

# 2023 Annual Meeting Papua New Guinea



**Marathon Globetrotters Annual Meeting**  
**July 29, 2023 Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea**

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A large contingent of Marathon Globetrotters arrived in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea for our annual meeting. They were a little tired but still enthusiastic after having run 3 or 4 other marathons on the way. Why travel that far and not run every surrounding country? They faced many delayed and cancelled flights but got these countries.



American Samoa 7/12/23

Samoa 7/15/23



Tuvalu 7/22-23/23 ( Midnight start)

Some runners had made it to Tuvalu for a night marathon but 21 others were waiting at the hotels Fiji Air had put them in because their flight had been cancelled. They assembled the next day at the Suva airport and again had to deal with delays and the potential of a cancelled flight which would put them in danger of missing the Nadi run arranged by member, Pei (Muantawan Arsrairas). I heard that the power of the group overruled the airline and a flight was arranged for that day and for the next day so that they could return in time for the Fiji marathon.



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Tuvalu



Fiji, 7/25/23





Air Niugini flight magazine, Paradise, had a notice about the marathon.





And even more press followed the race.

after batting the last ball of the over against Japan. INSET PICTURE: PNG Barramundis team pose with the winning  
TURES: MARK TALIA

## Significant milestone promoting sports, healthy lifestyle and tourism

**MARATHON:** The Amazing Port Moresby International Marathon concluded this morning marks a significant milestone to promote sports, healthy lifestyle and tourism in the city and entire PNG, says NCD Governor Powes Parkop.

Speaking during its prize presentation at the APEC Haus, Governor Parkop said the event more importantly inspired young children in the city and the entire country to take healthy lifestyle seriously.

The marathon, he said, reflects the spirit of unity when a total of 141 runners, both locals and internationals, who participated in three different categories of marathon-full marathon, half marathon and 10km race.

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this year as well after returning to Port Moresby is something the Hunters need a check up on.

With just three games remaining, Hunters will not make the finals,

seven minutes after to lead 12-0.

This momentum did not continue after Hunters frustratingly gave away consecutive penalties just before halftime.

try on the 72nd minute.

Tigers added the nail to the coffin with a converted try through Corey Thompson just before full-time to win 32-18

## Marathon promotes unity

**FROM BACKPAGE:** THE event saw 42 international participants who have travelled onshore from 14 different countries including Australia, United States, Poland, Thailand, France, Japan, Hong Kong and Switzerland.

Governor Parkop pledged his commitment in supporting such future sporting events which are in alignment with NCDC's vision of creating a city that is safe, clean, healthy, planned and liveable.

Governor Parkop called on the international participants to take home with them fond memories of the city and become good ambassadors to their relatives, peers and

colleagues.

Governor Parkop thanked the Trophy Haus, Fincorp, Eliseo, TruGas, Post Courier, Coca Cola, VIVO, St. Johns Ambulance, and the Hilton for their sponsorship.

In collaboration with the Port Moresby Road Runners and the sponsors, the National Capital District Commission (NCDC) successfully hosted the inaugural Amazing Port Moresby International Marathon today (Sunday 30th, July 2023).

Jason Sambrook of POMRR commended NCDC, the sponsors and volunteers for having delivered a successful event.

Sambrook said the event was a great experience for everyone, adding it was an opportunity as well to learn for the better next year.

The men's Full Marathon was won by Alexander Scherz of Switzerland whilst the women's by Yvonne Dubois from Hong Kong.

For the Half Marathon, Peter Baki from POMRR who won the men's race while Marjaana Raf from Finland won the women's race. For the 10 KM race, both the men's and women's race were won respectively by Jason Richard and Antonio Ndrawli of POMRR.

## FC Genesis, Kempa in a tussle for win, coach please

**SOCCER:** FC Genesis didn't show resistance against Kempa as they fought neck and neck that kept the team from winning with an eleventh-hour goal that saw a 2-2 draw on both sides.

the strongest players on the team since round 1 of competition, and never ceases to amaze each week.

A top of most possession within the team was the key to their success.

past the goal mouth or missed it by an inch on the side, that was the case on the eleventh mark, as the FC Genesis and Kempa



The governor of Papua New Guinea with new friends, Gregg Walchli and Cheri Pompeo.

He was so thrilled with all the foreigners who came to the marathon that he brought us gifts!





