile individual races and they are all incredible runners with a great spirit. See you next year for what is sure to be another great time.

<u>Place</u> <u>Team</u>	Finish Time	<u>Pace</u>	<u>Misc</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> OA Shut the **** Up and Run!!!	! 9:41:50	5:49:10/mi	New course record
2 <sup>nd</sup> OA The Keys Athletes	9:42:35	5:49:55/mi	Motivation for 2011

Thanks to everyone that supported us remotely (FB) during and after the race and of course a ton of thanks to our support crew of Brittany Streufert, Beth Toledo and Donna and Kyra Davis. We couldn't have done it without you. Also thanks to the team of "Running with Scissors" for jumping the party wagon early on in the race. Whatever you do, don't turn off the van!!!

For those of you who expressed interest in running Keys100 next year go to www.keys100.com and mark your calendars for May 14 and 15 of 2011. I will assist in organizing teams or just providing general info on the race if needed.



### NOW ON FACE BOOK



Thanks to Bob Maggio and Tammy Foster, Space Coast Runners now has a presence on Face Book. With this almost real-time medium, we can all keep up-to-date on the latest club happenings; set up workouts, talk with one another, share photos and provide feedback to the Board. Come join us!

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### 2nd Annual

### Get Up & Go 5K / 10K

A Titusville Racing Series Event Saturday August 28, 2010

Presented by Christ Community Church Race Location: FOX LAKE PARK; Titusville, FL

#### LOCATION

Fox Lake Park is located at the west end of Fox Lake Drive – just 1 ½ miles west of the corner of Fox Lake and Carpenter Roads. For more information contact the Race Director, Sarah Guttery, at sguttery@cfl.rr.com; 321-917-2670

### DATE AND TIME

Saturday, August 28, 2010 5K Run/Walk: 7:30 a.m. 10K Run/Walk: 7:30 a.m. Kids' Races: 9:00 a.m.

#### CHECK IN AND PACKET PICK-UP

Check in starts at 6:00 a.m.

Packets may be picked up race morning at Fox Lake Park

### REGISTRATION ALSO AVAILABLE @ACTIVE,COM

#### AWARDS

Top 3 Male/Female Overall Top Male/Female Masters Top 3 finishers in 15 age groups Male & Female Ribbons to all kids' race participants.

#### ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are nonrefundable \$25 Adults \$15 Students Kids' Races Free

#### REGISTRATION

Walk, run or mail completed entry form to: Get Up & Go 5K / 10K 4295 Garden Street

Titusville, FL 32796

Make checks payable to: Christ Community Church

	Race Number:		
Get Up & Go 5K 10K 4 Saturday, August 28, 2010 4 Registration Form			
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Yes! I would like to receive more information about Christ Community Church Incomplete or unsigned forms will not be accepted.  I hereby release Christ Community Church, and any and all other sponsors and officials involved in any and all damages or injuries arising out of participating in this run and further state that I am in proper physical health and condition to compete in said event.			
Signature (under 18 requires a parent to sign):			
Date:			



### THE 'CA-CHING' OF RACING

### **By Patti Sponsler**



With the economy still swirling in the toilet, there have been a few comments about the price of local road races. Below we offer an explanation.

"Get rid of the t-shirts, the bagels and the gold statues. Let's just race."

The last sentence of the e-mail I received summed up the writer's frustration with the cost of road racing.

His rant reminded me of the harsh judgments I'd passed the first time I filled out a race entry form after a hiatus of several years fueled by chronic injury.

I'd never really thought about the costs of putting together a good event and it took the patience of a kind race director to educate me. He also gently suggested that, before I threw rocks, I should live in the glass house a while.

That's advice we can all take to heart.

Before an event is even advertised, bucks will have already been plunked down for local permits, liability insurance, police support, the staging venue, timing systems and port-o-potties.

And that's just the warm-up.

The ca-ching of the cash register continues as art work, advertising, applications, brochures and postage are procured and mailed.

