

A Cooling Thought (As Summer Heats Up): 2007 Winterfest 5k

Submitted by Rich Olmstead, Race Director

I can't think of a better time to read about a race that had below zero weather than right now — in the good ol' summertime. So, chill out with some thoughts about the 2007 Winterfest 5k on Sunday, Feb. 4.

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped with this year's race, especially Joyce Grotevant. She worked nonstop from beginning to end.

Prior to race day, Ken Klipp and I had several discussions regarding the weather. As Feb. 4 got closer and closer, the weather forecasts got colder and colder. Of course, being the optimists that Ken and I are, we told ourselves that there was a chance (although a very slight one) that the meteorologists were wrong and that it could get warmer. Anything is possible, right?!

Over the years, I recall running in many winter races with 0 degree temperatures, and I can't remember one that was ever canceled due to frigid temperatures. So, I had to smile as I took several calls before the race from pre- and non-registered runners who were wondering if the race was going to be canceled.

On the night before the race, a woman from south of Champaign called to check if the race was on. She told me that Feb. 4 was her birthday, and she wanted to run a race to mark the occasion. If our race was canceled, she said she was going to keep calling around until she found one that was a "go." Now, that's determination!

Even though we had below 0 readings, 106 runners and 7 walkers crossed the finish line (which ended right at the entrance to the field house). And yes, there were a few runners in shorts. I guess they didn't want to overheat. We even had a few first-timers. What a way to start your racing career!

If you pre-registered and did not attend, I still have your T-shirt. Call me at

815-936-1088, and we'll make plans to get it to you.



Winterfest 5k Winning Women: (left to right)
Judy Kilbride, Marianne Surprenant

Madam "Point Person": Judy Kilbride has volunteered to serve as the club "point person" through the end of the year. Send your suggestions, concerns, and questions to her at jlkilbride@sbcglobal.net

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Everyone in the Kankakee River Running Club is grateful to Marcia and Jeff Lonergan for their efforts to keep the club and the newsletter going over the past 11 years. You did a **GREAT** job!

Thanks to Dan Weber, too, from F. Weber Printing in Manteno for copying the newsletters and helping with the mailings.

Catch Up with Your Buds on Budd!

A Family Event and Pool Party with "Adult" Beverages!

Your Hosts:

Paul and Marianne Surprenant

Date and Time:

Sunday, July 22, 2007

Noon: Fun Run

1 p.m.: Pool Party! (According to Ken Klipp, swimsuits are

optional.)

Place: 1523 Budd Boulevard,

Kankakee

Bring: A snack, side dish, or dessert (The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks, and beer.)

Donations: Accepted! Be Courteous! R.S.V.P.

815-939-2734 or PMS1523@comcast.net

Up and Coming

Here are mini apps for three summer races you won't want to miss.

