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Chattanooga Track Club Mission Statement

The Chattanooga Track Club is a nonprofit organization with the goal to stimulate interest in running and fitness for all ages and to promote wellness through these activities. The club encourages anyone with similar interests to become a member and support our goal. No special qualifications, other than an interest in running, walking and fitness, are required. Members can choose their own level of involvement: participant, volunteer, or sponsor. Everyone from serious competitor to the casual walker is welcome.

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The Long Run

The Long Run is the endowment fund of The Chattanooga Track Club. The fund was established in 2005 to create a perpetual investment and financial resource to support the mission of the Chattanooga Track Club. The Club is committed to being a good steward of these funds, and is appreciative of your generosity to help build this legacy for our community.

Donations:

Blaine Reese \$50 Timothy Davis \$50 Ruth Turse \$6 Joanie Sompayrac & Tony Grossi \$14 Hugh Enicks \$10.00 Diane Halstead \$10 Kristin Lefew \$10 Joan Vos \$6 Steve Rogers \$40 in honor of "forgetting the

2005 Football Vols"

Words from the Prez's Perch

As Bill Brock officially handed over the gavel at the banquet, I wondered just how I would fill the shoes of President and follow in his footsteps. Bill has been extremely committed to the Club and will continue to be. He has set the stage for what will be a great 2006. We have lofty goals, but through the ongoing commitment of the Board



and a dedicated network of volunteers – we will achieve those goals!

We have some great new events coming up. Adding to the calendar this year is The Run Forest Run relay race and the BlueCross Market Street Mile and Mystery History Quest. Both of these events have dedicated Directors that are truly excited. Come out and join the fun at these inaugural events. Even if you don't participate, you can volunteer or just cheer everyone on. After all, having fun with friends and family is what it should be all about.

Congratulations to those that put together the banquet this year. The setting, the food and as always, the people were the best ever. Tim and Chad, otherwise known as The Entertainment, did not disappoint us. Each year I wonder "How can they possibly top what they did last year?" And then it happens... Where else can you go to see two grown men in leather skirts and well, you just had to be there! The adventures of Bart Yasso are truly amazing. He has led a very inspirational life, reminding us that you just have to set your mind to a goal and then do everything in your power to achieve it.

So that leads us back to where we started. 2006 is going to be a great year. We can only do it with your input and help. The Board is here to service the Club, so please tell us what you think or what you want. We meet the first Tuesday of every month and as always, everyone is welcome to join us. I look forward to seeing all of you.

Donna Dravland CTC President



2005 CTC Banquet - An Electrifying Event

During a long distance foot race in the eastern part of Africa, some smiling youngsters along the way kept chanting the same thing to Bart Yasso.

Not familiar with the language, Yasso assumed that it was encouraging words. After all, smiles supposedly can tell you everything.

Shortly after finishing at the back of the pack, Yasso decided to find out what the youngsters were saying.

In translation, they were telling him: "You are a very slow white man!"

Yasso was the featured speaker Sunday night at Chattanooga Track Club's annual banquet. Chattanooga Theatre Center, located next door to the Tennessee River, provided the picturesque setting.

"I do have an interesting job," Yasso acknowledged. "For the past 19 years."

Middle-aged Yasso is employed through Runner's World, our country's top running magazine, primarily as a columnist for the monthly publication. In each issue, he picks the Race of the Month – these coming from his own participation.

His running activity has encompassed all seven continents. Included have been the Antarctica Marathon and Mount Kilimanjaro Marathon.

Yasso has completed more than 170 marathons. The standard marathon distance is 26.2 miles – the ones most familiar to Americans being Boston and New York.

Not only is Yasso durable. He shows quality as evidenced by the 1998 Smoky Mountain Marathon championship.

A marathon might seem like a sprint to him compared to some of his ultra-distance runs. He has run in races up to 145 miles - including the Western States 100 that goes through Death Valley, Calif.

Back to his running in easterb Africa, Yasso – like many of us – long have been intrigued by the runners from that area. Kenya annually claims the world's top distance runners – with Ethiopia in the mix.

