

June Minutes
Wed., June 5, 2024, 6:30 pm at Chin's in Eureka. Board members in attendance: Juan Reyes, Laura Bringhurst, Karen Kidwell, Matthew Kidwell, Mark Ellis, Jorge Preciado, Jessy Preciado, Sherry Myers, Gary Timek and Jamey Harris. Guests: Cindy Timek and Yoshi Uemura.

## OLD BUSINESS

A. Avenue of the Giants (Sun., 5/05/24) recap: 1,925 finishers (467 marathon, 929 half marathon, 529 10K), great day, lots of positive feedback. Parking and traffic backing up continue to be an issue. Registration for 2025 is open.
B. Atalanta's Victory (Sun., 5/12/24) recap: Good turnout, despite being unable to use the Co-op parking lot. Everything went smoothly. RCMBA timing system worked great. Thanks to all who ran and volunteered.
C. Grasshopper Peak Redwoods (Sat., 6/01/24) recap: Sold out. 110 finishers, 75 in the 10.5 mile, 35 in the 30K. Everything went well.
D. Scholarship/Shoe Fund: 3 scholarship applicants. Matthew motions to award scholarships to top two candidates, Karen seconds the motion. Motion passes. 7 of the 9 shoe recipients picked up their shoes.
E. FBMR Final Budget: Bad weather and low turnout negatively affected the finances.

## NEW BUSINESS

A. HRRAY: Planning ahead: AHS will sponsor the regional HS track and field meet on May 17, 2025, and will need 70+ volunteers.
B. Dow's Prairie Run (10:00 am, Sat., 6/15/24): Everything is on track, Sherry will meet with Jeff to get items from the shed.
C. Fourth of July Run (9:30 am, Thur., 7/04/24): Permits should be in the works.
D. Fortuna Rodeo Run (9:00 am, Sun., 7/14/24): Permits are in and on track.
E. CR Sports Auction \& Dinner (5:00 pm, Thur., 8/15/24): Club
will get a 10 person table.
F. OTHER:

- Question on how to handle non-binary runners in the circuit. Circuit director will add a third category to each age group.
- July's meeting has been rescheduled to Wed., July $10^{\text {th }}$ due to 4 th of July holiday.
- Next meeting: El Chipotle in Arcata; Dinner at 5:30, Meeting at 6:30 pm, Wed., Jul. 10, 2024. Ask Gary Timek [gtimek@aol.com](mailto:gtimek@aol.com) for details.


Six Rivers Running Club is incorporated under the laws of the State of California. Its goals are:

1. To encourage distance running both competitive and noncompetitive, by all interested people in the Humboldt County area;
2. To arrange and manage road races open to all who are interested;
3. To print and circulate a Club Newsletter to spread information about coming races, results of past races, and running tips; and
4. To encourage and support youth running.

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Little Known Facts by Chaz Allen <www.littleknownfactsshow.com>
It has been hailed as one of the greatest boons to science in history. Well, at least to the research of ocean currents anyway. For the first time, oceanographers were able to calculate with uncanny certainty the actual tracts, currents and eddies of the Pacific Ocean.

The date was May 1990, and sailors and scientists for nearly three centuries had been watching, sailing and tracking the currents of America's westward ocean. But never had there been such an opportunity to watch it happen.

Seattle-based oceanographer Curtis Ebbesmeyer jumped right on it. Curtis recognized this as an opportunity to confirm a few theories of his own about the Pacific Ocean currents, and to debunk a few others that had been fairly prevalent in the past years. He wasn't going to miss this chance. And what
 he found brought him worldwide fame and recognition in the world of science and studying ocean currents.

Well, for one thing, he found the currents didn't exactly flow the way that most of the charts indicated. Unlike some of our winds, which seem to have a definite point of origin, often created by a specific weather pattern on the globe, the ocean currents didn't have that pointoforigin.

