

Fun Runs Back For New Year

The P.E.I. Roadrunners Club has announced that fun runs will begin its second season Saturday at 10 a.m. at Victoria Park, Charlottetown.

This year the runs will be held every Saturday morning from May 12 to November 3.

Fun runs are races varying in length from one-quarter mile to six miles. Each week there will be three races. Two of the races will be fairly short in distance, up to a mile, while the third will be between one and six miles.

Fun runs are designed to appeal to all kinds of runners, from beginning jogger to experienced racer. All runners receive a certificate for each run in which they participate. There are no entry fees or registrations.

Race organizers say that the emphasis this year is to be placed on the shorter distances and on beginning runners.

"Jogging is growing rapidly on the Island. This past week we had 200 runners for a beginners' two mile race around Charlottetown. These fun runs will give such runners a regular place where they and established runners can meet each week and participate in organized races.

"Our emphasis is on participation. There is no pressure being placed on the runners. They can simply come, run the races as hard or as easy as they like, receive a certificate and have fun," a race organizer commented.

Last year the fun runs attracted runners from age three to 60. Most were local runners, but one vacationing couple came from as far away as

California.

Each participant receives a certificate based on his or her time in completing the run. The certificates come in five different colours denoting the time standard achieved in the run. There are time standards for men and women based on their age group.

The certificates, and the standards they are based on, were designed and donated by Runners World Magazine.

STARTER NAMED

Official starter for this season's first fun run is Charlottetown Mayor Frank Moran who takes off this morning for Victoria Park. The P.E.I. Roadrunners Club sponsors the fun runs and awards certificates to all who complete the runs.

Beach Runs New Event

Brackley Beach, in the national park, is to be the site of the first ever Beach Fun Runs at 10 a.m. Saturday.

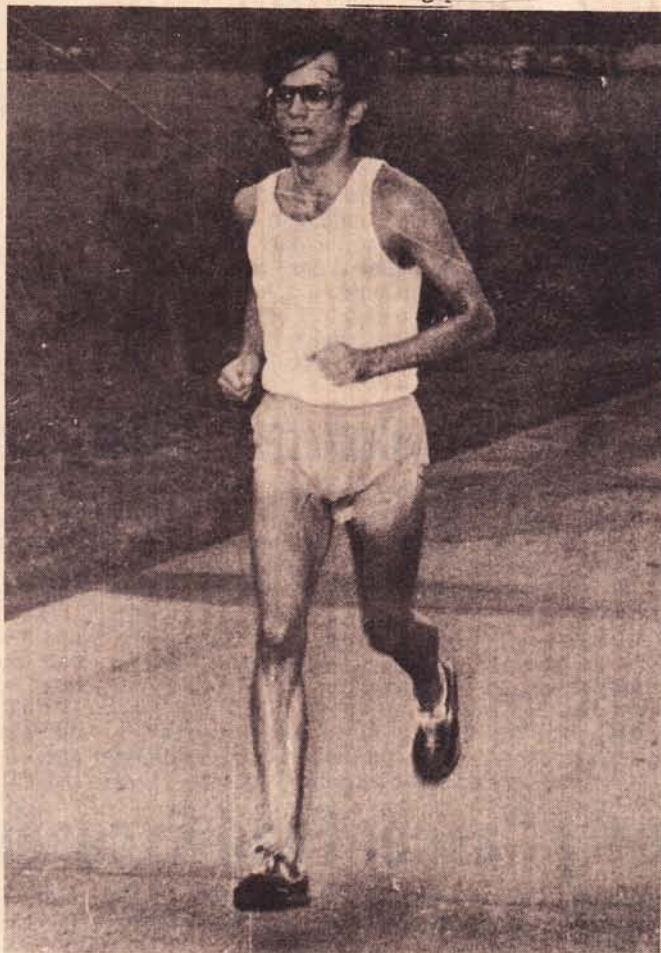
The three runs that day are being sponsored by the P.E.I. Roadrunners and the P.E.I. National Park Interpretation staff.

"These runs will be right on the beach. The sand and sea side setting should make this a most enjoyable site for a run.

