

2012 Season - WCC End-of-Season Celebration Awards Presentation

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- Meal - Awards Presentations

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Welcome, everyone, to the 10th Annual WCC End-of-Season Celebration Awards Presentation. I'm Michael King, and I'm here this evening to help distribute a record 133 awards for the 2012 WCC season. It's nice to see so many runners here this evening, and I would imagine this room right now holds the most physically fit group of people in this building, and possibly the entire county.

The WCC is grateful to Reid Hospital & Health Care Services for making this facility available to us and for their continued financial support of the WCC each year that makes this event possible. Thank you, Reid Hospital & Health Care Services, for all you do to promote health and fitness in our community.

The WCC will again be offering our pre-entry CARPE VIAM program, which allows runners to sign up for all the races in the series for a reduced price before the season starts. I can tell you that each of the races will be increasing their entry fees this year, but the CARPE VIAM price has been frozen at \$119. We're calling it the WCC 10th Anniversary Special. You can get more information and the CARPE VIAM entry form at wcchallenge.org. The deadline for CARPE VIAM entries is May 6th.

2013 marks the beginning of the WCC's 11th season. The 2013 series schedule is set, it's available on the wcchallenge.org website, and we have business-card-sized schedules available here tonight. Be sure to pick up a few extras to give to your friends when they ask you about running. We want to continue to bring new runners into the WCC. We know the growth of this series is a direct result of runners encouraging their friends and families to join in. Amazingly, 606 people completed their first WCC race in 2012. And of those 606 newcomers, 20 of them ran every race.

The 2012 WCC series had 56 young runners who were yet to be born in 2003 when the WCC began its first season. We'll be giving 10 awards tonight to 9 of those young runners. I also see a few "old-timers" here tonight who've been involved in the WCC since that first season. I see Pam Mertz, our Female Champion of 2003. Former champion Terry Yandl is here. And I see Kevin Shelley, who a little later this evening will be receiving his 10th every-race certificate. I see Gene Black, winner of 9 WCC series age-group awards. Dale Bolser is here, having run every race for the 8th time after taking a few races off in 2011 to fight cancer. The WCC greatly appreciates the long time support of these and other dedicated runners and the legacies they have established. Our young runners have great role models to chase, to catch and to surpass. Because of the increase in the number young runners, the WCC will be adding another age group in 2013. The Male and Female 12&U age groups have been split into 10-12 and 9&U age groups.

The WCC series set many new attendance records again in 2012, with 2,997 finishers in the 8 races, an average of 375 runners per race, more than tripling attendance in 2003, and nearly matching the attendance of our first 3 years combined. Looking back, it's hard to believe the growth of the WCC

racers. For example, in 2003, I scored the Levi Coffin 10K by writing down the 40 runners' names as they crossed the finish line. Hagerstown had only 53 finishers. Girls Inc had 66. Now we use electronic chip timing in races with over 500 runners. We've come a long way.

If you're thinking, "Gee, Mike's being a little nostalgic tonight," well, you're right. I am. And the reason is because I've decided to resign from the WCC Committee. Ten years just seems to be the right time to turn things over to others. Of course, I plan to heed my own advice to "keep running" and I hope to show up at WCC races in the future, even the Hated Hills 5K of Hagerstown.

The WCC Committee has elected Paula Head as Chairperson of the WCC for 2013. I'm sure Paula will do a great job of leading the WCC as the series begins its 2nd decade. She will also continue as co-director of the newly named Hagerstown Heartbreak Hill 5K. (. . . *That Hated Hills 5K comment earlier was a joke, but, anyway, I think we can all agree those famous Hagerstown hills are hated.*) We know Paula has the talent, the ability and the passion to lead the WCC to bigger and better things. Anyone who can get 293 runners to show up in Hagerstown, on a Saturday morning in August, to run that course, has a knack for organizing and promoting. Good luck, Paula, in your new position. I wish you all the best.

Everyone, please join me in welcoming Paula Head as the 2013 Chairperson of the WCC.

I'd like to take just a few moments to introduce the others who make up the 2013 WCC Committee.

