

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to All**President's Report:**

Merry Christmas to all!

As the New Year approaches I can't help but think about what 2008 will bring for the club? I really don't see how it can be much better than 2007! Membership is at an all time high. Jim Kopkowski directed the Tulip Run (his first race). It turned out to be one of the most successful Tulip Runs to date, not to discount Dean's excellent job in past Tulip Runs. The Skagit Flats Marathon had the largest field to date, and of course the Fowl Run went great. This club is really coming together. You should all be proud of yourselves.

What do you want from **YOUR** club in 2008? Would you like to learn how to be a Race Director? Would you like to learn how to set up a finish line, and do race results? Maybe you would like to learn how to set up a race course? We are always looking for new recruits and volunteers for local races, and are more than willing to teach them the ropes.

The Vice-President's Message:

Since inception, I believe most of us aim to find that niche or place that feels just right deep within us; the sense of belonging that only true fellowship, camaraderie & fun can provide. Two years ago I joined a running club and it has only enhanced my well being in more ways than one. Along the way, I have met some great people and have secured some great friends.

The assurance that I am in the right place comes from all of you that have crossed my path. This year I've witnessed positive change & growth through the run. Perseverance, gusto, passion, dedication & enthusiasm I have had the privilege of experiencing with many of you. Several have demonstrated qualities that I can only strive to achieve.

In order for me to fortify the person I am and hope to be, I need to bind a group that fits the same niche. My thanks to you who provide belonging? Best Wishes & Cheers!

Officers for 2008-09

President	Terry Sentinella
Vice President	Joe Tomkins
Treasurer	Jim Kopkowski
Secretary	Cynthia Buttrey
Webmaster	Steve Duncan
Social Director	Bill Arnett
Trustees	Rob Jacobsen
	Dean Taylor
	Roar Irgens

Newsletter: Bill Arnett

Calendar of Events 2008

- 1/1 Resolution Walk/Run
Padden Polar Dip, Lake Padden
- 1/5 Lake Samish Runs
- 1/12 Nookachamps, Mount Vernon
- 2/9 Two for the Road, Bellingham
- 2/17 Birch Bay Marathon
- 2/23 Smelt Run, La Conner
- 3/1 Honeywagon Runs, Everson
- 3/15 Chuckanut Mountain 50K
- 3/? 'Walk & Roll' Run, Arlington
- 4/5 *Tulip Run, Burlington
- 4/13 Nature's Path Whidbey Island Marathon
- 5/10 Haggan to Haggan, Sehome
- 5/? Holland Days, Lynden
- 5/17 Bayview Womens Run
- 6/? Padden Tri, Whatcom City Parks
- 6/7 Dog Island Run
Race Beneath the Sun, Fairhaven Park
- 6/7 Blanchard Mountain Ultra
***All Comer's Track Meets at Burl' HS ***
(Summer time 'Kids' meet, 6 last year)
- 6/? Berry Dairy Days
- 7/4 Sedro Woolley Foot Race
- 7/12 Chuckanut Foot Race, Marine Park
- 7/12 Clear Lake Triathlon
- 7/? Samish Bay Mud Run, Samish Island
- 7/? Run for the Raspberries, Lynden
- 7/? March Point Run
- 7/? Art Dash 1/2 Marathon and 10k, Anacortes
- 8/9 *Riley Run
- 8/? Concrete Cascade Days
- 8/? 100 Years of Running
- 8/30 Lake Padden Relay, Lake Padden
- 9/14 *Skagit Flats Marathon
- 9/? Dog Day Dash
- 10/? Baker Lake 50K
- 10/? Mount Erie Road Run and Trail Run
- 10/? Bellingham Bay Marathon
- 11/9 Padden Mudfest, Lake Padden
- 11/8 *FootwoRx Fowl Fun Run, Mount Vernon
- 11/22 GBRC Turkey Trot, Barkley Village
- 12/? Pink Cheeks, Allen Elementary
- 12/? Muckfest.
- 12/? Northern Lights - A Winter Solstice 5 Miler

2007 Skagit Runners Scholarship Awardees'

- Scott Power - Burlington-Edison Graduate
- Wes Hargrove - Burlington-Edison Graduate
- Melissa Bradley - Sedro-Woolley Graduate
- Kristin Connelly - La Conner Graduate
- Jaynie L. Hancock - La Conner Graduate
- Kaede Kawauchi - Mount Vernon Graduate
- Corey Wilbur - La Conner Graduate

2007 Skagit Runners New Members

- Lana Bargabos
- Bill Beard
- Fran, Mike & Heidi Bohall
- Avis Bozeman
- Cynthia Buttrey
- Colin Chin
- Alvin Crain
- Sonja Erlandson
- Annie Holmgren
- Tim Lofton
- Sue Malone
- Sherrie Marble
- Stephen Sauder
- Ray Ulrich
- Sarah Westdorp
- Shawna Wilskey
- Shawn & Michelle Woodward