## Patrick Owen Has Record-Setting Run In London by Patrick owen

Ah, synergy! Good fortune -- and work on a donor tour -- found me in London on Saturday, August 15... the same day of the London Frontrunners Gay Pride 10K Run. The kismet continued when one of my job's scheduled events conveniently rescheduled so as to not conflict with the race! And, on the race day, the wheel of fortune once again spun my way - well, depending on how you look at it. But more on my record-setting run in a moment...

First, I wanted to share some highlights of London and Edinburgh from a runner's point of view. The weather. I got very lucky in the English capitol: mostly blue skies and lovely temperatures in the high 60's/low 70's - perfect for running. And Edinburgh, notorious for cold and wet summers, was also optimum. The days on which I squeezed in runs were -- if not exactly bright and sunny - at least dry and partly cloudy. The routes. Both cities are very crowded -- Edinburgh even more so during the Festival season, which is why I was there with donors to Center Theatre Group.
Running on the streets proved challenging. The solution: hoof it through an always-present nearby park or pedestrian path. My London hotel was in St. James. The run through St. James Park to Green Park to Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens turned out to be an interconnected dream, taking you by Buckingham Palace and many other famous landmarks.
On the Saturday of Pride Run, there was also an Olympic-qualifying triathalon taking place in Hyde Park and the Thames, so I got to see a bit of that. My favorite London run was my "long" run. I put long in quote because (read this in your best English/Scottish/Irish brogue) "in ye olde land of Sean O'Brien, 8 and many miles is a wee bit shortish to be considered long..." But it was all that I could squeeze in. I ran from my hotel down past Big Ben and Parliament, and east along the north bank of the Thames down to the Tower of London and the Tower

Bridge. I crossed to the south bank, passed by the sight of Shakespeare's Globe, and returned home. This was Monday morning during "rush" hour and lots of very handsome Englishmen in their dark tailored suits were commuting to their offices on foot -- which added greatly to my enjoyment of the scenery!

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Just outside Edinburgh - looming above the city -- are the Salisbury Crags and Arthur's Seat (the high point). They are in Hollyrood Park, the grounds of Hollyrood Palace. The run up and around these hills, at times, looked just like Griffith Park, but then the view of lovely old Edinburgh, it's magnificent castle, and the harbor beyond made me realize I wasn't in Kansas anymore. The run up to Arthur's Seat, including kilometers to get to the base, was just over 2 miles-not much compared to what we regularly run, but my donors think I am a god and superstud for having made it to the top!
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## Board Message

## A VI EW FROM THE DUST ву міке каlvoda

As running goes, I'm a weekend warrior. Ha! Now THAT's a liberal use of the term. I know, I know. Wanting to experiment with a weeknight tune-up and actually doing one, strangely, are wholly different
 entities. Bless Barry Norcross and Richard Peng and their motivational pep talk; my mind has been flirting with getting back into half-marathons. That lone medal from the OC half'er has been coping with only child syndrome.

And yet my time with LA Frontrunners feels entirely balanced between "running" and "club". Race day, to me, brings up images of stopwatches and registration desks. Fun Runs readily become Fun Walks based on Which Friend is Doing What. And if the wind blows Over the Hill, chances are I'll be making my way back to the flagpole just as everyone reaches the midpoint of their stretches.

But as they say, the race is not to the swiftest, it's to... uh, whatever. (Don't trust your running quotes to a weekend warrior.) My adrenaline rush kicks in at the finish line and beyond: that body sense of sweaty purity that thanks you the rest of the day.

But stepping back, I enjoy the quiet time and quiet mind of running a course's last few minutes -- alone. Stepping back further, I savor conversation with fellow runners as the pack distances itself from us and we from them.

Getting to know someone over coffee is one thing; getting to know them over shared miles is entirely transporting. And stepping back further, discarding the whole win-lose sense, I love leading the initial charge of a 10 K - always among the leaders, never with a prayer's shred of that lead lasting.

