

Leader Board

SoCal Ultra Running Series - September 26, 2005

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Third Quarter 2005

From the Board

Finally a quarter with no race cancellations due to weather or storm damage! We had four races take place during this quarter and the standings have undergone several changes since the last report. Holcomb entrants enjoyed a perfect day for running in the Big Bear area. The rave reviews keep coming in for the new Mt.

Disappointment event. Bulldog runners were tested with a blistering hot day but at least the course markings were not vandalized this year. And finally, many of you tested the 100 mile distance again at AC last week. Crews at AC were challenged, too, with road closures that made getting about and supporting a runner an extra feat. Seven Series members earned buckles including both veterans and rookies alike. Robert Baird, Francisco Fabian, Bill Ramsey, Chrissy Weiss, Jay Grobeson, Chris Stephenson, Gary Hilliard, and Tom Nielsen all crossed the finish line at Johnson Field.

In case you had not noticed, the High Desert 50k has been designated a USA

Track & Field Championship event. Series member Lorraine Gersitz is involved with this organization and many of us are members. We have been meeting to develop a relationship between the Series and the Southern California chapter of USA T&F. Their web address is www.scausatf.org Among the other benefits of membership there may be one new one to consider. Although it is not a sure thing yet we are proposing that USA T&F award prize money to Series members who are also members of the USA T&F. If this works out we will document what you need to do in order to be eligible. It won't be enough to retire on but the proposal is to have some degree of pay out for each of the age group categories in the Series.

How about a new 100k road event in the Series? Most of us know that this is the benchmark event in world class ultra running. I'll post a notice when things are finalized but it will be probably be in the LA/Orange County area during February 2006. Jay Anderson will be the race director.

A quick look at the standings shows Chrissy Weiss is holding down the lead in both miles and points this year in the women's division and actually leads all Series members in miles. Francisco Fabian assumed the lead in points after his strong showing at AC. Robert Baird also benefitted from his performance at AC by moving into the milage lead in the men's division.

I've been trying to collect some historical facts about the Series and will put a fact or two in the newsletter from time to time. The first year of the Series was 1990. Questions to consider include who started this thing, what races made up the Series in 1990, what races have been part of the Series since it began, and who won the first Series? Think you know the answers?

See you on the trail (or road),

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Upcoming Races for 2005

10/22 San Diego 100 Mile

11/12 San Diego One Day

12/04 High Desert 50k