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## Strider members visit Kohl's

On Saturday, August 16, Gene Bridges, Kim Crist and Frank Frazier took the Strider tent to the Kohl's Department store on Fleming Island at the request of Tracey Armon and the Fleming Island Kohl's. They were there from 10 AM until 1 PM displaying the "goodie" kit that is available to 50 some elementary schools in Clay and surrounding counties. They talked to everyone they could get within earshot about the medals, trinkets and mileage shirts that the Striders provide to the school children's "Run/Walk Programs". If you are not familiar with this program go to: "floridastriders.com/getrunning/childrensrunning". There is an excellent detail of what the Striders do for the schools at no cost to the school nor to the students.

Kohl's gave $\$ 500$ to the Striders for setting up this display and the money is then used to help the Striders promote children's running and fitness through the Run/Walk Program.

Many thanks (at least 500 thanks for this occasion -

plus many other 500 thanks over the last several years) to Tracy and Kohl's for their generosity in supporting the Striders through these events and their donations to our races and providing several volunteers at all our races.

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## JENNY'S PENNIES Sunday, October 12th 36th Anniversary Celebration

- Sun Tire on Blanding
- Party starts (about) 8AM after the morning run

There is a long tradition of collecting any money found during the runs and giving it to Jenny Allen, who uses it to provide the goodies for our Sunday Morning Anniversary Celebration. Come help us spend Jenny's pennies!
We'll provide champagne, orange juice and coffee.
Please bring fruit, bagels, coffeecake, donuts, etc. to share.
Join us for a group picture and help celebrate! $=$

## Prez Sez <br> By Scott Hershey

Summer is almost over and the cooler weather is just ahead of us. Are you in the middle of half marathon or marathon training? The long miles you've sloshed through in summer are about to pay off. The heat and humidity will be a thing of the past - well sort of - shortly.

For me - I just completed my 1st Ultra - it was a 24 hour race.
We had about 10 runners consisting of mostly Striders from our area headed up to run the Hinson Lake 24 Hour Ultra near Rockingham, NC on September 2728. It was interesting to say the least! I am amazed how my body held up after 24 hours. You'll be able to read our accounts of the race in the next StrideRight.

Until next time... =

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## Board of Directors' Sumwary of Action

## June 10, 2014 • 7:00 PM • Orange Park Library

I. Call to Order: Scott Hershey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Board Members Present: Scott Hershey, Regina Sooey, Bill Page, Bill Krause, Ann Krause, Gordon Simms, Carol Macdougall, Mark Wynter, Robert Webster, Kim Lundy, Jennifer Desantic, Kathy Murray, George Hoskins. Quorum: Yes

Also Present: Vicky Connell, Tori Conkle, Nancy Harms.
II. Review of Minutes - April 2014: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the April 2014 meeting. Approval of the May minutes will be postponed until August.

## III. Officer Reports:

a. President Report - Scott Hershey: Presentation of gift, plaque and Thank you to Tori Conkle for all her work as graphic design coordinator for our club for so many years.
-Introduction of the New Graphics Design Coordinator: Nancy Harms. She is a student at Flagler College and very excited about this opportunity.
-RRCA Report: Spokane, Washington. It was packed with activities, group runs, and information. Attended a seminar on ADA Compliance. We need to think about more advance notice for participants with disabilities. They ran a 12 k at the end, and it was a very large race. The convention was very enjoyable, and it was great to meet people from all over the place.
-Race Series: Discussion about having a three race series with a medal for doing all three, with an extra charge, and doing the same with the fun runs. However, as the fun runs are free, we would lose money on that. The race director for Space Coast Marathon stated that having their special medals plus the series medal, their attendance increased.
-Memorial Day 5K review: Vicky Connell-We need to decide whether to go back to the old MD5K course, or stick with the new course we used this year. There are pros and cons of both. First Place Sports preferred the old course, which is near their store.
-Donation to St. Johns Country Day School - Track and Cross Country: a $\$ 500$ donation has been requested to develop the elementary track and field pro-

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# 2014 FSTC Scholarship Winner Essays <br> Enjoy 2 of the winning essays 

## Noah Kemp <br> St. Augustine High School

Running has played an extremely large role in shaping who I have become as an athlete, but more importantly as an individual. It has taught me that failure is not a bad thing if you know how to han-
 dle it. I have experienced many failures in running such as injuries, iron deficiency, and sicknesses. It has taught me that you have to learn from them and move on to improve and better yourself. Running has taught me about perseverance and determination and that if you can stay focused, it will pay off in the long run. It has made me mentally tough and given me confidence, not only in running but in day to day life.