WCC Committee Members - Directors

Jennifer Lewis – Girls Inc 5K – Girls Incorporated – WCC Secretary

Dave Snow – Fireworks 5K – Richmond American Legion Post 65

Bob Covington – Run with the Wolves 5K – IU-East Athletics & Alumni Association scholarship program

Paula Head & Amanda Allen – formerly Jubilee Days 5K, now – Heartbreak Hill 5K – Hagerstown HS Athletics

Ashley Mays – formerly Firefighter 5K, new name – Flying Eagles 5K – Western Wayne Elementary PTO

Keith Morey – Fall Foliage 5K – Cope Environmental Center
– Turkey Chase 7K –

Blair Beach – Frostbite 5K – City of Richmond Parks & Recreation

WCC Committee Members – At Large

Rod Waltz – Scorekeeper

Pat Bowers – WCC Treasurer

These are the people who make the WCC so successful. The race directors work hard to put on great races. The cooperation they show to each other makes the WCC a great series. The past 10 years of my life have been truly blessed through my involvement in this WCC organization, and a simple Thank You doesn't seem adequate to express my gratitude to all the friends I've made along the way. But that's all I have. So Thank You, WCC race directors & friends past and present, for everything.

Hey, let's give out some awards . . .

12 & Under Female 60 participants (new record)

The winner of the 12 & Under Female WCC is Karsen Morgan

As of last season, no 8-year-old had ever run every race of the WCC series. Karsen not only accomplished that, but she accumulated an age-group record of 570 points, placing 15th Overall Female in the WCC. She placed near the top of her age group in every race, earning 2nd place points in both the Hagerstown and Cambridge City races. She ran the Hagerstown Jubilee Days 5K in 29:14, placing 16th overall female. She ran a personal best time of 25:32 in the Frostbite 5K. She has just turned 9 years old and has a very bright future in running. Congratulations, **Karsen Morgan**.

12 & Under Male 62 participants (new record)

The winner of the 12 & Under Male WCC is Gabe Beatty

Gabe ran every race and won this age group title for the 2nd consecutive season. He broke his own record set last year by accumulating 584 points. He placed 5th overall in the WCC, only 2 points out of 3rd overall. He earned top age group points in 7 races. He set personal best times in every race by an average of nearly 3 minutes per race. He finished the Frostbite 5K in a personal best time of 19:07, where he placed 15th overall. He placed 9th overall in the Firefighter 5K. He's a 12-year old with a very promising future in distance running. Congratulations, **Gabe Beatty**.

13-15 Female 32 participants

The winner of the 13-15 Female WCC is Shelby Short

Shelby was a newcomer to the WCC this season. She ran in 5 races and accumulated 284 points. She ran her best WCC time of 22:42 in the Girls Inc 5K. But she did her most impressive running as a sophomore on the Centerville High School XC team. She placed 6th in the Connersville Sectional, running that race in 21:11 to lead her team to the Rushville Regional. At Rushville, she ran an even faster 20:29 to place in the top 15 individuals, advancing to the Carmel Semi-State. She's established herself as one of the elite high school runners in Wayne County. Congratulations, **Shelby Short**.

13-15 Male

41 participants (new record)

The winner of the 13-15 Male WCC is Andy Newport

Andy ran in four WCC races and earned 469 points. He came on strong in the last two races of the WCC season, earning Top-5 Points by placing 2nd overall in the Turkey Chase 7K, and 3rd overall in the Frostbite 5K, where he ran a season best time of 17:16. As a sophomore on the Eaton High School XC team, his 8th place finish in 17:11 led his team to a 2nd place finish in the Dayton Division II Southwest District Meet and a trip to the Troy Regional. In that Regional meet, he placed 17th, just missing a trip to the Ohio State Finals meet by one place. He's a very talented young runner, just beginning to realize his potential.

Congratulations, Andy Newport.

16-18 Female

21 participants

The winner of the 16-18 Female WCC is Hayley Rogers

Haley is claiming her 3rd straight WCC seasonal award. She ran in only three races, but earned an age-group record 560 points. She placed 2nd in the Run with the Wolves 5K where she ran her WCC season best time of 20:36, placed 2nd at Hagerstown and 4th in the Turkey Chase 7K. As a junior on the Hagerstown High School XC team, she won her 3rd straight Connersville Sectional, placing 1st in 19:51, leading her team to the Rushville Regional. She ran a 19:32 at Regional, placing 3rd, qualifying as an individual for the Carmel Semi-State. She continues to dominate area girls' high school distance running.

