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THIFFINITIES

Marathon Maniacs running half marathons... YES, it's true!

Tired of running marathons and ultras (HA!!)? Need to back down on that weekly mileage and concentrate on getting faster? Then join the Half Fanatics (halffanatics.com). There are currently over 13,000+ members in the Fanatic Asylum, and I'm sure you'll recognize a few names in the group. So jump on the bandwagon now, get your qualifying races in and join this new, zany group!

www.halffanatics.com











Louisiana Marathon BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA









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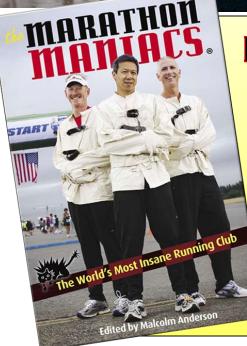
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Heather reaches 10 stars (Titanium)!



Jess wins the Coldwater Rumble 100!

MARATHON MANIACS: THE BOOK

The Marathon Maniacs have released a book!

This book is collection of stories by members of the Marathon Maniacs. These stories are sure to be encouraging and motivation to current and future members. The book was edited by Maniac Malcolm Anderson author of the book "The Messengers".

Be sure to get your copy of the book and enjoy the stories of the World's Most Insane Running Club!

http://www.databarevents.com/store/product/101/Marathon-Maniacs-Book

Autographed Copy:

http://www.databarevents.com/store/product/103/Autographed-MM-Book







aui Oceanfront Marathon







Dan finished his 50th state!



Kerri and Mike





Marie and Annie



Steve finishes his 300th marathon and 50th state! LAHAINA, HAWAII



David and Gail finish their 50th state!





50th state!

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MARATHON MANIACS PACE

Did you know the Marathon Maniacs have an official pace team? Since Maniacs are no stranger to running 26.2 miles many of you are good running these runs.

There are many great reasons to join the pace team and many rewarding aspects to being a pacer.





Requirements to be a Pacer

- Must have completed 15 marathons for your desired distance to pace
- Marathon Pacer: Must have completed the marathon distance 20 minutes faster than your pace time for the full marathon (example: to pace a 4:00 hour you must have run a 3:40 marathon)

The Official Marathon Maniac Pace Teams

- To be in good standing with the Marathon Maniacs and all dues current
- Have your MM race page updated so that we can link your information
- CPR Certification by event date-please contact your local fire department for a FREE class

Pacer Perks

- Free to join!
- Waived entry fee
- Sublimated Pace Shirts
- A chance to carry the coveted maniac cat pace sign
- Discounts on lodging when applicable
- Fun pacing runners to their goal finish time

Best of luck to you securing your spot on the pace team!

For more information on which races we are looking for pacers and on getting signed up please visit: http://www.marathonmaniacs.com/marathon-maniacs/pacer-team

Marathon Maniac Pacing Coordinator: Sabrina Seher (MM #3397)



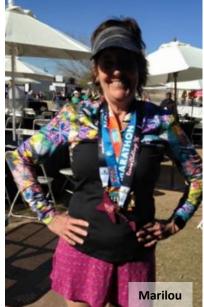












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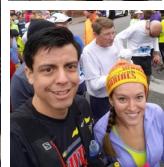


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JOIN THE MANIACS ON THESE SOCIAL NETWORKS







FACEBOOK: Marathon Maniac page: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Marathon-Maniacs/144969288167 Marathon Maniacs group: http://www.facebook.com/groups/marathonmaniacs/

INSTRAGRAM:

@marathonmaniacs - http://instagram.com/marathonmaniacs

TWITTER: @mainmaniacs - http://twitter.com/mainmaniacs

Across all social networks use the hash tag: #marathonmaniacs





























Since the formation of the Half Fanatics in 2009, a runner who is a member of both clubs is called a Double Agent.

Well, the Main Maniacs have decided to create an asylum dedicated to those who are Double Agents. In order to be assigned a Double Agent number you must have your dues paid and updated in both the MM and HF. Your name and e-mail address must match both clubs. Each day a program will run to generate new members.