You know what? That's okay... because some of the best competition lays within ourselves. How easy is it to lay in bed and not make the Saturday morning drive to Griffith Park? About as easy to stop moving our feet when the brain starts receiving messages that the ankles are sore and the calf muscles are tight.
Running is motivation in motion. Finishing is passion realized. And when the dust settles, this is a competition that we all win - together.

## LAFR Board Meeting Briefs August 8 @ Amy Ross

Pride Run - Peggy Hill course issue Don Thompson endowed scholarship - no written commitment to USC, but will strive for it; $\$ 50,000$ in principal needed<br>Not changing PO Box anytime soon<br>Club uniforms - samples ordered<br>Upcoming events<br>- Veggie Cookoff - September 13 at home of Mark and Brad<br>- My Neighborhood Runs - Amy + Connie may host a "Not D-List Run"<br>- Hollywood Bowl - Tickets are on sale to LAFR members. Natalie Cole's event had to rescheduled<br>- Chili Cook off - mid October<br>- Don Thompson - TBD, probably at a designated LGBT high school in LAUSD.<br>- Mike \& Carl to organize Sunset Junction Next Board Meeting<br>- 7PM on September 3 at Mark and Brad's

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## Save the date

## LA Frontrunners Vegetarian Cook-off and Potluck

Start practicing those recipes!! It would not be a LAFR event without awards, tiaras, and sashes.....

## Categories and Awards!!

## Veggie 101:

Welcome to Vegetarianism! Any vegetarian dish (dairy products/eggs allowed, no meat or meat products) that does not include tofu or faux meat. You could enter mashed potatoes swimming in butter.

## Who Knew Tofu Could Taste So Good:

Especially if it tastes like bacon. Vegetarian (dairy products/eggs allowed, no meat or meat products) dish with tofu.

## Faux Meat:

Remember a few years back when Ross Lamkin shocked the world winning the LAFR Chili Cook-off with a chili that had faux ground beef?? Here's your chance to wow 'em with some soysage...Vegetarian (dairy products/eggs allowed, no meat or meat products) dish of/with faux meat.

## William Korthof Stage 5 Vegan:

Bring it on!! Vegan side or main dish (no animal products at all - no meat products, no dairy products, no milk, no cheese, no eggs, no honey or gelatin).

## Mike Kerkman Vegan Dessert:

Prepare your best Vegan dessert (no animal products at all - no meat products, no dairy products, no milk, no cheese, no eggs, no honey or gelatin). Your mission is to make your dessert as sweet as Mike Kerkman!

And, of course,
Best in Show, chosen from all the above categories.

| BIRTHDAY |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| GIRLS AND BOYS |  |  |  |
| John Anania | Aug 01 | John Schooler | Sep 04 |
| Rex Allen Boone | Aug 03 | Mark Mazetti | Sep 04 |
| Rusty Millar | Aug 05 | Mike Kerkman | Sep 08 |
| Robert Platt | Aug 08 | Alvin Magpantay | Sep 08 |
| Stephanie Stone | Aug 09 | Allyne Winderman | Sep 09 |
| Andrew Wissmiller | Aug 10 | Michael Murphy | Sep 10 |
| Mark Brunetz | Aug 14 | Tom Warren | Sep 11 |
| Nelson Lee | Aug 23 | Tom Carmichael | Sep 11 |
| Henri Faucher | Aug 24 | Joe Franko | Sep 12 |
| David Dinielli | Aug 27 | Wadley Wadley | Sep 18 |
| Don Formanek | Aug 30 | Craig Kaner | Sep 19 |
| Kevin Shiramizu | Aug 31 | Nancy Alvarez | Sep 19 |
| David Earl WoodburySep 01 | Kurt Konrad Berg | Sep 20 |  |
| Ann Macmurray | Sep 01 | Bruce Bair | Sep 21 |
| John Yong | Sep 01 | Mark Anton | Sep 23 |
| Tanya Haney | Sep 01 | Patrick Owen | Sep 23 |
| Phil Lelyveld | Sep 02 | Steve Quesada | Sep 29 |
| Mick Caruso | Sep 03 | Andrew Rohrlich | Sep 29 |
| Eric Gober | Sep 04 | Richard West | Sep 30 |