They dominate the Olympics and other world-related events. "You should see the 11 and 12-year-olds run," Yasso said. "They are amazing."

Several known factors seemingly enter into the success of those runners – including low-key lifestyle, legendary work ethic, body composition (extremely low body fat) and diet (absence of our fast foods).





There is extra motivation for the elite runners. They can earn enough at a Peachtree Race on July 4th in Atlanta (traditionally \$15,000 to the winning male and female) to be on easy street back home.

Tim Ensign, a talented masters' runner (40-and-over) from Chattanooga, customarily competes for the overall top prize in distance races. He also is quite an entertainer.

Ensign, who has done professional standup comedy, annually entertains members at the CTC banquet. His close friend, Chad Varga – another oustanding masters' runner - appears with him as his foil.

At the conclusion this time, my thought was, "I'd hate to follow this guy."

Ensign personifies the type runner who can use humor to advantage. Consider this scenario. Down the stretch, he is telling his chief opponent a joke. While the foe recovers from laugher, Ensign sprints to victory.

Perhaps more runners need to work on their jokes. Anything for an edge.

Chad Varga works on increasing his pain tollerance using a new invention.

2005 Runner of the Year Results

Congrats to all the Joe McGinness Runner of the Year Winners!

Overall Male ROY Winner Kevin (Geno) Phillips

Junior Men (0-15) Tyler Keys

Adult Men (16-39)
Robert Gustafson

Master Men (40-49)
Don Gregg

Grand Master Men (50-59) John Walker

Senior Men (60+) Sergio Bianchini

Overall Female ROY Winner Nancy DiVasto

Junior Women (0-15)
Caitlin Duggan

Adult Women (16-39) Lisa Barrett

Master Women (40-49) Linda Spencer

Grand Master Women (50-59)

Amy Mullens

Senior Women (60+) Edwina Cohen



Edwina Cohen receives a compass to help her find her way she got lost at the Signal Mountain Pie Run.)

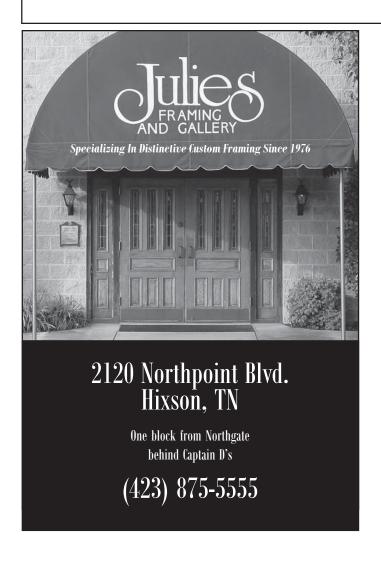


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BlueCross Market Street Mile and Mystery History Quest

By Rita Fanning

Have you ever wondered how fast you could run a mile if you were on a flat course, running only with your peers? Now you will be able to find out. The Chattanooga Track Club will be hosting a new event April 8th, the BlueCross Market Street Mile. BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee is the major sponsor of this event with Outdoor Chattanooga the presenting sponsor.

If you are a walker or an injured runner, there is also going to be a "fun for the whole family" event, the BlueCross Mystery History Quest also sponsored by BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee and presented by Outdoor Chattanooga.

The cost for either event is \$4.00 (\$8.00 race day). The entry fee includes a custom designed first quality T-shirt, refreshments, and fun. The staging area will be the Tennessee Aquarium plaza. Parking

will be free on Riverfront Parkway as long as legal parking spaces are available.

First about the Mile. It will be scored using the ChampionChip® timing system (the \$4.00 entry fee includes chip timing). The certified course is a big "U". The race starts on Market Street near 2nd Street. It proceeds south to 8th Street. A right turn on 8th, followed by a right turn on Broad. The straight, fast finish ends near 2nd Street on Broad. There will be 14 different Mile races (see application or http://www.active.com/

event_detail.cfm?event_id=1287996 for age group/gender race start times) followed by a Kiddie K. Awards will be given in 26

categories, see web site or application for age groups. Awards will be announced and presented to the adult winners as they are decided. There will be an awards ceremony for children following the Kiddie K.

