

# CALENDAR

\* Indicates W.T.R.C. Monthly Race and CHALLENGE SERIES EVENT

- JUL. W.T.R.C. Business meeting, No Meeting for July
- \* JULY 4 36th ANNUAL FIRECRACKER RUN; Brownfield, 8am; 10 Mile and 3 Mile, kids 1 Mile, Jim Harris, Race Director, (505) 392-8945
- JULY 31 Prude Ranch Races: Ft. Davis, Tx.; 5k, 10k, and Half Marathon, 7:30 am, TX Hwy 118 six miles north of Fort Davis, Glen Beck 512-252-9057.
- \* AUG. 13 HOT DAM 5 MILLER; Canyon Lake 6, Lubbock, 8:00 am, Etta Meyer, Race Director, 742-2907
- \* SEPT 10 SHALLOWATER STAMPEDE: 10K and 2 Mile, 8:00 am, Shallowater High School, Dwayne Oakeley, Race Director, 799-4473
- SEPT 17 White Buffalo 5K Stampede: 5k run, 1k Fun Run/Walk, 8:15am 1K & 8:30am 5k; Downtown Snyder Courthouse Sq. vicki@snyderchamber.org or 325-573-3558.
- SEPT 24 RUN FOR THE MUSEUM: Lea County Museum, Lovington, NM 10K, 2MI, & 1MI walk/run 9:00 AM(MST) Jim Harris 505-396-4805.
- OCT. 8 RACE FOR THE CURE: 5K, TTU Campus, Lubbock, 8am, FMI 698-1900 www.kemen-lubbock.org
- \* OCT. 15 RED RAIDER ROAD RACE: TTU Campus, Lubbock, 8am, 10K/5K
- OCT. 22 RED RIBBON RUN: 5K, Buddy Holly Rec Area, Lubbock, Rose Hoeve, Race Director, 806-766-1968.
- \* NOV. 12 BUFFALO WALLOW RACES: Buffalo Springs Lake, Half Marathon & 2 Mile, 9:00 am, FMI call Mike Morris, 787-6837
- NOV. 13 SAN ANTONIO MARATHON: (210)246-9652, www.samarathon.org
- \* NOV. 24 W.T.R.C. TURKEY TROT: Mackenzie Park, Lubbock, 9am, 12K & 2 Mile, FMI call Ron Lubowicz, 745-3955(d), 748-1855(n)
- \* DEC. 10 REDLINE 4 MILE CROSS COUNTRY: MAE SIMMONS PARK, Lubbock, 10a.m. FMI, call Tom Griffin, 698-1503 (h) 747-2579 (w)

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Firecracker Run  
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**W. T. R. C. RACES ARE USUALLY HELD THE 2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.**  
The WTRC monthly business meeting has been cancelled for the month of July.

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

I had a lot of fun this past Sunday by doing something that most people would never classify as "fun". For the better part of five hours I was partners with many other Club members in handing out water, Gatorade, ice, towels, food scraps, painkillers, sunblock, petroleum jelly, and tons of smiles and encouragement to the hundreds of endurance athletes who made the 70+ mile trek around the West Texas landscape. And heaped onto this fun was the pleasure of seeing several inactive or former Club members either helping out or just visiting with old friends.

I believe we, the Club, lose a lot when members slip into inactivity of either kind ... we lose their spirit and camaraderie, their experience, their volunteering ... and I sincerely believe that they feel varying degrees of loss too.

Years before I became active in the Club, I was an on-again, off-again member. It took a call every few years from someone who noticed that I was missing to jolt me into coughing up the dues and getting back in the once-a-month habit of challenging the clock. Eventually I was coaxed into volunteering. Then came getting to know a bunch of really neat people. But it all started with SOMEONE MAKING THE CALL.

OK, it may not work every time, but what have you got to lose by trying? If you know someone who just hasn't been coming around, give him/her a call and invite him back in. And since we have a prorated membership fee, you shouldn't get hung up on that item. Give it a try, make the call, share our fun.