New gear is available for Double Agents as well as a whole new set of challenges as you climb peaks.

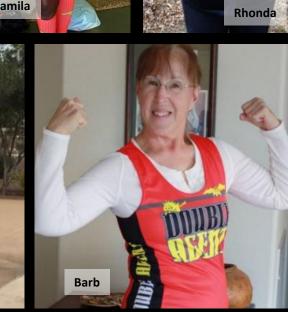
For more information visit the Maniacs web site.



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NEW DOUBLE AGENTS IN JANUARY:

Karen Clements (#2072) Paula Keefe (#2073) Robert Gensler (#2074) joselito estrella (#2075) Quan Chase (#2076) Dean Ford (#2077) Alissa Yeager (#2078) Amy Lewing (#2079) Sandra Roberts (#2080) Amanda Hoskins (#2081) Paul Hoskins (#2082) Linda Pulver (#2083) Brent Cunningham (#2084) Nicara Spechthold (#2085) Michelle Jacobson-Kwok (#2086) Michael Maddock JR (#2087) Peter Vosshall (#2088) Ryan Hutchison (#2089) Ronnie Freeman (#2090) Christine Hall (#2091) Erin Thompson (#2092) Lorna Mazza (#2093) Silvia Maldonado (#2094) Brenda Hall (#2095) Julliette Fahey (#2096) Barbara Smith (#2097) Heather Tillman (#2098) Mike Gonzalez (#2099) Brandie Sica (#2100) Nicholas Nicholson (#2101) Kevin Smith (#2102) Gina Swanson (#2103) Cheryl Crozier (#2104) Ndidi Feinberg (#2105) Roger Lenox (#2106) Fred Henninger Jr (#2107) Kim Benner (#2108) Tracy Holland (#2109) Jodi Haywood (#2110) Liz Andrews (#2111) Melissa DeNillo (#2112) Laura Comer (#2113) Thomas Hrdina (#2114)

Gina Ferlise (#2115) Adam Vargulish (#2116) Dolores Roberts (#2117) Nannette Mereles (#2118) Doug Briggs (#2119) Elizabeth "Tiggie" Culver (#2120) Joellen Shendy (#2121) Marian Salmon (#2122) Tonia Carroll (#2123) Melissa Beasley (#2124) Dave Smith (#2125) Buffie Veselka (#2126) Braden Miller (#2127) Telisa Walter (#2128) Susan Stacey (#2129) Carol Smith (#2130) Ronita Bland (#2131) Charles McGechie (#2132) Vanessa Yingling (#2133) Carra Summers (#2134) James Grindeland (#2135) Sue Cottrill (#2136) Jamie Summerton (#2137) Emily Daycock (#2138) Phillip Griffith (#2139) Jessica Spivey (#2140) Eva Capparello (#2141) Verne Brummett (#2142) Christina Thomas (#2143) Linda Ambard (#2144) Wendy "Smiley" Sibley (#2145) Erica Simmons Ahimah (#2146) Malik Owens (#2147) Elizabeth Knott (#2148) Shelley Hills (#2149) Mike Herrin (#2150) Gwen Thompson (#2151) Steve Patten (#2152) Casey Streater (#2153) Nikki Morris (#2154) Lisa Caskey (#2155) Wendy Rodriguez (#2156)





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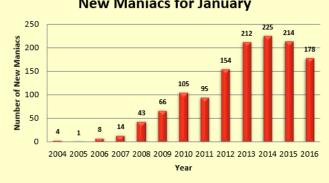
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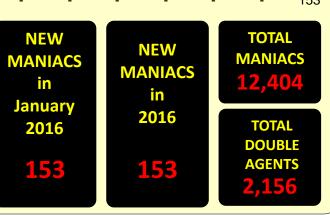


REPORT FROM THE INSANE ASYLUM

The following is a statistical update on the growth of the Marathon Maniacs. It may not mean much to you, but I find it very interesting. Monthly Growth

Month	►	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Yearly
Averages		95.1	67.5	83.8	69.7	106.2	79.5	48.2	29.8	36.5	108.0	128.0	114.4	875.1
Record		225	177	189	138	249	175	101	56	73	257	334	241	2,110
2015	►	214	129	180	141	178	124	54	45	50	188	238	178	1,719
2016	►	153	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	153
New Maniacs for January														





MARATHON MANIACS CRITERIA

★★★★★ TITANIUM ★★★★

- 52 Marathons or more within 365 days.
 - 30 Marathons in 30 different US states within 365 days.
 - 20 Countries within 365 days.