"We are really stressing the recreation and participation aspect of running with these runs. Ideally we would like Islanders and tourists of all running backgrounds and ages to join in the runs this Saturday," one of the organizers for the runs stated.

The distances for the three runs will be one half mile, one mile and two miles.

Each runner will receive a certificate for each run completed. Free refreshments will also be served by the Graves Company. There are no entry fees.



Islander Wins Road Race

Gary Andrus of Charlottetown hits the finish line to win the Sixth Annual Harvest Festival (Kensington) P.E.I. Open 25 Kilometre Road Race Saturday evening. Andrus' time was one hour, 32 minutes and 46 seconds — just over three minutes off the record set in 1978 by Joe Fougere of Halifax, N.S. It marked the first time in the history of the event that an Islander won it.



TOP PLACE finishers in the third annual Athena 7-Mile Road Race pose for photographer following completion of the course Saturday. From **LEFT**, standing, Joe Lehman, University of New Brunswick who has best

overall time of 38 minutes 55 seconds; Richard Gallant, Cap Pele, N.B. second in time of 39:06; Don Mesereau, Moncton, N.B. third in 39:16; and Daniel Gallant, Cap Pele, N.B. fourth in 41:06.

Kneeling **LEFT**, is Nancy Wilkins, who was top female finisher in a time of 56:04, and Charmaine Comeau, organizer of the event sponsored by the Athena Students Council.

May form track club

There will be a track and field meeting/practice at the Morell High School field on Thursday, August 2nd at 7:00 p.m. for anyone in the Morell area interested in forming a club in the area.

Further inquiries may be directed to Aquinas Ryan at 961-2782 or Francis Dunn at 961-2689.

N.B. Runners Dominate Race

SUMMERSIDE — Joe Lehman, a student at University of New Brunswick and a native of Owen Sound, Ont. won the third annual Athena 7-mile Road Race here Saturday in a time of 38 minutes 55 seconds for an 11 second margin over runner-up Richard Gallant of Cape Pele, N.B.

New Brunswick runners dominated the race with four in the top five finishers. Third place went to Don Mersereau of Moncton and fourth to Daniel Gallant, also of Cape Pele. Mersereau finished with a time of 39:16 and Gallant with 41:06.

Top Island finisher out of the field of more than 80 was Marcel Pineau, student at Three Oaks with a time of 41:20.

Top female finisher was Nan-

cy Wilkins with a time of 56:04. Last year's champion, Andy Walker, did not defend his title.

The event was sponsored by the Athena Student's Union under organizer Charmaine Comeau. Top three finishers in each category received ribbons, and everyone was awarded a participant ribbon.

Following are the top place finishers:

NOVICE GIRLS

1. Terri Grady 2. Tina Arsenault 3. Sherry Gallant.

NOVICE BOYS

1. Allan Pineau 2. Darren Poirier 3. Paul Arsenault

BANTAM GIRLS

1. Robin Brown 2. Donna Corcoran

BANTAM BOYS

1. Bobby Burns 2. Michael Naylor 3. Kevin Stordy

MIDGET GIRLS

1. Nancy Wilkins 2. Joanne Jackson 3. Kathryn MacDougall

MIDGET BOYS

1. Kenny Arsenault 2. Andrew Gallant 3. James Quinn

SENIOR GIRLS

1. Kelley Burns 2. Susan Grady 3. Caroline Irving

SENIOR BOYS

1. Daniel Gallant 2. Marcel Pineau 3. Roland Goguen

LADIES 20-29

1. Wendy Hodinski

MENS 20-29

Joe Lehman 2. Phil Hardy 3. Dan Bracuk

WOMENS OVER 30

Eleanor Farrington

MENS OVER 30

1. Richard Gallant 2. Don Mersereau 3. Ross Brown

MENS OVER 40

1. George Gallant 2. Dan Reeves 3. Brian Cook

OVERALL WINNERS

1. Joe Lehman 38:55; 2. Richard Gallant 39:06; 3. Don Mesereau 39:16; 4. Daniel Gallant 41:06; and 5. Marcel Pineau 41:20.