SYOTR Ron

## BOBBY BIRDSONG MEMORIAL LEVELLAND LOPE

### 26th ANNUAL

2 Mile and 10K Road Races  
Levelland, Texas JUNE 11, 2005 8:00 A.M.

### 10K OVERALL RESULTS

PLACE	NAME	TOWN	ST	DIV	PLACE	AG	S	TIME	PACE
1	RICARDO HERNANDEZ	PORTALES	NM	1	M2024	21	M	36:19	5:51
2	CHANCE PAYTON	LAMESA	TX	1	M3034	31	M	37:26	6:02
3	MATTHEW GORDILLO	PORTALES	NM	2	M3034	31	M	39:53	6:26
4	JOHN KEITH	LUBBOCK	TX	1	M1619	16	M	41:47	6:44
5	CALVIN DAY	LEVELLAND	TX	2	M1619	19	M	42:21	6:50
6	FARRELL MARTIN	LUBBOCK	TX	1	CLYDE	39	M	42:37	6:52
7	EPI AGUIRRE	LUBBOCK	TX	1	M4549	46	M	42:53	6:55
8	DANNY SCHRECKENBACH	LUBBOCK	TX	1	M2529	27	M	43:10	6:57
9	JULIE WALL	LUBBOCK	TX	1	F2024	22	F	43:23	7:00
10	ADAM BARRON	WOLFFORTH	TX	1	M4044	42	M	44:22	7:09
11	RICHARD AKERS	LUBBOCK	TX	1	M5054	50	M	44:27	7:10
12	JOSH SAVAGE	LUBBOCK	TX	2	M2529	29	M	45:27	7:19
13	LAWRENCE SCHOVANEC	LUBBOCK	TX	2	M5054	52	M	46:05	7:26
14	JAY KEITH	LUBBOCK	TX	2	M4549	47	M	46:35	7:30
15	PAUL PARE	LUBBOCK	TX	2	M4044	43	M	47:25	7:39
16	JOHN TROMPLER	LUBBOCK	TX	1	M5559	58	M	47:39	7:41
17	RANDY HOLLOWAY	LUBBOCK	TX	3	M4549	48	M	48:03	7:45
18	REBECCA WARMINSKI	LUBBOCK	TX	2	F2024	20	F	48:09	7:46
19	MARY BRANSCOME	LUBBOCK	TX	1	F4549	45	F	48:22	7:48
20	J. EDSON PINTO	LUBBOCK	TX	3	M4044	43	M	50:05	8:04
21	GARY OWENS	LUBBOCK	TX	2	M5559	58	M	50:15	8:06
22	BECA RAPSTINE	WHITE DEER	TX	1	F1619	16	F	50:26	8:08
23	KIRK RICHARDSON	LUBBOCK	TX	4	M4044	40	M	50:48	8:11
24	JOHN GREGORCYK	IDALOU	TX	3	M5559	55	M	51:04	8:14
25	FRED WEBER	LUBBOCK	TX	3	M5054	53	M	51:21	8:16
26	JEFFREY HAAG	LUBBOCK	TX	2	M3539	36	M	51:42	8:20
27	THOMAS WALTON	LUBBOCK	TX	5	M4044	44	M	53:09	8:34
28	HAROLD TERRY	PORTALES	NM	4	M4549	45	M	54:28	8:47
29	JEFF WISE	LUBBOCK	TX	2	CLYDE	42	M	54:34	8:47
30	JUDY LAWLEY	LUBBOCK	TX	1	F4044	40	F	54:36	8:48
31	MADONNE MINER	LUBBOCK	TX	1	F5054	52	F	54:47	8:50
32	DAVID HIGGINS	LUBBOCK	TX	4	M5054	52	M	55:41	8:58
33	JEFF WILLIAMS	LUBBOCK	TX	2	M2024	20	M	55:50	9:00
34	LYNN HELMSTETLER	LUBBOCK	TX	3	F2024	23	F	55:59	9:01
35	VICTOR FLORES	LUBBOCK	TX	5	M5054	53	M	56:06	9:02
36	SHERILL EASTERLING	SNYDER	TX	1	F5559	55	F	56:32	9:07
37	WILLIAM BALLENGER	LUBBOCK	TX	6	M5054	54	M	56:39	9:08
38	KAMY PHILBRICK	LUBBOCK	TX	2	F4044	44	F	57:08	9:12
39	MIKE KELLEY	LUBBOCK	TX	4	M5559	56	M	57:08	9:12
40	JIM BURLESON	LUBBOCK	TX	1	M6064	62	M	57:19	9:14
41	SHIRLEY WIGLEY	LUBBOCK	TX	2	F5054	51	F	57:50	9:19
42	MIKE MORRIS	COLUMBIA	MO	5	M4549	49	M	58:06	9:22
43	CHERYL WEBER	LUBBOCK	TX	3	F5054	52	F	58:36	9:26
44	LARA ADAIR	LUBBOCK	TX	1	F3539	36	F	58:57	9:30
45	TOM WEIS	LUBBOCK	TX	7	M5054	53	M	59:48	9:38
46	JIM WILHELM	LUBBOCK	TX	8	M5054	54	M	1:00:59	9:50
47	TERRY DALTON	LUBBOCK	TX	9	M5054	50	M	1:02:00	9:59
48	ISACC MUNOZ, SR.	LUBBOCK	TX	3	CLYDE	50	M	1:03:25	10:13
49	ROBIN RICHARDSON	LUBBOCK	TX	2	F5539	36	F	1:06:25	10:42
50	ETTA MAYER	LUBBOCK	TX	1	F3034	30	F	1:06:28	10:42
51	SUSANNE MOORE	LUBBOCK	TX	2	F1619	18	F	1:07:11	10:49
52	THERESE HAIDUK	WHITE DEER	TX	2	F1619	18	F	1:07:11	10:49
53	KIM COLLINS	PORTALES	NM	3	F3539	39	F	1:10:06	11:18
54	SUZAN CAUDLE	LUBBOCK	TX	4	F5054	52	F	1:15:00	12:05