If the costs ended there, maybe the average day-of-race 5K entry fees of \$25 to \$30 could be reduced. However, people vote with their feet and that means folks come to the races that give them what they want.

For more than two decades Space Coast Runners, one of the largest running clubs in the state, has offered free fun runs throughout the county. Participants are offered a chance to race on a measured course and then socialize a bit afterward-sometimes with the added incentive of food, drinks and give-a-ways.

The bigger fun runs and socials might draw 50 walkers and runners. Multitudes, however, paid and flocked to the races that offered unique t-shirt designs, electronic timing, awards, post-race parties and series points.

It doesn't take Einstein's IQ to realize that racing has become less about racing, per se, and more about the experience the event offers.

And so, the new minimum standard evolved to include quality t-shirts, awards, food, music and other post-race amenities.

Racing had become a prime example of supply meeting demand and those demands help elevate the cost.

To generate earlier cash flow, organizers offer discounts to those who preregister. Those entries also help de-

termine how many and what sizes of t-shirts to order as well as better estimate of the necessary quantities of fluids, cups, food, race numbers, race bags and other requirements.

The number of awards to buy is almost a no-brainer – a whopping minimum of 92 distinctive trophies are required to cover the standard award categories for both sexes.

Over the years, I've reviewed the financials of numerous races. There is no Enron-style book-cooking involved, just the simple recordings of income and outgo, with the latter often overshadowing the former.

With the United States trying to dig out of the Great Recession, local municipalities have had to tighten their belts. Services such as usage fees, police and EMS that were once provided gratis or at a very reduced price to local events are now hitting race cash coffers hard.

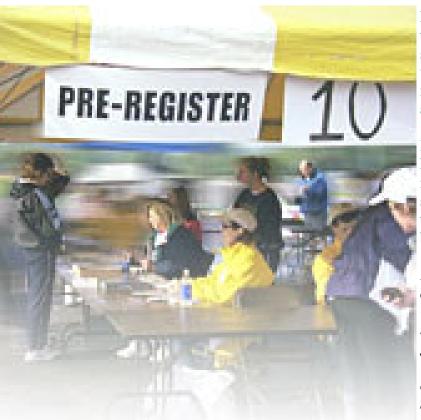
Those fees have become so high in some towns that race directors have to decide between taking a chance on breaking even - such as last year's beloved Eye of the Dragon - or pulling the plug on the event. Although participation at last year's race broke records, the race lost about \$1,000 due to increased fees charged by the city.

When we do hear of profitable races, it is usually in the context of the amount that has been donated right back into the community charities and schools.

Most race directors have two goals: provide a safe and challenging avenue for family fitness and raise money for local charities.

While the former is mostly successful, the later is often a stretch goal, usually achieved only through obtaining cash or in-kind sponsorship from local businesses.

In return, these sponsorship entities get their name associated with supporting healthy endeavors and gain charitable name recognition beyond the tux and bucks gentry.



Race directing is truly a labor of love and for that we should be grateful. If these generous souls and their multitude of equally charitable volunteers ever decide to charge even minimum wage for their work, few of us could afford to race.

Knowing that my race dollars are helping to keep me healthy and happy is enough. Knowing that my entry is also helping support local schools, civic groups and charitable organizations convinces me that I'm truly getting a bargain.

For those who would like a no t-shirt option, check out this year's Nov. 6 Space Coast Classic 15K. Not only is the race a bargain at \$18 for SCR members who pre-register but give up the shirt and you pony up only \$13! When was the last time you saw a race that cheap? Race info/app on page 24 of this newsletter or on-line at

http://mattmahoney.net/tmp/10scc15k.pdf

### 25 th Space Coast Classic 151

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A Space Coast Runner of the Year Event Proceeds Benefit the Florida Diabetes Camp

LIMITED TO 500 PARTICIPANTS

November 6, 2010



### RACE WILL BE CHIP TIMED







#### Race Information

Race Date Saturday, November 6, 2010 7:30 am - 15k

7:30 am - 15k 7:35 am - 2 Mile 9:15 am - Kids' Runs

Location Windover Farms

4025 Windover Way, Melbourne For safety reasons, no animals, baby joggers, skates, or headphones permitted

Kids' Run 1/4, 1/2, and 1 mile runs for children 12 and under. This is a Space Coast Runners Youth Series event.

