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## **GRTC to induct Olympian John Tuttle and Community Leader/Runner David Bischoff into Hall of Fame**

The **Greater Rochester Track Club (GRTC)** is pleased to announce the selection of Olympian **John Tuttle** of Douglassville, Georgia and Runner/Community leader **David Bischoff**, of Fairport, NY to the **GRTC Hall of Fame**. Both will be inducted at the GRTC's Annual Banquet on Saturday January 27, 2007 at the Diplomat Banquet Center 1956 Lyell Avenue, Rochester from 5-9 PM. The dinner is open to the public however reservations are to be made by January 22 to Pete Van Peursesem at 34 Denishire Drive, Rochester, NY 14624 (dinner tickets are \$17 per person in advance, \$22 at the door)

**David Bischoff of Fairport** is an outstanding multi-sports athlete and runner. He is the team captain of his Genesee Valley Harriers (GVH) Running Club Master's team and is a member of their National Championship Cross Country team (2005 @5K) as well as several runner-up national championship teams. He led the USA Masters Men to victory over Canada at this year's annual CanAm Master's Cross Country Challenge at Watkins Glen, NY. His running and other athletic accomplishments are numerous.

In addition to David's athletic prowess in multiple sports he is being recognized for his contributions as a leader in the sports community through his promotion and dedicated volunteer work in major endeavors including youth sports development.

He is the Team Captain of Kodak's JP Morgan Chase Corporate Challenge Team, often leading his team to the Championship Race in NYC. Kodak has been the dominant participatory entrant in this event locally since it's inception.

(See: <http://www.jpmorganchasecc.com/events.php?&page=06thirtyfeb>).

David served as Co-Chairman of the "Events Coordination Committee" of GVH's highly successful "Feast in the East" USATF National Club Cross Country Championships in 2005 (see: <http://www.usatf.org/events/2005/USATFClubXCChampionships/>). The event was touted as the "Best organized XC Club Championship ever held" by USATF officials. He is also one of the originating members of GVH and currently serves as Vice President.

David is the originator and Director of the "Highlander Cycle Tour" each September that challenges cyclist from across the country to tour the scenic hills around Canandaigua Lake (see: <http://www.highlandercycletour.com/>)

He participates in Rochester Nordic XC Ski Foundation events in the winter months and serves on their Board of Directors (see: <http://xcrochester.com/new/home.htm>)

In his spare time, David has served over the past five years, as a coach for Fairport Pop Warner Football, soccer, hockey and baseball.



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He is a dedicated husband to his wife of 15 years, Maureen, and father of their three terrific and athletically oriented children (Erin 12, Matt 10, Emily 8).

Somehow, after working full time as an Engineering Manager for Eastman Kodak, David finds time to remain highly competitive at virtually every sport he participates in. His leadership and organizational skills are of the highest order and the Greater Rochester community is fortunate to have him give so much of himself and his talents.

**David Bischoff, Personal bests/date**

Event	Time	Year	Race	Notes
400m	52	1984	College Track	
800m	1:59	1980	High School Track	
1500m	4:10	1984	IUP	
Mile	4:28	1984	College Track	
3 K Steeple	9:59	1987	ESG Qualifier, Syracuse, NY	
5 K	15:40	1982 1996	Pittsburgh, Kodak 5K	
5mile	25:50	1985	Geneva College Community race	
10 K	33:01	1982	Malone Invitational XC	
15 K	53:06	1987	Utica Boilermaker	
20 K	1:14.04	1993	Phelps, NY	
30 K	1:50.15	1994	Hamilton, ONT	
1/2 Marathon	1:17.08	1995	Philadelphia Distance Race	
Marathon	2:48	1992	Columbus	
Other (XC/Trail):				
5K	16:21	2004	USATF Natl. Masters 5K Championships- Saratoga	2 <sup>nd</sup> place team
5K	16:49	2005	USATF Natl. Masters 5K	Team Champions
5K	16:24	2006	USATF Natl. Masters 5K	2 <sup>nd</sup> place team
5K	18:18	2006	Watkins Glen	CanAm Masters Champion
10K	35:21	2006	USATF Natl. Masters 10K – SF, CA	47 <sup>th</sup> /430
5K	17:17	2006	Roberts Wesleyan	Empire State Games Masters Gold
20K	1:28.57	2004	Muddy Sneaker	Former Masters course record
5K	19:06	1997	Mendon Trail Race	Course record
10K	37:58	1995	Mendon Trail Race	Former course record
20K	1:18	1996	Mendon Trail Race	Former course record
Other:				
Bicycling	---	1998	Empire State Games	Western Open Team – Gold Medalists
Duathlon	---	2005	Whiteface Mtn. Uphill Run/Bike	Overall duathlon winner (2 <sup>nd</sup> run, 10 <sup>th</sup> )