W.R.T.C. 2005 CHALLENGE SERIES  
STANDINGS AFTER 6 EVENTS

BOBBY BIRDSONG MEMORIAL LEVELLAND LOPE

TWO MILE OVERALL RESULTS

PLACE NAME	TOWN	ST	DIV	PLACE	AG	S	TIME	PACE
1 ADAM ARELLANO	SUNDOWN	TX	1	M1619	18	M	11:47	5:54
2 JACKIE CANNON	AMARILLO	TX	1	M4549	49	M	12:17	6:09
3 DREW JONES	SHALLOWATER	TX	1	M1315	15	M	12:21	6:11
4 FRANK SUMPTER, SR.	LAMESA	TX	1	M5054	51	M	12:26	6:13
5 JIMMY SAMARRON	LEVELLAND	TX	2	M5054	50	M	13:30	6:45
6 KYRA SLOAN	CROSBYTON	TX	1	F0112	12	F	13:53	6:57
7 RUSSEL MARTIN	SHALLOWATER	TX	2	M4549	47	M	14:16	7:08
8 MIKE LAWSON	LEVELLAND	TX	3	M4549	46	M	14:36	7:18
9 DANNY SLOAN	CROSBYTON	TX	1	M4044	40	M	15:23	7:42
10 LUKE SAMMARON	LEVELLAND	TX	1	M0112	11	M	15:50	7:55
11 JIM HARRIS	HOBBS	NM	1	M6064	62	M	15:53	7:57
12 DARCY JONES	SHALLOWATER	TX	1	F1315	15	F	16:15	8:08
13 JOANNE OWENS	LUBBOCK	TX	1	F5054	54	F	17:47	8:54
14 AMY HARLIEN	LUBBOCK	TX	1	F2529	28	F	17:49	8:55
15 CHRISTY TATE	LUBBOCK	TX	1	F4549	47	F	17:52	8:56
16 HANNAH LAYMAN	HEREFORD	TX	2	F0112	12	F	17:59	9:00
17 JAMES LAYMAN	HEREFORD	TX	1	M3539	39	M	18:00	9:00
18 MACKINZIE ARELLANO	SUNDOWN	TX	2	F1315	13	F	18:50	9:25
19 PETE TORRES	COLORADO CITY	TX	1	M3034	33	M	18:52	9:26
20 MARTHA MARTINEZ	COLORADO CITY	TX	2	F4549	49	F	18:55	9:28
21 JOSIE ALEMAN	LUBBOCK	TX	2	F5054	54	F	26:46	13:23
22 JAMES LIVERMORE	LUBBOCK	TX	1	M5559	58	M	27:17	13:39