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## And After most of the other's went home...by Kevin Brosi

### Taupo Marathon Taupo, New Zealand August 5, 2023

Several Marathon Globetrotters continued their Oceania marathon adventure by traveling on to Taupo, New Zealand. Liz and I stopped over in Auckland and went to the Women's World Cup soccer match between USA and Portugal. On the day we arrived in Taupo it was very windy, cloudy and 33 degrees, what we called a "little cold". We had just been in American Samoa, Samoa, Tuvalu, Fiji and Papua New Guinea, where it was a lot warmer. Fortunately on race morning it was 36 degrees (jackets, gloves, stocking hats), but no wind and clear blue skies. A perfect day. We gathered together for a pre-race MG photo with Jay and Jodi Johnson, Karen Michelsen, Tom Craven, Steve Fuller, Liz Gmerek and me. The marathon course (2 out and backs) was along the beachside of Lake Taupo which we could see curved off into the distance almost 6 miles away. And on the far side of the lake were mountains covered in snow. It was Saturday and everyone in Taupo was out with their families enjoying the great weather. At the finish we all sat at a picnic table in the race beer garden (all you can drink) and swapped stories. Steve, Jay and Jodi had more to tell since each of them hit the ground in various ways. Fortunately there were no broken bones or ambulance rides. Steve won the best blood award in



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our group. Meanwhile I met up with several New Zealand runners in the beer garden that had more than 100 marathons and a few had more than 300 marathons. I shared with them that there is a worldwide "Mega Marathon" list for greater than 300 and they should be on it. I promised to get their New Zealand 100 club connected with the master list manager. I highly recommend this event, Taupo is worth the trip.

Kevin Brosi and Liz Gmerek enjoying the refreshing weather.



### **Coastal4Cancer Marathon Grange, Australia (near Adelaide) August 13, 2023**

Marathon Globetrotter Ambassador, Jane Struzaker, recommended this event to me. Her running friend, Chris, is the RD. This is a very small low key race with a marathon (12 of us including an Australian Globetrotter named Dave), half and 10 K. I showed up early like always by taxi, because I have no desire to try left-hand driving for the short time in Australia. Roundabouts (traffic circles) are very scary to me. Only 1 person was there, Chris, the RD, setting up the start. I confirmed I was in the right place and let the taxi go. Now I had time to kill so I walked out the 500 foot fishing pier at this location. The race would follow along the seashore for 7 Km out and back, 6 loops. I picked up my packet and the lady asked, "Where are you from?", "Texas, USA", I said. "You came all the way from Texas for this event?" "Well, no, I was also here for marathons in American Samoa, Samoa, Tuvalu, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, and Taupo New Zealand. Immediately she said, "You went to Papua New Guinea?" Apparently not many Australians have or even want to go to Papua New Guinea. It is one of the nearest other nations to Australia. I was the only international runner and that was what they kept calling me. A local runner "High Five" Mike came over and we shared running stories and I again mentioned the "Mega Marathon" list with him. He immediately "Googled" it and found my name (a quick fact check!). Mike said he was at 81 marathons, but was working on 100. And he knew several other Austral-



ian runners who had 300 marathons, including Chris, the RD. The race started and if it weren't for the half marathoners I would have been last from the first step. Still I ended up last in the marathon. But I got to run along the beautiful seashore. There was musical entertainment, a few street performers, a couple other piers, many restaurants and coffee shops, beautiful houses with lots of glass windows, and hundreds of people enjoying their Sunday. On one of my loops past the start a couple runners stopped me to talk and one said, "We "Googled" you. You have more than 1000 marathons?". Liz thought that was very funny. Later on I got to talk to Chris and we shared many running stories and I found he has many more events including multi day events and even a 7 Australian states series. But wait, I thought there were 6 Australian states? Plus 2 territories...6, 7 or 8, I don't know! I was confused so decided to save that discussion for another trip. They took great care of me and made me feel welcome. I would not travel around the world for this event, but the people made it fun. And I got a high five twice per lap.



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## Member Marathons

July 12 2023, American Samoa Marathon.

**Brent Weiner set a world record for running in his 200th country!**



I had asked Brent to write a little bit about his journey to 200 countries but of course, he was too busy celebrating and traveling and running!

The following is from his post about the event.





