

# **Awards Banquet 2/2/2008**

## **Mc Script – Ron Pelton**

**Welcome Remarks:**

### **2007 Mtc First Time Marathoners**

**This Year, The Maine Track Club Is Pleased To Honor 12 Members Who Completed Their First Marathon. All Of the People In This Room Recognize The Dedication And Determination Required To Train And Complete A Marathon. We Salute You In Your Accomplishment.**

**Please Come Forward As I Call Out Your Name To Accept Your Plaque: -**

<b>Chris Lydon</b>	<b>Nyc 5:49:15</b>
<b>Tracey Lydon</b>	<b>Nyc 5:29:29</b>
<b>Linda Whitten</b>	<b>Nyc 5:11:22</b>
<b>Richard Durgin</b>	<b>Nyc 3:30:13</b>
<b>Melissa Mirarchi</b>	<b>Maine Marathon 4:28:11</b>
<b>Brett Leland</b>	<b>Maine Marathon 4:40:50</b>
<b>Brian Lathrop</b>	<b>Maine Marathon 4:06:22</b>
<b>Kathy Bowie</b>	<b>Maine Marathon 5:52:46</b>
<b>Ethan Norcross</b>	<b>Maine Marathon 4:47:04</b>
<b>Renee Leclair</b>	<b>Maine Marathon 3:41:53</b>
<b>Carol Fournier</b>	<b>Rock &amp; Roll Marathon San Diego 4:43:51</b>
<b>Dave Edwards</b>	<b>Sugarloaf 3:20:18 Boston Qualifier!!</b>

### **2007 Mtc Age Group Awards:**

**The Following Athletes Had A Great Year In 2007. They Have Demonstrated A High Level Of Competitive Performance While Making Positive Contributions To The Mtc. Please Come Forward As I Call Out Your Name To Accept Your Award**



**19 And Under Male – Matt Rand**

State Class B Hs X-C Championships: 4<sup>th</sup> In 16:53.09 (5k)  
Peaks Island 5m, 5<sup>th</sup> Overall, 29:03  
Beach2beacon 10k, 36:03, 13<sup>th</sup> Of 176 In Age Group  
Thanksgiving Day 4m, 22:26, 4<sup>th</sup> In Age Group



**Female – Abby Isleborn (At School – Clemson University)**

N E Runner Magazine Maine Top Female Track Runner  
Kerry men Pub 5k, 1<sup>st</sup>:15:18f, 19:16,  
State B Hs Track Champion: Female 1600m, 5:02.72  
State B Hs Track Champion: Female 3200m, 11:15.10



**20-29**

**Male – Dana Staples**

Sea Dogs/ Mothers Day 5k, 23:07

Ymca Family Fit 5k, 22:47

Eliot Fest 5k, 22:26



**Female - Shauna Franklin**

Snowy Egret 5k, 23:51

Peaks Island 5miler, 7<sup>th</sup> In Age Group, 39:58

Burn Off The Turkey 5k, 4<sup>th</sup> In Age Group, 23:43



**30-39**

**Male – Tom Noonan**

**Kerrymen Pub 5k, 3<sup>rd</sup> In Age Group, 17:22**

**Clam Fest 5m, 4<sup>th</sup> In Age Group, 28:21**

**Bridgton 4 On The 4<sup>th</sup>, 22:51**

**Pineland Farms 25k, 5<sup>th</sup> In Age Group, 52:47**



**Female - Robin Carlson**

**Me Half Marathon, 3<sup>rd</sup> In Age Group, 1:32:30**

**Ll Bean 10k, 6<sup>th</sup> In Age Group, 43:24**

**Burn Off The Turkey 5k, 2<sup>nd</sup> In Age Group, 19:04**



**40-49**

**Male - Dave Howard**

**Turkey Trot 5k, 2<sup>nd</sup> In Age Group, 18:32**

**Sea Dogs Mothers Day 5k, 18:24**

**Beach2beacon 10k, 23<sup>rd</sup> Of 319, 40:34**

**Patriots Day (Veterans Day) 5m, 3<sup>rd</sup> In Age Group, 29:53**



**Female – Lisa Despres**

**Jingle Bell Run 5k, 5<sup>th</sup> In Age Group, 21:17**

**Great Pumpkin 10k, 44:03**

**Bar Harbor Half Marathon, 1:40:59**

**Sugarloaf 15k, 1:08:39**



**50-59**

**Male – Tom Ryan**

**Maine's Most Dominant 50-59 Age Group Road Racer, Winning His Age Group In Numerous Maine Races. Tom Was A Nationally Recognized Competitor At Usatf National Masters Championships.**

