



BAILEY ST. CLAIR

It is an honor and privilege for me to present to you the next inductee into the BRRC Hall of Fame. This person has been a member of the Club since its infancy. Through these years he has not only worked tirelessly for the Club but has also run some impressive races at distances of 5K to the marathon.

First, I would like to address his service to the Club~

~He was Vice President of the Club for two years.

~He has served on the Executive Board for approximately six years.

~He has been race director of countless races and a volunteer at more races than we could possibly count.

~He is the only Club member I know of who has remained active in his volunteering for the entire time the Club has been in existence.

~Currently he does much behind the scenes to make the races work—getting random awards, permits, and basically doing anything his wife tells him to do!

But telling you about his volunteering efforts and running accomplishments cannot describe this individual for they do not capture his immense spirit and love of the sport of running and the running community.

He is without a doubt the most enduring and best ambassador the BRRC has EVER had. Years ago, when we used to travel a lot, whether it was Boston, Bermuda, or England, I always met someone who, when they found out we were from Maryland, would say 'do you know that thin guy with the blond hair????'

At this time, I would like to present to you the 2004 inductee into the BRRC Hall of Fame—Bailey St.Clair. (Please come up, Bailey).

I know a lot of you see Bailey out there running today doing what some of his friends call “The Bailey Shuffle”, but you might not realize that he was pretty fast in his day.

Although he finished most of his races on his hands and knees and dry heaving, he also ran some nifty times and I would like to tell you about some of his accomplishments.

~He has run 89 marathons (mileage approximately 85-90 miles per week).

~Of those 89 marathons, 60 were under 3 hours.

~Of those 60 marathons, 49 were under 2:55.

~He has a marathon PR of 2:48 (on the tough Maryland Marathon course).

~He has run 20 Boston Marathons.

~5K best—17:54

~10K best—35:57 (5:46 per mile)

~10 Mile best—59:59

AND he even won a race outright! I would like to share just this one Bailey story with you (or else we could be here all day).

It was a 16 mile race in Howard County and Bailey was in shouting distance of the leaders who usually beat him. As the race progressed,

~Sal Cicharella kept popping into the woods as nature called.

~Mike Hill (a 2:25 marathoner) kept stopping to empty the contents of his stomach after a night of partying.

~Then there was the young runner who flew off the starting line but eventually got bitten by a dog, which tends to slow you down.

So, Bailey persevered and was the last of that group still standing at the finish line and won the race!

This story illustrates our inductee. He never quits—not through a myriad of surgeries including heart bypass and hip replacement surgery. He is like ‘Old Man River’—he just keeps rolling along!

So, without further ado, I give you my friend, and now BRRC Hall of Famer, Bailey St.Clair.

Congratulations, Bailey~~Well deserved!

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Marge Rosasco