Packet Pick-up. All registrations received by November 1, 2010 will be able to pick-up race packets at Running Zone on Thursday 11/4/10 and Friday 11/5/10. Packet pick-up also available race day morning from 6 am—7:15 am.

#### Awards

### 15k

Overall 1st, 2nd, 3rd Male & Female

Master 1st Male & Female 40+

Grand Master 1st Male & Female 50+

Senior Grand Master 1st Male & Female 60+

Age Group 1st, 2nd, 3rd Male & Female in five year age groups starting 10-14 through 75+ Walkers Top 10 receive awards

SCROY points awarded for 15 & over only for 15k

### 2 Mile

Overall 1st, 2nd, 3rd Male & Female

Age Group 1st, 2nd, 3rd Male & Female 9 and under, 10 -14, 15-19, and ten year age groups starting at 20 through 70+

Walkers Top 10 receive awards

### **Entry Form**

Mail check payable to Space Coast Runners to: Space Coast Classic 15k & 2 Mile 1170 Granada Ave. Merritt Island, FL 32952

On-Line at http://www.Active.com

Race Day\* from 6:00 to 7:15 am at the pavilion.
\*Shirts not guaranteed with race day registration

Entry Fees	Postmarked by 11/1/10	After 11/1/10
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## EVEN A BOMB SCARE COULD NOT STOP THE FARRALLS! By Lisa Farrall

Dave and I ventured to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for the Pittsburgh Marathon, held on 2 May. It was Dave's 42<sup>nd</sup> marathon and my first half-marathon. My sister-in-law had talked me into doing this race last Thanksgiving. I told her that I would walk it because I'm no runner. Another marathon? Of course Dave said "Yes, when are we leaving?"

It was a well-organized, well-managed marathon. Registration online was a breeze (filled up fast -16,000 participants). Packet pickup was smooth and the expo was one of the best we had seen in a while.

The weather was warmer than expected and cloudy. After about 10 minutes, it began raining, but it was a light rain and was actually refreshing. It rained most of the race. Pittsburgh is quite picturesque with its ethnic neighborhoods, skyscrapers, sports venues, and the bridges over the three rivers - many of which we crossed. There were bands all along the way and many spectators along the course. There were plenty of friendly volunteers.

I was walking at a good pace and felt good. I knew that I would easily beat my three-hour goal and would be at the finish about 2:46. As I neared the last half-mile, police began to direct us away from the finish line. It was very confusing. We did not know where we were going and the runners/walkers were shouting out "why are we going this way?" We were directed inside the train station where we went up a flight of stairs, down another, and then out a door. We finally made it to the finish line and along the way I found out that the participants were rerouted because of a bomb scare. We later discovered that the bomb squad blew up the suspect package and found it to be a microwave with ravioli in it! Hey, only in Pittsburgh! I finished the half-marathon in 3 hours, 2 minutes.

My poor sister-in-law was a little behind me in the marathon as her legs began to bother her. Her group of runners was actually stopped for about eight minutes while the bomb squad did their work. I felt bad for her because while waiting, her muscles began to cramp even more.

Dave (the injured, slow one—note, he went over his bike handlebars about 10 days previous) finished the marathon in 5:05. He was totally unaware of the happenings at the finish line till I called him on his mobile phone to tell him what had happened.

So, even a bomb scare could not deter the Farralls from completing a Marathon and Half-Marathon!





### 5... 4... 3... 2... 1...

### BLAST OFF!

Pictured above: 2010 Half-Marathon race me

### SPACE COAST HALF-MARATHON TRAINING CAMP

August 29 through November 28 (Race day!)