**N E Runner Top Maine Male Senior Runner**

**Eliot Fest 5k, 1<sup>st</sup> In Age Group, 16:23, 5:17**

**Ne Mile, 4:33**

**Bridgton 4 On 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 In Age Group, 21:44**

**Clam Fest 5m, 1<sup>st</sup> In Age Group, 27:34**

**Great Pumpkin 10k, 34:33,**

**Beach2beacon 10k, 1<sup>st</sup> Of 277 In His Age Group**



**Female – Ellie Tucker**

**Also The 1999, 2001 & 2002 Mtc Master Runner Of The Year**

N E Runner Magazine Top Maine Female Senior Runner  
Maine Usatf Grand Prix Series: 2<sup>nd</sup> Female Grand Master (50-59)  
Beach2beacon 10k, 1<sup>st</sup> Of 184 In Her Age Group, 41:17  
Sugarloaf 15k, 1:02:54  
Pineland Farms 25k, 1<sup>st</sup> In Age Group 2:13:39  
Mid Winter Classic 10m, 1<sup>st</sup> In Age Group, 1:07:05  
Me Half Marathon, 1<sup>st</sup> In Age Group, 1:29:37  
Clam Fest 5m, 2<sup>nd</sup> In Age Group, 33:08



**60-69**

**Male- Harry White**

Burn Off The Turkey 5k, 3<sup>rd</sup> In Age Group, 22:54  
Great Pumpkin 10k, 46:29  
Me Half Marathon, 2<sup>nd</sup> In Age Group, 1:43:49  
St. Peters 4 Miler, 1<sup>st</sup> In Age Group, 30:39  
Clam Fest 5 Miler, 3<sup>rd</sup> In Age Group, 37:04

**Make A Note About Return To Running After Heart Attack\***



**60-70**

**Female – Judith Hardenbrook**

**N E Runner Magazine Top Maine Female Veteran Runner**

**Maine Usatf Grand Prix Series: 1<sup>st</sup> Veteran Female**

**Sea Dogs Mothers Day 5k, 1<sup>st</sup> In Age Group, 20:59**

**Key Bank Ne Mile, 6:10**

**Mid Winter Classic 10m, 1<sup>st</sup> In Age Group, 1:15:56**

**Beach2beacon 10k, 1<sup>st</sup> In Age Group, 45:32**



**70-79**

**Male – Lloyd Slocum**

**Ne Runner Magazine Top Maine Male Veteran Runner**

**Burn Off The Turkey 5k, 1<sup>st</sup> In Age Group 21:35**

**Thanksgiving Day 4m, 1<sup>st</sup> In Age Group 29:07**

**Pt8k, 1<sup>st</sup> In Age Group 36:25**

**Eliot 5k, 21:44**



**70-80**

**Female – Polly Kenniston**

**Me Half Marathon, 2:02:32**

**Thanksgiving Day 4m, 1<sup>st</sup> In Age Group - 35:22**

**Dan Cardillo 5k, 26:32**

**Beach2beacon 10k, 2<sup>nd</sup> In Age Group 56:31**

**Ll Bean 10k, 1<sup>st</sup> In Age Group 56:29**

**Mid Winter Classic 10m, 2<sup>nd</sup> In Age Group 1:36:02**



**80 And Over Male- Carlton Mendell**

Ne Runner Magazine Top Maine Male 80+ Runner  
Sea Dogs/ Mothers Day 5k, 41:38  
Thanksgiving Day 4 Miler, 1/1: 80&+M, 51:14  
Al Sproul 10k, 1:35:37  
Freeport Fitness 5k, 44:46

**The Maine Track Club Would Like To Recognize Outstanding Club Members For The Following Awards:**



**2007 Mtc Most Improved Runner**  
**(Kelle Keeley)**

**This Award Is Intended To Give Special Recognition To A Runner Who Has Improved His Or Her Performance In Running Through Hard Work, Training, Discipline, Perseverance And Determination.**

