

TLIA ROAD RACE

TLIA's first-ever road race, a 5K for runners and walkers, was held on July 30, 2006, a picture-perfect Sunday morning. Fifty-nine entrants competed and claimed it to be one of the best races ever.

Jamie Rothfus, Lisi Kaufman and Ron Kaufman conceived of the idea the previous summer while on one of their daily runs. "Wouldn't it be fun and a great way to raise monies for TLIA?" Their first idea was for two races, a 5K and a 10K, but they settled on the shorter for the first year. It was co-sponsored by the Poland Recreation Department with the help of its director, Scott Siegel, and by TLIA. Registration sheets were also left at several convenient locations.

Donations of food and drinks were received from Ed Hinkley (fruit), Poland Springs (water), Hannaford and Shaw's (donuts, bagels and paper goods). Loads of volunteers were on hand to set up and help with the race which began on Garland Swamp Road, went to the end of Jordan Shore Drive, and back to its starting point. The registration table was set up near Wolf Cove Inn adjacent to an awning truck lent to the Association by Tom and Terry Dean.

It was a huge success. Jamie Rothfus directed the race with the help of Lisi Kaufman and friends. Many runners had competed in marathons and were delighted with the race route which was flat, picturesque, and shady. Some came from great distances, the furthest being from California. "Don't change a thing next year!" was one comment overheard.

The race (3.2 miles) was divided into groups based upon age and gender: Men's Overall, Men's Masters, Women's Overall, and Women's Masters. The oldest competitors were in their 70s, and the youngest (Quinn Michael Shapiro) was only 3. Walkers began as soon as all runners had left the starting line. All contestants were back within an hour after the race began. Awards were given by Jamie to winners in all categories, including many youngsters. TLIA realized about \$700, a tidy sum for a new fundraiser. A grand time was had by all.

The winners were:

Men's Overall (1) Joal Titus 17:30, (2) Jeff Cullinane 19:17, (3) Francis Bauer 19:56.

Men's Masters (1) Francis Bauer 19:56, (2) Peter Bernier 20:48, (3) Chase Pray 21:14.

Women's Overall (1) Lindy Shapiro 20:49, (2) Katie Kaufman 24: 14, (3) Carly Chandler 24:36.

Women's Masters (1) Mary Bauer 25:38, (2) Linda Friedman 29:35, (3) Wendy Webber 29:37.

Our deepest thanks to Jamie and Lisi, and to all who made this event possible. Watch for details of next year's race in the Spring '07 Newsletter. It will once again be held the last weekend in July.



*Joal Titus
Men's Overall winner*



*Lindy Shapiro
Women's Overall winner*



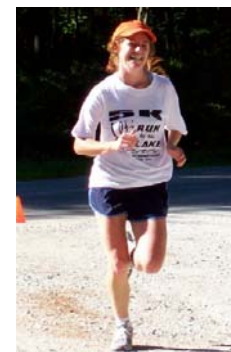
*Carly Chandler, third
place, Women's overall*



*Linda Friedman, second
place, Women's Masters*



*Dick Harris (runner) and
Peg Harris (timekeeper)*



*Katie Kaufman, second
place, Women's Overall*



John Webber



*Francis Bauer, third place,
Men's Overall*