Running Zone Foundation and Coaches Bernie Sher, Linda Cowart and Barry and Michele Birdwell have teamed up to offer the Health First Health Plans 13-week training camp to prepare both beginner and experienced athletes to run or run/walk the Space Coast Half-Marathon in Cocoa Village on Nov. 28. Read all about the beautiful Space Coast course and generous race amenities at www.spacecoastmarathon.com











### Whether your goal is to complete your FIRST or FASTEST half-marathon (13.1-mile race), this camp is for YOU and includes:

- \*Daily on-line training schedules.
- \*Mid-week and Sunday morning coached group sessions.
- \*Running Zone 'Get Out and Run' goodie bags.
- \*Fluids provided at all group workouts
- \*Fitness, fun and group camaraderie.
- \*Various workshops with guest speakers discussing topics including
- -Running Zone Shoe Clinic
- -Injury Prevention
- -Nutrition
- -Mental Training

Sunday morning camp workouts will be held at 6:30 a.m. at Oars and Paddles Park, Indian Harbour Beach and at Riverfront Park in Cocoa Village. The first group workouts are Sunday, August 29.

Thursday evening camp workouts will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Running Zone & at Pro Health Viera and Merritt Island.

Entry Fees: The cost of the Space Coast Half-Marathon Training Camp is \$75.00 for Health First Health Plans members and \$100 for non-members. See reverse side for entry form.

### Kickoff Meeting

Find out more at our informational kickoff meetings. During this period you will learn more about the program, meet your coaches, pick up camp materials and get answers to all your questions. Join us for one of the following at 6:30 p.m. on:

Monday, August 23: Melbourne Pro Health & Fitness Healthplex Tuesday, August 24: Merritt Island Pro Health & Fitness Healthplex Thursday, August 26: Viera Pro Health & Fitness Healthplex

Have questions now? Contact Running Zone at 321.751.8890

### MEET YOUR COACHES



#### Bernie Sher

Head Coach Bernie Sher has been coaching runners and triathletes since 1995 and is certified by both RRCA and USAT. Bernie didn't begin racing until age 40 and understands how to manage the physical and emotional effects of aging. His knowledge of balancing workouts, rest, attitude and nutrition allowed him to run multiple

marathons including a personal best of 2:58 at Boston. He has also won numerous triathlon championships at all distances including a fifth place age group finish at the Ironman World Championships in Kona, HI. He will teach you how to bring the best out of yourself.

Learn more about Coach Bernie at www.coachbernie.org



#### Linda Cowart

Coach Linda Cowart is the mother of three boys and, as a competitive runner and triathlete, understands how to balance home, career and fitness. Linda has been coaching for four years including previous camps for the Space Coast Half-Marathon, Danskin Triathlon, Trek Triathlon and the Surf Coast

Triathlon series. Linda co-hosts a Sunday group run for the Space Coast Runners and is very active in the running community. Linda holds certifications from RRCA, USATF, USAT and is a certified spin instructor.

Learn more about Linda at www.yourbesttri.com



#### The Barry and Michele Team

Together RRCA certified coaches Barry and Michele have personally completed more than 20 marathons and even more half marathons. Their individual approaches compliment each other to the benefit of the athletes they train. Taking advantage of their skill set is sure to provide you with success.

#### Michele Birdwell

Michele is a skilled neuromuscular therapist. Treating patients with chronic conditions and athletic setbacks for more than 15 years.

Coaching marathon groups since 2003, she has developed techniques that identify and address setbacks before they occur.

Her focus on <u>can do</u> and steady physiological adaptation has led hundreds of adult-onset-athletes to the start line and a strong finish.

#### Barry Birdwell

Barry is a student of the best and most accomplished endurance running experts. Whether it is RUN or RUN/WALK, WALK or WALK/RUN, Barry has spent more than seven years working with marathon groups providing realistic plans and leading athletes to achieving obtainable goals.