And while we have known for years that the tides are somewhat a result of the moon's position and orbit, currents are not affected by that same phenomenon. What seemed to originate in Asia was really just a continuation of currents that, earlier in the year, were off the coast of Canada's British Columbia. But those same currents wound up back off the coast of Japan months later. And often. didn't move at all.

Curtis was able to track these currents on a computer, chart them, and compare them to the known historical data tnat had been used for years. The results were pretty revealing, and it did change a great many of the ocean navigational charts over the next few years. It has been hailed as a significant piece of work in the world of oceanography.

And you might be asking, how come? We had computers and computer tracking before .1990. Scientists have been watching the seas for years. So what made this so different? Well, it was Nike! Yeah, the shoe company. They did it. Of course they didn't mean to do it.

But It's a Little Known Fact that in 1990 the cargo ship Hansa, en route from Korea to America with a load of Nike Trainers shoes, sank. But the shoes floated. And thousands and thousands of Nike Trainers wound up on beaches all over the Pacific.

By tracking the shoes, Curtis was able to confirm many of the known ocean currents and correct many others. Never before had scientists had such a huge amount of material actually in the ocean that could be traced. It was major breakthrough in ocean science, made possible by a bunch of tennis shoes. Sounds like a good thing came out of it, because I'm sure anyone who found those saltwater-soaked shoes didn't get much use out of them.

## $9^{\text {th }}$ Grasshopper Peak Redwoods Run

10.5 Mile
2 Galen Hammitt
3 Caleb Turner
4 John Zwick
5 Douglas Hartling
6 Anne Fehrenbach
7 Stephanie Wortman
8 Jen Foesig
9 Isabel Hirsch
10 Jessica Howlett
11 Tami Quan
12 Trevor Estlow
13 Ian Hart
14 Justin Crow
15 Jesse Taylor
16 Kristin Lane
17 Mishka Straka
18 Terri Vroman Little
19 Mark Chapman
20 Christopher West
21 Molly Murtaugh
22 Simona Carini
23 Thomas Dewey
24 Leonard Lathrop
25 Jen Olson
26 Matthew House
27 Pierce Crosswhite
28 Marie Cappiello
29 Adam Ho
30 James Crosswhite
31 Noah Crosswhite
32 Tj Chapman
33 Casse Weaver
34 Netra Khatri
35 Graciela Guerrero
36 Kyle Ontiveros
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## The $35^{\text {th }}$ Dow's Prairie Run -- The Extra Mile

## Race day began inauspiciously. Construction on Central Avenue necessitated a course change, and a locked parking lot at the staging area

 led to prerace congestion. But the crew of volunteers went the extra mile to ensure a safe and hospitable event was efficiently run. And the 6.1 mile runners also went an extra mile. Literally.Logistical hurdles were overcome and 75 runners towed the line. Less than 12 minutes after the start Levi Browne returned, winning the 2-mile race. Zack Whitley was second, and Levi’s younger brother Clark finished third. Coming in fourth and fifth were the first two females, Cheri Culver and Jen Foesig. A total of 39 runners finished the 2-mile course, including two Gonzalezs, three Brownes, four Turners and Roybals, and five Herreras and Garcias!
In the 7.1 mile race runners went from the ocean, white with foam, to the mountains, to the prairie. Then, singing happily, they turned around and ran back! Galen Hammitt arrived first, in 51:42, followed closely by Caleb Turner and Andrea Wright. And two Chapmans ran in this race.

Complete race results and photographs can be found online at [http://www.6rrc.com](http://www.6rrc.com).
This event was made possible and pleasant by the help of several volunteers, including the aforementioned two Chapmans, (Tj and Mark transported logistical supplies), three Hartlings, (Douglas worked registration, Emily and Sage directed runners on course), and five Porters (Shawn, Westley, and Felix were at the mid-race aid station while Crystal and Arianna handled post-race refreshments). Lorraine Dillon (registration), Harry Kavich and Jack West (timing), Sherry Myers and Mark Ellis (transportation), and Yoon Kim (photographs and race results) also volunteered. We are immensely grateful for everyone's help. And we look forward to the $36{ }^{\text {th }}$ Annual Dow's Prairie Run!