I often think back to a mid-August night at the start of my freshman year when I decided at the last minute to go out for cross country. I can't imagine where my life would be if I hadn't decided to join the team. Running has led me to so many amazing places, let me meet inspiring people, and brought me closer to a group of people, my team, than I ever thought imaginable.

Running has really shaped the way I look at life. It has helped me find my place and to know myself better. I have learned many valuable lessons from my peers and coaches that help me in everything that I do. Running has helped me learn how much hard work and dedication it really takes to be the best that you can be and to be successful. Running taught me that if you want to be good at something you have to live it day in and day out. I'm a firm believer that running is a lifestyle, not a sport. It has shown me that you can be as good as the people you look up to if you apply yourself. That is something that I will take with me, not only through my running career, but for the rest of my life.

I think running will always be a part of my life. It has benefited me too much, for me to not be involved with it for the rest of my life.


## Breck Peterson Stanton College Prep

Who am I? I am a runner. That sounds so simple doesn't it? For years now people have asked me why I love to run, and I just shrug and say I don't know. But I do know.
I struggle with a social anxiety disorder known as selective mutism. I couldn't make eye contact or speak with very many
people, even people I knew well, like teachers and classmates. After years of struggling with this, and resisting medication because I didn't want to "change" who I was - I finally began treatment in middle school. It helped tremendously. Then in the spring of my 7th grade year I joined the track team.

My world changed.
I was really good! Not only that, but I felt really good about myself. I was confident - and that confidence reflected in every aspect of my life - not only on the track, but in the classroom and in the relationships with my peers and teachers. In the past I did everything I could to NOT draw attention to myself. But with the new found confidence I was able to accept the congratulations and just be proud. Not Hubris, but genuine pride, knowing that I was worthy and important, and that it was acceptable to feel that way.

In the summer before my freshman year I began running with the Cross Country team. I immediately felt incorporated into the team - making my transition to high school easy. I had a place I fit - a place where I was accepted for who I was, how I was and what I had to offer. We train 5 days a week, 10 months a year. I make that commitment for many reasons. It allows me to be in control: control how hard I train, how fast I run, how I respond to my success or failure.

But mostly, it gives me confidence. Who knew that my track days from middle school, when I won by entire minutes in the mile, would translate into the confidence I have today. Today, I am by no means the best competitor out there, but I am one who is not afraid to work hard, help my teammates, and become who I really am. I believe it was not the medical treatment, but the "running therapy" that in fact allowed me to branch out.

I participated in our school pageant - modeled, danced, spoke and played clarinet in front of hundreds of people. I was selected to participate in the Bank of American Leadership Program and spent a week interacting with peers and community leaders, having conversations with my Congresswoman, and asking Barbara Bush questions about her Global Health Initiative (which has inspired where I want to head in my life.)

Being a runner has allowed me to take what has always been inside of me and begin sharing that with the world. I've only just started this race. $=$

These are the essays from 2 of the 4 young students who were awarded \$1,000 scholarships from the Florida Striders Track Club! Look for Alexis Jackson and Lily Arnold's essays in the next StrideRight.

October 2014
Race Galendar
for a NF list, with web links, see hitp://ameliarunners.com/kbendy/rrcacal.htm
NEW WEB ADDRESS***

| DATE | EVENT | TIME | LOCATION | CONTACT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| October 10 | Jaxtoberfest <br> 5K Beer Run | $6: 00$ p.m. | Old Shipyard Property <br> (Across from Maxwell House) <br> Gator Bowl Blva. | (904) 731-1900, ext 2 <br> 1st Place Sports |
| October 11 | Historic Penny Farms 5K | $8: 00$ a.m. | Kohler Park <br> Clarke Ave., Penny Farms | (904) 731-1900, ext 2 <br> 1st Place Sports |
| October 11 | Fall Frolic 5K | $5: 30$ p.m. | Queen's Harbour Sports <br> Complex | (904) 710-2458 <br> Ultimate Racing, Inc. |
| October 17 | Monster Mash Dash 5K Atlantic Blva., Jax |  |  |  |