RACE DIRECTOR REPORT

We had a beautiful day to run the Lope but the wind was pretty warm when we had to run two miles with it but all in all it was great. We had 22 finish the two mile and 54 finish the 10K.

The course was different this year with small hills out and back. Thanks goes out to Leah Cates from the college for opening the dome for bath room use. Thanks go to Tom Weis and Mike Morris for hauling the water and Gatorade. Thanks to Ron Lubowicz for the food refreshments. Those helping out on the race and deserving much thanks are Tom Griffin, George Jury, Tony Aleman, Tom Radkey, Ida Sumpter, Bryce Burton, Ron Lubowicz and a special thanks to my wife Sally Roger.

Ron Lubowicz worked the water stop and I thank him. It is not every day that the president of the organization comes to that kind of task. He did a good job. See you next year for a great run.

MALE

YTD TOTALS				YTD TOTALS			
AGE	PTS	MILES	EVT	AGE	PTS	MILES	EVT
0 - 12 MALE	11	19	7	45 - 49 MALE	49	59	19
Luke Samarron	9	10	4	Jackie Cannon	45	39	34.3
Jack Humphrey	10	10	2	Jerry Dwyer	48	35	54.5
D. Joseph Gonzales	15	10	2	Randy Holloway	46	30	21.5
				Epi Aquirre	46	25	20.3
13-15 MALE				Wade Wilson	46	24	13.2
Drew Jones	16	31	13.2	Jay Keith	46	21	13
	19	9	4	Bob Jackson	48	20	43.5
16-19 MALE				Mike Morris	46	20	15
John Keith	20	29	14.2	Russel Martin	46	15	17.3
Ed Roup	23	21	11	Tom West	48	15	9
	20	19	18.3	Al Gardner	48	14	32.3
20 - 24 MALE				Dwayne Oakeley	48	13	15.3
Jeff Williams	23	9	6	Rick Sybert	47	10	20.3
Nick Rodina	25	18	11	David Malone	48	10	11
Caleb Beck	28	10	6	Tyler Greenfield	45	9	9.3
Eric Abercrombie	25	32	27.3	Chris Lonngren	47	2	5
	25	26	15	Gene Adams			
25 - 29 MALE							
Greg Layton	25	23	13	50 - 54 MALE	50	40	34.2
Jared Masood	25	20	27.3	Richard Akers	50	38	15
Aaron Self	25	18	11	Frank Sumpter, Sr.	53	35	15.2
Matthew Jordan	25	18	11	Fred Weber	53	30	38.5
Jerred Hurst	28	10	6	Jim Wilhelm	52	29	46.5
Richard Lombardini	30	38	34.5	David Higgins	52	27	39.2
	30	21	10.2	Lawrence Schovanec	50	17	7
30 - 34 MALE				Jimmy Samarron	51	9	40.8
Tim Radkey	33	20	13	Tom Weis	51	8	2
Chance Payton	30	10	4	Lorenzo Padillo	50	7	5
Glen Poklikuha	33	10	2	Steve Nieman	53	7	4
Jeff Baker	31	7	9	Ronnie Prigg	52	7	2
Pete Torres	32	4	4	Larry Mills	52	0	34.2
David Moya				Tony Aleman			
Jason Helton							
				55 - 59 MALE	55	53	43.5
35 - 39 MALE				Mike Kelley	57	35	28.3
James Layman	38	49	23	Ron Nugent	57	33	22.3
Daniel Gonzales	38	27	13	James Livermore	57	30	42.5
Michael Humphrey	36	10	6.2	John Trompler	56	15	10
Jeffrey Haag	35	7	4	Sam Prose	58	10	2
Greg Hicks	42	58	34.5	Jim Douglass	55	0	43.5
	42	45	38.5	Tom Griffin			
40 - 44 MALE							
Adam Barron	43	37	38.5	** = RACE DIRECTOR			
Paul Pare	40	19	9	* = VOLUNTEER			
J. Edson Pinto	40	16	19				
Rudy Ramirez	41	10	15				
Danny Sloan	41	8	4				
Bob Blake							
Stacy Conner							
Brad Ewing							