★★★ PLATINUM ★★★★

- 45 - 51 Marathons within 365 days.
- 23 Marathons in 23 different US states within 365 days.
- 28 Marathons within 183 days.

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- 38 - 44 Marathons within 365 days.
 - 20 Marathons in 20 different US states within 365 days
 - 13 Marathons within 79 days.

★★★ OSMIUM ★★↑

- 31 - 37 Marathons within 365 days.
- 16 Marathons in 16 different US states within 365 days.
- 6 Marathons within 16 days.
- 4 Marathons in 4 days = QUADZILLA.

★★RUTHENIUM ★★ ≯

- 31 - 37 Marathons within 365 days.
- 16 Marathons in 16 different US states within 365 days.
- 6 Marathons within 16 days.
- 4 Marathons in 4 days = QUADZILLA.

★ 🕇 IRIDIUM 🛧 🕇

4 Marathons in 23 days.
19 - 25 Marathons within 365 days.
2 Marathons in 2 days (or 48 hours)
9 Marathons in 9 different US states within 365 days.

★★ GOLD ★

- 4 Marathons within 37 days.
- 12 - 18 Marathons within 365 days.
- 4 Marathons in 4 different US states within 51 days

★ SILVER 🔸

- 3 Marathons within a 16 day time frame.
- 6 Marathons in 6 consecutive calendar months.
- 8 - 11 Marathons within 365 days.

BRONZE ★

2 Marathons within a 16 day time frame. 3 Marathons within a 90 day time frame.

If you reached a higher Maniac level and want the recognition in the Newsletter Please fill out this form: <u>http://tinyurl.com/MMupgrade</u>

New Maniacs at each level

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Heather Zeigler, Newton Baker

Michael Rhodes, Jane Sturzaker

None

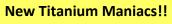
Eliot Ephraim, Nadia Guimont

Chris McFaul

Randell Hansen, Rob Robertson

None

None





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Newton Baker

Upcoming Races!