Congratulations, Hayley Rogers.

16-18 Male

43 participants (new record)

The winner of the 16-18 Male WCC is Eric Yandl

Eric has run 49 WCC races since he started as an 11 year old back in 2004. This is his 2nd age-group title, having won the 12 & Under age-group in 2005. This year he scored 550 points, earning Top-5 Points 3 times when he placed 4th overall in the Girls Inc 5K, 3rd at Hagerstown and 3rd at the Cope Environmental Center Fall Foliage 5K, where he beat his dad for the first time in a WCC race. As a senior, he led his Northeastern High School XC team to the Rushville Regional when he placed 4th in the Connersville Sectional in a time of 17:19. He has demonstrated how hard work leads to great results.

Congratulations, Eric Yandl.

19-24 Female

49 participants

The winner of the 19-24 Female WCC is Mariah Seals

Mariah took the points lead in this age group in the last race of the season. In her first WCC season in 2011, she placed 2nd in this age group, just 1 point behind the winner. This year, she ran every race for the second straight season, earning 483 points to win this award by 85 points. She ran her best time of 28:16 in the Girls Inc 5K, 1:35 faster than her best time of 2011. She set personal best times in 5 of the 8 races.

Congratulations, **Mariah Seals**.

19-24 Male

39 participants

The winner of the 19-24 Male WCC is Logan Seals

Logan has established a pattern of winning age group titles in even numbered years. He earned 483 points to win this age group title for the 3rd time. He ran very consistent times all season, with his best time of 20:51 coming in the Firefighter 5K where he placed 14th overall. He placed 19th overall in the Fall Foliage 5K. He ran every race for the 4th time and has run 44 WCC races since his first WCC season in 2007.

Congratulations, **Logan Seals**.

25-29 Female

66 participants

The winner of the 25-29 Female WCC is Nicole Andreas

Nicole ran every race for the second straight season and accumulated 668 points. She placed 4th overall in the WCC, one place better than her 5th place finish in 2011. She earned Top-5 Points when she placed 3rd overall at the Cope Fall Foliage 5K. She placed 6th overall in the Firefighter 5K when she ran a PR time of 21:36, 23 seconds faster than her best time of 2011. She never placed lower than 15th overall, and placed in the top 10 in five of the eight races.

Congratulations, **Nicole Andreas**.

25-29 Male

36 participants

The winner of the 25-29 Male WCC is Ronald Ross

This was Ronald's first season in the WCC. He ran every race, earning 527 points. After placing 23rd overall and 4th in the age-group in the Girls Inc 5K, he consistently placed in the top 20 in the next seven races. He scored top age-group points in the Fireworks 5K, Hagerstown and Cambridge City. He placed 11th overall and also earned top age-group points in the Turkey Chase 7K. He ran his best time of 19:21 in the final race, the Frostbite 5K.

Congratulations, **Ronald Ross**.

30-34 Female

95 participants (new record - this was the largest age group)

The winner of the 30-34 Female WCC is Angela Larson

She ran every race and earned 542 points. Beginning the season in May, I don't think Angela had any illusions of winning this age-group title. She placed 26th in this age-group in the Girls Inc 5K. Her name was never called after any race for an age-group award as she never placed higher than 10th in this age-group in any race this season. But as runners ahead of her continued to miss races and drop out of contention, she kept running, getting faster and scoring points. She took the points lead in the last race of the season when she ran her best time of 33:10 in the Frostbite 5K, over 14 minutes faster than her 1st WCC race in 2011. Congratulations, Angela Larson.

30-34 Male

61 participants (new record)

The winner of the 30-34 Male WCC is Scott Meinardi

This is the 4th time Scott has won a WCC age-group award, having also won in 2008, 2009, and 2010. He participated in every race to score 584 points, placing 4th overall, just 2 points out of a Top-3 finish. He placed 9th overall in the Hagerstown Jubilee Days 5K and picked up Top-5 Points by placing 5th in the Firefighter 5K. He ran three races under 19 min, with a best time of 18:56 in the Girls Inc 5K. He has run 40 WCC races since 2004. Congratulations, Scott Meinardi.