**This Runner Is Active In The Club, Volunteering At Races, Burning Up The Track At Edward Little High School On Tuesday Nights, Assisting With Special Events And Always Giving Support And Praise To Other Members With Her Infectious Smile. This Past Year, Kelle Bettered Her Marathon Time By Over 1 Hour. In 2006 Kelle Ran The Country Music Marathon In Nashville In 5:15:47. This Year, At The Marine Corps Marathon In October, Kelle Shaved An Hour Off Her Marathon Time Finishing In 4:14:59 – A Very Nice Pr.**

**She Worked Hard To Improve Her Marathon Running Time And She Did So With Love And Enthusiam For The Sport Of Running. Please Join Me In Congratulating **Kelle Keeley** On Her Accomplishment As The Mtc 2007 Mtc Most Improved Runner.**



**2007 Mtc Volunteer Of The Year  
(Janice Gagnier)**

**This Award Is Given To The Individual Who Has Made The Most Significant Overall Contributions To The Club During The Year. It Recognizes The Volunteer Who Has Demonstrated Outstanding And**

**Sustained Contributions, Taking Into Account The Amount Of Time Spent, The Enthusiam And Creativity Exhibited By The Individual And/Or Results Achieved.**

**The Maine Track Club Is Fortunate To Have So Many Dedicated, Enthusiatic And Energetic Volunteers And Our Winner This Year Is An Example Of Individuals Who Go Above And Beyond And Expect Little In Return.**

**Our Winner Who Was Also The 2006 Winner Of The Spirit Of The Club Award Has Been Called The Turkey Lady, The Scary Gingerbread Man And Has Appeared At Races As A Cookie And A Snowman/Snowgirl? She Is Often Seen Volunteering At Races Or Helping Out With Club Activities. She Has Volunteered At Nearly All The Mtc Events And Offers To Volunteer At Events She Runs In – Injured Wing And All.**

**Janice Brings A Unparralelled Positive Energy To The Club. Thank You Janice Gagnier For All That You Do.**

**2007 Mtc Comeback Runner Of The Year  
(Robert Randall)**



**In The Spirit Of Winston Churchill's Famous Quotation, "Never Give In, Never, Never, Never, Never - In Nothing Great Or Small, Large Or Petty," This Award Recognizes That Special Runner Who Has Demonstrated Mental And Physical Toughness In Order To Overcome An Obstacle - And In The Process, Has Served As A Positive Example To Others.**

**The Choice Was Very Difficult This Year As Several Members Of The Club Overcame Serious Injury, Illness Or Personal Adversity. But This Years Winner At The Tender Age Of 70, Underwent Arthroscopic Surgery On His Left Knee And Was Reduced To Running With Constant Pain. Following A Tibial Osteomy Operation, He Was Able To Start Running Again In March, Which Was Also The Month He Turned 70. Since Then, Bob Has Run 36 Events From A 1 Mile Race To A Half Marathon, Placing 1st In His Age Group In 27 Of The Races, 2nd In 3 Races, 3rd In 4 Races And 6th In His Age Group In The Mt Washington Road Race.**

**Congratulations - Bob Randall**

## **2007 Mtc Outstanding Contribution To Maine Running (David Colby Young)**

**This Award Celebrates The Individual Who Consistently Shares Their Personal Talents In An Effort To Support Running In Maine And Thereby Serves As An Inspiration To Other Runners In The State. Through His Or Her Leadership, Good Example And Unwavering Dedication, This Person Has Made A Substantial And Enduring Contribution To The Sport.**

**This Years Winner Is Being Recognized For His Work With The Usatf Grand Prix Series. The Series Has Been An Incredibly Successful Event Involving Some Of The Best Runners In Maine. David Took The Initiative To Work With Jerry Lavasseur, Winner Of The 2006 Special Achievement Award, The Meusatf, Race Directors And Runners To Get This Series Up And Off The Ground. But David Is More Renoun For His Work With The Camera. At Most Running Events In Maine, David Is There, Camera In Hand. In Most Races You Will Find Him Usually Running And Then Jumping To A Prime Location To Photograph The Finishers Which Is Then Posted To His Website For All To Enjoy And Copy.**

