



# *ISLAND ROADRUNNER'S*

Grosse Ile, Michigan

## *RUNNING TIMES*

August 2012

### MEMORIAL DAY RACE 2012

It seemed summer couldn't wait to get here. We passed through the warmest March on record. Winter's back was broken much too early. It was no surprise Memorial Day was going to be a hot one. Undeterred, over 700 runners took to the roads and trails of GI to test their resilience on a very warm day. Looking over the mass of runners in both the 5k and 8k left little doubt the IRR knows how to plan and execute a great running event. Even the kids in the One Mile were eager to get going. Smiles bloomed on their faces when they received a beautiful finisher's medal. We know how to please 'em all.

Recognition for a super job should go to so many club members and their families. From water stops to course marshals, to the food tables, everything was done right.

Greg Everal, our devoted race director, ensured a flawless event with amenities people enjoy. Directing a quality event like ours requires many hours and acute attention to every detail – thank you for your years of service Greg. Flawless scoring is standard with Greg, Jenni and Gary Olsen. Making certain everyone has a role to fill, and a job completed is what he insists on. Year after year, our execution is something we all take reflected pride in. It takes all of our determined members to bring about an annual event people talk about with avid appreciation.

Special thanks go to the following:

Neil Keller: Job assignments

Joe Lambrix: stellar performance as race MC

Laura and Tim: One mile race, medal procurement and awards ceremony

Paul D: "Race Car" biker

Collie Hooper-Yan, Josie Deladurantaye: food gourmets for post-race party

Beth and Kevin Gilday: Bagel pick-up, party food, Kevin and radio operators  
securing our course and participants

Bob and Shirlee Welsch with Sue Richards and Oni Mitchell: flawless packet  
pick-up and registration

David Howell of Total Runner: excellent handling of pre-registration and early  
packet pick-up

Arlene and Tom Kalis: our dear perennial hosts of our always pleasing Post  
race party

Dick Welsch: course marshal coordinator and of course beer and soda  
supplies for the party

The many ladies of the food table who do such a fine job: Sue Quick, Josie  
Deladurantaye, Chris Scholz, Peg O'Callaghan, Linda Tilley, Erica Pfeiffer,  
Janet Cousino, Erika Hidalgo, Karen Hill, and more.

Jenni Everal: Sweatshirt design and procurement, and helping to balance  
Gregs many moods (JK).

I realize this list does not cover all the names of devoted IRR workers. Many of us  
step up to support our cause and do so in quiet but significant ways. To them we  
extend our gratitude for all you do to ensure our success. It does "take a village."

We salute each others sincere efforts to let the running world know we are the ISLAND ROAD RUNNERS.

## SOLSTICE PICNIC 2012

We love to usher in summer with a club picnic in the park. For a dozen years we have gathered in Elizabeth Park to kick off the sweetness of the summer season with a run/walk and a meal together. The skies cooperated in a timely fashion allowing Collie to lay out a very pleasing meal for all of us. Memories are made of this. From the picnic shelter the river passes in a timeless fashion as we enjoy the rewards this club is known for. Thank you Collie for spearheading this event and for all of you who brought food to share.

## LOOKING AHEAD ...SPECIAL CLUB MEETINGS

Josie and Paul Deladurantaye have come up with a great idea for you to enjoy. How about monthly breakfast gatherings in the Middle School meeting room (in the future during foul weather months)? We do it for the annual business meeting so why not have a get-together after cold Saturday run/walks? Bagels, donuts, coffee and juice sound good to you? Some major issues require our attention this year. September and October gatherings will provide an opportunity to discuss some critical concerns:

1. Selecting a new Race Director for our Memorial Day Race.
2. Discussing club charitable donations
3. Exploring ideas to enhance what we do

Mark your calendars for these dates:

SEPTEMBER 29, 2012: 9-11 am back door of middle school. Club officers will set agenda topics

OCTOBER 27, 2012: Same time and place: voting procedure to solidify decisions discussed at September meeting. We need a race director by November, so this is well timed.

## TAILGATE TREAT “THANK YOU’S”

We wish to salute our sweet club members who bring us the monthly treats after select club runs. They step up to volunteer their time to prepare for us refreshing treats. This allows us more time to chat and soak in another great benefit of being a club member.

### Tailgate treats:

May Hostess: Beth G  
June Hostess: Erica P  
July Hostess': Collie H/Y and Ericka H  
August Hostess: Trish  
September Host: Randy G  
October Hosts: Josie and Paul D

## COMING EVENTS…MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 22 Tailgate Treats

October ? Tailgate Treats

November 24: Club Prediction Run by Linda and Bill Tilley

Annual Club Banquet, 6pm–11pm Arnaldos Banquet Center.  
Information to follow.