Similar to the highly popular Chili Cookoff - this event gives all you healthy eaters and chefs a chance to show off your culinary skills!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 4:00 pm

Mark and Brad's
4166 Verdugo View Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90065


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## GRAND PRIX STANDINGS

 CHAMPIONS RACE TOP 10The Champions Race is an age-graded competition that will determine overall male and female Grand Prix Series champions. Points are calculated using the Masters Age-Graded tables from WAVA (see website for more info).

| Division | Races | Points |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| MALE |  |  |
| 1. Richard Nelson | 6 | 469.63 |
| 2. Carl Maravilla | 5 | 457.82 |
| 3. Sean O'Brien | 6 | 434.30 |
| 4. Patrick Owen | 6 | 423.50 |
| 5. Bruce Bair | 6 | 420.33 |
| 6. John McGuiness | 6 | 412.90 |
| 7. Ely Yaron | 6 | 397.45 |
| 8. Carlos Vizcarra | 5 | 379.60 |
| 9. Bernie Tan | 6 | 372.65 |
| 10. Brad Maury | 5 | 359.94 |

## FEMALE

| 1. | Patricia Bates | 6 | 488.80 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 2. | Margie Gonzales | 6 | 320.70 |
| 3. | Regina Robinson | 6 | 286.29 |
| 4. Christine Curtin | 5 | 255.26 |  |
| 5. Doris Chung | 4 | 210.56 |  |
| 6. Kristi Twilley | 4 | 201.24 |  |
| 7. Allyne Winderman | 2 | 151.65 |  |
| 8. Amy Ross | 2 | 114.31 |  |
| 9. Stephanie Stone | 2 | 103.39 |  |
| 10. Keeley Webster | 2 | 78.04 |  |

## RACEWALK

| 1. Deo Jaravata | 6 | 372.20 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 2. Doug Jones | 6 | 334.02 |
| 3. Juan Moreno | 3 | 191.20 |
| 4. Sue Roth | 2 | 100.85 |
| 5. Connie Hammen | 1 | 59.30 |

## TRAILMASTER RACE

The TrailMaster Race is a combination agegraded/points accrual competition that will determine a club Trail Running Champion (see website for more info).

| Athlete | Races | Points |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Sean O'Brien | 5 | 595.89 |
| 2. Mike Murphy | 5 | 422.69 |
| 3. Deo Jaravata | 5 | 365.74 |
| 4. Bruce Bair | 4 | 363.62 |
| 5. Jonathan Toker | 3 | 345.02 |
| 6. Robb Briggs | 5 | 328.00 |
| 7. Ric Munoz | 3 | 257.87 |
| 8. Jeff Lymburner | 3 | 257.09 |
| 9. Carl Maravilla | 2 | 238.02 |
| 10. Ely Yaron | 3 | 229.81 |

FOR FULL STANDINGS,VISIT WWW.LAFRONTRUNNERS.COM SEND RACE RESULTS TO: LAFRONTRUNNERS@GMAIL.COM

AGE GROUP TOP 3

## Richard -- Straight-Up

* Retired (after 30 years in the telecom/wireless industry); 62
* Into travel, music, film and theatre."I try to go somewhere new each year. This past January, I went to Vietnam for two weeks... Love going to Coachella Music Festival in Indio (which Rick Hetzel introduced me to four years ago)...saw Paul McCartney. Also, I enjoy going to Outfest and the Hollywood Bowl.
* Member of one or more Frontrunners clubs (LA \& LB Shoreline - serving both as an officer - and SF) since 1985.


## Richard -- Look Closer

* (As his friends put it:) "Determined, creative, outspoken, demanding, adventurous, generous and affectionate."
* ("If money were not a consideration, I would love to...") "Create a foundation to help gay and lesbian kids and young adults obtain an education and/or job training to assist them in becoming self-sufficient and responsible, involved members of their communities."