**David Also Has Made Significant Contributions To The Mtc Newsrun From 2002 - 2005. As Editor And Co Editor In 2006 The Publication Was Named The Rrca Mid Size Club Newsletter Of The Year. David Has Also Assisted And Is The Webmaster Of The Mtc Online Archives Which Documents The Clubs History Back 29 Years To 1979 When Brian Gillespie (Ziggy) Started It All. Additionally, David Puts Together The Slide Show For This Banquet We Have All Enjoyed Over The Last 4 Years.**

**David Has Advanced Running In Maine At Many Different Levels. He Used His Skill And Proficiency With Photography And The Web To Benefit All Maine Runners. Thank You David Colby Young For All**

**Your Hard Work, Support Of The Maine Track Club And Your Continued Contribution To Maine Running.**

**2007 Mtc Spirit Of The Club  
(Michelle Durgin)**

**This Award Celebrates That Special Club Member Who Personifies The Value Of “Running With A Friend” Through His/Her Encouragement Of Others, Willingness To Share His/Her Talents And Gifts, And His Or Her Ability To Inject Fun And Good Cheer In Maine Track Club Events And Social Activities.**

**The Awards Committee Again Had Several Nominees To Choose From – But The Committee Felt That This Particular Nomination Letter Said It Best About This Years Winner.**

**My Husband And I Were Your Ordinary Couch Potatoes. The Most Exercise We Received Was Taking Our Dog For A Short Walk Maybe Once Or Twice A Week If He Was Lucky. This Years Winner Changed All That, Thanks To Her, We Are Lighter, Healthier And Happier People! She Had Suggested We Try Running As A Way To Help Us In Our Weight Loss Goals. She Made It Sound So Fun That We Had To Try.**

**I Had Been A Runner In High School But Hadn’t Done It In Years. My Husband Had Said In Times Past That There Was No One Big Enough To Make Him Run. He Was Wrong! Michelle Was And Still Is Our Biggest Supporter. She Is Always There Telling Us We Can Do It, No Matter What It Is. Our First Race Was The 2006 B2b. We Had Only Run 3 Miles At One Time By Then And Didn’t Think That We Would Be Able To Make It That Far, She Told Us That If We Could Run 3 Miles, We Could Run 6 And She Was Right. Not Only Did We Make It, We Ran The Whole Way. I Had Never Felt So Good About Something I Had Done And Even Though Our Times Were No Where Near The Elite Times, Michelle Made Us Feel Like We Had Won The Race. Of Course It Didn’t Stop There. We Now Had The Bug. Michelle Was Starting To Train For The Nyc Marathon And Always Included Us In**

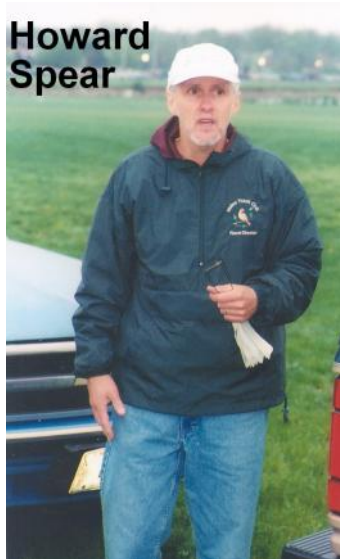
**Her Running Schedule. This Got Us To The Point Where We Could Run 8 Miles At Once. We Thought How Amazing, 2 People Who Couldn't Walk 8 Miles Less Than A Year Before Had Just Run That Length. Of Course Michelle In Her Usual Excitement And Encouragement Said "If You Can Run 8 You Can Run 13. Was She Nuts? 13 Miles?? She Had My Husband Immediately Because He Loves A Good Challenge. I Wasn't So Sure. Would I Be Able To Make It? Would I Be Able To Walk The Next Day? Well With Her Cheering Us On We Both Ran The 2006 Sportshoe Center Maine ½ Marathon! We Both Felt A Sense Of Accomplishment We Had Not Realized We Could And Michelle Was There At The End To Cheer Us On And Celebrate With Us. This Time She Knew She Had Us Hooked.**