## MINUTES

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gram. There was a discussion about this, but a decision has been tabled until a future meeting.
-Credit card charges for races through First Place Sports: Scott is going to work on this.
-Scholarship Award Pictures: They will be displayed on Facebook and the website.
-Photo Backdrop: We will get one for each of our races, and we can drape sponsors over it for the various races.
-Race Entry Fees: Our races are still the most affordable in town. He would like to see our entry fees increase $\$ 5$ to help our bottom line. A discussion about our race fees followed.
-Skipping next month's board meeting: A motion was made, seconded and passed to cancel the July meeting.
-Appointments by President

1. Race Advisor - Dave Bokros
2. Membership Director - George Hoskins
3. Children's Fun Run Coordinator - Tara Showalter
4. Equipment Director - Mike Mayse
5. Race Logistics Coordinator Glenn Hanna
6. Merchandise Director - Mark Wynter
7. Children's Running Committee

Chair - Carol McDougall
8. Scholarship Committee Director - Kim Lundy
9. River Run Tent CoordinatorDon Wucker
10. River Run Expo Coordinator Kristie Matherne
11.Social Directors - Christine Vaughn and Jennifer Desantis
12. Race Volunteer Coordinators

- Frank Frazier and Kim Crist

13. Marketing Coordinator -

Michelle McCoullough
14. StrideRight Proof Reader Vicky Connell
15. StrideRight Editor/ Email Marketing - Trish Kabus
16. Graphic Design Coordinator Nancy Harms
-Appointments by Board

1. Resolution Run Race Director Needed
2. Angry Tortoise Race Director Charlie Sauter-Hunsberger
3. Run to the Sun Race DirectorJoe Strickland
4. Memorial Day 5K Race Director - (Tentatively Jim Huster )
5. Hog Jog Race Director-Charlie Sauter-Hunsberger
b. Treasurer Report - Bill Krause: Our May expenses exceeded our revenues. We are on par with last year's budget. The website redesign fee was budgeted for in 2013 but paid for this month, so this account is way off

# New, Renewing and Expiring Memberships 

## NEW MEMBERS

Lisa Anderson
Meghan Gullman
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| Alison Ronzon |  |
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| Chris Twiggs |  |
| Lonnie Willoughby |  |
| Carol Wyninger |  |
| Tom \& Kary Zicafoose |  |
| EXPIRING |  |
| MEMBERSHIPS |  |
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| Denise Dailey | 9/30/14 |
| Gregg \& Kristin Friend | d 9/30/14 |
| Sara Green | 9/30/14 |
| Teresa Hankel | 9/30/14 |
| Patricia Hetzer-Coots | 9/30/14 |
| Gary Jones | 9/30/14 |
| Scott Lancaster | 9/30/14 |


| Stacie Lancaster | 9/30/14 | Leigh Ann Watson | 9/30/14 |
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| Larry Mattingly | 9/30/14 | Robert Frary | 10/31/14 |
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| David \& Deborah Townsend |  |  |  |
| Dawn and Gail Troxe | 9/30/14 |  |  |

In our continuing efforts to improve communications we are adding another feature to our monthly report. We have added the membership expiration date. This will allow you to double check my work and ensure I get it right. If your name does not appear in this column or you think something is in error with your renewal date please email me at floridastriders.com or call George Hoskins at 521-4951.
budget. All of the other expense accounts are well within budget
-Beginning Cash Balance as of May 1, 2014 was $\$ 26,604.75$
-May Income was $\$ 9,595.13$
-May Expenses were \$13,113.19

- Ending Cash Balance as of May 31, 2014 was $\$ 23,086$.
-Comparable Ending Cash Balance as of May 31, 2013 was $\$ 24,471$.
- Revenues were sponsorship, membership, and merchandise related. We also transferred funds from the Hog Jog and Resolution Run accounts.
- Expenses primarily include Children's Running, scholarship, and website redesign..


## IV. Committee and Director Reports

a. Children's Running Committee

- Carol MacDougall: Review of the
year- end report. Our program has grown quite a bit.
b. Social Update - Christine Vaughn: Jacksonville Suns game and Clarks socials coming up.
c. Merchandise Update-Mark Wynter: Total sales for MD5K were very good.

Do we need to invest in technology so that we have Wifi at the race site for race day registration? There were close to $\$ 1000$ in race day credit card registrations. Mark has not received merchandise invoices in quite a while. Bob needs some Strider merchandise to give to Kohls volunteers.