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# 2023 Annual Meeting Papua New Guinea Agenda and Meeting Minutes



## Introduction by Jane Sturzaker

President Kevin Brosi: 2 PM Call meeting to order

Greeting and Election of President, candidate nominations

Election (5) **All 5 were re-elected with Seth Kramer to be replaced by Pei**

Director of Membership, Eddy Angkawibawa

Director of Publicity, Cheri Pompeo

Director of Electronic Media, Don Bierer

Director of Finance, Seth Kramer or new candidate Muantawan Arsrairas (Pei)

Director of Awards, Lara Gonzalez

## Introduction of Ambassadors (10)

Western Europe; France, Spain, Portugal, Andorra, Monaco, Gibraltar, Belgium and Luxembourg: Cazala Didier (France)

Northwestern Europe; Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Greenland, Sweden/Norway: Vagn Kirkelund (Denmark)

North Central Europe: Zdeněk Chmel (Czech Republic)

DACH; Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein: Frank Fuessl (Germany)

North East Europe (Baltic): Wojtek Machnik (Poland)

South East Europe (Balkans and ex-Yu): Srećko Mičić (Serbia)

Southeast Asia: Revi Fayola Sitompul (Indonesia)

China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore: Sam Chong (China), lost contact!

Oceania: Jane Sturzaker (Australia)

South America: Leonel Wallau (Brazil)



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Caribbean: John Lum Young (Trinidad and Tobago)

Africa: Dayo Akinbode (Nigeria)

USA East: Fran Libasci

USA West: Lynne Langlois

### **Membership statistics**

1. Total Members = 673 from 53 countries (413 Full Members and 260 Provisional Members).

2. Countries with 20 Members or more : United States (184), England (65), Denmark (59), Sweden (39), France (35), Germany (30), Indonesia (29), Brazil (29), Poland (20).

3. Members who have run in 50 countries or more = 46 Members.

4. Following Members have run in 100 countries or more :

Brent Weigner (US) 201 countries

Klaus Westphal (Germany) 146 countries

Wojciech Machnik (Poland) 142 countries

Rich Holmes (US) 129 countries

Dieter Max Elster (Germany) 128 countries

Vagn Kirkelund (Netherlands) 124 countries

Philippe Waroux (France) 122 countries

Dan Micola (England) 117 countries

Sidy Diallo (France) 101 countries

**As always the members are busy and many have more countries than stated above.**

### **Meeting attendees:**

Muantawan Arsrairas (Pei) TH, Amanda Barlow AU, Donald Bierer DE, Kevin Brosi US, Howard Choi US, Thomas Craven US, Klaus Egedesoe DK, Ryszard Ellert PL, Dieter Max Elster DE, Steven Fuller US, Elizabeth Gmerek US, Thomas Godlewsky DE, Alicja Grace US, Richard Holmes US, Jeanne Holmes US, Jay Johnson US, Jodi Johnson US, Wojtek Machnik PL, Karen Michelsen CA, Cheri Pompeo US, Gregg Walchli US, Edson Sanches US, Alexander Scherz CH, Jane Sturzaker AU, Chait Suwannarat TH, Philippe Waroux FR, Brent Weigner US, Frances Labasci US, Thomas Brand US, Yvonne Dubois HK.

Finance report

MG Finance Report (in USD)		
15-JUL-2022 Bal	8410.96	
Income	1473.08	
Expenses	-6750.5	
15-JUL-2023 Bal	3133.54	
Income		
Amazon Smile	55.78	
Sales+Donations	1161.05	
RunSignup	256.25	
Income Total	1473.08	
Expenses		
Postal	158.77	
Paypal Fees	41.28	
Website	6182.45	
Stock (shirts/hats, etc)	368	
Total	6750.5	
Website Costs	This Year	Annualized Ongoing
Design/Setup Company	5217.94	207.5
Hosting (3 yrs)	651.96	225
Email Marketing	287.85	360
Domain Reg	12.70	12.70
Comment Spam Filter	12	12
Total	6182.45	817.2