Richard - Looking Back

* Accomplishments: "Winning the 2008 LAFR Grand Prix... 18 marathons (including three Bostons)...back-toback marathons in London and Paris...earning one or
 more medals at each Gay Games since 1986."
* Most memorable race/running experience: "A ‘runner's high’ along Heartbreak Hill during the 1986 Boston Marathon."
* Best race/why: "Third Boston Marathon (in the late 80 's). Felt strong at mile 22 and ran last 4.2 miles in 25 minutes. Strongest finish of any of my marathons...although not a PR."
* Worst race/why: "Virginia Beach Marathon in 1987 -passed out between mile 20-21 and got a ride to the emergency room. Warm, windy day and not enough water stations."
* Favorite place to run/walk: "The Wednesday night fun run along Palisades Park, and the bike path along the beach in Santa Monica."


## Richard - On Frontrunners

* Quote from Richard: "I've made lifelong friendships over the years through Frontrunners."


Frontrunners at the Free to Breathe 5K on 8/2: Areana Tate, Patrick Owen, Bill Walsky, Bill Austin, Regina Robinson, John McGuiness. Patricia Bates. Doug Jones. Margie Gonzales. and Bill Winkelmann

London Pride Run from cover
But on to the Pride Run. Except for the fact that we were in Victoria Park in London's East End, the race felt very much like our Pride Run: a campy Frontrunner on a megaphone blaring race day instructions; rainbow balloon columns at the start (nowhere near as grand or expertly executed as our own Jim Martinez creations); lots of men and women out celebrating our community through fitness! The London Frontrunners have red and white singlet uniforms (wait until our line of uniforms come out! hey won't hold a candle to us). One thing I had not seen before were the timing chips imbedded in the race number - very efficient. There were tons of participants, and the start line was very crowded. Just before the race began, I managed to find Adrian Butler (who many of you have met when he runs with us on Tuesday nights when he's in L.A. on business). We wished one another "good racing."
The course was three loops in one section of the park, so no roads had to be closed along a pedestrian path the width of a regular road. The organizers promoted it as fast and flat, but truth be told, the run up one side of the loop was slightly uphill, and there was a very strong headwind -- so I did not find it particularly fast. But that may have had as much to do with the copious amounts of wine and rich food I imbibed the night before. It was the welcome dinner for my donors... I was working... what else could I do?!?!

And what record did I break you might wonder? I had already learned from emailing in advance the Race "Secretary" (as they call

## See J ane Try a Tri by Jane Dods

I was recently a volunteer for the Eugene (Oregon) Marathon. One of the perks was a pass to the Nike Employees Store in Beaverton. I had been there once before and found the prices to be half of retail -- what a deal! Not wanting to make the trip north just for a shopping spree, however, I looked for a race in the Portland area to make the drive worthwhile. I couldn't find a 5 K or 10 K , but did notice The Girlfriends and Dudes Triathlon in Vancouver, WA, on July 19. It consisted of a $1 / 2$ mile swim, a 12.5 mile bike, and a three mile run. The real lure: the swim was in the Columbia River, downstream with the current. How could I resist that legal advantage?
I was a bit concerned about the water temperature. Wet suits were allowed but not mandatory. Not owning one, I went to a local sporting goods store and tried on a wet suit. No way! It was like being in a body-encircling girdle! । decided to take my chances.
The event was divided by gender, with the women going out first. We walked $1 / 2$ mile along the shoreline to the start of the swim and then swam back to the transition area. As we
approached the starting line, I noticed that about half of the competitors had on wet suits. Not to worry, though: the water turned out to be quite pleasant. There were floats in the river to keep us on course and enough space to allow for a minimum of body bumping.

The bike segment was along flat, local roads. At times, my mind flashed to the riders in the Tour de France who were competing at the same time. Ah, well... to each his (or her) own! I managed a respectable 13 MPH pace.
Once again in the transitional area, I flung off my helmet and took off on foot. After biking for almost an hour, it was really difficult to get into an efficient running gait. After about a $1 / 2$ mile, I kind of got into a groove. With running being my strongest event, I was able to pass a few of the younger and faster swimmers and bikers and managed to finish 160th out of 175 (first and only in $70+$ age group).