What sort of merchandise do we need for the fall/winter season?
V. Old Business: None
VI.New Business: Kim Lundy shared a thank you note from one of
our scholarship recipients, and an email thank you from another one.
-Marathon High Grant request: They are asking for a $\$ 500$ donation to their program for this coming school year. We supported this program last year, as do other local running clubs and organizations. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve this donation.
VII. Announcements: None
VIII. Adjournment: A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Mission - Promote and encourage running by educating the community about the benefits of physical fitness and sport. $=$

## To get your race resulis pubbished, fill out the form on floridastriders.com

# Race Results 

Mayor's Midnight Sun Half-Marathon
June 21, 2014
Anchorage, AK

Maria Littlejohn | 2:09:52 |
| :---: |
| Firecracker 5K |
| July 4, 2014 |
| Tallahassee, FL |
| Maria Littlejohn $\quad$ 27:45 3rd AG |

Maria Littlejohn 27:45 3rd AG
Boomer's Cystic Fibrosis Run to Breathe (4 mile)
July 12, 2014
Central Park, NYC
Maria Littlejohn $\quad 36: 44$

|  | Celebration 5K <br> July 4, 2014 <br> Jacksonville, FL |
| :---: | ---: |
| Mark Lay | $27: 47$ |


| Race to Substantiality 6K |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| July 26, 2014 |  |  |
| Chapel Hill, NC |  |  |
| Jean Schubert | $54: 33: 90$ |  |$\quad$ 1st AG

Heat of the Night 4 miles
July 26, 2014
Durham, NC
Jean Schubert
58:26
Came in dead last but set a new 4 mile PR!!
Race was on the American Tobacco Trail and run in the evening after taking 1st in AG in morning trail race in Carolina North forest.


Please make sure you fill out our new race result form located at floridastriders.com. This will be the only way your results will appear here each month! There is a link to the form on the home page.


## 5K Race Start 2:00PM

## ENTRY FEES

| Striders/Military |  | Non Striders | Kids 13\& Under |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Until Nov.7th | \$15 | \$20 | \$10 |
| 11/8-11/15 | \$20 | \$22 | \$10 |
| Race Day | \$25 | \$25 | \$25 |

* 2.00 OFF if you preregister with your ChampionChip
* Register Online - more info at www.floridastriders.com
* Sorry,there are no refunds!
* Day of Race Registration starts at 12:30 PM
* Technical shirts for the first 300 pre-registered runners

Race Director: Charlie Sauter-Hunsberger 904-502-9407 StriderHogJog @gmail.com

## DIRECTIONS / PARKING

Due to increased popularity of this race, parking is limited. Carpooling is encouraged.

From Blanding Blvd. \& 1-295:

1. South on Blanding to Knight Boxx Rd ( 6.5 mi )
2. Left on Knight Boxx to 220 ( 1.2 mi )
3. Right on 220 to 209 (Russell Rd) ( 1.1 ml)
4. Left on 209 to 739 (Henley) ( 1.3 mi )
5. Right on 739 to Sandridge Rd (739B) ( 2.3 mi )
6. Left on Sandridge to Ronnie VanZant Park ( 0.6 ml

## Fun Run Start 3:00PM

## COURSE / TIMIMG

This cross country course starts and finishes at Ronnie VanZant Memorial Park, 2760 Sandridge Rd. This two-lap rugged cross-country course will not be suitable for strollers. Spikes may be worn. Walkers are welcome, but there will be no separate walking awards.

The race will be timed using the ChampionChip (chip must be worn on your shoe or ankle during the race). Do not wear your personal chip if you sign up on race day.

## AWARDS

Awards will be given to Top 3 overall male and female, Top Master's male and female, Top Grandmaster's male and female. Awards will also be given to the top three male and female finishers in each age group as follows: 10 and under, 11-13, 14-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44,45-49,50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79 and 80 \& over The awards ceremony will be held at Ronnie VanZant Park following the race.

## FUN RUN

A FREE One-Mile Fun Run starts at 3:00PM. There is no charge for the Fun Run, but you must register to participate. Complete an entry form on race day or bring in a completed entry form. Please do not mail in Fun Run entry forms.

## PACKET PICKUP

ALL packet pick-up will be done at Ronnie VanZant Park on race day starting at 12:30PM.

