

Pine Belt Pacers Newsletter

First Quarter 2017

The year 2017 got off to a great pre-start on New Year's Eve with the Steam Whistle 12K at Jackson Station. There were 200 plus runners and walkers who helped raise \$3000 to be donated to the Longleaf Trace.

Congratulations to Dana Dillistone who blazed a new 12K women's record at 46:41!

A memorial walk for Raechel Dickinson who passed away running on the trace on December 24th was held on January 1st. Money was raised for her family and for an engraved stone in her memory for the trace.

The Pine Belt Strong 4 Mile Run/2 Mile March was a big success with over 200 runners. Despite an unfortunate car accident and a broken collarbone (she is on the mend now) our president Audrey Jackson pulled

off a fantastic event! A total of \$17,173 was raised to help the tornado victims.



Raechel Dickinson and April Shoffner



Pine Belt Strong 4 Mile Run/2 Mile March

The latest Beer Mile/Donut Half Mile Run was held at the home of Eric Weill. Winning the crowns were Terry Lawhead and Dan “the rocket” Vega respectively. Stay tuned for an opportunity to dethrone them coming soon!

With much sadness we must wish a fond farewell to Mostafa Khannouchi and family. Soccer Locker City Runners is closing up shop and they are moving to Boston. His upcoming plans are to take a break for a while and reconnect with family in the area. He does plan to return to the New Orleans Rock and Roll Marathon and hopefully qualify for Boston some day. Mostafa has been a dedicated supporter of PBP and the running community for the last 14 years. We would like to thank him and wish his family the best on their new life adventure!



Beer Mile/Donut Half Mile



Mostafa and family

Upcoming Events:

Spring Picnic at Little Black Creek in April, planned for a Sunday afternoon, date TBD

Upcoming races:

March 11: South Jones Band of Braves 5K Ellisville, MS

March 17: Irish-Italian Festival 5K run/walk, Hattiesburg, MS

April 1: Rise and Shine Hattiesburg Clinic ½ marathon and 5K, Hattiesburg, MS

April 1: 5K Military Fun Run, Meridian, MS

April 8: Cock's Crow 5K, Demopolis, AL

April 8: North Forrest High School Band Spring Fling 5K, Hattiesburg, MS

April 9: Run Pensacola Beach ½ marathon, 10 miler and 5K, Pensacola, FL

April 9: Silver Shuffle 5 Mile, Hattiesburg, MS

April 14: Head Over Hills 5K, Columbia, MS

April 15: 4th Annual Lighthouse Dash 5K and 2 mile walk, Petal, MS

April 22 Anderson Cup 5K, Meridian, MS

April 22: 5th Annual CPSG Voodoo 5K, Hattiesburg, MS

April 29: JCJC Splash of Color Run, Ellisville, MS

May 6: Day in the Park 5K, Laurel, MS

May 6: Red Dress Run 5K, Camp Shelby, MS

May 20: Fallen Officer Memorial 5K, Gulfport, MS

See Pinebeltpacers.org for details