La Chute Runners July, 2022

Retro

The 2022 version of the Montcalm Mile has been successfully completed! A question remains. How did it start, what are the roots of that race, and when was the first one run?

Fortunately, the club has data, much of it in the form of copies of early club newsletters.

I pulled the files out and began my search. I was mostly curious of the times people ran for the first race. I paged through many documents looking for data, and surprisingly, in the paper version, there were no times for any iteration of the race!

Fortunately, the newsletters were in chronological order. The one on top was the first published newsletter.

The club had just formed during the winter of 1986. At one of the early meetings we discuss possible club activities. There were nearby races and we talked of creating a Club Championship series. Club members would participate in certain select race, earn points, leading to a club championship.

One member had an interesting and related idea. Brian Kiely talked about the Fifth Avenue Mile in New York City. Brian suggested that we could do the same here! He mentioned a possible route and a good time to do it, just before the Fourth of July parade, that way, the race could be conducted on safe roads, also with the advantage of, hopefully willing, spectators.

A following newsletter, the June 5th, 1987 version, gave details of how the race would be conducted.

Reading, that issue, our second, I found the answer to why I couldn't find a record of the runners and times. We didn't keep records!

As you will find in the following page from that newsletter, Brian was to hop in a police car with started stop watch in hand, race down to the finish, and verbally give the runners their times.

Eventually, we went digital. Checking our digitized files I found that the first set of results that we posted on-line was from the 1998 race!

Using a "tick" sheet, we recorded the times of finishing runners, and matched up the time with the number and name on the tear-off tag we collected from finishing runners as they crossed the line. Of course, we put the sequentially compile tags on rings made of bent metal coat hangers. Retro indeed!

The first page of that file appears later in this newsletter. There is also a link to the complete list of runners and times for that 1998 race.

La Chute Runners
Ticonderoga, N.Y.
Road Track Trail

Montcalm Mile

La Chute Road Runners Club
Newsletter
June 5, 1987

Keep the afternoon of June 17th open! It is the start of the club's summer activities. At 4:00 PM on the 17th, there will be a 5K fun run starting at the Middle School parking lot. Fred LaPann is pulling out his topo maps and his distance wheel and setting up a 5K course. The club will meet again on June 24th, at the track for some running. It looks like that wosrkout might be a timed mile followed by some 400s. The time for these runs will be 4:00 PM. When the summer gets under way, the time might be switched to the evening.

The Montcalm Mile race committee met again and the race seems to be taking shape. The race is now certified and insured by TAC, an entry blank is made up, and the course has been established. There are some details to work out with local authorities.

This is what is happening with the race. The start was discussed first. Registration will take place at the town shed. We will have to get a table set up and 4 club members will do the registration. When the race is ready to start, the runner will be lead to the start, which will either be by the shed or near Sharky 2. Brian Kielly will start the race and jump into the police car, with gun and watch in hand and get escorted to the finish or to jail. The race will finish by Bicentennial Park, for safety reasons. There will be a chute set up. Numbered index cards will be collected and all the runners will be given a ribbon. Times will not be recorded. Runners will have to listen for their own time. The awards ceremony will take place afer the parade and at the parade awards stand. We still need people to help out at the finish line! There will be prizes for first place, hopefully, gift certificates form Stewart's.

On June 18th at 7:00 PM, There will be a working meeting to get ready for the race.

Races

Sat.	June 20,	K of C 10k	Glens Falls
Sat.	July 4,	Montcalm Mile	Ticonderoga
Sun	July 5,	Distance Run	Lake George
Sat	July 11,	The Other Run	Granville

Montcalm Mile Results

July 4, 1998

Overall Winners

Male - Rick Bush - 4:08:06

Female - Dana Ostrander - 4:57:37

Age Group

Males Age 0-9

Place	Name	Time
1	Tom Jebb	6:54
2	Lee Berube	7:11
3	Michael Donahue	7:18
4	Dan Stevens	7:44
5	Steven Lenhart	7:51
6	Matthew Jebb	7:57
7	Toby Jebb	8:06
8	Jay Berube	8:42
9	David McKeown	9:12
10	Jason Buckland	9:31
11	Frank Jebb	11:09
12	Nathan Lenhart	13:21

Females Age 0-9

Place	Name	Time
1	Hannah Stacy	7:24
2	Margaret Stacy	7:35
3	Karelin Weilacher	7:54
4	Lexi Reale	7:55
5	Victoria McKeown	8:10
6	Michaela Jebb	8:15
7	Katie Bolton	8:22
8	Katy Ralston	8:50
9	Jenna Jabaut	9:02
10	Carly Tubbs	9:05
11	Andrea Buckland	10:12
12	Annie Ralston	12:11
13	Emily Buckland	13:00

Males Age 10-14

Place	Name	Time
1	Travis Driscoll	5:13
2	Greg Stevens	5:21
3	Garth Osier	5:26
4	Joe Wells	5:51

Complete Results of the 1989 race can be found here:
https://lachuterunners.files.wordpress.com/2022/07/1998-montcalm-mile-results.pdf

Membership application here:
https://lachuterunners.files.wordpress.com/2021/11/club-member.pdf

