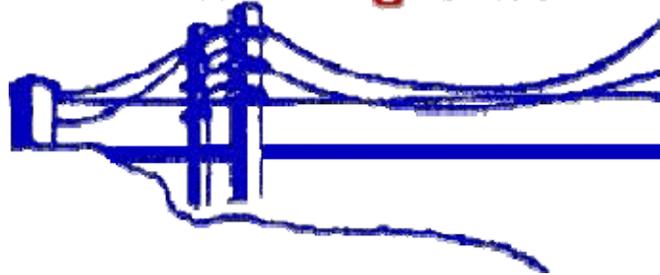


# Waco Striders Running Club



## **February 12 2010**

The running club has been busy over the last few months. Many of you ran your very first marathon or half marathon, and now have the bug and can't wait to sign up for the next one. If you are always registered for a race it helps to motivate you to keep running. If you don't have a goal you tend to lose your focus.

## **Awards Banquet**

If you missed the Strider Awards Banquet here are some of highlights of the evening.

Presentation of the 2010 slate of officers

President Julia Riley

Vice President/Membership Don Hinds

Race Director Mitch Deskins

Treasurer Jill Braswell

Secretary Janis Royal

Motion was proposed and accepted for the new officers.

Mitch recapped the 2009 year for the Striders including that we have trained for 4 half marathons and 3 marathons as a group this year.

Our Race Management Team and many Strider volunteers have timed and managed 18 5K and 10K events over the year. We have also been involved with events and projects that raised awareness and funds totaling over \$200,000 this year.

We won the Corporate Team Award at the Jingle Bell Run for the most members on a team.

Brazos Race Series winners for 2009

Overall Male Mitch Deskins

Overall Female Laural Deskins

Female 3<sup>rd</sup> place Petra Ashleman

Female 2<sup>nd</sup> place Nora Schell

Female 1<sup>st</sup> place Jennifer Loomis

Male 3<sup>rd</sup> place Daniel Figurelli

Male 2<sup>nd</sup> place Don Hinds

Male 1<sup>st</sup> place Drake Howe

Three members of the Striders were recognized as RRCA National Volunteers

Cindy Booker

Jennifer Loomis

Don Hinds

We also presented a new award named after one of our own, it is the Cliff Burgess Achievement Award . Cliff has been an inspiration to many of us over the years and we felt that it would be a great way to honor him for his accomplishments and also recognize someone in our running club who is striving for greater things . This first year the award went to Leah Jackson for her outstanding athletic accomplishment.

Some other awards included:

Photographer Award	Carla and Edward Vallejo
Waco Strider Recognition Award	Janis Royal and Julia Riley
Nice Gal Award	Suzie Storaska
Nice Guy Award	Andy Sheehy
Never Give Up Award	Tim Steele and Dianna Deleon
The Joker Award	Steve Thompson
You Da Man Award	Sam Orr
You Da Woman Award	Lauren McLeod
Best Mountain Biker Award	Dewaye Loomis
Most Courage Award	Jill Braswell
Best Blister Award	Julia Riley
Most Missing Toenails Award	Laural Deskins
Best Family Award	The Davidson's
Most Determined Award	Jodi Thurmond
Biggest Smile Award	Shannon Cross

I hate hills and OKC Award                      Janis Royal

I train to win and I eat burritos bigger than myself Award   Mark Bell

The Mitch Happens Award                      Mitch Deskins

**Membership renewal time**

It is time to pay your membership dues if you haven't already. The membership fee is \$20 for the entire year and it includes all members of your family. Just think you could get an award next year for most missing toenails if you join up! We appreciate our members and we wouldn't be the club we are without your involvement. At the end of February we will put all the names of members who are current (have paid their membership dues for 2010) into a drawing for some prizes, this is just a little incentive for you to pay your membership dues.

Thanks for your continued support of the Waco Striders Running Club.

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