Even if you usually do your long run on Saturday mornings, you can come and run your 1-mile race then keep going on your run. You can stop back by to pick up your award after you are finished.

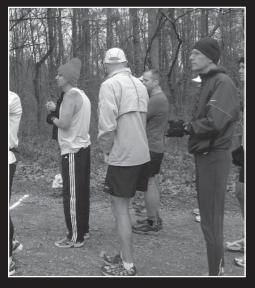
Now for the Quest. This is a "go at your own pace", non-timed event. You will pick up your first clue at the registration area. Follow the directions, and you will find yourself in a historical spot in downtown Chattanooga. Your race number will be marked, and you will be given the next clue. Follow the clues to complete the quest. All finishers by 12 noon will receive a prize. We ask that you start your quest between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. As this event is not timed, you can

rest between clues if you want to or even stop back by the Tennessee Aquarium plaza for some refreshments before going on.

A school challenge is being planned. The school with the most registered participants in both events will receive a trophy. Check the application or website for details. Get your schoolmates, neighbors, family and friends out for a fun walk and help boost the totals for your (or your child's) school.

Questions? Contact Rita Fanning, ritafanning@mindspring.com or (423) 309-1278

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McClanahan's Finish Line Training Proved Popular

By Bill Brock

There will be a number of new faces working CTC finish lines this year, as some 19 participants took advantage of Jerry McClanahan's finish line training session this January. Jerry's course covered virtually all aspects of working the finish line for a race from capturing finish times to pulling race numbers to time entry and even race set up into the tabulation software, RunScore.

There were technical differences between the work required to set up and work the finish chutes and the work required to set up a new race to be tabulated in RunScore and Jerry made it clear that having the proper skills and knowledge to work both areas was essential for the success of any race.

Several participants indicated their interest and willingness to learn more about RunScore and be able to help with that application and, because of that, Jerry may do further training on RunScore in the near future. If you're interested in that training, contact Jerry or anyone on the races committee (check the web site for the current races committee members).



One of our club's goals for 2006 was to train 16 new volunteers to work finish lines this year – looks like we made that one... The following members made this session: Larry Barlow, Sue Barlow, Bob Braddock, Bill Brock, Donna Dravland, James Dravland, Mike Fingerle, Robert Gustafson, Pat Hagan, Connie Hall, Betty Holder, Don Lastine, Rhonda Lastine, John Mudzin, Mike Mudzin, Doug Roselle, Lisa Sims, Mary Stoetzner, Melodie Thompson.

Thanks to Jerry for doing the training for everyone and thanks to everyone who attended and will be helping to make our events the best ever this year!

Karen Lawrence Run

By Steve Rogers

For the 27th New Year's Eve in a row, the Karen Lawrence run was held at the downtown Sports Barn. The Sports Barn has been the host of the event since it first started in 1979 and we very much appreciate them letting us use this wonderful facility.

This event is one of the best attended of all races in our area. This years event drew 836 people- 338 in the 4 mile event, 333 in the 2 mile run & 165 in the 2 mile walk. Quite a few entire families participated which was great to see happen.

I'd like to give a big "thank you" to the volunteers who made this race possible. Among them are Robert Powderly, Benji Cordell, Brenda Rose, Cliff & Rosemary Stalter, Tony Arnold, Dee Powderly and Betsy Willingham. These events don't just happen- a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make them successful.

Second, I'd like to recognize the last place finishers in each age group. These are the people who were on the course the longest and showed the courage to show up at the starting line, many of them for probably the first time. We hope you come again next year!!

Females were: Ashley Riner (age 12), Jennifer Smith (24-29), Kim Barnhardt (30-34), Stacey Reeves (35-39), Anna Marie Person (40-44), Beverly Bales (45-45), Rachel Bryant (50-54), Pat Cory (55-59) and Robbie Tompkins (60+). Males were: Christian Silvers (age 10), William Gentry (25-29), John Odom (34-34), Kevin Silvers (35-39), Steve Tompkins (40-44), Ralph Van Pelt (45-49), Bill Riner (50-54), William Sisk (55-59), R.L. Williams (60-69) & B.P. Daniel (age 77).