Marathon/Ultra Calendar between November 26-January 1

2/19	Maritime Marathon	26.2	NS	
2/20	Tagaytay 60Km Ultramarathon	26.2	RIZ	
2/20	FOURmidable	50K	CA	
2/20	FebApple Frozen 50	50K	NJ	
2/20	Black Warrior 50K	50K	AL	
2/20	Montara Mountain Trail Run	26.2	CA	
2/20	Thrill in the Hills	26.2	GA	
2/20	Surfside Beach Marathon	26.2	ТΧ	
2/20	Olde Girdled Grit 50k and Marathon	Ultra	ОН	
2/20	Ultra Adventures Antelope Canyon 50m/55k	Ultra	AZ	
2/20	Calico Red Rock Canyon Marathon	26.2	NV	
2/20	Aravaipa Elephant Mountain	50K	AZ	
2/20	Blackwater Trail Challenge	50K	FL	
2/20	Maple Leaf Indoor Marathons	26.2	IN	
2/21	Five Points of Life Marathon	26.2	FL	
2/21	NYCRuns Central Park Marathon	26.2	NY	
2/21	Q50 Trail Extravaganza 50m/50k/26.2	Ultra 26.2	LA	
2/21 2/21	Warm up for Boston Frozen Heart 50k	20.2 50K	OH MD	
2/21	Dry Creek Trail Marathon	26.2	TN	
2/21	El Paso Marathon	26.2	TX	
2/21	Lord Hill 50k	20.2 50K	WA	
2/21	Shelby Forest Loop Marathon	26.2	TN	
2/21	Off the Beaten Track	50K	ОТН	
2/21	Roots Rock Fishline	50K	WA	
2/21	LoVit 100m	100mi	AR	
2/27	LOVIT 100k	100M	AR	
2/27	Gusher Marathon	26.2	ТХ	
2/27	Post Oak Challenge Day One	50K	ОК	
2/27	Blood, Sweat, and Beers	26.2	NV	
2/27	Orange Curtain 100K/50K	Ultra	CA	
, 2/27	Phoenix Marathon	26.2	AZ	
2/27	Cummins Falls Marathon	26.2	ΤN	
2/27	Three Capes Marathon and Marathon Relay	26.2	OR	
2/27	Sycamore Canyon 100K	100K	CA	
2/27	Salmon Falls 50K	50K	CA	
2/27	Soggy Bottom Endurance Ultra	26.2	MO	
2/27	Mount Cheaha 50K	50K	AL	
2/27	Richland Run Fest	26.2	WA	
2/28	Vodafone Malta Marathon	26.2	OTH	
2/28	Rock N Roll New Orleans	26.2	LA	
2/28	Cowtown 50k/26.2	Ultra	ТΧ	
2/28	Hyannis Marathon	26.2	MA	
2/28	Tokyo Marathon	26.2		
2/28	Kilimanjaro Marathon	26.2		
2/28	Post Oak Challenge Day Two	26.2		
2/29	Leap Day Marathon	26.2	OR	
3/5	Seneca Creek Greenway Race	50K	MD	
3/5	Way Too Cool 50k	50K	CA	
3/5	Delano Park	26.2	AL	
3/5	Sierra Vista Trail Runs	50K	NM	
3/5	Griffith Park Trail Marathon	26.2	CA	
3/5	Carl Touchstone Memorial Mississippi Trail 50m/50k	Ultra	MS	
3/5	Dupont City Trail Marathon	26.2	WA	
3/5	Tejas Trails Pandoras Box of Rox 50m/26.2	Ultra	TX	
3/5	Myrtle Beach Marathon	26.2	SC TV	
3/5 3/5	Woodlands Marathon	26.2	TX	
	Albany Marathon	26.2	GA	
3/5	Run Hard Columbia Marathon Green Jewel 50k	26.2	SC	
3/5 3/5	Old Pueblo 50 Mile	50K 50mi	OH AZ	
3/6	Long Play Race	Ultra	FL	
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3/6	Napa Valley Marathon	26.2	CA
3/6	Little Rock Marathon	26.2	AR
3/6	Chattanooga Marathon	26.2	ΤN
3/6	Beaufort 60k Ultramarathon	Ultra	
3/12	Graveyard 100	100mi	NC
3/12	Trail Trashed Ultra - Marathon	26.2	NV
3/12	Peytons Wild and Wacky Ultra	50K	SC
3/12	Buzzard Day 50k & 100k	50K	ОН
3/12	A Run Through Time Marathon	26.2	CO
3/12	Mountain Marathon	26.2	WA
3/12	Land Between the Lakes Trail Run	26.2	KY
3/12	A Stroll in the Park	Ultra	GA
3/12	Aravaipa Mesquite Canyon 50k	Ultra	AZ
3/12	Antarctica Marathon	26.2	AAT
3/12	Rock n Roll DC	26.2	DC
3/12	Montgomery Marathon	26.2	AL
3/12	Calico Labor of Love 50m/50k/26.2	Ultra	NV
3/12	Marin Ultra Challenge	50K	CA
3/12	Crazy Desert Trail Races	50K	TX
3/12	Ellerbe Marathon Lower Potomac River Marathon	26.2 26.2	NC MD
3/13 3/13			CA
3/13	run deo run trail race Palm 100k/50k	50K Ultra	FL
3/13	Newport News One City Marathon	26.2	VA
3/13	Marato Barcelona	26.2	VA VI
3/13	Zydeco Marathon	26.2	LA
3/13	Asheville Marathon at Biltmore Estate	26.2	NC
3/13	Tobacco Road Marathon	26.2	NC
3/13	Puerto Rico Marathon	26.2	PR
3/13	Northern Trails Marathon	26.2	NC
3/13	Yokohama Marathon	26.2	
3/18	Jerusalem Marathon	26.2	
3/18	Howard Aslinger Endurance 12hr/24hr Run	Ultra	MO
3/19	Grasslands Trail Run	26.2	тх
3/19	Lake Martin 100	Ultra	AL
3/19	Pac Rim 24 hour	Ultra	WA
3/19	Georgia Death Race	Ultra	GA
3/19	Chuckanut 50k	50K	WA
3/19	Catalina Island Marathon	26.2	CA
3/19	Ultra Adventures Monument Valley 50m/50k	Ultra	AZ
3/19	Valley to the Sea	26.2	HI
3/19	Raccoon Mountain Marathon	26.2	ΤN
3/19	Sand Hollow Marathon	26.2	UT
3/19	Antelope Island Buffalo Run	100K	UT
3/19	JC Stone 50k	26.2	PA
3/19	Badwater Cape Fear 50M/50K	26.2	NC
3/19	Vegas Moonlight Ultra	26.2	NV
3/19	Running the Shoals Marathon	26.2	AL
3/19	Savin Rock Marathon	26.2	СТ
3/19	HAT Run	50K	MD
3/20	A2A Race for Mercy Marathon	26.2	OK
3/20	B&A Marathon	26.2	MD
3/20	Virginia Creeper Marathon	26.2	VA
3/20	3rd Annual Train Track Trek Titi 100	50K	CA
3/20		100K	14
3/20	Oakland Running Festival Marathon	26.2	CA VA
3/20 3/20	Shamrock Marathon	26.2 26.2	VA TX
3/20 3/20	Seabrook Lucky Trail Marathon Big Island International Marathon	26.2	HI
3/20	Georgia Marathon	26.2	GA
3/20	Ocean Drive Marathon	26.2	NJ
3/20	Bataan Memorial Death March	26.2	NM
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New Maniacs in January 2016

