

Novemberfest By Bob Thompson

The 7th 3rd Annual Curly Goulet Memorial Novemberfest Trail Run and Party was held under sunny skies and windy conditions on Sunday November 24th at Nashua's Mine Falls Park. The race is named after longtime GCS supporter and former president of the Club National, Curly Goulet and benefits the Nashua Children's Home. The traditional start by the track was moved to the beautiful Gate House section of the park at the top of the falls. Prior to the start of the race, Curly Goulet, Moe Noonan, and Larry Naples were remembered as a brief moment of silence was taken for Moe, Larry and Curly.

As tradition has it, the Wednesday Evening Church Group (WECG) division of the Gate City Striders spared no expense in bringing in some famous and excitable celebrities to start the Novemberfest. Zee French Chef Levesque was flown in



from Paris at the last minute to put the finishing touches on his famous soup. Rumor has it that he had a bone on all week. WUMR-TV was doing a piece for their Chronicles Magazine and sent Fritz Whetherbee to start the race and introduce Father Dick Fitzpatrick. Father Dick was recently transferred out of the Arch Diocese of Boston and was planning to start a new youth running club in the area. However, Father Dick ran into a few problems on Sunday and was taken away in handcuffs by the local police just prior to the start of the race. He should be back in 20-30 years.

This year's course was a new one and no one has

been reported lost. Runners had to negotiate some of the park's steepest trails leading from the canal to Spine Road. There were three water crossings. Several runners were caught on video tape avoiding a water crossing by going around and over a bridge. It wasn't very deep or treacherous. They were not disqualified but they were widely laughed at when the video was shown at the post-race party.

The "water" stop included a wide assortment of



gourmet cheeses and crackers, not to mention pepperoni and selective beverages for the hungry and thirsty runners. There isn't a water stop this side of the big pond that compares with this one. This race has similarities to some of the bizarre Hash Runs that are held in

England, Scotland and Australia.

Sally Sites out fought Iron Mike Hagerty all the way to the finish line and ended up with the first place finishers

stick, but somehow her name did not appear in the number one spot on the self-service pizza box results.

We are reviewing the video tapes on that one. A photo finish couldn't separate a three way tie for 33rd place as Alexis Scaretta, Karen Zunti and Cindy Dulude all finished in the coveted 33rd place finish. (I think the runners are starting to catch on.)



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A group of about 10 runners finished running backwards while holding hands in a circle. The group included WECG member Linda Wegener and the world famous Squatting Doe Wotawe. Well, isn't that nice. This same group of ten was last seen walking backwards trying to find their way home. Squat also walked away with the first of many coveted door prizes that she promised to return next year. Apparently, her out-house door was in disrepair.

Interpreters from Belgium, Japan and Maine were there to assist the international crowd. Rose Tejada filled the role of Spanish interpreter. The Patriots beat Minnesota 24-17 and kept Pats fans interested until the last minute. (Parity in the NFL is a beautiful thing.)

Party attendees enjoyed a feast of chili, salad, pasta, Roger Hall's world famous handmade marinated Italian meatballs, cookies and snacks, not to mention the free flowing suds. Novemberfest photos can be viewed at <http://jimrhoades.com/02/novemberfest/>

Hat's off the entire hardworking Wednesday Evening Church Group members for their efforts to make this a unique and fun event.

We hope to see you again next year!

Novemberfest Results

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| 1 Sally Sites | 33 Karen Zunti | 69 Dick Doyle |
| 2 Roger Hall Jr. | 33 Cindy Delude | 70 Bill Farina |
| 3 Lynn Kisselbach | 36 Robin Rocha | 71 Richard Blake |
| 4 Squatting Doe Wotawe | 37 Courtney Ford | 72 Christine Simco |
| 5 Jeff Rhoades | 38 Patrycja Missiaro | 73 Pat "Half" Nelson |
| 6 Mike Thatcher | 39 Steve Suxton | 74 Steve Van Orden |
| 7 Jeremiah Fitzgibbon | 40 Judi Moland | 75 Jerry Rocha |
| 8 Susan Rube | 41 Traci Swanbon In Feb | 76 Laurie Dubois |
| 9 Jeff Kilroy was here | 42 Walter Swanbon | 77 Allen Rube |
| 10 Kevin Glidden | 43 Hein Von den Heuvel | 78 Kim Tobin |
| 11 Mary Varney | 44 Shaun Scanlon | 79 Mary Slocum |
| 12 Peter Vendituoli | 45 Kevin Reynolds | 80 Richard St. Hilaire |
| 13 Maddy LaRose | 46 Sonja Elenbaas | 81 Dave Breeden |
| 14 Bones Bigelow | 47 Colin O'Meara | 82 Jerry Dulude |
| 15 Don A. Holshuh | 48 Chez French Chef Levesque | 83 Helen Schultz |
| 16 Marie Mullins | 49 Julie Boilard | 84 Helen Dooley |
| 17 Linda Wegener | 50 Debbie "Chocolate" Auclair | 85 Inasreb Kcid |
| 18 Patricia French | 51 Paul Schmidt | 86 Karin Koehn |
| 19 Sheila Blunt Instrument | 52 Rosa Tejada | 87 Jim "the" Ecke |
| 20 Dave Camire | 53 Ryan Cliche | 88 Adrien C |
| 21 Kevin Bausha | 54 Frank Dwyer | 89 Ed "Chocolate" Auclair |
| 22 Tony Lopez | 55 David Deary | 90 Al Sabiski |
| 23 Aileen Smith | 56 Justin Deary | 91 Mark Lutter |
| 24 Karen Schroeder | 57 Jim Gulla | 92 Crystal Giggi |
| 25 John Murphy | 58 Mike X | 93 Claire Riley |
| 26 Allen Rube | 59 Jason Daily Newspaper | 94 Cara Meador |
| 27 Iron Mike | 60 Eldon Burkinshaw | 95 Eric Chornet |
| 28 Sharon "Only" Yu | 61 Chet "the Jet" Rogers | 96 Kate Naples |
| 29 Steve Moland | 62 Mike LaChance | 97 Jacqueline Keith |
| 30 Pat Belanger | 63 John Heden | 98 Beth Adams |
| 31 Rob Torre | 64 Dar Lev | 99 Emily "Legs" Clement |
| 32 Jim Ewell | 65 Jim Quadros | 100 Fritz Weatherbee |
| 33 Alexis Scaretta | 66 Paul Miller High Life | 101 Father William "Dick" Fitzpatrick |
| | 67 Tiffany Testa | 102 Patrick Fitzwilliam |
| | 68 Shu Minami | 103 Tom Conley |