**Last November, We Accomplished What We Never Thought We Would Ever Be Able To Do. We Ran And Completed The Nyc Marathon. Of Course That Spirit Of Hers Has Become Infectious! Because Of What She Has Been To Us, A Mentor, Our Cheering Section And Most Of All, Our Friend, We Have Been Able To Pass On Our Love Of Running. We Tell Everyone We Come Into Contact With About Our Transformations. We Now Are Trying To Carry The Torch That She Lit To Convince Others And We Are Seeing Results. Michelle Doesn't Just Talk The Talk, She Walks The Walk. She Is The Reason We Started Running, The Reason We Joined The Mtc And The Reason We Are Who We Are Today. Every Race She Is There Cheering On The Runners Who Have Come After Her And In Some Cases She Is One Of The Last To Leave, Wanting To Encourage Everyone. If Anyone Deserves The Spirit Of The Club, It Is Michelle.**

**Michelle Also Serves On The Marathon Organizing Committee And Has Just Recently Volunteered To Be Our New Race Director, With First Time Marathoner Chris Lydon, Of The Turkey Trot 5k**

**Congratulations - Michelle Durgin On Being Selected As The 2007 Mtc Spirit Of The Club Recipient.**

## **2007 Mtc Race Director Of The Year (Howard Spear)**



**This Award Recognizes The Race Director Who Did An Outstanding Job Carrying Out All The Requirements Of Race Preparation And Execution-Directing Volunteers, Safety, Marketing, Refreshments, Results, Post-Race Activities And In Addition, Added Something Extra To The Race Through Their Creativity And Leadership.**

**The Nomination Process Spoke For Itself For This Award Winner. A Record Number Of Nominations Were Received For This Individual Who Has Been At The Co-Helm Of The Maine Marathon For The Last 10 Years.**

**Through His Work With The Maine Marathon, He Has Enabled The Donation Of Nearly \$300,000 For Local Maine Charities And Assisted In Raising Over \$1.8 Million Dollars Working With The Tnt. The Event Continues To Grow And Flourish. This Award Winner Rarely Looses His Cool In Those Circumstances When Most Race Directors Would Be Banging Their Head Against A Wall. Simply Put, He Gets The Job Done. The Runner Comments From The Marathon, Half And Relay Say It All – Simply Outstanding.**

**In Addition To The Marathon, The Portland Sea Dogs Mothers Day 5k Became The Largest 5k In Maine In 2007 With Over 1,400 Runners.**

**But More Importantly, If The Patriots Lose Tomorrow, We Can All Blame Him And His Pats 19-0 License Plate For Jinxing The Super Bowl.**

**Kidding Of Course - Congratulations Howard Spear For A Job Well Done, Once Again!**

**2007 Mtc John Fyalka Award  
(Sandy Walton)**



**This Award Is Presented To A Club Member Who Has Given Outstanding Service To The Club, Taking Into Consideration The Individual's Contributions This Year As Well As In Previous Years.**

**This Club Member Has Done More, And Continues To Do More Than Their Fair Share. She Is Also A Cheerful Runner And Volunteer. This Years Winner Is Described By Others As A Positive Person Who Is Always Willing To Help Out In Any Way They Can For The Club.**

**Sandy Is Not Only One Of The Founding Forces Behind The Saturday Morning Roaster Runs, But Also The Former Editor Of The 2005 & 2006 National Award Winning Newsrun. She Is Now Editor Of The Rrca Footnotes Publication And The New Club Clothing Manager. Additionally, Sandy Continues To Be The Force Behind Our Roaster Runs, Kicking Them Off And Getting The Water Out To The Base Of Johnson Road No Matter What The Weather.**

**The Maine Track Club Is Grateful For All The Ways You Have And Continue To Serve The Club, Sandy Walton, We're Certain That John**

**Fyalka Sr. Would Strongly Approve Of Our Selection Of You For This Award. Congratulations Sandy**

## **2007 Mtc President's Award (Sportshoecenter (Marc Brunelle))**

**This Award Is Presented At The Discretion Of The Club President In Order To Recognize An Outstanding Club Contribution.**

