

Leader Board

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Fourth Quarter

From the Board

As the last second ticked off the clock at the San Diego One Day we had most of our list of overall and age group winners confirmed for 2005. A few spots still hung in the balance with the Santa Barbara 9 Trails and High Desert 50k yet to go. Chris Stephenson took advantage of the last races to move into the lead in the Men's Masters category. Chrissy Weiss and Robert Harris captured both the Overall and Mileage Crowns. Robert knew that the only way to over take Chrissy in overall miles was to crank out a big day in San Diego. He did just that but "xy" took a little less naptime and held him off with nine miles to spare. We had thirteen members earn certificates for completing six or more races in the Series and eighteen members earn age group awards.

Now, about giving those awards away and recognizing the winners. We'll go for a repeat of last year's meeting at my house. The awards ceremony will be on Saturday, January 28, 2006. Here is the plan. Weather permitting we will start with a 10-mile fun run (optional) from my

house at 9:30 AM. The route is truly for fun and all on trails through the local park system here in Orange. If it is raining or the parks are closed the run will be canceled. From 11 AM to 1 PM we'll hand out the awards. I'll have lunch and soft drinks on hand. If you want something different to drink you can bring it. Please RSVP to this email or leave a message on my cell phone at 714.290.7014 by Jan. 15, 2006. Let me know if you want to help with food items or prep. A map to my house is included in this package along with an application for the 2006 Series. Many of the same great races with a couple of new ones joining in! You will notice a new section of the application. If you are a USA Track & Field member please list your number. Although not confirmed, as of this writing, Series member Lorraine Gersitz has been working with USA T&F to award prize money to both overall and age group winners who are also USA T&F members. www.usatf.org

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Fred Pollard who has continued to do what I consider to be an outstanding job of compiling our Series stats and to Joe Magruder who has handled our finances

and membership enrollment with great care. Thanks, also, to all of you who have participated, to the race directors who keep our racing opportunities available, and to all the volunteers who lend a hand. While we are sorry to see folks like Chris Rios hand over the duties at the High Desert race we also welcome new RD's taking over that race, Lake Hodges, and the PCT 50 during the upcoming year. We were fortunate to add a couple of excellent and popular new events last year and will add at least one new one for 2006. Some long standing events are still

under consideration and I suggest you keep abreast by visiting the web site at www.socalultraseries.org for the latest breaking news. I post news immediately upon learning of dates, cancellations, or otherwise.

I wish you all a successful 2006 in all of your endeavors and adventures.

See you on the trail,
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