



EARL SWARTZENDRUBER

An active member of the Club since the 1970's, Earl has been race director and volunteer for a number of Club races. He was a member of the newsletter staff and on the team that was honored for the best RRCA Newsletter in 1984. Earl enjoys photography and has spent many hours in his darkroom processing photos and creating photo collages for our newsletter. He continues to take photos of our events and, now instead of slipping into his darkroom, he uploads his photos to our BRRC website.

Story has it that Earl's "serious" running began with a 24-hour team relay in 1972 when he competed on a team that included Les [Kinion] and Joe [Holland]. We will not mention "the rest of the story", but a week later Earl was hospitalized (unrelated to running), and Les brought him some Runner's World magazines to pass the time. This was his first time seeing this magazine and the rest is history.

Earl's running and racing has been recognized both locally and nationally. Over the years, he has been a consistent performer in his age group and a top contender or age group winner in the BRRC Grand Prix Series.

He was awarded the BRRC Runner of the Year in 1982 for his outstanding performances. At the end of the day, Earl is perhaps best known for his marathons.

Earl's Marathon Statistics

Marathons run	33
Fastest	2:27
Slowest	3:08 (Finished with Bailey [St.Clair] on a hot October day in 1979 in Richmond. 32nd out of 1835 finishers)
Average time	2:44
Fastest Maryland Marathon	2:33 Satyr Hill Course
Fastest Boston Marathon	2:31
Number of sub 2:40 Marathons	14

He claims his final marathon will remain the NCT Marathon in 2001 in a time of 3:02:47.

Earl has also logged many notable finishes in races ranging from the mile through the marathon. Among some of his PR's:

1974 Mile	4:46 (Virginia Tech Track)
1981 YMCA 5K	16:11
1981 BRRC 100 Mile Relay	4:45 pace
1981 Loch Raven 12 Miles	67:15
1981 Subway 8 Miles	41:45
1982 Hillside 5 Miles	26:57
1982 Loch Raven 20 Miles	1:52:20
1983 Philadelphia Distance Run ½ Marathon	72:25
1983 BRRC Hunt Valley 15 Miles	85:53

As his racing statistics prove, Earl has been a dedicated, conscientious runner. Over an 11 year stretch (1974-1985), he could be seen running home from work in downtown Baltimore almost every day—a 6-12 mile run. Anyone living along the Loch Raven Boulevard corridor can bear witness to this routine.

Goal oriented, focused, a model of sportsmanship, Earl Swartzendruber is congratulated for his exemplary running career and his contributions to the BRRC.

Congratulations, Earl, on your induction into the BRRC Hall of Fame.

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