**Merchandise: Possible new manager(s) in Europe, orders being fulfilled, Kevin brought 10 hats, order anytime online.**

**Website – Planned website changes**



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- Dues infrastructure: payment method, reminders to pay, thank you message upon payment, delinquent notices, members in good standing category, delinquent members category: delinquent members will not be able to use member login functions (add races, race calendar, etc).
  - Deletion of data needs to be automated. When members request to quit, data needs to be deleted when requested.
  - Ambassador page needs to be updated. Need to also change this so that we can update this page
  - New search functions (for example, search on countries not run by a member). Helps race organizers
  - Automate Awards certificate process. Do we want to be completely automated upon completion of a flag, or allow user to print their own certificates following approval by the Awards Director? Or both?
  - Founders page (10 year anniversary)
  - Exception process on website instead of word document?
  - Charity and Donation Page - remove Amazon Smile. Any ideas for something else?
  - Cyprus - Europe or Asia?
  - Profile page: do we want to allow members to list other running clubs that they belong to on their profile page?
  - Request to see database (administrators only)

Merchandise changes - precalculation of shipping charges, new changes, new merchandise ... need new merchandise manager input

Special Turks rule vote -Rule # 24: If an annual marathon event is held for 3 or more years and 1 or more of the years has less than 10 finishers (not satisfying rule #10), then the Membership Director may approve the submitted race result without need to submit an exception form and will make a note in the records. The member must comment on this circumstance at time of submission (because it does not satisfy Rule # 10) and may receive a clarifying email from the Membership Director prior to approval. In order to be considered 1 of the 3 or more years must have reached 10 or more finishers. This means that if the event never reaches 10 finishers over the course of its lifetime this rule is not satisfied. In that case an exception may still be submitted. - group mostly agreed.

Dues Bylaws change, propose start July 1, 2024 \$10

Discussion of penalty for nonpayment of dues such as removing access to the

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website. Data would remain on website unless the member asked for deletion.

**Next Annual meeting vote**

Proposals with Host, No options from hosts were proposed at this time.

**Club feedback**

Countries, Bylaws changes, other - no feedback.

**New Business**

Call to close meeting, then take meeting photo



Globetrotters Post Meeting

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## Member Activities

### Six marathons in the South Pacific by Parvaneh Moayed.

7/12/23, American Samoa, South Pacific Ocean. The journey to run 7 marathons in 7 countries in less than 4 weeks started with a marathon in Pago Pago which is an American territory and military holding for the US on this side of the world. They may not have a military base but it feels like the entire island is a base. There is a McDonald's and the only nice hotel is not so nice. The race organizers were great, the police and locals were very nice. I don't recommend this Island if you are looking for a vacation spot.



7/15/2023, Samoa, South Pacific Ocean.

I finished the 2nd marathon of the long journey which started at 2am. I have never seen so many farm animals and dogs on a race course as in Samoa. I had to watch for crossing pigs with piglets which can be very dangerous. The organization provided no course support at all. You had to hire a car to follow you for the entire 26 miles so you wouldn't get

run over by cars or attacked by dogs. You also had to buy your own water for the driver to carry.

7/21/23, Tuvalu, Southern Pacific Ocean. This is a small horse shoe Island with a population of 11,000 people living in complete poverty. I finished the marathon here which was miserably hot. 110 degrees Fahrenheit with 100 percent humidity. It felt like a hot yoga marathon.

We organized the race, well someone else did, and I just had to step in and help.



The majority of people don't have electricity or running water, which means no real bathroom, just outhouses. There is pig farm smell on the entire island, which I assume people get used to, but I didn't and I felt nauseous during the entire race. I got to meet the Chief of police of the country, the UN ambassador, the director of aviation and the director of sports and education. This was the 1st international marathon run entirely on an international airway, since there are only 3 flights a week, we could use the landing strip to run!

7/25/23, Nadi, Fiji, southern Pacific Ocean. This island is definitely worth visiting with so much to see and do you really only touch the surface. I finished marathon number 4 for this trip and it was very well organized for small event.



7/27/2023, Honiara, Solomon Islands, southern Pacific Ocean. I finished marathon number 5 in less than 2 weeks. This Island's marathon was a last minute race added to my list since it was on the way and a stopover going to Pupa New Guinea.

It is an interesting place with a mixture of 3 major indigenous peoples who live on these remote islands, occupied by, and pulled in different directions by New Zealand, Australia, China and Arab countries, all wanting to take a piece of it.

Most people live in tribes and some in the dark ages. It is one of the few places on earth that cannibalism is still part of life for a few tribes and sacrificing people (children) is practiced when tribes fight and lose a battle. I was told by a local guide /friend I met, not to worry because they don't eat tourists!