35-39 Female

88 participants (new record)

The winner of the 35-39 Female WCC is Tiffany Sheley

Tiffany came out of nowhere to win this age group. After running the last 3 WCC races in 2010, and then no races in 2011, she started 2012 by placing 27th in this age-group in the Girls Inc 5K. At that point, odds were against an age-group title. But the WCC scoring system is designed as a combination of participation and speed and she found the right combination. She ran every race. She ran her fastest time of 35:34 in the Frostbite 5K. She accumulated 539 points, making up 10 points in the last two races to win by 9 points. Congratulations, Tiffany Sheley.

35-39 Male

50 participants (new record)

The winner of the 35-39 Male WCC is Rick Duncan

Rick almost completed his first 5K in the 2009 Fireworks 5K, racing against a co-worker with a small wager on the line. He had never taken running, training or diet very seriously, simply saying, "Count me out . . . I'm not a runner," whenever friends would talk about running races. He showed up that day mostly unprepared, but with a super determination to win. He'll tell you now that he barely remembers the 2 mile mark. As he approached the finish he fell to his hands and knees several times, only to get up and continue running. Ten feet from the finish line he collapsed and fell unconscious. He was rushed to the emergency room. It was a very serious situation as it was determined he had internal organs malfunctioning. When he was released, he was put on medication and ordered to avoid physical activity for 6 months. This is where, for most people, the story would end. Determined not to let that fateful day define him, at the end of his six-month inactivity he started a diet and exercise routine. He worked, he trained, he ran, and he lost 30 lbs. This season he ran every race. He set an age-group record of 567 points. He ran a personal best time of 22:37 in the Firefighter 5K and he placed 7th overall in WCC. Count him in . . . He's a runner. Congratulations, **Rick Duncan**.

40-44 Female

83 participants (new record)

The winner of the 40-44 Female WCC is Kathy Shelley

Kathy was new to WCC this season. She was one of 8 runners in this age group who ran every race. She accumulated an age group record of 647 points, placing 5th overall in the WCC. She ran a season best time of 23:33 in the Firefighter 5K where she placed 10th overall female. She earned top age-group points in six races and she placed within the top 20 females in all eight races. Congratulations, **Kathy Shelley**.

40-44 Male

50 participants

The winner of the 40-44 Male WCC is Brad Pitcher

This is Brad's 4th straight year to run every race and his 3rd straight year to win a WCC award. He placed 13th overall in the WCC. He accumulated 548 points by earning top age-group points in 5 of the 8 races. He ran a season best time of 19:53 in the Girls Inc 5K. He consistently placed within the top 25 male runners, placing as high as 9th male at Cambridge City in the Firefighter 5K. He has run in 54 WCC races over the past decade. Congratulations, **Brad Pitcher**.

45-49 Female

70 participants

The winner of the 45-49 Female WCC is Regina Erlewein

New to the WCC in 2012, Regina dominated this age group from beginning to end. She ran every race and placed 1st in the age-group in 7 of the 8 races. She earned an age-group record tying 606 points, placing 8th overall in the WCC. She just missed Top-5 points 3 times when she placed 6th overall in the Jubilee, the Fall Foliage and the Turkey Chase. She got faster as the season progressed, running a season best time of 21:59 in the Frostbite 5K. Congratulations, Regina Erlewein.

45-49 Male

37 participants

The winner of the 45-49 Male WCC is Kevin Shelley

This is Kevin's third age group award, having won age group titles in 2005 and 2009. He now has titles in three different age-groups. He earned 498 points by running every race for the 10th consecutive season. That's every WCC race. 82 straight. He also earned 56 age-group points, by far his best season in that category. He ran his best time of the season, 24:46, in the Girls Inc 5K, his best 5K time since the 2008 season. Congratulations, Kevin Shelley.

50-54 Female

53 participants (new record)

The winner of the 50-54 Female WCC is Susan Steele

In Susan's 1st season in the WCC, she ran every race and set a new age-group record of 586 points, placing 10th overall in the WCC. Top age-group points in the Girls Inc 5K put her in the lead on the first day. But with nine ladies running every race in this age-group, she needed to fend off challenge after challenge. She won this title by 3 points, the closest margin of victory of all age-groups this season. She ran her best time of 28:11 in the Cambridge City Firefighter 5K. Congratulations, Susan Steele.