12th Annual Kilbride Family Classic 5k Run and 2-Mile Walk for Autism

Sunday, June 17, 2007 • 8 a.m. • Cobb Park, Kankakee 815-932-3885 (after 6 p.m.) • Register online at www.runforautism.com Address Date of Birth Age (as of 06/17/07) Circle One for Each: M / F Run / Walk / Children's Run Shirt Size: S / M / L Runners and Walkers, Age 10+: Pre-Registration: \$13 (Through June 15, 2007) Race-Day Registration: \$15 (6:30—7:30 a.m.) Children's Run: Pre-Registration: \$5 (Through June 15, 2007) Race-Day Registration: \$6 (6:30—7:30 a.m.) Waiver: I waive and forfeit all rights that I, my heirs, successors, or assigns may have to file suit against the Kilbride Family Classic 5k and/or its sponsors. Signature _ Check: Payable to Kilbride Family Classic 5k Send Payment and Application to Kilbride Family Classic 5k, P. O. Box 921, Kankakee, IL 60901. 15th Annual Bourbonnais Friendship Festival: 5k Run/2-Mile Fitness Walk Sunday, June 24, 2007 • 8 a.m. • Bourbonnais Municipal Center, Bourbonnais 815-933-4444 • Information: www.festival-bourbonnais.org Name Address Date of Birth Age (as of 06/17/07) Circle One for Each: M / F Run / Walk Runners and Walkers: Pre-Registration: \$15 with Gift Race-Day Registration: \$18 with Gift (6:30—7:45 a.m.) Waiver: I waive and forfeit all rights that I, my heirs, successors, or assigns may have to file suit against the Bourbonnais Friendship Festival 5K Run & 2 Mile Fitness Walk and/or its sponsors. Signature Check: Payable to Bourbonnais Friendship Festival Inc. Send Payment and Application to Bourbonnais Friendship Festival Inc., Attn: Sports Directors, 700 Main North West, Bourbonnais, IL 60914. ______ Kankakee Area YMCA: 5k Run, 5k Fun Walk, and Children's Run Saturday, July 28, 2007 • 8 a.m. • 1075 N. Kennedy Drive, Kankakee 815-933-1741 • Register online at www.active.com. Name Address Date of Birth _____ Age (as of 06/17/07) __ Circle One for Each: M / F Run / Walk / Children's Run Adult Shirt Size: M / L / XL / XXL Youth Shirt Size: S / M / L / XL Runners and Walkers, Age 10+: Pre-Registration: \$15 (Through July 25, 2007) Race-Day Registration: \$20 (6:30—7:45 a.m.) Children's Run: Pre-Registration: \$5 (Through July 25, 2007) Race-Day Registration: \$6 (6:30—7:45 a.m.) Waiver: I waive and forfeit all rights that I, my heirs, successors, or assigns may have to file suit against the Kankakee Area YMCA 5k Run, Fun Walk, and Children's Run and/or its sponsors. Signature _ Check: Payable to Kankakee Area YMCA

Send Payment and Application to Kankakee Area YMCA 5k, 1075 N. Kennedy Drive,

Kankakee, IL 60901.

Happy Birthday!

Submitted by Dave Bohlke

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Jim Grace Lives!

Submitted by Ron Ruda

Jim Grace ... for those of you who are longtime club members, that name brings a very vivid picture to mind ... a tall, thin, curly-haired, mellow guy who was a relentless runner, biker, and swimmer. Jim participated in fitness events from one coast to another.

It had been a good 8 to 10 years since I last saw Jim. So, imagine my surprise as I sat in a bar* in Bucktown on my birthday and noticed a tall, thin, curly-haired, mellow guy in a Canal Connection sweatshirt sitting at the end of the counter. No doubt about it ... it was Jim! And, he was just as flabbergasted to see my wife and me as we were to see him.

Jim is a steelworker and has been renting an apartment in Chicago as most of his jobs are in the metro area. He said that he still runs and bikes a little, but, like the rest of us, his knees and back have staged a rebellion.

The moral of the story: The next time you're in a bar in Chicago, take a look to see who's sitting at the end of the counter. It just might be Jim Grace or another club member from days gone by.

* If you get a chance, check out the Map Room: A Traveler's Tavern at 1949 N. Hoyne Street in Chicago. They offer over 200 unique beers (36 different brewing styles) from the U.S. and all over the globe. That's 26 taps, a cask-conditioned ale, and a world-class selection of bottled beers. Brandon Surprenant, son of club members Paul and Marianne Surprenant, is the manager of the Map Room.

"Glad" Tidings in August!

A Family Affair with "Adult" Beverages!
Your Hosts: Sally and Jack Dorn
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2007

Time: After the Momence Gladiolus 5k and 10k **Place:** 12674 E. Six Mile Grove, Momence (Directions to come in the August newsletter.)

Bring: A snack, side dish, or dessert (The club will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks, and beer.)

Donations: Will be accepted **Be Courteous! R.S.V.P.**

815-472-2853 or itsallyd@hotmail.com

Farhtleks (or Fast Facts)

Sip **coffee** after a morning workout for more energy and less muscle soreness. • Here are two more risk factors for **heart disease** that women need to know about: C-reactive protein or CRP (an indication of inflamed arteries) and whether your parents had ticker trouble before age 60. • When you lack **key B vitamins** — B6, B12, folate, riboflavin, and thiamin — your lactic acid levels rise faster and can cause longer repair time for tissue and muscle. Good sources of Bs: turkey, bananas, tuna, whole grains, low-fat milk.

