SUMMER MEETING DATES: JUNE 11, JULY 9, AUG. 13, AT 2100 K ST., NW. 8 PM. 653-5270 for directions, etc. Put the dates on your calendar. If there's any change, we'll give adequate notice; otherwise just come (i.e., don't wait for newsletter to remind you).

Washington Running Newsletter June 1982

JUNE MEETING

If you're receiving this issue by personal hand delivery, you're at the meeting. If by mail, you missed the June meeting, so we hope we'll see you in July.

WRC ROSTER

Included in this issue is what you might call a first draft: our best information on who's paid '82 dues, along with addresses and tel. numbers. If you're name isn't on the list, don't be offended; just pay up (send \$10/person dues to Norm Brand, 5224 Manning Pl., NW, DC 20016. Please send any corrections you can make to Norm also. Get those dues and/or corrections in quickly because the mailing list will be based on our updated roster!

To "complimentary" addressees (there's a "c" on your address label): please let us know whether you want to continue to receive the newsletter. Send a postcard (or a running report!)

HECHT CO. RACE

Al Naylor wants to thank the club for the greatly improved volunteer turnout of this year compared to last. As a result of the club's great support, Al didn't have to spend as much time on the phone, and there was no high school team we had to pay for extra help. We all deserve a pat on the back, and also the \$2000 we will receive for our services. Just keep quiet about those recycled water cups.

MARK BALDINO CHALLENGE

Twelve WRC runners beat Mark at the Hometown Run; that figures to 3 cases of beer Mark owes club members. Pictures and complete results will appear in a future issue, but if the beer isn't paid up by then a suitable penalty will be exacted.

UTICA BOILERMAKER

Tell Al Naylor if you're interested in this July 11 race (14 have already expressed interest). Al's deadline for team entries is June 16. Travel money is expected.

REPORT ON L'EGGS MINI MARATHON from team coordinator Susan Aaronson

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Neither Grete Waitz nor the sun were visible to any WRC runner on Monday, May 31 in New York City's Central Park. L'Eggs this year was held in 55-degree humidity and a constant light downpour. More than 5,000 women tackled the hilly course known for the 110th St. "Heartbreak Hill," and some 4,400 runners were awarded medals for finishing the 10-kilometer distance.

Grete won the race in 31:59, her fourth L'Eggs victory, followed by Joan Benoit in 32:35 and West Germany's Charlotte Teske in 32:52.

WRC runners arrived at race headquarters at the West Side "Y" to find long lines of runners waiting for numbers, bathrooms, and checkrooms. I arrived at 9:30, an hour before the race began, and saw 2,000 other women fuming as they waited in line for their numbers. So Kim Hom and I gave out numbers until 10, warmed up and waited in the rain for the start.

The gray, cloudy day was brightened momentarily just seconds before the start when hundreds of pastel-colored balloons were let loose by runners to rise above the skyscrapers along Central Park West.

Frankly, it was distressing to see so many first-time runners start up front (Runners were seeded by ages and times). As a result, we had a slow start and a crowded first two miles. However, WRC runners did the team proud. Approximate times for team members were:

Susan Rainville	39:50
Kim Hom	46:04
Shannon McCarthy	44:31
Phyllis (Gibble)	Beers 51 min.
	(side stitch)
Kathy Scott	45:31
Susan Aaronson	43:36

Thanks for the financial support, Washington Running Club. Dinner at Le Palais was wonderful.

(also contributing to this report was Kathryn Scott)

LILAC 10K, ROCHESTER, NY, 4/16 by Bob Trost

Twenty-seven year old Matt Centrowitz held off a challenging Marty Ludwikowski and Dan Predmore, and went on to win this year's third annual Lilac 10K race in a new course record of 29:00.8. In the women's division, 40 year old Cindy Dalrymple won in 35:11, also a new course record.

Centrowitz and Ludwikowski led a field of over 2,000 runners through this scenic but tough 10K course with a 4:24 first mile. They ran shoulder to shoulder through 2 (9:04), 3 and 4 miles, as each runner tried to break the other. By the $4\frac{1}{2}$ mile mark Dan Predmore closed to within 10 yards, but then Centrowitz made a final kick to take the lead for good.

Said the 6'1", 165-1b. Centrowitz, who is resigning his ass't track coach job at St. John's University in NYC to devote more time to training: "As good as Marty is, I am more efficient. I can run a four minute mile. He can't do that. In my mind I knew I could outkick him."

Ludwikowski was second in 29:13, Predmore third in 29:21, and Craig Holm fourth in 29:40.