Douglas Spencer (#12253) Jacqueline Whitney (#12254) Kathleen Bauer (#12255) Michelle Forshner (#12256) Hugh Roger Thompson (#12257) Jeff Mescal (#12258) Scott "The Low Rider" Porter (#12259) David Wood (#12260) Paul Pirillo (#12261) Sheldon Samuels (#12262) Dean Ford (#12263) Quan Chase (#12264) Peter Vosshall (#12265) Amanda Georgiades (#12266) Alissa Yeager (#12267) Erika Tsang (#12268) Gerard De Leon (#12269) Paul Hoskins (#12270) Michelle Smith (#12271) Jada Snider (#12272) Jeff Brown (#12273) Linda Pulver (#12274) Brent Cunningham (#12275) Scott Struck (#12276) Nicara Spechthold (#12277) kate lee (#12278) Will Fulgueras (#12279) Michelle Jacobson-Kwok (#12280) Heather Kralj (#12281) Josh Sarath (#12282) Laura Collins (#12283) Riva "Road Runner" Brown (#12284) Emily Gray (#12285) Heidi McKee (#12286) Justin McKee (#12287) Ryan Hutchison (#12288) Ronnie Freeman (#12289) Kari Gormley (#12290) Julliette Fahey (#12291) Jason Bangos (#12292) Christine Hall (#12293) Erin Thompson (#12294) Lorna Mazza (#12295) lea hayduk (#12296) Helena Smith (#12297) Silvia Maldonado (#12298) Brenda Hall (#12299) Bill Misek (#12300) Barbara Smith (#12301) Heather Tillman (#12302) Janice Leister (#12303)