## My times: swim(19:31); bike (58:50); run (33:00); total: 1:55:56 (with transitions).

The trophies were gorgeous! I plan to "tri" it again next year.
the Race Director) that I would not likely place in my age group. His reply: "We offer prizes for the first two spots in ten year age brackets, and in your age group we are expecting those times to be around 35 minutes." As my PR is 40:47, a 35 -minute 2nd place age category finish was out of the question. But I thought a PR might be possible and give me bragging rights. Did I mention that I had only been on British soil for three days and that experts agree it takes days and days to get over jet lag? Let me also remind you about the total over-promotion of the course as flat, of the extreme gale-force headwinds, and of the aforementioned copious amounts of things that you should not put in your mouth at 9 p.m. the night before a race. With that context, I am happy to announce that I had the most number of dry heaves ever after a race... six. Count 'em. Six gutwrenching, bent-over-double dry heaves. I made us proud!

All self-deprecating humor aside, I had the "time" of my life!

## The Monster Runner Award

The Monster Runner Award is designed to celebrate the runners in our community who excel in race finishes, overcome personal challenges, run personal bests, contribute to a better life for those around them, and go far beyond their comfort zone to find something special within. Let us know about the Monster Runners that you see out running in the Eugene/Springfield area.


## April 2009 Monster Runner - Jane Dods

Jane Dods is one of those unmistakable figures on the running scene - at 73, she's still as competitive as ever, winning her age group in nearly every race she participates in. Recently, Jane took on the challenge of a muddy, hilly ( $1,000 \mathrm{ft}$ elevation gain), grueling Shotgun Trail Blast 10K, winning her division, just as she had a week earlier in the Lucky Clover 5K, averaging 10:50 per mile pace. To date, Jane's run hundreds of races, including 40 -plus marathons (an average of 2 per year over the span of her running career). Jane's running journey began in earnest in 1978 (when running wasn't fashionable for women), and within a year she had finished her first marathon - the Western Hemisphere Marathon. She boasts a lifetime marathon best of 3:40:52, and is particularly proud of qualifying for Boston at age 50 .

Those of you who see Jane out running on the paths and streets of Eugene or Springfield, would never know she's a girl from Hollywood. She was born and raised in the big city, where she majored in music at UCLA, but Jane was always looking for new adventures and new challenges. Her travels have taken her global - living in Paris for a year and in Australia for another. She notes that travel has always been a significant part of her lifetime of happiness - and it was a journey up the interstate in 1990 that led her to the Eugene area. Finally being tired of the L.A. freeways, she relocated for work and the green of the Emerald Valley, never regretting the move.

After all the running and miles of travel, Jane's still not finished. When asked what inspires her, she comments, "To get to the unknown." She wants to keep running as long as she can - hopefully a walk or run on her $100^{\text {th }}$ birthday. What has she learned through all her experiences? "The more you do it, the better you get, and ultimately it's worth the work because the accomplishment feels so good," she says. Jane's obviously been working at reaching her goals for some time - she even remembers her first race, a kids run at age 3, where she won a big bunny. Seventy years later, the awards keep piling up. Thanks to Jane for being a great example of how we can all make a choice to actively seek the experience that leads to our personal unknown.


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| SATURDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Griffith Park | Santa Monica | Long Run | Griffith Park | Santa Monica | Pasadena |
| 8:00 A.M. | 8:00 A.M. | 7:00 A.M. | 6:30 P.M. | 6:30 P.M. | 6:30 P.M. |
| Meet at the flag pole | 1st Saturday of Month | 10 to 20 mile runs on | Meet at the flag pole | Palisades Park at | Brookside Park, south |
| across from Ranger | Palisades Park at | roads and/or trails at | across from Ranger | Ocean \& San Vicente | of the Rose Bowl, next |
| Station at 4730 Crystal | Ocean \& San Vicente | various So Cal locations. | Station at 4730 Crystal | at Millennium Plaque. | to the rose garden. |
| Springs Dr. | at Millennium Plaque. |  | Springs Dr. |  | Hosts: |
| Hosts: Doris/Amy | Host: Bruce | Hosts: Sean/Bruce | Host: Rusty | Hosts: Jeffrey/Bruce | Mike/Bernie/William |