Cindy Dalrymple ran a steady 5:25 first mile and then took over the lead from Kiki Sweigart and Isabelle Carmichael, a pair of her Warren Street teammates, and Kare Cossaboon-Holm, a local favorite. Dalrymple gradually pulled away as she went through two miles in 11:04 and three miles in 17:04. Like Centrowitz, she also made a move at h_2^{-} miles that proved too much for her competition. Swigart was 2nd in 35:22, Carmichael 3rd in 35:29 and Holm hth in 35:39.

Correspondent Bob Trost was 79th in 35:13.

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MAY MEETING: NOT READY FOR PRINE TIME

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I've forgotten what actually happened at the meeting, and no minutes from the secretary have turned up. All I remember is pinching myself and rubbing my eyes and-- yes, it was actually happening: Ira Pesserilo was conducting a canebreaking contest, ranting on about the rules and so on, when first candidate Mark Baldino pulled a power circular saw out of his satchel and plugged it in. When, after much wailing and shouting and gnashing of teeth, Ira failed to convince his audience of the unfairness of Mark's ploy, he relented. With a quick buzz of the saw, the cane was cut in two and Mark won the bottle of champagne. This show should have been lost in a canebreak. .

ELBY'S 20 KM, WHEELING, WV May 29, 1982

Henry O'Connell, fresh off his 45:45 win at the Hometown Run, showed he could handle the heat, humidity and hills of the Elby's 20K race by placing 4th in a very classy field. He was closing on Bill Rodgers (who was saved by the finish line).

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Tim Gavin (who had finished the Hometown Run in 45:49) took 19th place in Wheeling in 1:07:45. New member George Keim, who lives in Waynesboro, PA, ran 1:09:14 for 29th place. George will turn 40 this December (watch out, NCTC!).

Jon Lott was 32nd in 1:09:21, Mark Baldino was 35th in 1:09:47, Phil Stewart ran 1:18:02, and Fred Kruger ran 1:22:16.

Ed Sayre was running beside Patti Catalano at $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles, when he was bitten by a bee.and had to stop. That's what he says. Some teanmates suggested unkindly that it was only a 17-year locust that bit him. Or, according to Henry O'Connell, a 13-year locust (with the green eyes). Don't try to figure that out.

> - information from Fred Kruger, garbled by Bob Thurston

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HEART ATTACK COUNTERATTACK

(Excerpted from draft of an article to appear in The Runner)

March 17, 1979 was a day which would change the life style of John David Allen, for on that day at around h p.m., while celebrating St. Patrick's Day he suffered a heart attack. For the next h weeks while in the hospital he had time to think about and review his life style: 3 packs of cigarettes daily, the typical 3 martini lunch, a stressful job requiring 5 days a week travel and virtually no physical excercise.

Upon release from the hospital John went through a series of tests to determine if there was any damage to the heart and to evaluate his general physical condition. There was a small constriction to the aorta, but no other damage. His physical condition was far below the minimum standart for a man of 35: his resting pulse was in the high 70's (today it is in the low 50's). His cardiologist, Dr. Cleveland Francis, informed him that it would be necessary for John "to turn his life style around" and to begin a program of aerobic condition along with the use of various drugs. John and his doctor agreed on a program of jogging.

Thus on May 1, 1979 John started his running (?) career. At first, a series of walking and jogging for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile— this phase lasted about 2 weeks. Then with a gradual buildup he was walking and jogging a mile in about 12 minutes. Through the summer with his doctor's consent John worked up to running his first 10K (62:10) and his first 10 miler (90:20). The racing bug had bit-ten him.

After retesting on the treadmill, the doctor gave his blessings (and the tel. number of a shrink) for John to build his mileage up to 30-35 per week. In late August his 2nd 10K was 48:20. Now slightly obsessed with his new activity John set his sights on the Marine Corps Marathon.

Three hours and 51 minutes after the start of the '79 Marine Marathon, John crossed the finish line, sore as hell but with a wide grin.

Since March of 1979, John has dramatically changed his life style. No more cigarettes, of course. He has lost 36 pounds (163 to 127), and the stress of his job is treated by his daily runs.

John has run 5 marathons since that first one; at the recent Boston Marathon he ran his PR of 2:16:35.

At times John's doctor recommends that he actually call the shrink, and a few WRC members have accused him of being on "serious drugs" (mainly his coach, an attorney with the initials JC); but good natured John just smiles and pushes on.

As for the future John is looking forward to an injury free year and becoming a strong and productive member of the WRC/Converse Master's Team.

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