7/30/2023, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, Southern Pacific Ocean. Marathon number 6 finished in less than 3 weeks in this region of the world. Getting the visa for this country was very hard and a long process so, ended up being a last minute add on for this trip. I only stayed for 2 nights and less than 48 hours.

The marathon was, surprisingly, very well organized and the small group of world marathon chasers got a lot of local news coverage and attention. This country is another of the few places on earth where cannibalism is still part of life in some tribes on remote Islands. Safety is a big concern for tourists. We heard of possible hostage taking as well as getting mugged. It happened to one of the fellow runners from the group who came early and was out on a bird watching trip. He had to cut his trip short before the races started. But of course when traveling the world, specifically to unknown territories anything is to be expected.

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## Unusual races in interesting places

Footprints from the Past

### Sunrise-to-Sunset Marathon (Mongolia)

Hello, fellow Globetrotters! This is an Asian installment on my hope to give you ideas by telling you of unusual races in interesting places I have run. Sunrise-to-Sunset is a good deal harder than any other marathon I've written about, but has an 18 hour time limit (because there is a simultaneous 100K they must wait for anyway). This will be offered most likely be in the first week of August of 2024 – the 2023 version is underway as I write this. But the logistics and planning required are complex enough that starting a year before the race is entirely prudent. (There is even a mandatory kit to carry with a score of required items.)

Why focus on this Mongolian race and not another? First, very few Globetrotters have added Mongolia to their list of accomplishments. Second, the other two Mongolian choices have drawbacks: Ulan Bator is a huge race but I cannot find any time limit information so it may not be feasible; while the Gobi Desert 7-day stage race is harder still than Sunrise-to-Sunset and 5 of the 7 stages are not long enough to count as marathons. Most importantly, of the 825 marathons I have completed, it is this race that vies with the Inca Trail marathon in several categories, including most scenic, most memorable, and greatest bonding of a relatively small group of runners, many of whom have become lifelong friends.

Apart from the race itself, Sunrise-to-Sunset presents three main challenges – it takes more than a week of time to go do it, it is logistically challenging to get to, and it is costly, roughly on the same scale as running an Antarctica marathon. From most locations, commercial air can be used to get to the Mongolian capital of Ulan Bator. (This capital is about 2 ½ hours by jet north of Beijing, and on a latitude similar to Paris.) The organizers then take the runners on a chartered jet several hours further west to the northern fringe of the Gobi desert where ATVs are boarded for the multi-hour ride north to the Lake Khövsgöl National Park, near the border with Russian Siberia. The yurts (Mongolian traditional tents also called gers in Mongolian) along with the foraging yaks become home to the runners (and their families) for almost a week. Usually on the same day of the week as the outbound flight, the return flight occurs to get back to Ulan Bator. And that week is not a week of boredom and waiting, as there are kayaks, hiking trails, the second largest (and highest) lake in Mongolia, and a lovely national park to explore in addition to race preparations.



For those who run this, the race is difficult but incredibly memorable. The first 10 km (6 miles) and finishing section are flat and through the forests that line the lake. (The end of this section is in the picture of the 12 km point, showing three MG members, me, my wife, and my daughter.) Then severe uphill begins. The race website description is:



“The event course follows a lakeside single track north of Camp Toilogt through woods and over windblown lowlands for the first 12km (7.5 miles). In the next 5 km, the course departs the lake and heads up over 700 meters (2,400 feet) into the mountains to spectacular views and 2,300 meter (7,550 ft) Chichee Pass. From this first pass, the route heads south along a ridge, descends steeply into a river valley, follows along the river bed through sometimes marshy sections, returns up another river valley, and climbs steeply through a mossy forest to Khir-vesteg Pass. From the second pass, runner’s descend steeply again to another valley and return to the lakeshore to make their way back to Camp Toilogt and the 42km mark.”



But this is an understatement! For example, there are shrines to local family gods along the way, and if a runner fails to circle each shrine three times in a clockwise direction, the locals believe he has brought years of bad luck to the family! In my year, there was an armed Mongol horseman waiting at the shrine (who spoke no English) to ensure every runner did the proper thing to respect the shrine! (The Japanese runner in front of me did not speak English and did not understand the screaming horseman, and took off up the wrong trail up the wrong mountain, so that I had to retrieve him and get him to circle the shrine properly and then proceed up the right mountain!)