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\* = VOLUNTEER

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STANDINGS AFTER 6 EVENTS

60 - 64 MALE				65 - 69 MALE				70 - 99 MALE			
AGE	PTS	MILES	EVT VOL	AGE	PTS	MILES	EVT VOL	AGE	PTS	MILES	EVT VOL
62	60	19	6	65	46	37.4	6	41	45	43.5	6
62	57	38.5	6	67	30	15	3	38	24	17.5	4
64	29	24.3	3	65	18	15	2	58	24	27.5	3
64	15	6	2	68	0	43.5	6	36	19	20.3	2
61	9	17.2	4	CLYDESDALE - age graded							
61	8	5	1	41	45	43.5	6	60	17	9	2
63	0	37.3	5	44	15	23.3	3	44	15	23.3	3
				45	12	13.3	2	45	12	13.3	2
				46	10	6	1	62	10	6	1
				46	0	5	1	Ed Dabrowski			

  

0 - 12 FEMALE				40 - 44 FEMALE				45 - 49 FEMALE			
AGE	PTS	MILES	EVT VOL	AGE	PTS	MILES	EVT VOL	AGE	PTS	MILES	EVT VOL
12	57	19	6	41	46	37.3	5	45	31	26.5	3
12	32	8	3	44	45	28.5	5	48	27	8	3
				40	30	26.5	3	45	20	10	3
				41	11	9.3	1	46	18	15	2
				42	10	4	1	46	10	6	1
								47	9	5	1
								49	0	30.5	4

  

20 - 24 FEMALE				50 - 54 FEMALE				55 - 59 FEMALE			
AGE	PTS	MILES	EVT VOL	AGE	PTS	MILES	EVT VOL	AGE	PTS	MILES	EVT VOL
20	40	16.2	3	51	48	23.2	5	55	46	32.5	5
20	9	4	1	51	42	38.5	6	55	30	19.2	3
23	8	4	1	52	30	26.5	4	55	30	19.2	3
				52	27	10.2	3				
				53	18	21	5				

  

25 - 29 FEMALE				60 - 99 FEMALE			
AGE	PTS	MILES	EVT VOL	AGE	PTS	MILES	EVT VOL
29	36	33.3	4	60	20	37.3	5
27	23	11	3	P.J. Mitchell			
25	19	13.3	2				
28	17	6	2				
25	10	4	1				
27	8	4	1				
26	5	4	1				

  

30 - 34 FEMALE				ATHENA			
AGE	PTS	MILES	EVT VOL	AGE	PTS	MILES	EVT VOL
30	51	32.3	5	51	27	8	3
30	18	13.3	2				
30	9	4	1				
33	7	4	1				

