

## MEET THE E BOARD

### Secretary

#### Bob Pelletier - Our Newest E-Board Member



Debbie and I are thirteen years members of the Gate City Striders since our move to Nashua in 1989. This is my first opportunity to be a part of the E -Board and I am looking forward to drawing on my extensive running related experiences and background towards helping to shape the future direction of the club. My background includes a two year stint as the Applefest Half-Marathon Race Director in 1999 and 2000 after serving on its committee from 1995-1998. I also founded the Salmon Brook Scramble 5K Run/Walk in 1998 and direct it each Thanksgiving weekend in Nashua. This is also my

second year serving on the Fitness University planning committee after helping at the clinics and finals day for several years. I have also served at least once in virtually every club volunteer position since 1989.

I am the six year running coach for Infant Jesus Elementary School in Nashua as well as a five year coach for Nashua PAL Cross-Country and present Head Coach of the Boys Midget (ages 11-12) team. Debbie power walks, assists me with Infant Jesus (along with Striders Patti Schneider and Diana Lavash), and volunteers on a regular basis at club and PAL Cross-Country events. Amanda is a Strider and past Nashua PAL runner and now runs cross-country and track at Bishop Guertin H.S. as a Freshman. Craig is a member of the Striders and Nashua PAL and attends Nashua Catholic JHS where he runs cross-country, and plays for its soccer, basketball, and baseball teams.

My proudest running related accomplishments include co-coaching (with Strider Mike Merra) the Nashua PAL Bantam Boys to the 2000 USATF National Cross-Country Team Championship and co-coaching (with Strider Nancy Peabody) the 2001 Midget Boys to a close Bronze Medal finish. My individual accomplishments include fulfilling a life long goal of qualifying for and running the Boston Marathon (the 100th Annual) in 1996..

### To Members of the Gate City Striders,

I just wanted to express my appreciation to everyone on the board for giving me one of the club's Boston Marathon numbers. I had a wonderful experience this year, and the weather Gods even cooperated with us runners. I really was excited to see many club members along the course, and even my daughter was there to cheer me on at BC. I was also happy to be on our club's women's master team which did so well in Boston this year!

Also, thanks to Jim B and Pat for organizing the bus tour again. You guys are the best.

See ya on the roads,

Andrea Pierce