Thank you all. -- Jeff Haag, Dow's Prairie Run Race Director.





## Upcoming events: Fourth of July 5K; Fortuna Rodeo 5K

Happy Summer, Six Rivers Running Club! Since the last Circuit update, four races have been added. They are Avenue of the Giants, Atalanta (results will only be included for women and non-binary runners), Grasshopper Peak, and Dow's Prairie. Speaking of Dow's Prairie, let's take a moment to talk about the modified course.

If you've ever run with Jeff Haag before, you already know he likes a good adventure run. This year, due to "road construction", the 10K race had to be re-routed as an out and back. Jeff sent us out without him for seven miles of suffering. Midway through the run, when it became clear that l'd neither catch the women in my age group nor beat my time from last year, I decided to slow down and chat with my fellow runners about the modified course. "My calves feel like they're going to explode," stated Shar-lo Kelly who joined us for his first run of the year. Trevor Estlow said, "this might be harder than Grasshopper" and Shawn Magnuson quipped, "this is a long 10K, for a
 mathe-magician, what was Jeff thinking?" Still, it was a great day to run, and we appreciate Jeff for the work he put into making sure the race could still happen despite the construction.

As we are halfway through the year, l'll only be featuring runners who have completed at least three races. We're adding a non-binary category to each age bracket. As there are not yet any brackets with non-binary runners who have completed three or more races, you won't yet see them listed.

14\& Under Male: Juan Ornelas leads this group with four races and three first place finishes. Felix Porter and Westley Porter have completed three races. Jose Ornelas has completed just two races but took first in this division in the Grasshopper 30K.

14 \& Under Female: Sage Hartling and Emily Hartling have run four races and were a big help at Dow's Prairie where they let the two-mile racers know when to split off. Arianna Porter has run four races.

15-19 Male: Ocean Goodrich is the only runner in this age group to have completed two races. He took first place in the Grasshopper 30K.

20-24 Male: Caleb Turner is having an excellent season. He has completed five races and took first at both the Grasshopper 10.5 mile and Dow's Prairie races. West Wood has run four races and had three first place finishes.

25-29 Male: Jasper has completed the Circuit by running six races. He has one first place finish.

25-29 Female: Jordyn Davis has completed three races, taking first in all of them.

30-34 Male: Galen Hammitt took first in the Dow's Prairie race and completed his sixth race of the season. With two first place finishes, he may be on track to win this bracket. Tristan Cole has completed three races, taking first at both Sue-Meg and Grasshopper, where he beat Galen both times

30-34 Female: Isabel Hirsch has completed six races. She took first place in both the Grasshopper 10.5 mile and Dow's Prairie races Graciela Guerrero has completed three races.

35-39 Male: Doug Hartling is having a remarkable year. He has completed nine races, taking first in all of them. Jose Ornelas has completed five races and has one first place finish.

35-39 Female: Jenna Larson leads this division with seven races and five first place finishes. Annie Fehrenbach is back after missing several races and is faster than ever. She has two first place finishes, including Dow's Prairie, where she beat Jenna. Karen Kidwell was first in her age group at The Ave Half Marathon and has completed three races. Christina Torres has completed six races, Robin Baker and Naomi Stamper have completed five, and Crystal Porter has completed four.

40-44 Male: Matthew Kidwell is leading this division with four races and three first place finishes including the Ave Half Marathon.

Casey Ales, Jeremy Wright, and Shawn Porter have completed three races.

40-44 Female: Kerry Byrne and Alicia Mengel lead this particularly fast group of runners with four races and two first place finishes each. They have raced each other only once, at Atalanta, where Kerry took third in this division and Alicia took fifth. Robin Fraser has completed seven races and has one first place finish. Chrystal Ales has finished six races. Sarah Sanders has completed four races and has come in second to both Kerry and Alicia. Sarah Sullens has completed five races. Leah Stamper, Amy Taylor, and Kathryn Rivera have completed four races. Tara Vu and Silvia Manzo have both completed three races and both have one first place finish.