**It Is With Great Pleasure And Honor That I Present The Presidents Award To Marc Brunelle And The Sportshoe Center. Marc Is Recognized For His 8 Years As The Maine Marathons Primary Sponsor. The Ssc Has Gone Above Any Beyond Any Duties As A Financial Sponsor. Marc Has Provided Warehouse Storage, Trucks, Logistics, Fuel, Staffing And Solid Guidance To The Marathon Organizing Committee Over His Tenure. The Marathon Has Grown From 1000 Runners To Over 2,300 Runners In 2007. Under His Sponsorship The Sportshoe Center Maine Marathon Has Given Local Maine Charities A Total Of \$282,500. The Maine Children's Cancer Program, The Jason Program, Camp Sunshine, Winterkids, Various High School Athletic Scholarships, Portland Parks & Rec, Portland Little League, Portland Fire Dept Burn Foundation, The Center For Grieving Children, Maine Army National Guard Family Assistance Fund And Portland Schools Have All Shared Monies Raised From The Marathon. Additionally, Over 1.8 Million Dollars Has Been Raised For Cancer Research By The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.**

**Thank You Can't Say It All – But We Will Say It One Last Time -  
Thank You Marc**

**This Year, The Mtc Selected 2 Lifetime Achievement Award Winners.**

**2007 Mtc Lifetime Achievement  
(Carol Weeks)**



**This Award Is The Highest Honor That The Maine Track Club Can Bestow And Acknowledges The Extraordinary Efforts Of An Individual Who Has Made Profound And Substantial Contributions To The Maine Track Club And The Sport Of Running. The Receptient Of This Award Represents The Ideals Of The Club, Exemplifies Camaraderie And Good Sportsmanship And Through His/Her Dedication To The Sport Of Running Is An Inspiration To Other Club Members.**

**This Runner Has Been On The Maine And New England Running Scene Since 1978. They Began Their Running Career In Bangor And Ran With The Central Maine Striders, Becoming One Of Maine's Best Marathoners, Winning The Paul Bunyan Marathon 3 Years In A Row From 1979-1981. Her Best Marathon Time Of 3:01 Was Run In 1981 At Casco Bay. In 1983, She Ran The New York City Marathon In 3:11.**

**After Moving To The Portland Area, She Became A Member Of The Mtc And Joined The Newly Formed Run To Win Ladies Team, Coached By Brian Gillespie. This Was The Start Of A Lifelong Friendship With Brian And The Ladies On The Team. She Began Training With The Team To Get Off The “Marathon Kick” And To Compete At Shorter Distances. She Became One Of The Team’s Best Runners And Was Able To Improve Her 10-K Time By Over Two Minutes To 39:56.**

**As A Member Of The Team, She Was Part Of One Of The Best Masters Teams In New England. In 1992 She Was Selected As The Mtc Runner Of The Year And She Won The Sonesta Women’s 5-K State Championship. She Was Also Third In The National Masters 8-K Women’s Cross Country Championship In 1992, 1993, And 1994. She Won The Maine State Tac 5-K Women’s Championship In 1993. In 1994, She Won The New England Masters 5-K Series Championship And The Maine Women’s 5-K Distance Festival Championship.**

**Throughout Her Racing Career, She Has Ranked In The Top 10 In Her Age Group In New England Numerous Times. She Has Been The Winner Of Countless Races And Age Group Races. She Was A Member Of The Winnepausaukee Relay Masters Record-Setting Team. She Has Also Been Runner Of The Year For Both The Central Maine Striders And The Maine Track Club.**

**In Addition To Her Racing, Carol Has Contributed To The Maine Running Community In Other Ways. She Was Co-President Of The Maine Track Club In 1992 And A Founder And Co-Director For The Peaks Island Road Race. Carol Has Served On The Board Of Directors Of The Maine Running Hall Of Fame And The Maine Track Club. She Has Also Coached And Participated At The University Of New England Running Camps.**

**To Date, Very Few Female Runners Have Accomplished What Carol Weeks Has — From The 5-K To The Marathon. Carol Was Inducted Into The Maine Running Hall Of Fame In 2004 And Is Again Honored Here Tonight.**