50-54 Male

48 participants (new record)

The winner of the 50-54 Male WCC is Ron Bauman

This is Ron's second straight age-group title. He scored 563 points to place 8th overall in the WCC, breaking the age-group record he set last year by one point. He won this title by 4 points, the closest male age-group margin this season. He ran every race for the second straight season and earned top age-group points in 3 races: the Fireworks 5K, the Jubilee Days 5K and the Fall Foliage 5K. He ran his best time of 22:14 in the Firefighter 5K. Congratulations, Ron Bauman.

55-59 Female 35 participants (new record)

The winner of the 55-59 Female WCC is Eileen Cravens

Eileen is claiming her third age group award, having previously won age group titles in 2007 and 2008. She has participated in WCC races since our beginning in 2003 and has averaged 5 WCC races per season over the past decade. This is her first season to run every race and she set an age-group record of 528 points. She dominated the age-group with her speed by winning top age-group points in 7 of the 8 races and she ran a season best time of 24:36 in the Firefighter 5K.

Congratulations, **Eileen Cravens**.

55-59 Male 32 participants (new record)

The winner of the 55-59 Male WCC is Hennie Mulder

Hennie ran every race and set an age-group record with 523 points, placing 20th overall in the WCC. He never placed lower than 3rd in this age-group in any race. He earned top age-group points in two of the toughest races, the Hagerstown Jubilee Days 5K and the Cope Fall Foliage 5K. He got faster as the season progressed, and finished the year with a season best time of 21:17 in the Frostbite 5K.

Congratulations, **Hennie Mulder**.

60-64 Female 19 participants (new record)

The winner of the 60-64 Female WCC is Ellen Johnson

Ellen ran her first WCC race in 2011, running 5 races that year, placing 4th in this age group. This season she ran a season best time of 36:23 in the Firefighter 5K, nearly 2 minutes faster than her best time in 2011, and over 10 minutes faster than her first couple of races that year. This season she ran every race and set an age-group record of 483 points. She placed 1st or 2nd in every race. She took the age-group points lead when she earned top age-group points in the Fireworks 5K, and built upon that lead in each of the next 6 races to win by 12 points.

Congratulations, **Ellen Johnson**.

60-64 Male 19 participants (new record)

The winner of the 60-64 Male WCC is Dave Pointis

In 2011, Dave missed the Girls Inc 5K and then went on to run the next 7 races. It turned out that missing that first race cost him an age-group title. This season he didn't let that happen. He took the age group lead in that first race, the Girls Inc 5K, when he ran a season best time of 25:36. He held that lead for the entire season. He ran every race and won top age-group points in four races to set an age group record of 465 points.

Congratulations, **Dave Pointis**.

65-69 Female 5 participants (tied record)

The winner of the 65-69 Female WCC is Pat Bowers

Pat earned 449 points to win her 5th consecutive age-group title. She's the only 65-69 female ever to run every race, and she did it for the third time in the past 4 years. At 69 years old, she ran personal best times in every race, including a season best 32:08 in the Firefighter 5K, one minute and 12 seconds faster than her previous personal best set in the 2011 Frostbite. She took 2 ½ minutes off her previous best Turkey Chase 7K time and 3 minutes off her best Girls Inc 5K time.

Congratulations, **Pat Bowers**.

65-69 Male 11 participants (new record)

The winner of the 65-69 Male WCC is Dennis Mann

Dennis has run at least one race in 7 of the last 8 WCC seasons. He placed 3rd in the age-group in 2011 when he ran 5 races. This year he ran 7 races, missing only the Fireworks 5K in June. He ran consistent times all season and earned top age-group points in 3 straight races, the Run with the Wolves 5K, the Jubilee Days 5K and the CC Firefighter 5K, to move into the lead. He ran a season best time of 28:47 in the Girls Inc 5K and accumulated 360 points to win this title by 8 points.

Congratulations, **Dennis Mann**.