45-49 Male: Sky McKinley and Chris Christianson have both completed the Circuit with six races. Sky was first in this division at the Grasshopper 30K, taking his fifth first place finish of the year. Jake Johnson has completed five races and took first in this age group at Dow's Prairie. Pete Ciotti has also run five races and has one first place finish. David Turner has completed five races.

45-49 Female: Nearly 30 runners have competed in this division but only Angie Pearson has completed more than two races. She has completed four races and has one first place finish.

50-54 Male: Rob Amerman's recent vacation to Ireland didn't slow him down. He took first at Dow's Prairie for his fifth race and fifth first place finish this year. With one more race, he will complete the Circuit. Shawn Magnuson has completed seven races, including Dow's Prairie, where we briefly ran together before he overtook me. Sung Choi has run five races, coming in second at three of them. Trevor Estlow and Matt House have both completed three races. Tony Sanchez has completed just two races, but I didn't get the chance to mention him in the last newsletter. He took first at the Resolution Run and volunteered at Atalanta. We hope to see him racing again soon.

50-54 Female: Jen Foesig is having a phenomenal season. She has completed seven races, taking first in this division in all of them. Marie Cappiello has run five races and has one first place finish. Tanya Trump has run four races and took first at two of them, including the Grasshopper 30K. Becky Chapman, Susan House, and Amber Coley have each run three races.

55-59 Male: Ed Kallen took first in this division at the Ave Marathon, his third first for the year.

55-59 Female: Kelly Sheehy leads this division with three races and three first place finishes, her most recent being the Ave Half. Catrina Howatt has completed five races and Dawn Durbin has

## completed three.

60-64 Male: Heff Haag was first in the Grasshopper 30K, taking his fifth first place finish for the year. Mark Chapman, Richard Engel, and Tom Dewey have all completed four races. Richard and Tom each have one first place finish and Mark has two.

60-64 Female: My apologies to the women in this group for missing several of you in the last article. These are runners to watch! Andrea
Wright, a relative newbie in the club has been updating all-time records in the 60-64 group. She has run six races and taken first in all of them. Caroline Carson has also run six races. She has two first place finishes and has finished second to Andrea four times. Marcile Raney has completed nine races, including the Grasshopper 10.5 mile race. Tj Chapman completed five races. Simona Carini and Michaele Whiteley have both completed four races.
65-69 Male: Mountain athlete, Paul Kinsey, took first place in both the Grasshopper 30K and Dow's Prairie Races. He has completed eight races taking first in seven of them. Mishka Straka has completed three races and has two first place finishes, including the Hour Run where he took first over Paul. John Carson has run four races and took first in this division at the Sue-Meg 5K. Harry Kavich has completed three races.

65-69 Female: Lanore Bergenske ran her $101^{\text {st }}$ Marathon at Avenue of the Giants, taking her fifth first place finish for the year
in this age group. Debbie Stamper has completed eight races and took first in four of them including Atalanta and Dow's Prairie. Sherry Myers has completed six races. Marlene Allen has completed four and Kathleen Lake has completed three.

70-74 Male: Alan Grau leads this division with five races and four first place finishes. Randy Emenaker is not far behind. He has taken first in three of the eight races he has run. Mr. Sunshine has completed four races and has one first place finish.

70-74 Female: Lorraine Dillon was first in this age group at Atalanta for her third race of the year.

75-79 Male: Cyril Carl took first in this division at Dow's Prairie for his fifth first place finish of the year. Tom Martin has completed four races, taking first in two of them.
75-79 Female: Portia Matheson has completed the Circuit with seven races and five first place finishes with her most recent at the Grasshopper 10.5 mile race.

80-84 Male: Jib Ray has run four races and taken first in all four.
85-89 Male: Jurgen Giessel has completed three races but we haven't seen him since the Master's Run. We hope to see him out on the course again soon.