*** MILLINGTON WINS
*
* DESPITE RUNNING 11 MILES ***

Frank Johnson, RIGHT, owner of McDonald's Family Restaurant, presents Mike Millington of Hamilton, Ontario, with the Colonel Gray-McDonald's 10-Mile road race trophy following his victory Saturday in Charlotte-town. Millington's time of slightly over 57 minutes was exceptional since he was forced to run an extra mile because of a wrong turn he made early in the race. Johnson himself competed and finished the race.

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By DON MORRISON

Mike Millington did not establish a new record in Saturday's running of the fourth annual Colonel Gray-McDonald's 10 mile road race but considering he ran a mile further than anyone else, his official clocking may be tagged with an asterisk.

Millington, a member of the Canadian Armed Forces from Hamilton, Ont., won the race in a time of 57:39 despite running an extra mile because of a wrong turn.

Three miles into the race, Millington was leading Ed Fraser by some 200 yards when he mistakingly turned up North River Road. He went about one-half a mile in the wrong direction before being told of his miscue.

"I was angry at myself," said Millington moments after finishing. "I should have read the map closer."

From the three mile point on, Millington rapidly made up ground. He passed five runners before bearing down on the leader, Fraser, from the seven mile point to home.

Millington, who runs a lot of 10-12 milers, finished just 13 seconds ahead of Fraser. The finish was the closest in

the four year history of the run.

MISSES RECORD

Despite the wrong turn, Millington's time was comparable to previous runs. The record is held by Ralph Freeze, who won last year's event in 53:45.

This year's event had a record entry list of 110 runners. Of that, only one did not finish the entire event.

Fraser, who increased his finish to second this year from sixth the previous season, said he was also tempted to follow Millington at the North River Road turn.

"I thought he was going the right way," he noted, "but then I said no way." Fraser did stop momentarily but then continued.

Fraser noted that the absence of the top five finishers from last year took a little away from the race but also noted that "it was a very good run just the same."

Nancy Wheatley continued to dominate the women's section of the event. She finished 17th overall in a time of 68:23.

"It was hot," she exclaimed after she finished. "It was twice as hard as last year's race."

The runners were faced with sunny skies and 18C weather, a far cry from last year's cold, rainy weather.

Wheatley, preparing for the fall's cross-country competition, said she was pleased with the increased participation by women.

It's very encouraging, she said, it's vastly improved over the past two years.

Winners of the various divisions included David Grant (men's under 20), Millington (men's 20-29), Bob Simmons (men's 30-39), Ewen Stewart (masters), Earl Wilkins (grandfathers), Nancy Wheatley (women under 25) and Kay Lund (women's over 25).

The following are the top 17 finishers and their times:

