

October 25, 2013

Hello runners,

Our Half Marathon was a great success! We had over 440 runners participate, a good crowd, and participants have sent me a lot of compliments about the race. I was especially proud at the way our club members and other volunteers pulled together to make things happen--I heard lots of good stuff from participants about this too.

The number of club members who worked together to pull this thing off was incredible. Here they are, and the committee they worked on. (Or, worked on the most, because some people worked two committees. If I left you off this list, please let me know, and I will make a correction in my next e-mail.)

Food and Hospitality: Marsie and Tammany Grant, Connie, Jacy, and Jayden Mathis, Laura McDonald, Peggy Monteilh, and Vinessa Mundorff

Packets: Cathy and Steve Bickford, Jill Blake, Jennifer Crispin, Donna Fabian, Glenn Green, Kim Johnson, Kas Kramer, Jan Parks, and Steven Wright

Course Control and Aid Stations: Curtis Barton, Glen Carter, Jacob Gautreaux, Craig Henderson, Skipper Nethery, and Colleen Spencer

Registration and Finish Line: Esther and True Cousins, Adam and Mary Jenke, Ken Johnson, Cindy Pate, Haley Tabor, Angie Taylor, and Kristy Vienne

In addition seven organizations provided multiple volunteers for the food table, the aid stations, or traffic control: Bearkats Taking Action; Huntsville High Cross Country; the Junior Service League, set up by club member Kristy Vienne; Livingston ISD runners, under the direction of club member Melanie Justice; the SHSU Women's Ultimate Frisbee Team, set up with the help of club member Steven Wright; Trinity HS Cross Country, set up by club member Jose Torres; and the Huntsville YMCA.

At this point, we don't actually know how what our race proceeds are, but they are going to be healthy, so that we can continue to support deserving charities and athletic programs in our area. We have a club meeting scheduled for Thursday evening, Nov. 14, at which our treasurer, Ken Johnson, will present a financial report, and we will make disbursements. This meeting will be a potluck dinner, held in the community room at the Huntsville Public Library. So whip up something tasty and come join us! I will send out a reminder and agenda in advance.

Here is a brief list of upcoming events in Huntsville.

Oct. 26, tomorrow, there is the Great Muddy Escape out at General Sam's, and the Kats for the Cause run on the SHSU campus. Both are 5Ks.

On Nov. 2, the Rocky Raccoon 50K, 25K, and 10K will be held at the State Park. \*\*\* In the past the club has hosted an aid station on the course. This year, we are short-handed. If you can help or take a leadership role on this aid station, please let me know ASAP! It will be set up for you in advance, and you will be home in time for lunch. \*\*\*

On Thursday, Nov. 14 is our business meeting and potluck dinner. Doors open at 6:00 pm, potluck begins at 6:30, with meeting to follow about 7:15 pm.

Nov. 16 brings the "Gladiator Dash" 5K run to Huntsville, a 5K at General Sam's. Links to registration for this and all races can be found on our web site, under "Race Schedule."

Finally, on Saturday, Nov. 30, at 9 a.m., is our next club run, the Leftover Turkey Run, one of my favorite of the year. I will send a reminder with club news beforehand.

Happy running! Darren.