

This newsletter will be put out weekly throughout the summer to keep all RTC members informed of meets, results and other pertinent information concerning the RTC.

RTC - First Charter dated July 1, 1958.

Original Members: Pete Todd (who was elected President--and when was the second election???? Herb Wabnitz, Gary Thompson, Jerry Furhman and Ed Duncan. At this first meeting, the club colors of red and white and the symbol of the track shoe were chosen. Why red and white? Because four of the five original members went to Cortland State - their colors - red and white! The first summer the team won one team trophy and the season ended with 17 club members. Dues were \$2.00 per year. In all, over 1400 different trackmen have been members of the Rochester Track Club over the years. The Club has 135 team trophies. Since 1958 the RTC has won 15 National Championships. Eight years ago the Track & Field News picked the RTC as one of the five top distance teams in the country - a fact that we are might proud of.

Trenton Jackson was once a member of the RTC. He represented the U.S. in the 1964 Olympics, pulling up lame in the semi-finals. In 1964 he was named the Outstanding Amateur Athlete in the Niagara Association AAU. Three years ago he was chosen as the first member of the Rochester Track Club "Hall of Fame."

A few people have criticized the idea of having these Tuesday night meets closed to Rochester Track Club members only. Outsiders are the ones that have complained. One comment was heard that I am forcing all trackmen in this area to join "my club". Let it be on record that I am forcing no one to join the RTC. I am conducting these Tuesday evening meets solely for the benefit of the RTC runners, if a runner from Rochester wants to run in these meets, he must join the RTC. If he does not wish to join, he cannot run, but there are many races around the area that he can run in.

Why do I limit the meets to RTC members only? You all know that I am Track Coach at RIT, I had the \$150,000 Grass-Tex track built to my specifications. Sure it is RIT's track, but is also my track. I am going to be the Track Coach at RIT for the next 25 years, this is my track, I am responsible for it being built, I am responsible for the upkeep and I want to see it kept in the best possible shape always.

As RIT Track Coach I have received permission to use the track for RTC members. RIT is holding me and the RTC responsible for the track over the summer. I am trying to build up track interest in the Rochester area. I am also trying to build up interest in the Rochester Track Club and I am also trying to build up interest in RIT.

The medals we give out on Tuesday evenings cost the RTC \$2,000.00 for the complete summer supply. Why should we make these medals available to members of other clubs? Especially residents of Rochester who run for a rival track club in Buffalo or Brockport. Let these individuals go to Buffalo or elsewhere and run with their club there.

Some of the fellows have asked me why we conduct RTC closed meets instead of AAU track meets. For the record (and it's a long story) let's just say that RTC and I have had many raw deals from the AAU in the Niagara Association. We have always been treated great by the AAU in every other district we have raced in.

So, why should I conduct track meets in Rochester and have the AAU state "look what a good program we ran in Rochester this summer."

IF ANYONE DOES NOT LIKE THIS OR THE WAY THE RTC, OR THE TUESDAY EVENING TRACK MEETS ARE CONDUCTED, THEIR RTC DUES WILL GLADLY BE REFUNDED SO THE TRACKMAN CAN BE FREE TO JOIN ANOTHER CLUB OR RUN UNATTACHED IN MEETS OUTSIDE OF ROCHESTER.

Others have asked why \$4.00 dues and what does the \$4.00 go for. You will receive numerous entry blanks over the summer--these cost money, envelopes cost money, stamps cost money, the medals given out Tuesdays cost money, pins cost money, trophies in distance races cost more money than entry fees produce. AAU Club dues are \$24.00. Over the past 17 years the RTC has cost me personally an average of \$800.00 a year to conduct-- this is after the dues were used up.

There are many more things on my mind at the moment, but they will have to wait until the next newsletter. When you receive an entry blank for an out of town race you wish to run in, fill out the blank, mail it to the sponsor with the entry fee, then get in touch with me concerning transportation to either receive a ride or drive other members to the meet.

All dues must be paid immediately. You will not be able to compete in any of the RTC meets unless your dues are paid for the year. If you haven't already paid your dues, do so immediately.

