



2007 BARRA officers agree to another term Colosimo wins Volunteer of the Year Award

BARRA held its annual Awards Dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at On the River in Freeport to eat, to have a short business meeting, and to recognize the top runners of the year and the volunteer of the year.

A PowerPoint show recognizing the winners and BARRA participants in local races projected on a makeshift screen of butcher paper during the social hour of conversation and fried pickles and during dinner.

Bob Bowden, BARRA president, began the business meeting with an “Aggie” joke, which grew some laughs and groans.

Last year’s officers agreed to serve another sentence, uh, term, and the slate was approved without other nominations or attempted hostile takeovers or coup d’etat. Therefore, the BARRA officers for 2008 are **Bob Bowden**, president; **Ralph Corry**, vice president; **Sue Wheeler**, secretary; **Sandra Cleverger**, treasurer; **Daryl Beatty**, directory of road racing; and **Bill Shaw**, newsletter editor and webmaster.

Beatty reported on the BARRA Surfside Beach Marathon/Half Marathon scheduled on Saturday, Feb. 9. Beatty said the 500 field limit had reached about one third. He also reported that last year’s major sponsors, ConocoPhillips and OverNite

Software, were again supporting the contest.

Bowden pointed out that the regular second Tuesday monthly meetings had been suspended for lack of interest and poor atten-

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Kelly Colosimo, Will Lindgren BARRA Volunteer of the Year winner, with Bob Bowden, BARRA president.

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dance. The club, instead, will schedule social events, such as the Surfside Bridge and beach run in November, followed by a social hour and food and snacks. Club business will be taken care of by the officers in executive session, and executive action will be submitted to members for approval. No one objected to the new procedure.

The first BARRA run and social will be in January. Time, place and details will be announced after the executive committee meets.

To help the executive committee plan for 2008, members were asked to complete the survey/questionnaire provided at the meeting. The questionnaire will be e-mailed to the entire membership for those who were not able to attend the dinner.

BARRA now has an official brochure with “poster boy” Terry

Wheeler demanding “BARRA wants you!” on the front. The brochure has a 2008 membership form, and Bowden encouraged all at the dinner to renew their membership.

Following the business meeting, Bowden announced winners in the Runners of the Year competition based on participation and order of finish in local races included in the BARRA Series. Male and female runners in three categories received awards: 39 and under, masters (40-49), and veterans (50 and older).



Heather Holland placed first in the female 39 and under BARRA competition.

Heather Holland ranked number one in the top under 39 female Runners of the Year, **Terry Allen** finished second and **Karin Slough** finished third. **Greg Jones** ranked first in the male competition, **Carlo Deason** second and **Sean Henry** third.

Kelly McClendon finished first in the female masters competition, followed by **Teresa Holland**; and **Kelly Colosimo** and **Melissa Hurta** tied for third. In the male masters competition, **Kevin Regis** finished first, **Bob Bowden** and **Edwin Quarles** tied for second, and **David Johnson** finished third.

Susan Lorms won top honors in the female veterans category, **Mary Deason** placed second, and **Judy Richards** finished third. **Orville Kremmer** finished first in the

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Bob Bowden with female masters winners, Teresa Holland, second (left), and Kelly Colosimo, third. Not pictured are Kelly McClendon, who finished first, and Melissa Hurta, who tied with Colosimo for third.

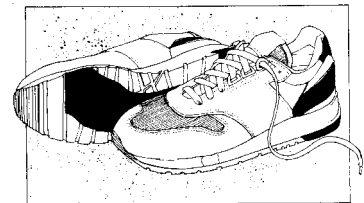


Top male veterans, from left to right, Orville Kremmer, first, Dan Walsh, second, and Ralph Corry, third.

The following members received participation awards: Mick Bayer, Daryl Beatty, Bob Bowden Sandra Clevenger, John Colosimo, Kelly Colosimo, Ralph Corry, Teresa Holland, Melissa Hurta, David Johnson, Charlene Jones, David Jones, Orville Kremmer, Edwin Quarles, Judy Richards, Ron Richards, Bill Shaw, Bob Sipple, Lori Sipple, Susan Wheeler, Terry Wheeler, and Clifford Wilson.

The pins had not arrived on Awards Night and will be distributed later.

Sue Wheeler requested members to send their year's mileage to her at saffronplatt@comcast.net for 2007 mileage awards.



2008 Race Schedule

In December, the 2008 race schedule is still in the planning stages. Some dates have been determined. The Spectacle Spectacular 5K/10K is in Angleton on Jan. 26. Our Surfside Beach Marathon/Half Marathon is on Feb. 9. Teresa Holland has scheduled the Race for the Cure on Feb. 23, the Gator Gallop 1 Mile/5K is April, and the Flapjack 5K is April 26. The Firecracker 4 is on Tuesday, July 4, the Brazosport Relay Triathlon is on Sept. 9, and the Monster Dask 5K is on Oct. 25.

I shall develop a full schedule when I have further details and sent all members a copy.

male veterans category, **Dan Walsh** second and **Ralph Corry** third.

Members nominated **Kelly Colosimo, Ralph Corry** and **Teresa Holland** for Volunteer of the Year based on their work on and contributions to local races. By e-mail voting, members selected **Colosimo** Volunteer of the Year.



Bob Bowden, BARRA president, with first-place female masters winner Susan Lorms, left, and third-place female masters winner Judy Richards.

Quips and quotes from *The Quotable Runner**

“How fast, or where you finish doesn’t necessarily count for everything. But how you raced counts for almost all. Inevitably , most runners eventually conclude that the race is against themselves--and how you conduct yourself in the face of adversity, or how you bounce back from defeat, can often mean more than a time or place.

--Mark Will Webber, editor

“In running, it doesn’t matter whether you come in first, in the middle of the pack or last. You can say, ‘I have finished.’ There is a lot of satisfaction in that.”

--Fred Lebow

“My feeling is that any day I am too busy to run is a day that I am too busy.”

--John Bryant, deputy director of the *London Times*, 1994

“Running is the greatest metaphor for life, because you get out of it what you put into it.”

--Oprah Winfrey

*Breakaway Books 1995.



Kremmer wins age group awards in fall races*

Oct. 14--Clear Lake United Space Alliance 10 Mile, 1:29, 2nd in 75-79 Bracket

Oct. 28--Houston Luke-Koala Half Marathon, 1:56:15, 3rd in age group

Nov. 3-- NB Wurstfest 5 mile, 43:00, 1st in age group

***Orville is the only member who submitted race participation. Your newsletter editor does not have an Ouiji Board, nor does he have time to check all the race results for BARRA members’ participation. Please send your results in for publication.**

Mission Statement: The purpose of the Brazosport Area Road Runners Association shall be to encourage and promote competitive and recreational running, triathlons, and walking with a view to promoting health and fitness in the greater Brazosport Area. The Brazosport Area Road Runners Association will support, promote, and organize sports competition in these areas and distribute information pertaining to these activities. The Brazosport Area Road Runners Association shall also provide a regular newsletter and encourage social activities germane to the sport of running.

2008 Officers

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