A good time was had by all, including Christian Silvers (the youngest 4 mile runners at age 10 who finished with his dad, Kevin) and B.P. Daniel (the oldest 4 miler at age 77). B.P has been running races in Chattanooga for as long as I can remember & was also the first place finisher in the 70+ age group!! He got the largest

ovation on receipt of his award of anyone, including the overall winners!

The proceeds of the race are for the benefit of St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. Last year approximately \$25,000 was raised for the hospital. We would also like to thank the people & companies that donate sponsorship money to our race - without them, it would be considerably less successful.

For next year's event, we are looking into the possibility of chip timing the race as results will be faster & more accurate (but also more expensive). See you next New Year's Eve!



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The Sports Barn restaurant downtown is going to be a key ingredient for the new THINK LIGHT program. Everyday, the restaurant will be providing a THINK LIGHT menu choice. These meals come straight from the THINK LIGHT program.

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Goofy 2006

By Bill Brock

The start of the half was cold at 36 with a bit of wind, and the start of the marathon was even colder at 32, but it didn't seem quite as bad without the wind from the day before. The start for both events was at 6am – dark.

For the first time at Disney, the events were split over two days - the half on Saturday and the marathon on Sunday. Some 16,000 runners participated in each event on that coldest weekend of the year in Orlando, and some 2315 runners actually ran both events. More importantly, 12 of our members and friends went to Orlando as a group and successfully completed the first annual Disney World Goofy Race and a Half Challenge! Two more of us, Lane Culpepper and Shawn Reynolds completed their first marathon at Disney this year.

As always, the training and pre-event banter was probably the best part of the overall thing – starting with Truman Smith's wager with Robert Gustafson that Robert could not run the half in under 1:30 and follow up with an under 3:10 whole... Poor Truman is out Robert's race entry fee (\$180!!) as Robert finished the half in 1:29:15 and the marathon in 3:09:34. That finish, by the way, was strong enough to place Robert 8th in overall cumulative results for the Goofy Challenge! (See http://www.robbyb.com/goofy_foofy_full.html for an unofficial listing of cumulative results.)

Here are the runners who completed the Goofy, along with their rankings and results in that event:

8 GUSTAFSON, ROBERT (M34)

RINGGOLD, GA, USA 34 M 1:29:15 3:09:33 4:38:48

157 MERCER, AARON (M37)

CHATTANOOGA, TN, USA 37 M 1:53:12 3:44:06 5:37:18

195 CROOKS, BRIAN (M41)

OOLTEWAH, TN, USA 41 M 1:53:12 3:50:59 5:44:11

415 JOHNSON, MISSI (F40)

CHATTANOOGA, TN, USA 40 F 1:59:52 4:16:27 6:16:19

416 JOHNSON, JOANNA (F37)

OOLTEWAH, TN, USA 37 F 1:59:17 4:17:14 6:16:31

872 ABBOTT, COLETTE

VERMILLION, SD, USA 49 F 2:22:11 4:46:52 7:09:03

873 VANLOH, COLLEEN (F49)

KANSAS CITY, MO, USA 49 F 2:22:11 4:46:52 7:09:03

1088 BROCK, BILL (M48)

CHATTANOOGA, TN, USA 48 M 2:30:16 4:59:48 7:30:04

1090 JOHNSON, SHERILYN (F43)

CHATTANOOGA, TN, USA 43 F 2:30:19 4:59:49 7:30:08

1390 SINOR, WALTER (M63)

VALLEY HEAD, AL, USA 63 M 2:39:05 5:21:44 8:00:49

1610 DANIELSON, ALTON (M43)

OXFORD, GA, USA 43 M 2:47:08 5:38:21 8:25:29

1611 JONES, LISA (F38)

NORCROSS, GA, USA 38 F 2:47:09 5:38:22 8:25:31



There are so many stories that go with this event – before, during and after. For myself, it was the most successful event I have ever completed. Sherilyn Johnson and I ran negative splits in the marathon – by some 18 minutes in the second half! We accomplished this remarkable feat by holding to a strict regimen of run 5, walk 1 (minutes) for the first 25 miles. We ran our fastest mile, in fact, the very last mile of the marathon – cruising in at a 9:02 pace!