Learn more about the Birdwells at www.pacefulrunning.com



### HALF MARATHON TRAINING PROGRAM OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

- Log on to active.com and search for Space Coast Half Marathon training camp.
- Fill out the official entry form below and either mail to or drop off at Running Zone, 3680 N. Wickham Road, Unit C, Melbourne, FL 32935.
- Checks should be made payable to Running Zone.

Name			
Address			
City		State	Zip
Phone (Home) (Cell)			
Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female	Date of Birth//	Age Health First	Health Plans member? Yes No
In consideration of my entry rights and claims for damage training program and any re- fered by me in consideration I should suffer injury or illu- and I take full financial and permission to participate in tapes, or any other record of	ges which may hereafter acce- presentatives, successors, or a of my association with an en- ess, I authorize the officials of legal responsibility for this a this race. I hereby grant full	e legally bound, and hereby ue to me against the sponsor assigns for any and all damage try or participation in the Spi the race to use their discreti- action. I attest and verify the permission to any and all of the event whatsoever. I have	for myself, my heirs, and executors, waive all is, officials, volunteers, and supporters of this es or injuries which may be sustained and suffice Coast Half Marathon Training Program. It is not to have me transported to a medical facility at I am physically fit and have my physician's the foregoing to use any photographs, video e read the above release and understand that it
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(if participant is under 18 yrs)

## TOM WARD'S WARRIOR SPIRIT By Roger Rouiller

Melbourne Beaches Tom Ward has bought -- perhaps too much -- into all of my 'Warrior' talk in his training and racing but it has paid off for him. Since starting his comeback four years ago at age 69, he has been very methodical and dedicated in his training but this past year has been brutal for him. He developed a breathing problem and his race times plummeted.

Last year he geared his training for the January 2010 Walt Disney World Marathon but his breathing became so horribly labored in the race that it took everything for him to finish in the very slow time of four hours, forty -eight minutes and 44 seconds. He sought medical help and was diagnosed as having "athletic-induced asthma". Some good runners have this problem and have successfully managed it and continued to run well. But Tom's management didn't work, his ability to breathe continued to deteriorate. It was painful for me to watch him at the May 8 Gecko 5K as I could see he was working incredibly hard but going nowhere, his finishing time a super slow 26:48. He sought medical help again. This time doctors diagnosed his problem as heart disease with 85 percent blockage in his left and right coronary arteries. So on May 12, doctors implanted a stint; his breathing immediately improved and he immediately started running again.

Tom is a retired Marine Corp Lieutenant Colonel and his goal this year has been the June 12 Marine Cross-roads 17.75K (11.03 miles) in Quantico, Virginia, which was run in honor of the Marine Corp's 1775 birthday. But of course, because of his surgery just one month prior, he had no business running this relatively long race over hilly, rough terrain. But he decided the 'Warrior' thing to do was to run it anyway and use it as a test to see if he could return to competitiveness. This was a dubious decision that I doubt anyone would have recommended, but it was his decision and he pulled it off.



Tom Ward showing fine form at the finish line of the Firecracker 5K on July 3, 2010 in Melbourne. Barry Jones photo

Although he was apprehensive in the early miles, he got to feeling better and better as the race progressed -- he could breathe again -- and he says he began to really enjoy the "running adventure". By the time he hit the last mile, he was loving it -- and sensing "victory" he kicked it in to finish in 1:56:04; 3:56 faster than his two -hour goal.

Tom's long drought is over and he is extremely grateful. And exquisitely satisfied because he knows down deep he took the plunge and did his best -- he knows "Hey, I was a warrior out there today!"

Will Tom be able to regain his speed all the way and achieve his goal of competing with the best in the nation in two years when he enters the M75-79 age division? There is no way of knowing. I do know that he has the warrior spirit that will enable him to become all he can be, and by so doing I know in the end he will have no regrets.

Tom's example shows us that the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" can be overcome!