## By George Hoskins

We have now put a Member list on our website, where you can easily check the renewal date of your membership. Go to the About menu, click on Membership, then click on "Check Here to see your Status". Below that you will find the two ways to renew, either PayPal, or the printable Membership Form (pg. 11). =

| WEEKLY TRAINING RUNS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Day | Time | Distance | Location | Point of Contact |
| Sunday | 6:30 am | 5 to 10 Miles Various pace groups | Atlantic Beach Ragtime Restaurant | Bill or Dot Mitchell <br> (904) 241-0331, mitd0005@mac.com |
| Sunday | 6:30 am | 6 to 20 Miles Various pace groups | Orange Park Sun Tire Blanding Blvd. | Dave Bokros (904) 545-4538 dbokros@gmail.com |
| Sunday | 6:30 am | Varied | Various Mandarin Locations | Stephanie Griffith (904) 233-6964 |
| Monday | 5:00 PM EST <br> 5:30 PM DST | 6 Miles Downtown Bridges | Jacksonville River City Brewing Co. Parking Lot | Danny Weaver (904) 287-5496 weaver243@hotmail.com |
| Monday | 6:30 PM | 3 to 7.5 Miles Easy Pace | Jacksonville Gazebo Mall | Bernie Gross (904) 272-5995, berniegross@juno.com |
| Monday | 6:30 PM | 2 Miles Run/Walk | Orange Park <br> Organized by Journey Church - 2864 Moody Ave | Vernon W Allen, (904) 699-8614 buildingahealthytemple @walkandrunjourneygroup.com |
| Wednesday | 5:30 PM | Interval Training | Jacksonville Bolles School San Jose Blvd. | Danny Weaver (904) 287-5496 weaver243@hotmail.com |
| Wednesday | 6:15 PM | 6.2 Miles Easy pace | Jacksonville Boone Park, Riverside | Doug Tillett, (904) 386-61395 douglastillet!@hotmail.com |
| Wednesday | 6:30 PM | Interval Training | Orange Park St. Johns Country Day School Track (Use the main gate on Doctor's Lake Drive, park near the athletic field) | Dave Bokros (904) 545-4538 dbokros@gmail.com |
| Thursday | 6:30 PM | 5 Miles | Jacksonville San Marco/Largo Park Corner of Naldo and Largo | Doug Tillett, (904) 386-61395 douglastillett@hotmail.com |
| Saturday | 6:30 AM | 10-15 Miles Moderate Pace | Julington Creek Starbucks | Wendy Patterson <br> (904) 237-4100, wenrex@comcast.net |



## ENTRY fEES:

Striders/Military
Until 2/15
2/16-2/28
Day of Race

25k: \$40 50k: \$55
25k: \$45 50k: \$60
25k: \$55 50k: \$70

Non Striders
25k: \$45 50k: \$60
25k: \$50 50k: \$65
25k: \$60 50k: \$75

## COURSE/TMING:

- The Race will be capped at 150 runners, so please sign up early.
- Online Registration only at www.FloridaStriders.com.
- Day of Race Registration (if available) will open at 6:00am.
- Technical Shirts for all Runners.
- Runners entry fee into the forest is covered in the race fee, however spectators will need to pay $\$ 2.00$ per person; children under 6 admitted free.

Race Director: Charlie Sauter-Hunsberger 904-502-9407•StridersHog Jog@gmail.com.

## AwARDS:

## - Finishers Awards for all finishers

- Awards will be given to top 3 overall Male and Female winners in both races. In addition, Sandbag awards will be given to the last place Male and Female runner in both races


## DRECTIONS:

- The Race is held at Cary Statte Forest
- Head North on US 3016 miles past Baldwin
- Turn Right onto Pavilion Road
- Parking will be just ahead on the right
- The Start/Finish area will be at the Pavillion


## PACKET PICKUP

Packet Pickup is day of race only. Packet pickup starts at 6 am at the Pavilion. Please make sure you arrive in time to pick up your shirt and put your bib on before the race start.

RACE START - 7:00 AM
The course is one 25 K loop. The 50 K runners will complete the loop at the start/finish area, before heading out for
the exact same course on the second loop.
The 25 K ( 15.5 mile) course will be timed using a manual timing machine. No timing chips required.
The start and finish line will be on Pavilion Rd where the trail from the Pavilion meets the Rd. Meet at the Pavilion upon arrival, and we will all walk to the start line together.

Please see the website for a detailed turn-by-turn course description.
The course has a 8 hour time-limit for both races. Runners not off the course in 8 hours will be given the option to ride in with the sweep vehicle, or continue on their own in an un-supported fashion (counted as a DNF).
The entire course is on forest service roads, that can at times be rutted and un-even. Appropriate footwear should be worn. There is zero pavement; the course is run on $100 \%$ dirt forest senvice roads.
Given the public nature of the land, it will be impossible to entirely close off the course from other day users, therefor it is the runners responsibility to be aware of his/her surroundings at all times. They should be aware of, among many other un-predictable events, horses, vehicles, snakes, alligators, and other wild animals.