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\* = VOLUNTEER

AT THE RACES

It has been several months since we have provided an update on WTRC Club members and their racing activities around the state and nation. A fairly large contingent of members was on hand for the Austin Freescale Marathon held February 13, 2005. In the marathon, finishers included: Epi Aguirre, 3:30:04; David Baldner, 5:50:52; Jenny Beck, 4:04:55; Jim Beck, 5:09:43; Mike Greer, 5:29:51; Dahlia Hood, 5:07:40; Brent Lowrey, 3:50:43; Tracy Mack, 4:01:03; David Malone, 4:18:08; and Jeff Wise, 5:03:02. Completing the Freescale Half Marathon was: Tracy Baugh, 2:29:27; Caleb Beck, 1:44:31; Bob Bernero, 2:41:05; Amy Harlien, 2:10:28; Michael Harlien, 2:03:14; John Keith, 1:39:29; Jay Keith, 1:41:31; Mike Trevino, 2:52:48; and Wade Wilson, 1:40:18.

Smaller numbers of WTRC members were present at various other races: Rick Akers (3:32:17); Denise Bray (4:11:03); and Chance Payton (3:01:07), all completed the 109<sup>th</sup> Boston Marathon on April 18. Traveling to Oklahoma City for the April 24<sup>th</sup> OKC Memorial Marathon was Mary Branscome, 3:56:07; and Lawrence Schovanec, 3:29:20. At the Texas Marathon held in Dallas in early April were half marathon finishers Amy Harlien, 2:05:54; Mike Harlien, 2:05:54; Pamela Gray, 1:38:36; and Lawrence Schovanec 1:38:51 (1<sup>st</sup> 50-54 age group). Richard Lombardini ran the San Diego Rock "n" Roll Marathon on June 5<sup>th</sup> with a time of 3:22:49. Bill Felton attended the National Senior Games in Pittsburgh in June and ran to 7<sup>th</sup> place in the men's age 70-74 age-group for the 5K road race with a time of 25:44. Ralph Wolf also attended the Senior Games competing in the 400 meter track event. The greatest distance traveled to run a race was logged by Madonne Miner and David Malone who traveled to the Czech Republic for the Prague International Marathon on May 22nd. Madonne finished in 4:21:18 and David completed the course in 4:29:18. At the Austin Capitol 10K in March were Bob Bernero, 1:08:13; Paul Pare, 47:32; J. Edson Pinto, 49:14; Hank Ivey, 48:51; Marti Greer, 1:05:35; and Jim Harris, 55:46.

WORDS THAT INSPIRE

"Running is the ultimate individual sport. It doesn't matter how fast or slow you are relative to anyone else. You set your own pace and you measure your own progress. You can't lose this race because you're not running against anyone else. You're only running against yourself, and as long as you are running, you are winning." - Amby Burfoot, winner of the 1968 Boston Marathon.

### BOBBY BIRDSONG REMEMBERED

(Editor's note: the following is a reminder for older club members and an introduction to new members to the man who founded the Levelland Lope and for whom the race is now named the Bobby Birdsong Memorial Levelland Lope. We had hoped to run this in last month's newsletter, but lacking the space then, we offer it now.)

The passing of Bobby Birdsong on May 24, 1988 was a great loss to all of us who had the privilege of knowing this good man. The greater loss by far is to those new members who will not have that chance.

Bobby founded the Levelland Lope in 1980 and was Director for eight years. Not satisfied to just present a good race, typically Bobby went the extra mile and got local sponsors to fund Lope T-shirts and equipment bags for his runners. Even when sponsorship funds were no longer available, he was trying to give the Lope a little something extra by working on a means to computerize the results and give the runners a personal copy. This spirit of extra effort was also evident in his work as a biology teacher at the Levelland High School, where the students recognized his impact on them by selecting him as Teacher of the Year for 1989.

I first met Bobby in 1982 when I called him for information about the Lope, the first race I was ever to enter. It was largely about friendliness and encouragement that convinced me to try it. After the race when I stopped to thank him, he even remembered my call and took the time to congratulate me and urged me to keep coming out to the WTRC runs. Since I was a novice runner, this really meant a lot to me. I haven't missed a Lope since, and it was Bobby's positive attitude and encouragement that made me want to join the WTRC.