### 2009-10 RUNNER OF THE YEAR SERIES CHAMPIONS



Barbara Krause Masters (40+)



Anne Dockery Grand Masters (50+)



Susie Koontz Sr. Grand Masters (60+)



Emily Chapman 1st 10-14



Stephanie Bird 1st 15-19



Kelsey O'Connor 2nd 15-19



Jackie Schmoll 1st 25-29



Lisa Petrillo 2nd 35-39



Sandra Gannon 1st 40-44



Robin Hernandez 2nd 40-44



Angie Preston 3rd 40-44



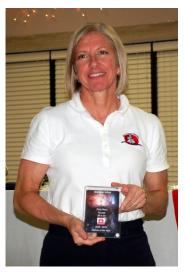
Terry Ferrisi 4th 40-44



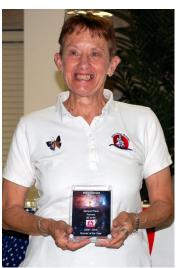
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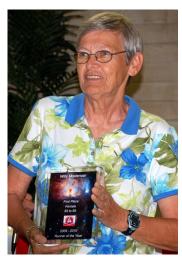
Robin Moran 1st 50-54



Marlene White 3rd 50-54



Mary Ramba 2nd 60-64



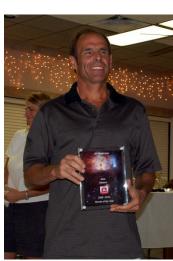
Willy Moolenaar 1st 65-69



Katie Marsh 1st 70-74



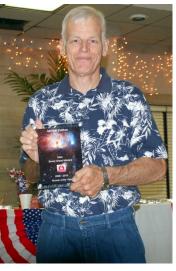
Joan Mahoney 2nd 70-74



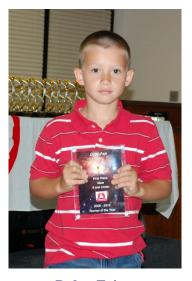
Art Anderson Masters (40+)



Matt Mahoney Grand Masters (50+)



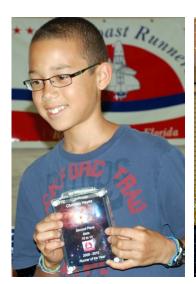
Mike Zeitfuss Sr. Grand Masters (60+)



Dylan Fain 1st 9 and under



Jared Hayes 1st 10-14



Christian Hayes 2nd 10-14



Robert Paxton 1st 25-29



Thaddeus Austin 1st 30-35



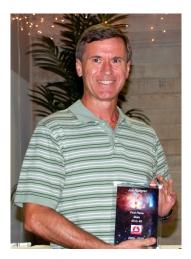
Tristen Webbe 2nd 35-39



Bob Maggio 1st 40-44



James Chiravalle 2nd 40-44



Joe Hultgren 1st 45-49



Doug Nichols 3rd 45-49



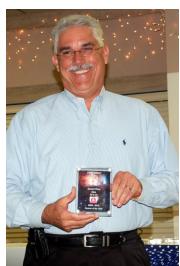
Kurt Holst 4th 45-49



Dave Hernandez 5th 45-49



Loran Serwin 1st 50-54



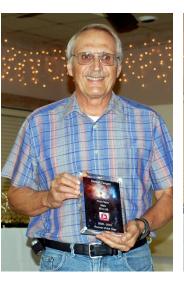
Daryl Gilbert 2nd 50-54



Jerry Bird 1st 55-59



Gary Castner 1st 60-64



Darwin Tangen 1st 65-69



Bob Pecor 1st 75+

### AWARD WINNERS NOT PICTURED

### **FEMALE**

Beth Whalen, 1st OA
Tracy Smith, 2nd OA
Cathy Friedel, 3rd OA
Nyssa Holmquist, 1st 9 and under
Kaia Holmquist, 2nd 10-14
Sabrina Smith, 3rd 10-14
Erin Schuck, 1st 35-39
Theresa Miller, 1st 45-49
Kim Badgett, 3rd 45-49
Debbie Rescott, 2nd 50-54
Melanie Delman, 4th 50-54
Sue Strout, 1st 55-59
Jacquelyn Kellner, 1st 60-64

