

# Leader Board

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## First Quarter 2005

### From the Board

We had a terrific day at the awards presentation back in January.



The rain had pretty much inundated the local trails so we stuck to the task of

socializing, eating, and presenting the awards. If you haven't seen the pictures you can view them at

<http://scottm.smugmug.com/Parties>

We handed out three embroidered North Face jackets, ceramic age group awards, and framed, personalized certificates to everyone who completed 6 or more races. We look forward to doing it again next year!

Seems like the rains have had quite an influence on our racing so far this year. A dozen or so folks made it to Avalon prior to the cancellation of all ferry boat traffic to Catalina. The race director cancelled and rescheduled for April 2. This impacted the new Mt. Disappointment 50k. Race Director Gary

Hilliard moved his event to August 13. Jim O'Brien found the trails and access to be in dire straits for the SGM 50k so he has moved his event to June 18. Shawn McDonald was forced to alter his Lake Hodges 50k course at the last minute due to trail closures. Somehow the weather gods smiled on the new Calico 50k and the day was ideal for running in the desert. Randy and Vicki Davis stood by their conviction to hold the San Juan Trail 50k come rain or shine. Due to various reasons other than weather, the Baldy Peaks 50k has been cancelled for 2005. And that is not all. Leona Divide 50 organizers also decided to cancel their 2005 event. The U.S. Forest Service district governing that region has closed much of the road network used to provide aid station access and support during the event.

In other news it has been nice to welcome some new members this year as well as many of you who have returned for 2005. If you are receiving this and haven't yet signed up, Joe is ready to collect your fee and Fred is ready to score your points. If we haven't met I

hope you will introduce yourself at one of the races.

Three Series members have been featured in a publications recently. Men's 2004 Overall Points Champion, Bob Harris, was recently featured in the Camp Pendleton base newspaper. Reporters for the "Scout" interviewed Bob for the article that came out in early March. I'll try to get a copy to post on the Series Forum so you can all read it. Series champions Bob Harris, Crissy Weiss, and Fred Pollard all received honorable mention in the March 2005 edition of UltraRunning magazine. See page four to read the text. Chrissy was also mentioned in an article printed in the March 8, 2005 edition of the Foothill Sentry. The Sentry, a local paper serving Orange and Villa Park, mentioned Chrissy in a feature titled "Villa Park Resident Racks Up the Miles".

And finally, for a little monetary accountability report, you may want to know that 100% of your annual dues is spent on awards, the awards gathering, mailing, copying, and web hosting.

See you on the trail,

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### Upcomming Races for 2005

04/02 Avalon 50Mile  
05/07 Wild Wild West 50k  
05/14 Lost Boys 50 Mile  
05/21 Bishop High Sierra 50M/50k  
06/04 Shadow of the Giants 50k  
06/12 Holcomb Valley 33 Mile  
06/18 San Gabriel Mountain 50k  
08/13 Mt. Disappointment 50k  
08/27 Bulldog 50k  
09/17 Angeles Crest 100 Mile  
10/22 San Diego 100 Mile  
11/12 San Diego One Day  
12/04 High Desert 50k

TBA - PCT 50 Mile