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The route has in store a bounty of visual delights and physical challenges – most striking to me was the view from the top of the Siberian mountains to the north, all of barren rock, but with each rock of a different shade of black, gray, or white depending on its composition – strikingly beautiful! This came after an ascent up ankle deep moss beds and along a meter-wide path at the top of a ridge where one dares not look up! And that is followed by a downhill scree slope so steep that every step begins a rockslide and the runner must choose whether to try to run straight down faster than the sliding rocks, or to angle obliquely so that the slides pass by to the side of the runner!



This is a course (like the Inca Trail) that I simply cannot do justice to when describing with simple words, and it also may have surprises from one year to the next. While it is basically two mountain climbs/descents with a valley between the mountains, in my year, the valley was host to a large army of marching ants so thick that the ground was completely covered and it was necessary to keep up sufficient footspeed that the ants did not climb up the shoes to bite!

Truly, a total adventure and one never to be forgotten!



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## Merchandise

Our Merchandise Manager, Robert Bishton, was in the direct path of Hurricane Ian and he lost nearly everything. He has asked us to find a replacement. **Until then place orders online.**



Please remember that the sale of gear is the means by which our club generates some income to help defray the expenses we incur to operate.

**Merchandise, order anytime from website**



**Patch:** The 7 Continents patch can be added to the back of the singlet and T-shirts to go with the Countries patch. It can be ordered with numbers **2 – 7**

Shown below are production proofs of a T-shirt and singlet that were ordered with and without the patch .

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## Merchandise

**ON SALE White T-shirts:** These are Sport-Tek brand T-shirts that may be ordered fully customized or not. The women's version has a v-neck. Examples of both are shown.



**ON SALE 7 – Continents T-shirt:** These are Sport-Tek brand T-shirts that come fully customized and for those who have finished the continents more than once, it can reflect the number (2X, 3X, etc.)



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## Merchandise

Some new items in our Merchandise Department.



The 7 continents patch, normally \$5, temporarily **FREE** on new orders.

### Basic facts:

1. Shirts are labeled: Sport-Tek
2. Womens (v-neck) Mens (round neck)
3. Short and Long-sleeve
4. non-custom and customized

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## Merchandise



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## Multi Marathon Research Study

Leo Lundy didn't have a conclusive update he could share on the study but he said this.

"It's just a little early for any significant update on my work. As you can imagine universities work at a pace just above evolution. They like to have any results or conclusions of studies published in appropriate journals before general release. That is the stage I am at, getting the results published.

I presented some early results at a sports science conference in Paris last week (European College of Sport Science) and other results are being presented at the IEEE conference in Sydney in a couple of weeks time. Then they get published in the journals and at that time I will be able to fully release them.

The study so far has in excess of 850 engaged from the multi-marathon community from 40 different countries. This is far in excess of expectations and other studies of this kind. The demographics of those engaged in the study are very very similar to those published on the Globetrotter website in terms of gender, and age so the results should be very relevant to the club."



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## Letter from the president

Hi Globetrotters,

Well, it finally happened. We had an in-person Marathon Globetrotters Annual Meeting in Port Moresby Papua New Guinea on July 29th. Our host Jane Sturzaker has patiently and then diligently prepared for the event for years as we waited for Covid issues to decline. Jane had a strong team with Bruce and Jason working on this event. The trip package included side trips to the Papua New Guinea National Museum and Art Gallery, the Bomana War Cemetery, Port Moresby Nature Park, harborside dining and even a meet and greet with the local Port Moresby Road Runners. Many Globetrotters donated their running stuff like shoes, shirts and more to the local runners through this meeting. And following the marathon was an awards ceremony where there was a presentation by the local governor to each runner that included a hard bound book about Port Moresby, a package of postcards and a local craft. What an amazing experience Jane, Jason and Bruce put together. I feel every attendee was very pleased with how well we were treated and all the amenities that were included. Thank you Jane, Jason and Bruce.



And on the business side we have a new candidate for Finance Director. Pei Muantawan Arsrairas (election voting has already been sent to each member), Also, I will soon publish a proposed change to our bylaws to begin membership dues of \$10 on July 1, 2024 (next year) and we have a few rule changes to consider. These details will soon be mailed out to each member for their vote.

I have 2 requests for members: 1). buy Marathon Globetrotters merchandise 2). Post your planned races in our MG calendar so that other members can look ahead to see who is attending.

Thanks,

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