### **MALE**

John Davis, 1st OA
Stephen Chin, 2nd OA
Steve Hedgespeth, 3rd OA
Jared Gannon, 3rd 10-14
Howard Kanner, 1st 35-39
Bruce Furrow, 3rd 35-39
Michael Adams, 2nd 45-49
Don Dore, 2nd 55-59
Wolfgang Jensen, 3rd 55-59
Ray Brown, 2nd 60-64
David Farrall, 3rd 60-64
Morris Johnson, 1st 70-75

## 2010 SPACE COAST RUNNERS GOLDEN SHOE WINNER... DAVE HERNANDEZ

This year, the club awarded Space Coast Runners Board Member, Dave Hernandez, the Golden Shoe award. Below is the nomination as authored and read by Marty Winkel at the awards banquet on May 15:

I believe we started awarding the Golden Shoe in 1991. The purpose of the Golden Shoe was to allow the Space Coast Runners Club to give annual recognition to an individual who has demonstrated over a sustained period of time his or her dedication to the sport of running along the space coast. The award has nothing to do with an individual's running accomplishments.

The following are the previous Golden Shoe Recipients in the order that they were recognized: Gary Harbison (1991), Harold Tucker (1992), Rhonda Butler and Marty Winkel (1993), Bill Dillard (1994), George Revels (1995), Henry Campbell (1996), Terry Hayden (1997), Dave Farrall (1998), Kenn Winn (1999), John Chioma (2000), Linda Thompson (2001), Barry Jones (2002), Marlene White (2003), Ross Clarico (2004), Gene Ramba (2005), Patti Sponsler (2006), Loran Serwin (2007), Barbara Linton (2008), and Carol Ball (2009).

Like everyone just mentioned, this year's recipient needs no introduction. Over the past few years, he (that was hint #1) is frequently seen at the finish line (hint #2) at many of the races in Brevard County doing the timing (hint #3). If you get to the race early enough you will see him delivering the equipment (hint #4) regardless if he is timing or not. Obviously, he is the one to return the equipment after the race. I would hope everyone would also know that he is an SCR Board member (hint #5) and has been one for years.

Everyone should know by now that we are talking about Dave Hernandez. What I'm sure most people do not know is that Dave is usually the first one to volunteer to do timing and bring the equipment. There have been

Marty Winkel, left, reads the nomination that earned Dave Hernandez, right, the 2009-10 Dave" for doing all that you SCR Golden Shoe Award. Cindy Bergs, center, holds the plaque she is about to present do for us. Dave at the May 15 SCR Awards Banquet. Gene Ramba photo.

several occasions when we struggled to find someone to do the timing and a vast majority of the time it was Dave who said he would do it. From personal experience, just this year, Dave bailed me out when a race I was scheduled to do the timing moved their race to coincide with another race I was timing that day. Dave volunteered to do the timing of one of the races.

I think everyone here owes Dave Hernandez a minimum of a round of applause and a great big "Thank You, Dave" for doing all that you do for us

### 2010 SPACE COAST RUNNERS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE... BERNIE SHER

This year, the club inducted Coach Bernie Sher into the SCR Hall of Fame, joining other notable athletes who have been recognized for their contributions to the local running community. Past inductees include Doug Butler, Henry Campbell, Bill Dillard, Don Dore, Sr., Terry Hayden, Tom Hoffman, Jack Kenworthy, Bob Lawton, Mary Ramba, Rebecca Sparks, Harold Tucker, Marlene White and Marty Winkel.

Below is the induction as authored and read by Marty Winkel at the 2009-10 SCR awards banquet on May 15:

We can start reading this year's Hall of Fame inductee nomination at anyone of the following paragraphs and you will know who we are talking about. So, for simplicity and ease of understanding we'll start at the top. First, I would like everyone to stand up and as soon as you know you are not this person I would like you to sit down. I think we will only have one person standing within the first 10 words. Let's see.