**Congratulations & Thank You - Carol Weeks For Your Dedication To The Sport, The Maine Track Club And Maine Running!**

## **2007 Mtc Lifetime Achievement Award (Sandy Utterstrom)**



**This Years Second Winner Was The Co-Director Of The 50 Mile Race For Many Years. The Race Was A Bench Mark 50 Miler For All The Long Distance Runners. She Was Also The Co-Director Of The Sea Dogs Mother's Day Race From Its Inception, A Race Which Has Grown To The Largest 5k In Maine With Over 1,400 Runners In 2007. This Years Winner Is A Past President And Been Involved With The Club In Every Way Possible.**

**In The Words Of A Past President, She Never Really Liked Being The "Director", She Enjoyed Being A Hands On Person And What A Hands On Person She Was. She Was Involved In Just About Every Track Club Race For More Years Than Anyone Can Remember And Many Others That Were Not Maine Track Club Sponsored.**

**She Was Involved With The Maine State Track And Field Association And Was The Maine Track Club Representative For Many Years. She Was George Towle's Right Hand Man In Serving As An Official At High School Track Meets And She Was Also Very Involved In Corporate Track, Running For Team Unum.**

**Sandy First Love Was Jogging With A Group From The Club For Many Years And Also Running Races But, Often That Was Not Possible As She Always Got The Call To Help Out And Sandy Never Refused. Sandy Has Made A Few Trips To The Podium Before: Sandy Has Been Previously Honored With The:**

**1982 Significant Contribution To The Mtc Award**

**1984, 1995 & 2001 John Fyalka Award**

**1987 Most Improved And Age Group Winner 40-49**

**1988 Race Director Of The Year**

**1992 Sandy And Al Were Awarded The Outstanding Contribution To The Mtc Award.**

**1994 Outstanding Service To The Mtc Award**

**1998 Volunteer Of The Year Award**

**2002 Race Director Of The Year Award**

**2003 Outstanding Contribution To Maine Running Award**

**Sandy Utterstrom Is Truly Inspirational. Thank You Sandy, For All You Have Done For The Maine Track Club And Running In Maine.**

## **2007 Mtc Club Runner Of The Year (Mike Brooks & Jeanne Hackett)**

**This Award Celebrates The Man And Woman Who Have Demonstrated The Highest Level Of Performance While Making Positive And Substantial Contributions To The Club And Maine Running. These Individuals Are Disciplined, Collegial Toward Other Runners, And Motivate Others To Become Better Athletes.**



**Jeanne Hackett**

**This Long Time Mtc Member, Runner, Coach, Volunteer And Race Director Is Well Known Throughout The Running Community Here In Maine, As Well As New England. First, Some Of Her 2007 Running Accomplishments:**

**2007 Run To Win Ladies Team - Female Runner Of The Year  
3<sup>rd</sup> In Age Group – Key Bank New England Mile – A 5:20 Mile  
3<sup>rd</sup> Overall Female - Patriots Day 5 Miler  
2<sup>nd</sup> In Age Group - Peaks Island Road Race  
2<sup>nd</sup> Top Maine Masters Female In The Td Banknorth Beach To Beacon  
10k  
2<sup>nd</sup> Overall Female - Ocean Park 5k  
1<sup>st</sup> In Age Group – Mtc Mid Winter Classic  
1<sup>st</sup> In Age Group - Portland Sea Dogs 5k  
1<sup>st</sup> In Age Group – Portland Trails 10k  
1<sup>st</sup> In Age Group – Eliot Days 5k  
1<sup>st</sup> In Age Group - Hannaford Turkey Trot 5k And The Rrca Top  
Female Masters Award**

**As Well As Being An Accomplished And Talented Runner, Jeanne Has Been The Race Director Of The Mid Winter Classic And Currently The Dan Cardillo 5k For The Last 9 Years. The Dan Cardillo Charitable**

**Fund Has Awarded Over \$50,000 In Scholarships Over The Last 9 Years. The 5 K Races She Directs, Is A Major Contributor To That Fund.**

**In Addition To Her Status As A Top Masters Runner, Jeanne Will Also Serve On The Marathon Committee Through Her Affiliatuion With The New Title Sponsor, Peak Performance Sports. She Can Also Be Found On The Roads On Any Given Sunday Leading A Training Group Through Cape Elizabeth Or Spending Time At The Maine Youth Development Center Mentoring Kids.**

**In Her Spare Time In 2007, Jeanne Formed “A Running Conversation” To Support Individuals As They Focus On Their Aspirations And Goals By Using Running Or Other Physical Movement As A Vehicle For Change. Jeanne Will Also Become A Rrca Certified Coach In February**

