

Leader Board

SoCal Ultra Running Series

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Second Quarter

From the Board

W elcome to all the new members who have signed up since the First Quarter edition of this newsletter!

With Western States right around the corner I'd like to offer "Best Wishes" to all of you who may have accepted the challenge or who are pacing and crewing. At 72 years young Hal Winton is also off to test himself at Hardrock in July. Go Hal!

Hal also reported that he had a good group doing trail work up on the Angeles Crest 100 course back in May. Sixteen people worked the Gabrielino Trail near Newcomb Saddle. Of note was Jay Grobeson wielding a gas powered weed whacker. There are still some AC training runs scheduled for August and a work day for the end of July. Consult the Series Forum or AC web site for dates.

Speaking of the Forum I hope you have had a chance to check it out and find something of interest to read or discuss. The easiest way to find it is to go to the Series web page at

www.socalultraseries.org

and click on the "Forum" button. If you have any problems be sure to ask for help using my email address. A few of you have asked about a place to post pictures from various events and I'm working on a few ideas. Again, keep checking the Forum.

I hope you have noticed how quickly our statistician, Fred Pollard, gets our standings ready to post. Fred, Joe Magruder, and I have tried to make sure we have everyone's name spelled correctly, points totaled thoroughly, and email addresses up-to-date. Let us know if we have missed something. As of this date, Jay Grobeson and Michelle Barton are leading the overall point's derby and it looks like Jay and Michelle are also out in front as the mileage king and queen.

Finally, I'm thinking ahead about how to best distribute awards at the end of the year. The pizza gathering didn't generate much interest last year. I'm wondering if you would rather get together for some sort of fun run (not an ultra), give out the awards, and have a post run picnic. I contacted Iron Chef Dean Dobberteen, who really knows how to prepare some great food, and he agreed to help in that area. Dean garnered rave reviews for his culinary skills at the Lake Hodges 50k earlier this year. Let me know if that sounds good and if you have any suggestions for location or if you have a completely different idea.

See you on the trail,

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