- \*This man's a
- \*retired Air Force Lt. Colonel
- \*and Coach

(expect everyone but Bernie to be sitting down)

Bernie didn't begin racing until age 40. It turned out that hard work and some natural talent gave him multiple age-group wins at all distances as well as a personal best of 2:58 at the Boston Marathon. Bernie has completed sixteen marathons



Coach Bernie Sher says "thanks" during his induction into the Space Coast Runners Hall of Fame. Gene Ramba photo.

We do know that Bernie qualified for the Hawaiian Ironman World Championships four times and competed there three times (95, 97, 98). He placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the 55-59 age group in 1995 and was one of the first men in the US to break the five hour barrier at the half Ironman distance (1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike, 13.1-mile run) in that age group. To put things in perspective, at the May 2009 Iron Man race at Disney, only one man in the age group went sub-five hours and he was mere 55 years old. Later that year, at the Miami Man Half Iron Man, no one went sub-five. Bernie helped break the perception that people held that old people can't go that fast. The last time Bernie broke this barrier was at age 59.

In addition to being an accomplished runner and triathlete, Bernie has, and continues to give back to the running community. He was a Space Coast Runners Club Board member for three years - 2002, 2003 and 2004. Bernie has volunteered at multiple races and can been seen at many running events coaching and supporting all runners and triathletes.

In 2003 Bernie volunteered to direct the Space Coast Mara-

thon. He had a vision of turning the marathon into something more than it was at that time. He knew if it was managed differently, it could be a premier event not only for SCR but, nationally. As the Race Director, he assigned authority and accountability to team captains who were responsible for various functions (finish line, aide stations, course ops, etc.) He moved the course to Cocoa to run along the Indian River; and certified it through USATF. Certifying a 5K course takes a seasoned certifier a minimum of eight hours of measuring and filing out the applicable paper work. Certifying a marathon course is the equivalent of certifying almost nine 5K courses. Bernie also added a pre-race pasta-dinner at the Raddison and invited guest speaker, Hal Higdon. The event drew a record 500+ registrants and netted the highest proceeds in SCR history (\$10,000). The proceeds put the club in the black financially and provided SCR the ability to contribute \$3,000 to the Women's Center, at that time the largest donation ever contributed by SCR. Bernie's efforts proved that SCR could produce a class event and give back substantially to the community.

In addition to directing the marathon, Bernie started a marathon training camp for registered participants. Keep in mind that directing a 5K is a major endeavor. Directing a marathon is magnitudes greater. That didn't matter. Bernie's passion to help runners of all abilities accomplish their goals and his extensive running knowledge resulted in several of his campers placing in their age groups and/or qualifying for the Boston Marathon. One of his campers, first time marathoner Tammy Foster, was the overall female winner at the Space Coast Marathon. Through running and tri clinics, as well as one-on-one coaching, Bernie has helped scores of people achieve their personal best at races from 5K though the Ironman which consists of a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike and 26.2-mile run. One of his Ironman trainee's, Brenda Jones, placed ninth overall at her first Ironman - the Great Floridian. Admired by his campers, trainees and friends, Bernie is respectively know as "Coach Bernie".



Bernie Sher, far right, poses with some of his Tour of Hope teammates on an outdoor Washington DC stage after finishing the eight-day ride from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C. to raise cancer awareness and the hope of clinical trials. The ride was sponsored by Bristol-Myers Squib and the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

In 2004 Bernie, a cancer survivor, was selected by the Lance Armstrong Foundation to ride with Lance and the Tour of Hope Team. The eight-day ride, from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C. was an event sponsored by Bristol Myers Squibb and the Lance Armstrong Foundation to raise awareness about cancer clinical trials. During the six-month training period and along the Tour route, athletes spoke publicly at rallies, to national news media - Bernie and two others appeared on NBC's TODAY show, local media and organizations about the hope that is growing for those stricken with the disease.

It is with great pride that the Space Coast Runners Club is inducting athlete, volunteer, and Coach Bernie Sher into the Space Coast Runner Hall of Fame on this date, May 15, 2010.