**Jeanne Is No Stranger To The Mtc Awards Banquet. She Has Previously Been Awarded The:**

**1991 Mtc Most Improved Runner In The 30-39 Age Group**

**1998 Mtc Female Runner Of The Year**

**1999 Mtc Female Runner Of The Year**

**2000 Mtc Race Director Of The Year**

**Rumor Has It That As Jeanne Turns The Big 5-0 In 2008, She Is Contemplating Her 5<sup>th</sup> Marathon. We Have Little Doubt That Will Be A Pr To Mark The Occasion.**

**And So, It Is With Great Pleasure That We Add One More Award To The List By Presenting Jeanne Hackett With The 2007 Mtc Female Runner Of The Year – Congratulations Jeanne**

## **Mike Brooks**



**This Runner Has Run So Many Races That It Is Nearly Impossible To Document His Running Accomplishments. Unlike Jeanne, He Will Most Likely Never Win The Race Or Place 1<sup>st</sup> In His Age Group. Most Of Us In This Room Plan, Train And Do Maybe A Marathon A Year, Maybe 2. This Runners Norm May Be 2 Per Weekend And Usually Those Are Just Training Runs For A Ultra Of Other Endurance Event Just Around The Corner. If You Have Ever Been To His House And Visited His Den Of Running History, You Will Feel Like You Have Entered A Running Museum. He Has More Medals And Stories Than Joan Benoit Samuelson.**

**Our Award Winner This Year Has Earned This Recognition For His Timeless Dedication To All Aspects Of The Maine Track Club And To Running In Maine And Around The Country. He Serves On The Mac Board Of Directors, Consistently Volunteers For The Club, Recruits Friends For Races, Assists With Special Events And Most Of All, Is Always There To Support And Encourage Other Runners And Walkers.**

**Even With His Vast Accomplishments As A Marathoner, Ultra marathoner And Badwater 135 Finisher, He Never Looks Down Or Intimidates Other Runners Of Less Capability. He Has Often Said His Favorite Spot In A Race Is The Back Of The Pack.**

**He Will Tell You One Of His Biggest And Most Rewarding Experiences Was Using His Talents As An Ultra marathoner To Raise A Large Amount Of Money For Cape Sunshine. In May Of 2006 Mike Competed In The Grueling Sri Chinmoy Self-Transcendence Six Day Race And Challenged People To Help Raise \$6,000 (In Celebration Of Turning 60) For Camp Sunshine. After Raising Over \$20,000 In 2004, And Another \$5,000 In 2005, Mike Set Off For His 6 Day Trek On The 30th Of April In Corona Park, New York City, Which Began The First Of What He Hoped Will Be 300 Miles Over Six Days. Quick Math - That's Six 50-Mile Days In A Row. Mike Didn't Quite Reach His Goal Of 300 Miles, He Actually Ran 320 Miles And Raised Over \$6,500 In Doing So. Through His Efforts And The Generosity Of Many, More Than 20 Children With Life-Threatening Illnesses And Their Families Have Had The Opportunity To Attend Camp Sunshine**

**So Far Marathon Runner Mike Brooks Has Conquered Death Valley; Run A Marathon In Every U.S. State; Endured 24, 48, And 72-Hour Races; And If That Weren't Enough -He Has Done It All In Just The Last Ten Years Of His Life!**

**In 2007 Mike Ran; 1-1mile Race , 1-3 Mile Race , 15-5k's , 1-4 Mile Race , 3-5 Mile Races , 1-8k , 6-10k's , 1-10 Miler , 21-Marathons, 4-50k's , 1-8 Hour Race , 1-48 Hour Race. And 1-72 Hour Race For A Total Of 1101.6 Race Miles In 57 Races. We Often Think Of Him As Being A Little Crazy, But He Has The Love And Respect Of All That Know Him.**

**What You've Heard Is Only A Sniglet Of Mike's Running History. The Maine Track Club Is Very Fortunate To Have Him As Part Of Our Board Of Directors And The Maine Running Community.**

**Congratulations And Thank You Mike Brooks**

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**To**  
**Mark Grandonico For Closing Remarks**