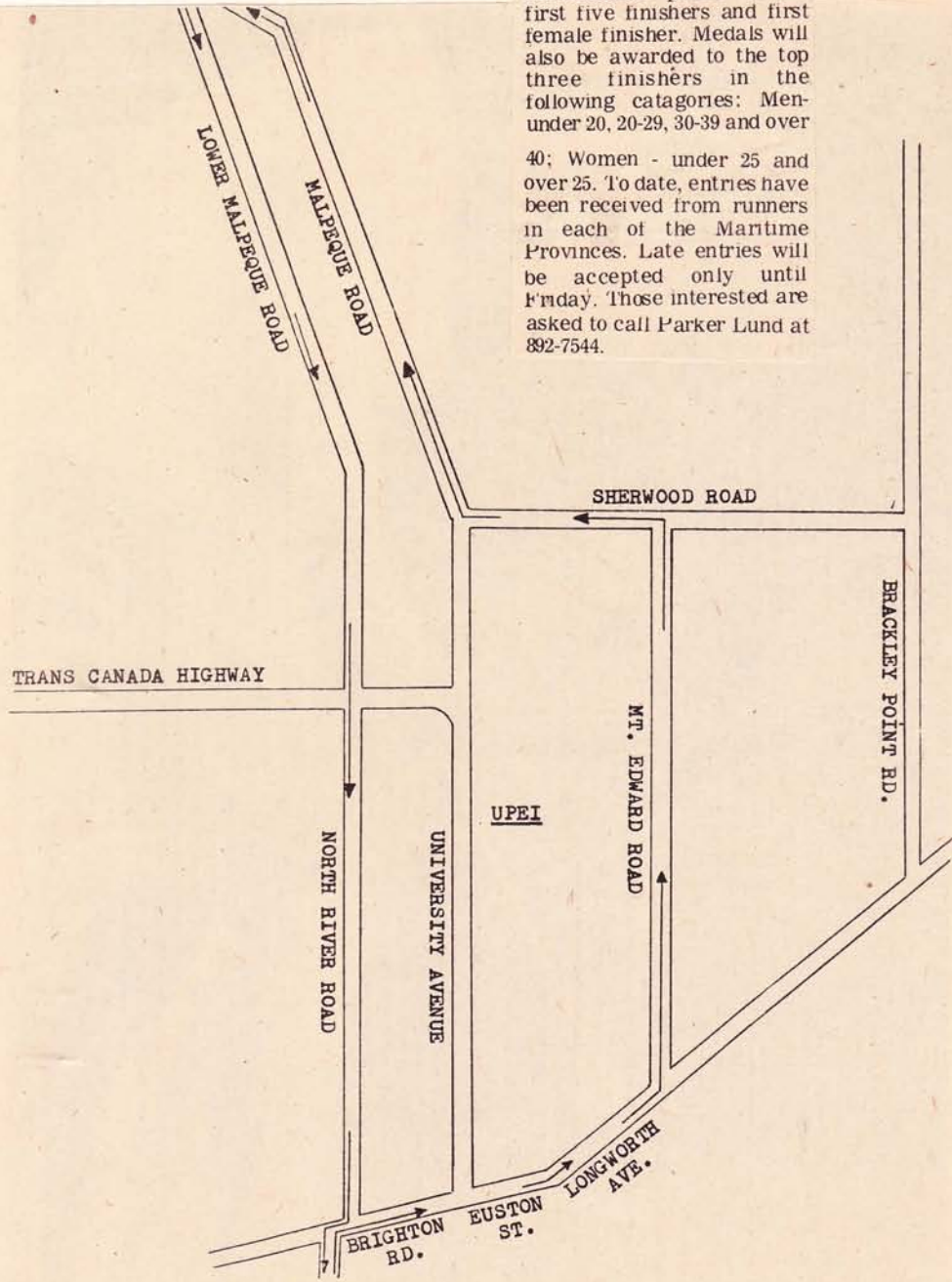
Mike Millington	57:39
Ed Fraser	57:52
Don Davies	58:04
Ewen Stewart	58:54
Sterling Boulter	59:01
David Groom	60:42
Bob Simmons	60:56
Fred MacArthur	61:44
Freeman Churchill	61:60
Paul Wright	62:13
Don Pridmore	63:38
Shawn McKenna	64:42
Bill MacEachern	65:02
Ron Chambers	65:55
Gordon Marshall	66:08
Parker Lund	66:22
Nancy Wheatley	68:23

Labour day race set

The Labor Day half marathon, the fourth event of the P.E.I. Roadrunners Club's 1978 schedule, takes place Saturday at 6:00. The

event, sponsored by Volumn Rentals, starts and finishes at Victoria and covers a yards. A trophy will be presented to the winner, with merchandise prizes to the first five finishers and first female finisher. Medals will also be awarded to the top three finishers in the following catagories: Men - under 20, 20-29, 30-39 and over

40; Women - under 25 and over 25. To date, entries have been received from runners in each of the Maritime Provinces. Late entries will be accepted only until Friday. Those interested are asked to call Parker Lund at 892-7544.



START
FINISH Victoria Park (Cannons)

HALF MARATHON GOES SATURDAY

The Labor Day half marathon, the fourth event of the P.E.I. Roadrunners Club's 1978 schedule, takes place Saturday at 6:00. The event, sponsored by Volumn Rentals, starts and finishes at Victoria and covers a distance of 13 miles, 192

yards. A trophy will be presented to the winner, with merchandise prizes to the first five finishers and first female finisher. Medals will also be awarded to the top three finishers in the following catagories: Men - under 20, 20-29, 30-39 and over

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