Taiwo Bada (#12304) Brandie Sica (#12305) Bobbie Hartsuff (#12306) Jan Pitchford (#12307) Whitney Cole (#12308) Kevin Smith (#12309) Cheryl Crozier (#12310) Fred Henninger Jr (#12311) debbie svenson (#12312) Irene Kok (#12313) Ndidi Feinberg (#12314) Roger Lenox (#12315) Stephen Bernstein (#12316) Tatiana Schember (#12317) Jackie Pryer (#12318) Kim Benner (#12319) Tracy Holland (#12320) Liz Andrews (#12321) Kimberly Hunter (#12322) Melissa DeNillo (#12323) Adrian Paul (#12324) Anne Rice (#12325) Kinsey McKenrick (#12326) Laura Comer (#12327) Glen Stanley (#12328) Thomas Hrdina (#12329) Justin Chan (#12330) Adam Vargulish (#12331) Larry W Carpenter (#12332) Steve Garrett (#12333) William Garrett (#12334) Joseph Peter Byron Boucher (#12335) Sharon Brady (#12336) Doug Briggs (#12337) Dolores Roberts (#12338) Robyn Larkin (#12339) Bryan Cox (#12340) Lori Hast (#12341) Eric Smith (#12342) Derek Zardus (#12343) Joellen Shendy (#12344) Erica Watts (#12345) Corinne Fortin (#12346) Marisa Zappala (#12347) Marian Salmon (#12348) Jabus Hamm (#12349) Dr. Bryon Solberg (#12350) Curtis Ralston (#12351) Paul Hutchens (#12352) Melissa Beasley (#12353) Dave Smith (#12354)

Margaret Kopacz (#12355) Jennifer Abate (#12356) Jennifer Moran (#12357) Telisa Walter (#12358) Susan Stacey (#12359) Melissa Zimmermann (#12360) Suzanna Turanyi (#12361) Benjamin Dean (#12362) Aaron DeBord (#12363) Carol Smith (#12364) Susan Ketchum (#12365) Keith Levitsky (#12366) Raj Patel (#12367) Ronita Bland (#12368) Giannina Mixco (#12369) Charles McGechie (#12370) Courtney Hale (#12371) Geoffrey Meyer (#12372) Emily Daycock (#12373) Mitch Goldstein (#12374) Alexandra Servia (#12375) Kristen Riley (#12376) Jessica Spivey (#12377) Eva Capparello (#12378) Verne Brummett (#12379) Kevin Bradley (#12380) Mont McClendon (#12381) Harriett Stevenson (#12382) Christina Thomas (#12383) Bernard ODonnell (#12384) Stacy Goff (#12385) Erica Simmons Ahimah (#12386) Mindy Simonson (#12387) Malik Owens (#12388) Mary Clinton (#12389) Elizabeth Knott (#12390) Scott Benson (#12391) Serena Flood (#12392) Alex Penny (#12393) Christopher Hasegawa (#12394) Robert Garza (#12395) Elsa Koutsavakis (#12396) Rosa Eshoo (#12397) Casey Streater (#12398) Trisha Turner (#12399) Nikki Morris (#12400) Wendy Rodriguez (#12401) Maria Fe Godbey (#12402) Bonnie "Finishing is Winning" Humphrey (#12403) Michael Luthanen (#12404) Jessica Kozuki (#12405)



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FROM THE EDITOR..

How's winter going? Are you managing to get your runs in despite the weather? Are you traveling to the southern states to get your races in? Whatever the case might be, keep at it. Winter will be over soon.

February promises to be exciting with the Olympic Trials in LA.

Happy Running!

- Steve "Marathon Freak" Walters MM#338

Steve Walters and Les Omura

MANIAC ONGOING DISCOUNTS Jeff "Boneman" Bollman (#1058

With the new website comes a new way to identify race discounts. All discounts are now located on the race calendar page. Look for the gold coin following the race name, that signifies a discount. Click the coin and after a brief disclaimer reminding us that discounts are for members only, the code will be revealed along with the amount saved.

The programmers are working on lots of website items and one is a non-race related discount link. Until that's complete, you'll need to email Jeff Bollman (jeff@marathonmaniacs.com) for the running warehouse discount.