As I got to know Bobby by helping out at the Lope and by spending a few minutes with him at the other races, it did not take too long to gain great respect for him as a man with perspective. He would compete hard during a race, but the result never seemed as important to him as the good effort. He thrived on courses which featured tough weather and/or terrain conditions. Quoted in the Amarillo Globe-News after the 1984 Palo Duro Canyon run in January, Bobby said, "There are fair-weather runners and then there are runners." To me, this seems to sum up Bobby's approach not only toward his running but also toward his personal commitments and

life in general. He chose not to do things because they were easy, but because they were important. The runs won't ever be as good again without Bobby to visit with.

So I guess that as long as there's a June and a Levelland Lope and I've got 6.2 miles left in my legs, I'll make the trip to Levelland because it will be the best way to remember Bobby standing there on those steps making jokes as he hands out the awards. And I won't ever pull on a Levelland Lope T-shirt or pack a Levelland Lope equipment bag without being reminded that I ought to be a better person.

We would all be fortunate to leave such a legacy.

Joe Post

### MEDAL RECYCLING PROGRAM

Do you display your medals from past WTRC races, or do you pitch them in a drawer and forget about them? If medals are not important to you and you would like to help the Club control our costs, you can return the medals to any of our events and we will use them as awards in future races. We have been using the same medal designs for most of our races for many years so they are very suitable for reuse.

### NATIONAL DISTANCE RUNNING HALL OF FAME

I was doing a Google search recently to find information on a distance runner named George Young who participated in four separate Olympic Games when I came across an article discussing his induction into the National Distance Running Hall of Fame. Well, I guess I must have missed something a few years back (1998 to be precise) when this facility was established. It is located in Utica, New York and is intended to honor the sport of distance running. The facility appears to be quite modest and fairly small at present. You can take a look with a virtual tour at their website ([www.distancerunning.com](http://www.distancerunning.com)). They have a number of corporate sponsors and offer individual memberships to help support the organization's mission. I hope they are successful in their goal of honoring the legends of our sport. Annually, they induct individuals who were important either as runners, or as distance running coaches, race directors (Fred Lebow), etc. They have, so far, inducted 24 individuals. If you get the chance to visit Utica, be aware that the Baseball Hall of Fame is just down the road a few miles in Cooperstown, New York.

**West Texas Running Club**  
proudly presents

**36th ANNUAL  
FIRECRACKER RUNS**

**Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005**  
Late registration: 7:00-7:45 am  
Races Start: Children's 1 mile - 7:40 am  
3 & 10 mile - 8:00 am  
**Please Pre-Register**  
Send in form or call before 6 pm, July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
George W. Jure, 792-3291(d), 792-1237(n)  
e-mail: [rungwi@aol.com](mailto:rungwi@aol.com) before 3pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Terry County Park, Brownfield, Texas**  
From Lubbock on Hwy. 62, go to the  
stoplight at Buckley St. & turn left on to Old Lamesa Rd.,  
turn right just past the swimming pool.

**Entry Fees: Children's 1 mile run - \$1.00, 3 & 10 mile runs - \$5.00 for WTRC  
Members and \$6.00 for non-members. Pre-Registration  
Race Day Registration \$10.00 (3 & 10 Mile) for everyone**

**Special and unique commemorative medallions. Awards given to the first 3 in each  
age group and up to 5 of the contestants in each age group as listed below.  
Awards will be presented at 8:05 am (Kids Run), 8:35 am (3 mi.), and 10 am (10 mi.).**

**Age Groups 10 Mile Run**

**Male:** 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64,  
65-69, 70+

**Female:** 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60+

**3 Mile Run**

**Male:** 7-12, 13-15, 16-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54,  
55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70+

**Female:** 7-12, 13-15, 16-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49,  
50-54, 55-59, 60+

*Clydesdale and Athena divisions age graded as above in both running events.*

Children's 1 mile run: grades pre-school through 6th, special commemorative medals for  
first place boy and girl Overall. Finish ribbons for the remainder.  
Grade as of Fall, 2005.