In the event of emergency, the runner should proceed to the nearest course marshal, aidstation, or the start/finish line for emergency. There will be one aid station, conveniently located between 3.5 miles and 5.6 miles apart.
Due to Florida's un-predictable weather and the distance between aid station stops, all runners will be required to run with a water bottle, and it is the runners responsibility to provide said water bottle. This will be a cup free race.
This race meets the American Trail Running Association Standards. You can find more information at their website and www.trailrunner.com.

# 26th Annual Hog Jog and BBQ 

By Charlie Sauter-Hunsberger

This year we're bringing back the BBQ that was such a big hit last year, and we hope you'll come out and celebrate with us! We'll make sure to have a little bit more meat so we don't run out this year.

Just like last year, we especially want to encourage as many of the "old timers" to come out as possible to join in the celebration again this year. These folks helped to make the club what it is, and many of them are still quite active! We
want to make sure this race remains our most fun race of the year!

For those of you new to the Striders, the Hog Jog 5k and Runt Run takes place in beautiful Ronnie Van Zant Park, which really makes for a great afternoon spent in nature, celebrating our running and the friendships formed in our club. The course is a 2-lap course around the back part of the park. You'll spend time in trees, on grass, through a touch of mud if it's rained the night before, and just a little bit of sand. You'll be hard pressed to find a more beautiful course for a 5 k or 1-
mile fun run here in Northeast Florida!
There will be plenty of awards to go around. This is a smaller event, with only about 300 runners each year, which means the chance of you getting one of the top 3 age group awards is higher than typical. Just one more reason to come on down and join in the fun.

The 5k will kick off on Sunday November 16th at 2:00 PM. The Runt Run will start at 3:00, with awards starting immediately thereafter. The social will be on going throughout the afternoon. We hope you'll all stay for the whole event! =

## Florida Striders Membership Application



## Striders Spotight

This month my interviewee was of special interest to me, as she replaced my daughter Tori as the Graphic Designer for the Striders. If you haven't heard already, her name is Nancy Harms. I know from experience that this is a great position for a budding Graphic Designer as you get lots of real world ex-
perience and it builds your portfolio tremendously. It's actually more than just fancy logos. Our Graphic Designer also creates many of our flyers and other forms that go out to the general public. One of her first efforts has been the logo for the Hog Jog. She did

a fabulous job! Check it out if you haven't already.

Nancy got started as a runner because she comes from a family of runners! Both her parents were running and racing when she was young, taking her along to do the Fun Runs. The first actual race

she can remember was the Mantanzas 5 K when she was 7 or 8 . Shortly after that she began participating in the Jacksonville Grand Prix, usually winning her age group. As they became a running family, her parents joined the Florida Striders with a desire to be part of the running community.

In Middle School and High School Nancy competed in Cross Country. Her best Cross Country 5K time was 21:12. Her best 5 K road race was 21:03. She is most proud of her running accomplishment as a senior in High School, when the cross country coach awarded Nancy the "most improved runner" award. During her junior year Nancy was prevented
from competing due to a torn tendon. As a senior after re-learning to run again, she bested her times every race, helping the team win first in Regionals and fourth in the State.

Currently Nancy attends Flagler College in St. Augustine. As you might guess, her major is Graphic Design! She's involved in an entrepreneurship club called Enactus. Nancy decided not to compete in Cross Country in college, mostly because it would be too time consuming and take away from her studies. She continues to run regularly because she loves it, and as she put it, "l'd go crazy if I don't go for a run at least every other day!"

I asked Nancy what propelled her to take the job as the Graphic Designer for the Florida Striders. Her response? "My favorite things are running and Graphic Design so getting a job that combines both of my favorite hobbies couldn't have been a better match!"

Finally I asked Nancy if she has any advice for other runners? She said she always tells people who want to start running but question if they are fast enough or if they would be able to finish, to remember, "Dead last is better than did not finish, which trumps did not start. Even if you're not fast, at least you're not sitting on the couch! Get out there and do what you can."

Well said Nancy! =

## SEND US YOUR RACE RESULTS!

Please make sure you fill out our new race result form located at floridastriders.com. This will be the only way your results will appear here each month! There is a link to the form on the home page.

## Local Running Info



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