- Phoenix Marathon 2/27/16: http://thephoenixmarathon.com
- Cowtown Marathon (TX) 2/28/16: <u>www.cowtownmarathon.org</u>
- Myrtle Beach Marathon (SC) 3/5/16: www.mbmarathon.com
- New Mexico State Park Series 3/5-3/6/16: http://mainlymarathons.com
- Chattanooga Marathon 3/6/16: <u>www.chattanoogamarathon.com</u>
- Little Rock Marathon (AR) 3/6/16: http://littlerockmarathon.com/
- Marathon of the Treasure Coast (FL) 3/6/16: http://treasurecoastmarathon.com
- Asheville Marathon (NC) 3/13/16: http://ashevillemarathon.com/
- Zydeco Marathon (LA) 3/13/16: <u>http://zydecomarathon.com</u>
- Raccoon Mountain Marathon (TN) 3/19/16: http://runchattanooga.org/rmm/
- Wrightsville Beach Marathon (NC) 3/20/16: www.wrightsvillebeachmarathon.com
- Dust Bowl Series 3/23-3/27/16: http://mainlymarathons.com
- Tomoka Marathon (FL) 3/26/16: www.tomokamarathon.com
- Queen City Marathon (MD) 4/2/16: <u>www.runthequeencity.com</u>
- Knoxville Marathon (TN) 4/3/16: <u>www.knoxvillemarathon.com</u>
- Blooms to Brews Marathon (WA) 4/10/16: http://bloomstobrews.getboldevents.com/
- Hogeye Marathon (AR) 4/10/16: www.hogeyemarathon.com
- **Blue Ridge Marathon (NC) 4/16/16: <u>http://blueridgemarathon.com/</u>
- Carmel Marathon (IN) 4/16/16: www.carmelmarathon.com
- Garmin Marathon (KS) 4/16/16: http://ozrun.org
- **Salt Lake City Marathon 4/16/16: www.saltlakecitymarathon.com
- Whidbey Island Marathon (WA) 4/16/16: www.whidbeyislandmarathon.com
- Riverboat Series 4/17-4/23/16: http://mainlymarathons.com
- Coastal Delaware Running Festival 4/24/16: <u>www.codelrun.com</u>
- HITS Kiwanis Kingston Classic Marathon (NY) 4/24/16: <u>http://hitsrunning.com/hits-kiwanis-kingston-classic/</u>
- Colorado Marathon 5/1/16: <u>www.thecoloradomarathon.com</u>
- Eugene Marathon 5/1/16: <u>http://eugenemarathon.com</u>
- Providence Marathon (RI) 5/1/16: www.runri.us
- New Jersey Marathon 5/1/16: <u>www.thenewjerseymarathon.com</u>
- Tacoma City Marathon 5/1/16: <u>www.tacomacitymarathon.com</u>
- **New River Marathon (NC) 5/7/16: www.newrivermarathon.com
- Wisconsin Marathon 5/7/16: <u>www.wisconsinmarathon.com</u>
- Brookings Marathon (SD) 5/14/16: <u>www.brookingsmarathon.com</u>
- Shipyard Maine Coast Marathon 5/15/16: <u>http://mainecoast262.com</u>
- Fargo Marathon 5/21/16: <u>www.fargomarathon.com</u>
- Vermont City Marathon 5/29/16: <u>www.vermontcitymarathon.org</u>
- Casper Marathon (WY) 6/5/16: <u>www.runwyoming.com</u>
- Deadwood Mickelson Trail Marathon (SD) 6/5/15: www.deadwoodmickelsontrailmarathon.com
- Windermere Marathon(WA) 6/5/16: http://windermeremarathon.com/
- **Bear Lake Marathons (WY, UT & ID) 6/9-6/11/16: www.bearlakeendurance.com



PLEASE RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MANIAC DUES (ON YOUR MANIAC BIRTHDAY)

YOUR DUES HELP MAINTAIN THE CLUB AND KEEP THE COVETED MANIAC GEAR IN STOCK!!

A REMINDER IS SENT WITH THE MONTHLY E-FLASH AND SOME OF YOU ARE OVERDUE!!



JANUARY <mark>2016</mark> NEWSLETTER



Hiya, Mr. Runner Man!