Colleen and Colette, our blonde 'mirror twins,' ran with 50th anniversary golden mouse ears during the marathon. We're thinking they may be on the cover of the 2007 magazine! It was great to see them, as Colleen has moved to Kansas City and the only way we get together anymore is when meet up at these events... It's also fun just watching the email banter among all participants and supporters before, during and after.

For the record, Disney at 6am, even cold, is spectacular. There's just nothing like running through Epcot before most Americans are even awake on a Sunday morning with a variety of the world's sounds and symbols lit by 16 foot tall torches surrounding a lake reflecting the blues, purples and golds that clothe the morning shadows. Maybe the medal says it best:

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Chattanooga Track Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2006

In attendance: Bill Brock, Donna Dravland, Connie Hall, Bob Braddock, George Skonberg, Jared Chastain, Dan Bailey, Linda Andreae, John Walker

Inserts are \$60/issue

Absent: Virginia Waddell, Cindy Smith, Melodie Thompson, Brian Baker, Carol Money

Guests: Katrina Guy, Doug Roselle, Erin Wiles and Rachelle Lea with St. Jude, James Dravland

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Jared read the mission statement. Bob made a motion to add "walker" to the mission statement. Jared seconded and the motion and it passed unanimously.

Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Races Committee - Bob

Becky Fingerly requesting clocks/timers for Twisted Ankle this year.
Discussed the finish line training scheduled for January 12th.

Erin and Rochelle gave a presentation on the Heros program and asked for participation from the CTC. We pledged to allow them to set up a booth at any CTC races. The booths would be manned by St. Jude. We also agreed to put flyers in race packets as provided by St. Jude. Erin is to send us a letter to run in the next issue of Jogging Around. Erin to send us a letter to do a mailing to members, specifically those who ran in the marathon this year.

Doug reviewed the marathon financials again, discussion ensued regarding how much to

donate to UTC above the \$1,500 in sponsorships. George made a motion to add \$1500 to go to scholarships totaling \$3,000 to UTC. Jared seconded. The motion passed. Donna suggested writing 2 separate checks with letters.

Membership Report

Connie reported that the membership is up to 400. All the dues notices have gone out.

Treasurers Report

John reviewed the December treasurers report. Connie noted that we began the year with \$27,305.74 in the checking account and we ended the year with \$35,051.94 in the checking account. We have made a profit of \$9,382.00 for the year. Bill made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

John reviewed the 2006 budget. George made a motion to accept the budget as presented. It was approved unanimously.

President's Report

Bill reported on the CTC 2016 Vision. John posed the question of the "CTC race" as it relates to the vision. George said we do need to make it a goal of this year to define a CTC event. Bill made the following motion: That the Chattanooga Track Club adopt the current version of the CTC Vision 2016, 2056 document as it's primary tool for annual planning and goal measurement. That this document be reviewed and compared to the actual structure and performance of the club on a quarterly basis by the executive committee of the club and on a biannual basis by the entire board at the June and December board meetings. That this document be revised and updated as necessary and desired by the track club board on an annual basis. That the current version of the document each year should vision

both 10 years into the future and 50 years into the future. That the planning section of the club bylaws be amended in 2007 as necessary to insure the above recommendations are incorporated into the club's formal procedures.

Donna seconded the motion and it was passed without opposition. George suggested that we publish the vision in Jogging Around annually.

Executive Director's Report

Connie reported on the idea of doing a calendar for the year in January in lieu of a Jogging Around issue. The calendar would include all the 2006 race dates with photos on each month depicting the races for that month as well as club events. The board voted to get the calendar with b/w photos. Connie reported on the plans for the upcoming banquet. Donna made a motion to get Sharon Irish a fleece jacket for all her hard work. The board agreed. Invitations were sent to all the members as well as Ron Bush with paper, Bob Berman with Southern Coffee, Jane Overbeck and Keith Finch with BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee as well as Brenda Flinn with Coke.

