

Marin AC Newsletter January 2013

A belated Happy New Year. The club's Newsletter Editor post still remains vacant. That's why we are a little slow in getting this out. Sorry for the delay. If you are interested in filling this spot, let us know.

NEWS

It is with sadness that we report that long time member Doug Butt passed away on October 8, 2012. He had been diagnosed with stage 2 Myeloma in September. Daryl Beardall, Darren Walton, Dick Cordone, Don Makela, Mark and Barbara Byers attended the memorial service that was held for Doug at Fairfield High School where Doug had been a teacher and coach. West Valley Track Club's Jack Leydig also spoke at the service.

Stories were shared amongst us runners who ran with Doug in the 60's and 70's. Darren told the story of Doug driving back from a race in Tahoe. It was typical in those days to have everyone ride in one car as many of us didn't have cars. Everyone would chip in for gas. Most of us were poor students who had to scarp together enough money for gas and food to travel to races. Driving home to the Bay Area from this race, we were low on money and gas. Doug had the bright idea of drafting/tail gating a Greyhound Bus to improve gas mileage in order to ensure that we had enough gas to make it home. It made for a exiting ride home. (Please do NOT attempt to do this.)

Besides being one of the outstanding distance runners in the Bay Area, Doug was one of the truly good guys. He will be missed.

Doug's obituary is on line @ www.dailyrepublic.com/obituaries/doug-butt-2. There is a good photo of Doug and Daryl from a 1970 race on our web site in the gallery section.

In better news, Carl Jensen is doing much better. He is out of the hospital and is now home. Carl was able to attend our New Years Dinner in January.

NEW YEARS DINNER

Our 2nd Annual News Years/Awards Dinner was held at Marinitas Restaurant in San Anselmo. The dinner was well attended. Plan on joining us next year. Thanks to Jeff Kroot for making the arrangement.

Dipsea Hike

Our 3rd annual Dipsea hike is scheduled for **Sunday, May 19th**. We will meet at the flag pole across from the Old Depot. (Race Starting Line.) The hike starts 9:00 AM. Make arrangements to get a ride back or take the West Marin Stage Coast Bus back to Mill Valley. (Check out the web site for photos from past hikes.) If your no longer running or haven't been on the trail in awhile, this is a good chance to go over the trail with old friends and actual Dipsea Legends. Bring a friend. Anyone and everyone is welcome.

Film Night in the Park

The club hopes to sponsor a 'Film Night in the Park' again this summer . Last year we sponsored a 'Steve Prefontaine Film Festival'. It was a benefit for the College of Marin Track program. Two films were on 'Pre' were screened - 'Without Limits' and the documentary 'Fire on the Track'.

Web Site

Check out our website, Marinac.org. We are always looking for new material, especially vintage photos, to post to the site. Also, contact information for club officers is on the home page.

RACE NEWS

Our Super Senior (age 60+) team was the 4th ranked team in the USATF Pacific Association for last year. Members of the team were Dave Stancliffe, Don Makela,

Steve Stephens, Bob Bunnell, Vince Engel and Darren Walton. The team of Dave, Don, Vince and Steve were 2nd in their age group at this years Christmas Relay.

Unfortunately, Darren is injured with his running career in jeopardy. He is now concentrating on road biking and is entered this year's 129 mile 'Tour of the California Alps Death Ride' on July 13th. He is currently heading up the club's new road biking team.

Alex Sterling placed 13th in this years Trinidad-Clam Beach Run on February 2nd. His time was 50:38 for the 8.75 mile course. San Rafael resident and Pelican Inn member Alex Varner won the race in an excellent time of 44:54.

CLUB BUSINESS

The board voted to waive dues for this year as we have sufficient funds in our bank account to cover the cost of printing and mailing this newsletter and paying for the web site. However, we may be asking for dues in the future.

A club mailing list/roster is now available. Let us know if you want one. Thanks to Dru at Walton's Saw Shop for putting the roster together.

LONDON OLYMPICS TRACK AND FIELD REPORT

Club member George Wright attended last years London Olympics. A report and his impressions of the Track and Field events is enclosed with this newsletter. (If your receiving this newsletter as an email, the article is included as an attachment.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

The attached photo is from the '61 Dipsea. Can you name everyone in the photo? A prize will be given to the winner. Thanks to Phil. Dancell for donating the photo. (Hint - Is Phil in the picture?)

Dipsea, September 17, 1961

