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IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

2009 RRCA National Convention
March 26-29, 2009



Run@Work Day
September 18, 2009

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The RRCA is pleased to announce the winner of the 2000 Hour Outstanding Volunteer logo contest. David Ball's design was selected from numerous designs submitted. The logo will be used to create new 2000 Hour Outstanding Volunteer patches that are awarded each year to dedicated individuals that serve our sport.



RRCA North Texas Newsletter

February 2009

From ~RRCA North Texas State Rep

Yippee! Hooray! Yee haw, Texas has multiple RRCA National Award winners! I'm not surprised, just excited! Please join me in congratulating Libby Jones, Dallas Running Club and Lake Grapevine Runners and Walkers on their National Awards (details on page five).

There is a new simple, easy and exciting opportunity for all clubs and event members to win a national level award for Best Race T-shirt. The RRCA Best Race T-shirt contest is the only national-level race T-shirt contest in the US. Enter your race shirt for the chance to be the inaugural winner of this annual contest. Complete details are on page two.

National Awards will be presented at the 51st Annual RRCA Convention in San Francisco March 26-29, 2009. The "early bird" registration fee is available until February 6, 2009, but don't delay register today. For more information go to page two or for complete details go to www.RRCAConvention.org.

Congratulations to David Ball of North Texas whose Outstanding Volunteer logo design was selected as the winner of the national logo design contest.

I'm proud of every award nomination that came from Texas, excited for each national winner and incredibly thankful for all that each of you gives to the sport of running.

I look forward to seeing a slew of Texans and especially YOU at the annual convention and awards banquet in San Francisco,

~K2

News from the National Office

RRCA Annual Convention March 26-29, 2009

Early bird rates extended to Feb 6th.

Registration for the RRCA 51st Annual National Convention is now open! For over 50 years runners have gathered at the RRCA Convention to network, to learn about best practices in club and event management, to run, and to have fun. Please join the RRCA along with hundreds of running community leaders for this educational and fun filled experience. To learn more about the event visit,
<http://www.RRCAConvention.org>.

REGISTER TODAY!

<http://www.rrcaconvention.org/registration.html>.

CONVENTION FEE: ONLY \$250.00

Includes all seminars, reception & RRCA Awards Banquet, fun runs, and coffee breaks

BOOK YOUR ROOM AT THE HOST HOTEL!

<http://www.rrcaconvention.org/hotelinformation.html>

HYATT - FISHERMAN'S WHARF

555 North Point Street
San Francisco, CA 94133
Located in the heart of world-famous Fisherman's Wharf, this four star hotel has easy access to Pier 39, the Cannery, Harbor Cruises and Ghirardelli Square; across from the Powell and Mason Cable Car Line, about a mile from Union Square, the Financial District and Nob Hill. The Convention room rate is only \$172 per night for a room! Hotel is over 50% sold-out, book now!



RRCA NATIONAL RACE T-SHIRT CONTEST

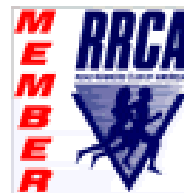
The RRCA is pleased to announce the first annual RRCA National Race T-shirt Contest. This is an opportunity to showcase your event from a little different angle. The RRCA is seeking shirts (long or short sleeve, cotton or performance) from 2008 events hosted by RRCA members. Only one shirt per event is needed, size large preferred. A club hosting multiple events can submit entries for multiple races. **The race shirt must have the RRCA logo on it to be considered for judging**.

All entries should be mailed to the RRCA National Office at 1501 Lee Hwy, Ste 140, Arlington, VA, 20009. Please include the name of the event, event date, location, host club, contact name, contact email, and contact phone number.

A first round of judging will take place at the RRCA National Office by a team of local club members. Attendees to the 2009 RRCA Convention (<http://www.rrcaconvention.org>) will have the opportunity to vote on the finalists to select the 2008 RRCA National Race Shirt Winner. The winning shirt will be announced at the 2009 RRCA Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony.

All shirts collected for the contest will be donated to the weekly race series at Camp Striker, Iraq.

The deadline for submissions is February 23, 2009.



The RRCA logo should be used on all media and materials, including but not limited to:

Race T-shirts
Race brochures
Club newsletter
Membership forms

Sponsorship letters
Thank you letters
Your club/event/race web site

For free copies of the RRCA logo go to:
<http://www.rrca.org/services/branding>

*Put your Texas event or business
before hundreds of runners from
across the country!*



A Call for Auction Donations

The **51st Annual RRCA National Convention and Silent Auction** will provide a great opportunity to showcase your event or product to hundreds of individuals from across the country who are dedicated to the sport of running. All proceeds from the auction will go to support the RRCA State Representative program. The auction will be held during the RRCA Convention and will conclude on March 28, 2009, at the Annual Banquet.

Now is your chance to promote your event and products while supporting the RRCA State Rep Program by donating items for the silent auction. We are asking our running clubs, event members and sponsors to join us in this effort by soliciting donations from your club members and sponsors, as well as local businesses and organizations in your states. Items can be representative of your state, a special event in your state (race entries for events that sell out are always very popular), or can be as generic as running gear, books, memorabilia, etc. As donations are received, we will have them posted on the convention website. Convention attendees can preview the list to decide ahead of time what they would like to bid on.

For additional information, please contact Joan David, RRCA HI State Rep by email at jrdva4vp@hotmail.com or K2 at RRCANorthTXRep@aol.com.

"I've gotta have that!"

Can't make it to this year's RRCA Convention, but there's an auction item or two on the list for which you're anxious to make a bid? This year we have a solution for you. Make arrangements with your State Rep or other running club member you know will be in attendance to bid on the items for you. Payment will be due at the close of the auction. The RRCA accepts cash, check, Visa, MC, and AMEX.

Race entries

Merchandise

Gift Certificates

Race packages

North Texas Club News

Hot Off the Presses!

Lake Grapevine Runners and Walkers' FOOTPRINT named Best in the Nation!



Congratulations to Lake Grapevine Runners and Walkers (RAW) for being selected as the 2008 RRCA Outstanding Club Newsletter of the Year.

Members of the RRCA Jerry Little Journalism Award committee, who selected RAW's FOOTPRINT included Amby Burfoot, the 1957 Boston Marathon winner, author and executive editor of Runner's World Magazine and Runner's World columnist Kristen Armstrong.

Libby Jones of the Dallas Running Club named 2008 RRCA Outstanding Club President of the Year! Congratulations Libby!



Texas State Championship Races

RRCA Texas State Championship Status for some 2009 Race Distances is still available.



Bid forms can be found at RRCA.org

Click on:
Championship events
Championship Bidding Information and Forms

To submit bids or for more information contact K2 at: RRCANorthTXRep@aol.com

Congratulations DRC 2009 RRCA Best Large Club Website

The Dallas Running Club is the winner of the annual RRCA best website contest. This year's competition featured 35 strong entries. Most (entry) reviewers commented on the quality and depth of this years entrants and the difficulty it gave them in judging. The large club judging in particular was incredibly tight with three clubs in a virtual dead heat and a fourth only one vote out. In the end, the Dallas Running Club Site was picked as a winner because of its superior support of the RRCA.

For the full story go to <http://www.rrca.org/news/index.php?article=2383>
To see the website go to Dallasrunningclub.com