Dan and Phil to move the bike rackes

The board approved sending Donna to the RRCA National Convention.

The Board retreat is planned for February the 5th at the Chattanooga Nature center. Connie to call to schedule.

Bill adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted Connie Hall

Welcome New Members

Sam Linhoss Natalie Lamb Tanya Swann Family Jeffrey Straussberger

Renewing Members

Morgan Adams Chuck Allen Sheridian Ames Sharon Armour Joel Armstrong Family Joe Axley Dan Bailey Beverly Bales Larry Barlow Family Charles Barrett Sandra Bass Terry Baugh Family Bill Bennett Sergio Bianchini Family David Bishop Sena Bolton Bob Braddock Family **Emily Breeding** Kevin Brown Ed Broyles Sue Anne Brown Adam Burnett Debbie Campbell Dreama Campbell JoLee Carter Edwina Cohen William Coll Billy Collier Family Bruce Conn Family Paul Conn Family Tammy Cook Dan Cooke Zach Cowart

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Volunteer Profile



Melodie E. Thompson

Occupation: Recruiter / Sales

Age: 50

Marital Status: Single

Hobbies: Running, reading, cycling and painting

In what area do you volunteer?

Just about any from registration, to course work, to finish line

What prompts you to volunteer?

A sense of duty and contributing to beginning runners

Any story you'd like to elaborate on or fond memory?

My very first race was the 1st Riverbend Run. It took me 33 minutes and I actually thought I might die. It convinced me to give up my 3-pack a day habit and really become healthy.



The Chattanooga Track Club and North Chattanooga Council of the Chamber of Commerce have joined forces for the first annual "Run Forrest Run"! The race will take place on Saturday, February 25 with registration at 8:00 and start time at 9:00 a.m.. Each member of the three man relay teams will run the 2.3 mile course which begins at the Chattanooga Theatre Centre goes up Forrest Avenue, across Sylvan Avenue, down North Market, into Coolidge Park and back to the Theatre Centre.

This is a sanctioned race and registration for the event will be \$36/team before 2/20 and \$48/team being after 2/20. Registration is available on line at chattanoogatrackclub.com or by calling us at: 423.265-0531. Sponsors for the event include Fast Break, First Tennessee, SunTrust, Southern Coffee, Derryberry Public Relations and BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee.

Don't miss this fun event on Chattanooga's NorthShore! And yes, there's a box of chocolates at the finish line!

Jogging My Memory

By Doug Hawley

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As a veteran CTC member, my earliest memories go back to a dear friend, the late Jon Robere.

Jon, a professional musician, was the Jogging Around editor for a long time. He inspired many people – including me.

On the bottom of each sendout, Jon wrote some personal encouraging words such as "See you running at the next race."

Trying to get back into running (about 1972) some years after competitive days in high school and college (University of Georgia), there was one particularly bad day. I sent Jon a note saying in effect, "I really don't plan to get back into competitive running. I'll run enough to stay in shape. I appreciate your encouragement."

Several days later, a long distance call came to me at home in Dalton, Ga. from Jon in Chattanooga.

"Doug, I want to come down and run with you," Jon told me. "When would be the best time?"

"Jon, didn't you get my note?"
"Yes, that's why I'm coming."

Those veterans, who were so fortunate to know this wonderful little Frenchman, knew that he would never take no for an answer. He arrived on the following Sunday afternoon.

While getting ready for the run, Jon casually mentioned that he had already run that morning with some people at Chickamauga Park.

"How far did you run?" I asked.
"Oh, 10 miles," with a shrug. . .as my eyes widened. Together we ran seven miles, my most in a long time.

After Jon left, I got to thinking, "Here this man twice my age has just run 17 miles in two workouts, and I have done seven. I obviously can do more."