- Robin Baker [6rrccircuit@gmail.com](mailto:6rrccircuit@gmail.com)


## Mid-Year Service Requirement Update

As noted in the January Newsletter, the Board of Directors has added a service requirement to the Circuit this year. That means, in addition to completing at least six races over two miles in length, you must also volunteer at a race to finish the Circuit. What counts as volunteering? Physically assisting with the production of a race. This might mean working registration, timing, course monitoring, traffic control, etc. Karen Kidwell shared that at Grasshopper Peak volunteers helped with registration, parking, traffic control, timing, food table at finish line, first aid stations, course marking, loading equipment and transport to and from the shed, and finish line tag tearing/awards.

Service requirements may also be fulfilled by serving on the SRRC board, editing the newsletter, managing a race, serving as a scholarship coordinator or on a committee, coordinating the Shoe Fund, serving on the HRRAY committee or managing the Circuit (like me!)

The list below is everyone who has volunteered at a race in 2024. If you believe that I have missed you, please email me at <6rrcCircuit@ gmail.com> and let me know which race you supported.

| Alan Grau | Damian Dinan | Jiah Barnett | Mark Chapman | Sherry Myers |
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| Alyse Nichols | David Turner | Jib Ray | Mark Ellis | Silvia Manzo |
| Arianna Porter | Dawn Durbin | John \& Caroline Carson | Marlene Allen | Simona Carini |
| Ayden Davis | Dean Matheson | Jorge Preciado | Matthew Kidwell | Sky McKinley |
| Bill Daniel | Don Brubaker | Karen Kidwell | Mishka Straka | Stephany Joy |
| Bob Peck | Douglas Hartling | Karen Nava | Paul Kinsey | Tanya Trump |
| Brandy Castro | Emily Hartling | Kathleen Brubaker | Paul Kraus | Terri Vroman-Little |
| Brett Ritschel | Felix Porter | Kelley Sheehy | Portia Matheson | Thomas Bernota |
| Caleb Turner | Gary Timek | Kerry Byrne | Rachel Neu Cardoza | Thomas Nolan |
| Carla Kraus | Gwen Neu | Kris Cunningham | Rob Amerman | Tj Chapman |
| Caroline Carson | Harry Kavich | Lanore Bergenske | Robert Ayers | Tony Sanchez |
| Catrina Howatt | Jack West | Laura Bringhurst | Robin Baker | West Wood |
| Cedar Smith | Jake Johnson | Laura McNulty | Rocco Previde | Westley Porter |
| Cessair McKinney | Jan West | Leslie Ames | Sage Hartling | Yoon Kim |
| Cheryl Johnson | Jasper | Lorraine Dillon | Sam Pasewark | Yoshi Uemura |
| Cindy Timek | Jenna Larson | Marcile Rainey | Sarah Sullins | Zachary Chapman |
| Crystal Porter | Jennifer Marlow Jessy Preciado | Marie Cappiello Mark Chapman | Sebatian Amaro Shawn Porter |  |
|  | Jessy Preciado | Mark Chapman | Shawn Porter |  |

Thom "Mr. Sunshine" Boswell [thomboz@yahoo.com](mailto:thomboz@yahoo.com) wrote on Mon, Jun 3, 2024:
Here is an amazing group shot of Team Swing Kids after the finish line (photo on the right). See video on YouTube at thomboz1 ... Dead Man's drop, Sand, and Sinking in Bay (photo on the left). -- Thom