70+ Female 3 participants (tied record)

The winner of the 70+ Female WCC is Vera Frame

At the age of 71, Vera is a newcomer to the WCC in 2012. She became only the second woman in the age-group ever to qualify for a WCC award by participating in at least 3 races. She set an age-group record by accumulating 251 points by running 5 races. But she did more than just show up. Even though she had essentially no age-group competition, she placed in front of 117 of the 270 female runners in the RWTW5K. She ran a season best time of 40:24 in the Firefighter 5K, a 13 min/mile pace.

Congratulations, **Vera Frame**.

70+ Male 5 participants (new record)

The winner of the 70+ Male WCC is Gene Black

This is the first time someone has run at least 3 races in the 70+M age group to qualify for a WCC award, but then it's not unusual for Gene to do things no one else has done. This is the 9th time Gene has won a WCC age-group award, now spread over 3 different age groups. He ran every race for the 5th time, setting an age-group record of 454 points. As usual, he dominated his age group peers, earning top age-group points in every race.

Congratulations, **Gene Black**.

Most Improved Runner:

This award is presented to the runner who makes the most improvement in racing speed over the course of the season. Because so many runners made significant improvement this season, I'm sure there are many of you here tonight who are thinking, "This could be me." Well, I'll tell you right now, one of you is right.

A record 373 runners ran at least 3 races to qualify for consideration for this award. A large number of those made impressive improvement during the past season.

The Most Improved Runner of 2012 ran in 4 races. In his first WCC race of the season, he placed 18th in the Fireworks 5K in a WCC PR time of 19:27. Three weeks later he improved that performance by running the much tougher Run with the Wolves 5K course in 19:02, placing 8th overall. When he returned to the WCC after a strong HS sophomore XC season, he was a different level runner. He placed 2nd overall in the Turkey Chase 7K with a time of 25:35 (18:16 5K equivalent) and finished the WCC season with a 3rd place finish in the Frostbite 5K in a time of 17:16, 2 minutes and 11 seconds faster than his earlier run through Glen Miller Park.

. . . the WCC Most Improved Runner for 2012 is Andy Newport

Girls	Fireworks	IU-E	Jubilee	FireFighter	Cope	Turkey	Frost
----	19:27	19:02	----	----	----	25:35	17:16
	18 th	8 th				(2 nd - 18:16 5K equiv)	3 rd
	72.96%		14 yr old	Age Graded % of World Record			<u>82.18%</u>

Wayne County Challenge Top 3 Awards:

The awards for the Top-3-Overall Male & Female include these personally inscribed plaques . . . along with Visa gift cards of \$50 for 3rd, \$75 for 2nd and \$100 for each of our Champions.

Third Overall Female

The winner of Third Place Overall WCC Female is Jenna Barker

Jenna is accepting her second consecutive Top-3 award after earning 1268 points, 137 more than she earned last year. She placed in the top 3 in four races and scored top-5 points in 7 of the 8 races. She ran every race for the third consecutive season. Within her 12&U age-group she was basically unchallenged, as the closest any runner got to her was 2:15 back. She continues to get faster, as she set personal best times in 5 races. Three of those PRs were by over a minute. She ran her best ever WCC time of 19:42 in the Firefighter 5K. She's one to watch . . . a hard working, exceptional young talent developing her potential.

Congratulations, Jenna Barker.

Third Overall Male

The winner of Third Place Overall WCC Male is Terry Yandl

Terry is accepting his 7th WCC post season award, which includes 3 WCC Championships. He ran 6 races this season, earning Top-5 points three times and top age-group points 5 times, accumulating 586 points. He ran under 18 minutes three times and ran a season best time of 17:31 in the Girls Inc 5K, just a few seconds off his WCC best 5K time ever. He ran the Hagerstown Jubilee Days 5K in 19:34 to place 6th, the 8th straight year to place in the top 7 in that race. He has participated in 63 WCC races in 10 seasons.

Congratulations, **Terry Yandl**.

Second Overall Female

The winner of Second Place Overall WCC Female is Pam Mertz

Pam ran 6 races and scored 1488 points to earn her 9th WCC post season award, including six WCC Championships. She never placed lower than 3rd in any race this season. She won the Hagerstown Jubilee Days 5K in 21:24. She set a course record of 22:46 when she won the Cope Environmental Center Fall Foliage 5K. Those two wins increased the record number of WCC races she has won to 50. She holds four current WCC course records: Girls Inc 5K, Hagerstown Jubilee Days 5K, the Cope Fall Foliage 5K and the Turkey Chase 7K. She ran a season best time of 19:08 in the Girls Inc 5K.