**Contact: Race Director Jim Harris, (505) 392-8945**

**TEXAS' OLDEST CONTINUOUS ROAD RACE (Since 1970)  
W.T.R.C.'s ANNUAL FIRECRACKER RUNS, BROWNFIELD, TEXAS JULY 4th**

**EVENT RECORDS (after 35 years)**

**10 MILE**

AGE	NAME	TOWN	AGE	TIME	YEAR
19 & Under	Sam Kwabe	Levelland	18	52:54	2001
20-29	Jorge Pacheco	Levelland	22	52:34	1990
30-34	Chris Rodriguez	Plainview	31	58:52	2000
35-39	Bob Jackson	Hobbs, NM	36	56:56	1995
40-44	Bob Jackson	Hobbs, NM	43	57:05	2002
45-49	Jim Leser	Lubbock	49	1:05:06	1996
50-54	George Jure	Lubbock	50	1:03:28	1987
55-59	George Jure	Lubbock	55	1:08:54	1992
60-64	Don Sanderson	Tulua	63	1:16:30	1993
65-59	Ralph Wolf	Abernathy	66	1:32:04	2003
70 Plus	Don Sanderson	Tulua	71	1:21:07	2001
Clydes	Farrell Martin	Lubbock	34	1:09:45	2003

**WOMEN**

19 & Under	Stephanie Bigham	Idalou	18	1:15:14	2001
20-29	Idalia Casiano	Lubbock	23	1:07:52	1991
30-34	Marjory Stewart	Lubbock	32	1:05:30	* 1991
35-39	Becky Rowley	Clovis, NM	39	1:12:10	2003
40-44	Denise Bray	Lubbock	41	1:17:48	2003
45-49	Madonne Miner	Lubbock	49	1:25:50	2002
50-54	Madonne Miner	Lubbock	50	1:22:07	2003
55 Plus	P.J. Mitchell	Lubbock	55	1:29:55	2001

**3 MILE**

**WOMEN**

15 & Under	Carlos Ybarra	Lamesa	15	15:58	1978
16-19	Curtis Conaway	Lubbock	18	14:44	1979
20-29	Dennis Williams	Lubbock	29	14:23	* 1975
30-34	Steve Stallings	Stanton	30	15:02	1982
35-39	Quinn Smith	Grants, NM	35	15:56	1995
40-44	Bob Jackson	Hobbs, NM	44	16:31	2003
45-49	George Jure	Lubbock	49	17:47	1986
50-54	George Jure	Lubbock	52	17:45	1989
55-59	Robert Guajardo	Levelland	56	18:49	1999
60-64	Jim Harris	Hobbs, NM	60	21:16	2003
65-69	Don Sanderson	Tulua	66	21:29	1996
70 Plus	Don Sanderson	Tulua	74	24:35	2004
Clydes	Jeromy Casey	Brownfield	24	19:42	1999

**WOMEN**

15 & Under	Hope Jimenez	Lamesa	13	19:27	1997
16-19	Mary Ann Hernandez	Brownfield	18	18:48	1999
20-29	Isabel Navarro	Brownfield	21	18:21	* 1979
30-34	Isabel Torres	Brownfield	34	21:04	1992
35-39	Melanie McVey	Sundown	39	21:34	2001
40-44	Sherrill Easterling	Hico	44	20:25	1994
45-49	Cheryl Weber	Lubbock	46	22:00	1999
50-54	P.J. Mitchell	Lubbock	53	23:55	1999
55-59	Estela Galvan	Brownfield	60	28:52	2003
60 Plus	Suzan Caudte	Lubbock	51	35:41	2004
Athena					



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