Ask da Coach!

Got a training question? Send it to Ken Klipp at kcklipp@comcast.net, and look for an answer in the next newsletter.

If You Have Something You'd Like to Share ...

Please send your stories, thoughts, concerns, and comments to krrcil@lycos.com or to njrmktgent@aol.com.

See You at the Races Submitted by Charlie Grotevant

June

Sat., June 16: Steamboat Classic, 15K and 4-Miler, Peoria, 309-672-6442 Sat., June 16: Old Canal Days 5K, Lockport, 815-838-1883

Sun., June 17: Kilbride Family Classic 5k Run, 2-Mile Walk, and Children's Run, Kankakee, 815-932-3885 Fri., June 22: Peotone Country Festival 5K, Peotone

Sat., June 23: Lexington Country 5K, Lexington, 309-365-8326

Sun., June 24: Bourbonnais Friendship Festival 5k Run/ 2-Mile Fitness Walk, Bourbonnais, 815-933-4444

Sat., June 30: Saybrook Liberty Race 5K, Saybrook

July

Wed., July 4: Streator 5k, Streator, IL Sat., July 7: Dog Days 5k, Lake Bloomington, 309-452-7749 Thurs., July 12: Sundowner 5k, Joliet, 815-741-7275

Sat., July 14: Fisher Fair 5k, Fisher, 217-897-1682

Sat., July 28: Kankakee YMCA 5k Run, 5k Fun Walk, & Children's Run, Kankakee, 815-933-1741

Sat., July 28: The BIX 7, Davenport, IA Sun., July 29: Wilmington Catfish Days 5k, Wilmington

August

Fri., Aug. 10: Wenona 5k, Wenona, 815-853-4348

Sat., Aug. 11: Momence Glad Run 5k & 10k, Momence

Sun., Aug. 12: Chicago Distance Classic Half Marathon, Chicago

A Quote from da Coach



by Ken Klipp

No horse is too dead to beat.

Pat Pierce Shares Advice from Galloway Running Clinic

Submitted by Val Pop

In January, running club member Pat Pierce attended a Jeff Galloway running clinic. Known for his run-walk method of training, Galloway (61 years old and a former Olympian) writes for "Runner's World" magazine and has authored several books, including "Running Until You're 100" (which he gave to all of the clinic's attendees).

Pat traveled to Blue Mountain, Fla., for the three-day clinic. She stayed in a home that was minutes from the beach with five other participants from the clinic. Her housemates ranged in running skill from a man who had completed a 10-miler in 36 minutes to a woman who was proud of her 13-minute miles. The clinic included trail runs, running evaluations, cooking and eating suggestions, and Q & A with Galloway.

"During each runner's evaluation, he (Galloway) checked posture, stride, bounce, and turnover," said Pat. "He told us that the key to improving speed is turnover."

Galloway advocates his run/walk method as a way to help runners stay injury-free. In a marathon, for example, he suggests walking when going through the water stops. "He believes that the run/walk method gives muscles a brief rest and increases the odds of finishing without an injury," said Pat. "And, he doesn't stretch before or after

a run. Rather, he jogs to ease into a run and to cool down after a run."

Galloway prepared the meals during the clinic.
One dinner consisted of Healthy Harvest™ spaghetti with a light red sauce and angel food cake with strawberries and fat-free Reddi-Whip™. His wife, Barbara, is a



Jeff Galloway and Pat Pierce

nutritional analyst and came by with fat-free brownies. (She completes marathons near the three-hour mark.)

Pat said that Galloway recommends grazing (8—10 small meals) as a healthy way to eat throughout the day. Having complex carbohydrates every two hours keeps blood sugar levels steady and energy up.

Pat had a great time at the Galloway clinic and is considering the next one in Lake Tahoe, Nev. For those of you who don't know Pat, she lives in Bourbonnais and has participated in many local 5k races and in several bicycling events.

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