How are you, Prez? Happy New Year! All set to jog a skajillion marathons, you know, as training runs for running two kabillion marathons? Of course you are! You are PREZ, and you HAVE to re-gain your impeccable running form so you can beat Mr. Hollywood again!

Between you and me, Prez, you better practice, because it turns out not only are Sir Christopher AND Professor Tony planning to leave you in their macadam dust, I, my very own self, Reverend of the Pokeyfeet, am fixing to start out some nice quiet race next to you, ambling along, a little chitter chatter here and there, and then surprise you by lasting at your brisk pace more than three miles, more than five, more than seven miles with you, amazing you no doubt, and then, stunningly, incredibly, unbelievably, about mile 23, pulling away! Yessir, that's my 2016 plan! I figure, it's my year, see, because Peyton AND Carolina are going to the Super Bowl, my #2 NFC and #1 AFC teams, and I-know-who's team is home eating nachos.

Oh my, pardon my manners. I am *sooo sorry* your fellers' Seahawk wings didn't fly very high against SuperNewton's panthers. {*Well, honestly I'm not really sorry. I just feel bad for you, buying that greenish shirt with the funny number and all.*}

The Super Bowl is a LOT like a marathon:

- 1) it takes practice to get there;
- 2) plenty of anticipation until the big day comes;
- 3) the start is always exciting;
- 4) it requires tremendous athletic stamina to compete well;
- 5) there are clearly two halves, and that second half can be a humdinger;
- 6) strategy and tension are involved, in that great, exciting way;
- 7) they each take about three to forever hours of your day, and
- 8) we're pretty tired when they are over.

Then again, the Super Bowl is *nothing* like a marathon.

1) I can't play in one, but I can run in NY, or Chicago, or even Boston if things go right...alright, YOU can run in Boston, if things go right...

2) those players keep sitting down during the game! Ha! I won't call them wimps, though, because

3) they tend to be bigger -- much bigger -- than marathon runners,

4) but then again, they take a break (can you believe that?) mid-way through, and watch a fireworks show. Huh!

5) And they only get to play the thing once a year. Prez, we have options!

6) One point for them though: we pay to play, but they get paid to play. (Aaah. "One small difference in a word, one giant leap for the wallet.") Oh well. Nothing like marathons.

RHETORICAL REVELATIONS AND W(RITES)... FROM THE RAMBUNCTIOUS REV

A more beautiful comparison for the marathon is the always poetic Springtime, which we're really starting to look forward to over here in the northeast, let me tell you. And that in itself is one thing springtime and marathons have in common: we really look forward to them.

This year in particular, I am really looking forward to both, to do them well. For your new member-friends still just finding their marathon game, the day inevitably comes years from your "now", when one's performances hit a valley, a winter of your career, for whatever reasons: age, injury, or distractions of life that interfere with training. But with a little bit of luck and fortuitous twists of fate, a second chance may present, and the flowers start to peak out of the ground once more, and the spring, and the marathon, reconvene.

In those early miles of spring, we plant the seeds, use just the right amount of water, all in the cool of the early morning, leading to the disciplined work of the middle miles, each one passing with satisfaction, in anticipation of eventual success, if only we just take care of business, a mile at a time, the sun warming up and massaging our backs. Then, the numbers pass, the flowers bloom, the vegetables ripen, the berries can be tasted, and the triumph of goals are reached and celebrated for work well done, and we rest content, a tad sore, but happy.

See what your one post-race conversation over a decade ago with Maniacs #2 and 3 has wrought? Upwards of 11,000 people thinking: "yeah, I'm a Maniac. It's a new year. I've Got to go run another marathon." And off the couch we go, yet again, and again and again, in part because of this maniacal momentum you launched. Your contribution is incalculable to the lives of "normal" people like me towards keeping our heads in the game, sneakers on our feet, and gel blocks in our cupboards. Thanks for that for all of it. We are healthier because of you all.

2016 has arrived, and there are marathons to run, and I'm already using leftover winter for preparation. And you'd better be too! Because enough sentimentality... this rabbit is a-scampering about mile 23, just when you least expect it! Where are we going this year, eh?

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