Congratulations, **Pam Mertz**.

Second Overall Male

The winner of Second Place Overall WCC Male is Steve Hayes

Steve ran one race in 2010 and placed 49th overall. Running 4 races in 2011, he placed 5th in the 30-34M age group. This year he had a break-out season. He started this season by placing 2nd overall in the Girls Inc 5K with a WCC personal best time of 17:27, over a minute faster than his best time of 2011. He earned Top-5 points in 5 races and placed 6th in another. No one in his age group came closer than 53 seconds to him as he earned top age-group points in every race he ran. He finished his season by placing 2nd overall in the Fall Foliage 5K and 3rd in the Turkey Chase 7K, increasing his total to 928 points.

Congratulations, **Steve Hayes**.

The 10-year history of the WCC shows it takes an exceptionally talented runner to win a WCC Championship. This season is no exception. The Female and Male Champions of the 2012 WCC are both exceptionally talented and hard working runners. Both are multiple race winners and neither of them placed lower than 2nd overall in any race this season. Both left no doubt they deserve to be the 2012 WCC Champions.

Female WCC Champion

The Female WCC Champion is Kristina Tabor

Kristina accumulated a record 1738 points to claim her 3rd straight WCC Championship. She won 4 of the 6 races she ran, raising to 15 the number of times she has won a WCC race over the past 4 years. She started the season strong when she won the Girls Inc 5K, ran her best time of the season, 18:38, in winning the Fireworks 5K, and then set a course record of 19:49 in the IU-East Run with the Wolves 5K. She finished the season by winning the Turkey Chase 7K and cruising to 2nd in the Frostbite 5K to win this title by nearly 300 points.

Congratulations, **Kristina Tabor**.

Male WCC Champion

The Male WCC Champion is Jason Newport

Jason ran every race and accumulated a record 1840 points to claim his 2nd WCC Championship. He won five races and placed 2nd in the other three. He has now won 11 WCC races. He dominated the series from beginning to end, nearly doubling the point total of his nearest rival. He ran under 17 minutes in the first two races. He finished the series by winning all 4 races in the second half of the season, running the Frostbite 5K in a season best time of 16:53.

Congratulations, **Jason Newport**.

In 2003, nine runners ran every race. This year, a record 98 runners participated in every race, 23 more than last year. Each season, the number of runners completing every race continues to rise above all expectations. This season, of the 28 age groups, 24 had at least one runner complete every race. Runners who completed every race range in age from 6 years old to 71 years old. Twenty of those 98 runners ran their first ever WCC race in 2012. Having 20 newcomers run every race is an amazing number and an indication of the WCC's continuing expansion, growth and success.

In special recognition of their achievement, the WCC Committee rewards and honors every-race runners with the presentation of a certificate and a specially designed t-shirt. The WCC greatly appreciates these runners' dedication and commitment to this series. This t-shirt cannot be purchased. It must be earned. It represents an accomplishment as a WCC runner, the completion of an individual personal challenge, but it also represents an unselfish level of support given to beneficiaries of the WCC races who use the money raised to do good things in our community. The WCC is happy to present these tokens of our sincere appreciation.

Sponsor of the WCC Elite-8, Every Race T-Shirt is WFMG Radio, G-101.3.

As I call your name, please come forward to receive your award.