## SRRC Crossword Puzzle ACROSS <br> DOWN

1 Health resorts
5 Long story
9 Retirement id.
12 Ride for hire
13 Geograph. datum
14 Greek consonant
15 Runners' ditty, part 1
17 Reel's companion
18 Marry
19 Not safe, in baseball
20 Runners' events
22 Vessel
23 Sack
24 Adventurous exploit
27 Runners' ditty, part 2
31 Stir up
32 Foundation
33 French island
34 Academic url suffix
35 Type style
36 Skin blemishes
37 Runners' ditty, part 3
39 Lieu
40 Furrow
41 Shade tree
42 Document
45 Reproductive cells
46 Inquire
49 Certain savings plan initials
50 Runners' ditty, part 4
53 Nothing
54 Posterior
55 Old-fashioned card game
56 Floppy hat
57 Blackthorn berry
58 Worry

1 One-pot meal
2 Lay concrete
3 Cut off
4 Knight's title
5 Arrangement
6 Landed
7 Jewel
8 So-so
9 This org.
10 Where the runner meets the road
11 Assents, voicelessly
16 Possessive adjective
21 In the past
22 Third letter
23 Optimal
24 Team
25 Assistant
26 Stopper
27 Crave
28 Oriental staple
29 Arm bone
30 Require
32 Boxing match
35 Quarters
36 Money dispenser initials
38 Raw material
39 Eastern European
41 Get away from
42 Half a quart
43 Operatic solo
44 Tropical tree
45 Cry of dismay
46 At a distance
47 Certain
48 Fastening technique
51 Lubricant
52 Sixth letter


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## Upcoming Events

## THUR., JUL 4, 2024 << SRRC race >>

Arcata Marsh Fourth of July 5K. $\{\$ 10$ or
$\$ 5$ age 17 or under\} At 9:30AM. Start and finish at the Arcata Marsh by Klopp Lake. Race day registration is 7:30-9:15 am before the start. Parking is limited, so park on I St and walk in. For more information, contact Marlene Allen at <allens@ humboldt1.com>.
THUR., JUL 4, 2024 << NOT SRRC race >>
Crescent City $4^{\text {th }}$ of July 5K. \{Fees for all\} At 10:00AM. Visit the Redwood Wild River Run page http://www. rwrr.org/ or http://www.6rrc.com (under 7/04/24) for the registration form. For more information contact Michelle Martinich at [martinichm@gmail.com](mailto:martinichm@gmail.com) or call her at (707)954-4987.
SUN., JUL 14, 2024 << SRRC race >>
Fortuna Rodeo Run 5K. \{\$10 for nonmembers, free for SRRC members\} \{USATF certified course\} At 9:00AM. Please show up AT LEAST 30~40 MINUTES early to register. Start and finish in the parking lot of Redwood Café (corner of 12th \& Main Street in Fortuna). For more information, contact Thomas Nolan at [thomasnolan22@gmail.com](mailto:thomasnolan22@gmail.com).
SAT., AUG 3, 2024 << SRRC race >>
Sand Dollar Shuffle Run 5M. \{\$10 for nonmembers, free for SRRC members\} At 9:00AM. Start and finish at the south end of the Clam Beach. For more information, contact Paul Kraus at [paulkraus59@gmail.com](mailto:paulkraus59@gmail.com).

## Sunday Morning Run.

Everyone is welcome. Small group meets at 7:30AM at the corner of L.K. Wood Blvd. and Granite Ave. in Arcata. Runs to the Arcata Marsh and back by 9:20AM or so. Ask Gary Timek [gtimek@aol.com](mailto:gtimek@aol.com) for more information.

## Saturday Morning Run.

Everyone is welcome. Small group meets across the 700 block of the Fickle Hill Road, next to the Arcata Community Forest at 9:00AM and runs through Arcata Community Forest. Ask Mishka Straka [pvpathway@gmail.com](mailto:pvpathway@gmail.com) for more information.

## Wednesday Afternoon Run.

Everyone is welcome. Participants meet at a different place in Arcata or Eureka at 5:30PM and (usually) runs through Arcata marsh or Eureka. Ask Jeff Haag <haag@ humboldt.edu> for more information.

- For more info, visit http://www.6rrc.com

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[2] Visit https://runsignup.com/Club/CA/Arcata/SixRiversRunningClub \$30 for "individual" \$40 for "family"