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				bike)
XC Ski 10K	31:51	2005	Osceola	8 <sup>th</sup>
XC Ski 29K	1:39	2006	Keskinada	48 <sup>th</sup>
XC Ski 44K	2:22	2006	Hardwood Hills, ONT	16 <sup>th</sup>

**Other History (Dave Bischoff):**

Childhood: Football (Chippewa Indians) until 9<sup>th</sup> grade (incl. 20+ TD's as a Mitey Mite)  
 Basketball until 10<sup>th</sup> grade.  
 Baseball until 8<sup>th</sup> grade

H.S. Track 3 years (800, mile, 3200m relay, Captain Sr. year)  
 XC 2 years (Captain Jr. & Sr. years)

College: Geneva College, Pa. Track 4 years – Captain – Sr. year  
 XC, 4 years - Captain (Jr. & Sr. years). School course record 26:14  
 NAIA National Championships participant 1982, 1983

Post College: Founder and Ride Director of Highlander Cycle Tour 2000 - present  
 Kodak JP Morgan Chase Corporate Challenge Team (Captain since 2003. Nine times in NYC since 1996)  
 Vice President GVH – 2006 - present  
 RXCSF (XC Ski) Board of Directors – 2007- present  
 Race Director – Jensen Stables XC Mudslog - TBA

Kids Sports: Coached soccer, football, baseball and hockey (last 5 years)

Youth Ministry: Since 1987



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**John Tuttle** currently residing in Douglassville, Georgia graduated **Alfred-Almond High School (Section V Athletics)** in 1977. After a highly distinguished High School and Collegiate athletic career he went on to run in the 1984 Olympics Marathon held in Los Angeles, California. He has been one of the most dominant runners at distances from 800 meters to the marathon throughout his career as a runner. Even at the Master's level he has continued to dominate. He set nearly every American Road Racing record from the 5K to the half marathon distance when he turned 40 years of age. He currently holds the World Master's Road Running Record for 12 Kilometers.

In the 1984 USA Olympic Marathon Trials held from Buffalo to Niagara Falls, Canada, Tuttle challenged both Pete Pfitzinger, formerly of Pittsford, NY, and Alberto Salazar, World Record Holder in the Marathon at the time. During the last two miles the race, Tuttle battled them for the lead, and was part of one of the most memorable finishes in US marathon history. Pfitzinger eventually won and John happily took third place, qualifying him for the Olympic team, the objective of the day.

The Rochester community was fortunate to have John run in many High School races locally and even in recent years. He won the Lilac 10K in 1985 in 28:45 and again in 2000 in 30:19. He is still the Section V Record holder in the Indoor Mile, Outdoor Track 2 mile and Steeplechase. These records have stood for nearly 30 years. The statistics on John Tuttle, listed below, speak for themselves.

**Alfred-Almond High School: 1973-1977**

PR's: 440; 51.8, 880-1:54, mile; 4:10.6. 2 mile; 8:57.2

**NY State Champion** in Cross Country, Indoor 1,000 meters, Mile.

Led Alfred Almond to team indoor title.

Wins at major competitions include: Penn Relay's 2 mile, Eastern State's mile, Louck Games Mile and Steeplechase, Jr. Olympics Mile

Honors include: All American in the Steeplechase (fastest time in USA)

**Auburn University: 1977 to 1981**

Event: 800 meters; 1:49:23, 1500 Meters; 3:43, Mile; 4:00:45, Steeplechase; 8:34, 5000 Meters; 13:48

16 times All Southeastern Conference (SEC) honors

SEC champ in the 1,000 Meter, Mile, 1500 Meters

3 time All American XC, 2 mile relay twice

**Open Division Athlete:**

**USA Olympic Team Member 1984 - Marathon**

Road Racing: 5000 meters: 13:45, 8 Kilometers; 22:43, 10 Kilometers; 27:52, 10 mile; 47:22, Marathon; 2:10:51, Olympic Trials qualifier 5 times

Runner up in Gaymer's Grand Prix, Great Britain 3 x 10 k races 28:12, 27:52 (beat Steve Jones) 28:38

**Master's Division:** (40+): American record holder at the 5k, 8k, 10k, and 12k.

Times: 5k; 14:19, 8k; 23:25, 10k; 29:26, 12k; 36:12, 15k; 45:19 1/2 marathon 1:05:08

1999 Master runner of year by Runner,s World magazine

Many time National Champion



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Current World Record holder for Masters at 12K (36:12).