(* indicates 1st WCC season)

*Ann Alcorn	
Nicole Andreas	2nd consecutive
Sam Andrews	
Jane Barker	2nd consecutive
Jenna Barker	3rd consecutive
Andrea Kolopanis	
Kyle Kolopanis	
Emma Barnett	
*Madison Barnett	
Ron Bauman	2nd consecutive
Brenda Baumer	4th consecutive
Gabe Beatty	2nd consecutive
Gene Black	5th
Ray Blevins	4th consecutive
Dale Bolser	8th
Pat Bowers	3rd
Stacy Brenneke	
Will Brenneke	
Jeremy Browning	2nd consecutive
Teresa Bryant	
*Kimberly Carlton	
Tom Carrico	5th consecutive
*Ben Climer	
Eileen Cravens	
*Scott Deaton	
Sarah Dickman	2nd consecutive
Rick Duncan	
*Regina Erlewein	
Aaron Ervin	2nd
Austin Farlow	2nd consecutive
Cole Farlow	
Joe Farlow	2nd consecutive
Stephanie Farlow	2nd
Chip Foster	
Sarah Geise	3rd consecutive
*Leslie Gettinger	
Belinda Gray	3rd consecutive
Jared Haley	
*Tyler Hostetler	
Rob Hutchens	
Michael Jacob	
Jesse Jaynes	2nd consecutive

Parker Jaynes	
Juanita Jenkins	2 nd consecutive
Ellen Johnson	
Angela Ketron	
*Michelle Kircher	
Chris Larsen	2 nd consecutive
Christie Larsen	2 nd consecutive
Jenna Larsen	
Jonathan Larsen	
Angela Larson	
Pete Larson	
Sherry Marcum	
*Renee McCullum	
Scott Meinardi	3 rd
Todd Moistner	
Melissa Moore	
Skip Moore	
Austin Morgan	
Josh Morgan	
Karsen Morgan	
Debbie Morris	
Hennie Mulder	
Kenny Newhouse	
Mandy Newhouse	
Jason Newport	
Kyle Newton	
Leland Nicholson	2 nd consecutive – at 71 in August, oldest ever . .every race
*Patricia Ours	
Tonya Paxton	6 th consecutive
Judy Pierce	7 th consecutive
Brad Pitcher	4 th consecutive
Dave Pointis	
Becky Reynolds	
Debbie Robbins	
*Emily Ross	
*Ronald Ross	
*Zach Rozelle	
*Phyllis Savoy	
Logan Seals	4 th
Mariah Seals	2 nd consecutive
Tiffany Sheley	
*Kathy Shelley	

Kevin Shelley 10th consecutive
Andrew Shepherd
*Joseph Silvers
Paula Snipe
Dave Snow 3rd consecutive
*Susan Steele
Tami Stevens
*Jacob Thompson
Berneice Tipton
*Leslie Warner
Cathy Weaver
Pam Woods
Joe Wilmot 2nd consecutive
Reagan Wilmot . . . at 6 years old, the youngest ever to finish every race

For 10 years I've finished this program by presenting some of my favorite quotes. Some are related to running; some are related to life . . . and most are related to both . . . if you're like me and think of running as an important major part of your life. I hope you enjoy this year's selections.

From ~ Yogi Berra

If you don't know where you're going, you'll end up someplace else.

From ~ Steve Prefontaine

You cannot propel yourself forward by patting yourself on the back.

From ~ Carol Welch

Movement is a medicine for creating change in a person's physical, emotional, and mental states.

From ~ Peter Drucker

Plans are only good intentions unless they immediately degenerate into hard work.

From ~ Sarah Condor

Remember, the feeling you get from a good run is far better than the feeling you get from sitting around wishing you were running.

From ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

From ~ John J. Kelley

We runners are all a little nutty, but we're good people who just want to enjoy our healthy, primitive challenge. Others may not understand running, but we do, and we cherish it.

From ~ Edgar Allan Poe

Never to suffer would never to have been blessed.

From ~ Robert Browning

A minute's success pays the failure of years.

From ~ Lorraine Moller

For me, running is a lifestyle and an art. I'm far more interested in the magic of it than the mechanics.

From ~ Albert Einstein

Love is a better teacher than duty.

From ~ the Holy Bible, 2 Timothy Chapter 4: Verse 7

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.

Thank You all for coming tonight, and especially, Thank you all for your support of the WCC. Congratulations to all who earned awards. The WCC looks forward to seeing all of you, and all of our other running friends, on the morning of May 18th at Middlefork Reservoir when the 2013 WCC season gets started with the Girls Inc. 5K.

I have one last quote to wrap up tonight's program and send you on your way. It's

From ~ Kevin Nelson

Life is complicated. Running is simple. Is it any wonder that people like to run?

Everyone have a safe run home.

Thank you.