Please mail your entries in for the Tuesday evening meets with the required entry fee. Starting with the July 2nd meet, the entry fee will be \$.50 per event if pre-registered. If post-entry (signing up Tuesday night) a \$1.00 per event fee will be charged. The whole meet is so much easier to set up and conduct if everyone mails their entry blank and fee ahead of time. Much time is wasted each Tuesday before the meet signing up competitors. This shouldn't be.

If you wish, you could pay and sign up a week ahead of time. There will always be someone at the table to answer questions, take entry fees and blanks, etc. So, sign up this Tuesday for the next Tuesday's meet. It's very simple, and I might add, very helpful to me.

Each week there will be a file on the table with your name on it. Empty your file each week, check over everything in it. There will be a newsletter, entry blanks, results and other pertinent information in it! Do not take the file - just the information in the file.

You will be assigned a competitor number Tuesday, June 25th. This will be your permanent number all season. Wear it each and every RTC meet. This is very important--also make sure your number is on all RTC entry blanks.

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I M P O R T A N T N O T I C E

On Sunday, June 30, 1974 we are sponsoring another open meet - see application enclosed. This is not the state AAU meet, as that meet will be held on Sunday, August 11th.

Marty Liquori (3:54) has already agreed to run in the meet, along with Dick Buerkle (3:58), Chuck McMullen (3:58), Tim McMullen (4:06) and Paul Stemmer (4:09). There is also a good chance to have Ton Waldrop (3:53) & World 880 Record Holder, Rick Wohlhuter (3:56) in the race.

We are also trying to get Ivory Crockett (9.0), the 100 Yard Dash World Record Holder to come run the 100.

Don't confuse this meet with the New York State AAU Championships which will be held at RIT on Sunday, August 11, 1974.

As was the case last year, I need help in all aspects of the meet. Anyone that can offer help, please do so. We will be setting up about 10:30 that morning - let me know if you can help (especially the Master Runners to collect money at the gate - \$1.00 per person again), or just show up that morning.

We have to pay all expenses of all these athletes when we fly them in, so we have to charge \$1.00 admission fee to try to cover these expenses. Hopefully, we'll break even.

In your file this week, you will find your RTC membership card. Any time you use the RIT facilities, make sure you have your RTC card with you, in case the Security people, etc., ask you for it. That RTC card enables you to use the RIT track, locker rooms, gym, tennis courts, pool, weight roo, etc. It's like joining a country club for \$4.00 for the summer. And last year some people "bitched" about where their \$4.00 membership dues goes!!!

So far this summer, I have used \$74.00 worth of stamps for RTC mailings, and sending out entry blanks for this Sunday's meet; and the season is only one week old.

Results of the weekly meets might be a little slow coming this summer, as one of the two RIT Athletic Dept's secretaries is going on vacation for the month of July--so production might get slow and hairy for a while. You will get all results by the end of the summer.

You will notice on the entry blanks for the rest of the summer starting with Tuesday, July 2nd, that the price of each event entered is 50¢ if entered the week before or mailed in early before Tuesday evening--if you wait until the night of the meet the price per event is \$1.00. Please mail entries in early--it is so much easier for me to have the meet all set and ready to go instead of signing everyone up on Tuesday evening before the meet starts. Also, this week you will be given a RTC number to wear each and every week. Place this number in the bottom right hand corner of the entry sheet--keep your number all summer. Pin your number on your back with 4 pins (one on each corner) - this helps the finish judges tremendously.

I have a feeling we might take a tremendous loss on this race Sunday - so we have a chance to make some money by helping sell refreshments for RIT Food Service at a special event they have here on campus this summer. There is an auto show on Sunday, August 4th. We can make about \$350. for the club at this event. If you would finally like to help the RTC (and many have expressed this type of interest) let me know immediately - as I must let Food Service know. I need about 20 people for August 4th. Please volunteer your help - the RTC needs the money.

The RIT Booster Club is raffling off 2 season tickets to this season's Buffalo Bills home football games. The tickets are \$1.00 - if you would like to buy one - see me at the table.