With Jon's motivation, I soon after got into marathons. During my third of five Boston Marathons in 1978, I managed a PR of 2:36.46. We could have had a pretty good sub-masters relay that year with two other CTC members: Dr. Jay Paty, 2:34; and Dr. Leroy Fanning, 2:37. We were "friendly rivals" over the years in CTC events.

Two years earlier, somebody (possibly Jon) "conned" me into becoming CTC president. We did have the club's first annual banquet.

With Jon's prodding, I have managed to compete in running for a half century or so. In regard to slower times, rest assured, "I should be better. I'm more mature."

Over the years through CTC, I have met many wonderful people. Dick Dillard, athletic store entrepreneur – who could sell Eskimos two fridges at a time – was one of the first, along with Heinz Wiegand, Jerry Grahn, Abner Oldham, Joe McGinness, the two Charles Gibsons and many others.

To those aforementioned and many others, "Thanks for the memories!"

For more information, e-mail farmerjp@bellsouth.net

Jog/Walk Program Schedule:

Wednesdays 6:00pm Fast Break Athletics Runners, Speedwalkers, Joggers, Slow Runners and Walkers are all welcome! If you are injured or starting your running program all over again this would be a great place to start. For more information please send email to jumpytwo@hotmail.com or call Melodie at 763-3529

SPEEDWORK

Thursday Night at 6:30pm at Fast Break Athletics - Joey Howe leads this pack - All Speeds Welcome.

Volunteers Needed!

Can't run in a race, that's ok – volunteer instead. We're looking for volunteers to help out with upcoming races.

Get ROY points – In order to qualify for an award, you must volunteer for at least one event.

Group Run

Getting Ready for a Marathon? New in town and need new long distance running companions? Go to www.grouprun.com for the latest group run schedule, track workouts and the yearlong marathon schedule.

Check out the new CTC website at chattanoogatrackclub.org

Speedwork - Yassos Wednesday Mornings at 6:20am at GPS

bbrock@tech-projects.com

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Race Calendar

Legend

CTC Event

Joe McGinness Runner of the Year (JMROY)

▼ JMROY Volunteers Points Only

Please see www.chattanoogatrackclub.org for a complete list of events past and present, further rules, changes and regulations. Due to the possibility of last minute changes or cancellations, please consult race applications, listed website, or the contact numbers and verify all races before attending.

MARCH

4 - Chattanooga Half-Marathon, 5K and 2-Mile Strut Your Mutt Site: Chattanooga, TN

Info: sports-barn.com/halfmrthn.htm

19 - Kiwanis Club 5K Fun Run/Walk Site: Collegedale, TN

Info: www.chattanoogatrackclub.org

26 - Knoxville Marathon Site: Knoxville, TN Info: kskurski@

knoxvillemarathon.com

APRIL 1 – 65 Roses 5K / Walk

Site: Collegedale, TN

Info:

1 - Rock Creek River Gorge Trail Run

Site: Chattanooga, TN

Info: www.chattanoogatrackclub.org

9 - BlueCross Market Street Mile and

Mystery History Quest Site: Chattanooga, TN

Info: www.chattanoogatrackclub.org

15 – Chickamauga Chase 5K & 15K

Site: Chickamauga, GA
Info: www.chattanoogatrackclub.org

22 - Gateway Bank 5K & 1 Mile Fun Walk

Site: Rossville, GA

Info: www.chattanoogatrackclub.org

MAUI MARATHON

The Maui Marathon is run on Sept. 17, 2006. A large group from the CTC is planning to leave Chattanooga on Sept. 15, 2006 and return on Sept. 24, 2006.

We are planning to spend 5 nights on Maui and 3 nights on Oahu near Waikiki Beach. An email will be sent in January with package details, but if anyone wishes to register for the marathon (at a discount) in the meantime and sign up for the group trip later, that would be great. Many have already done so.

We will be providing more details about the trip and informational meetings in the very near future. Please e-mail Betty at 2betty@mindspring.com to get on the e-mail list for the trip, even if you are not running, but would like to be a spectator.

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