



May 25, 2024 at the Malbun Marathon in Liechtenstein 2024 Liechtenstein Annual Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes





Agenda and Meeting Minutes

Introduction by Don Bierer

President Kevin Brosi: 2:15 PM Call meeting to order

Greeting and Election of President, candidate nominations

Election (5)

Director of Membership, Eddy Angkawibawa

Director of Publicity, Cheri Pompeo

Director of Electronic Media, Don Bierer

Director of Finance, Pei: (Muantawan Arsrairas)

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)

Caribbean: John Lum Young (Trinidad and Tobago)

Africa: Dayo Akinbode (Nigeria)

USA East: Fran Libasci

USA West: Lynne Langlois

Social Media, Lara Gonzalez

Next Annual meeting vote

Proposals with Host

Club feedback

Countries, Bylaws changes, other

New Business

Call to close meeting, then take meeting photo

Update on membership and dues.

Dues Bylaws change start July 1, 2024 Annual dues \$10

57 people have paid dues since the last reminder went out on August 1st

We have 176 Full members - 14 of these did not pay any dues due to exemption (officers/ambassadors)

We have 39 provisional members who paid dues

We have 500 inactive members

In total we have 215 active members.

There are 229 members who uploaded a race to our website in the last two years (since August 2022): While names don't exactly match the names who paid dues, this does reflect how many people are active in the club and are more likely to pay dues.

Next annual meeting host possibilities:

Rich Holmes discussed San Paulo and local support

Deborah Lazerson discussed Pacasmayo marathon in Peru

Country and continent list:

Note, the continent list used by MG is just for convenience, not an official continent club.

Adding locations not in the ISO3166 list discussed, particularly Canary Islands and Easter Island. Meeting sentiment was to not consider adding a bunch of locations not recog-

nized by ISO. Also discussed were 4 ISO locations that are part of Antarctica Continent. They are island territories in the region that are not on the Antarctica land mass or King George Island where marathons are currently held. No action, they are just part of the ISO list and meeting sentiment also was to not mess with the ISO list.

Deborah noted that there may be a new country, Bougainville (an island off the east coast) break away from Papua New Guinea in 2027.

Exception discussion:

Tibet Roof of the World has only had 11 finishers total in 6 years and does not satisfy our rule set. An exception request was denied, but new information has been found. Kevin will pursue an executive exception reconsideration to handle this case. If that fails then a member request for a rule change will be prepared for membership vote. Update, the exception request was approved.

Merchandise

Request to add 2 items: buff and pull over hooded sweatshirt.

We still need a solution for a merchandise manager and a source in Europe (interested parties did not progress to a solution) and possibly Asia (Pei offered to help). Kevin will re-pursue this topic to relieve Robert Bishton.

Attendees (17):

Kevin Brosi
Liz Gmerek
Danielle Laatsch
Jonathan Laatsch
Tom Craven
Leo Lundy
Susan Hui
Jeanne Holmes
Rich Holmes
Didier Cazala
Don Bierer
Deborah Lazerson
Muantawan Arsrairas (Pei)
Ronald Barnhoorn
Howard Choi
JC Santa Teresa
Jeanette Santa Teresa

Ambassador discussion by Kevin:

Sam Chong (Southeast Asia Ambassador) has been missing for 2 years and Kevin will pursue a replacement.

Ronald Barnhoorn volunteered to become Ambassador to Netherlands. Kevin will mail him the package for consideration.

Congratulations! Milestones at the Malbun Marathon!

Rich Holmes 130 Countries (13 flags)

Deborah Lazerson 100 Countries (10 flags)

Pei 90 countries (9 flags)

Membership by Eddy:

Following is MG Membership Update as of. 05 September 2024:

1. Total Members = 714 from 55 countries (447 Full Members and 267 Provisional Members).

2. Countries with 20 Members or more : United States (192), England (63), Denmark (63), Sweden (43), Germany (38), France (35), Indonesia (30), Brazil (29).

3. Members who have Run in 50 countries or more = 54 Members.

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

Brent Weigner (USA) 207 countries

Wojciech Machnik (Poland) 167 countries

Klaus Westphal (Germany) 146 countries

Vagn Kirkelund (Netherlands) 137 countries

Philippe Waroux (France) 137 countries

Dieter Max Elster (Germany) 134 countries

Rich Holmes (USA) 131 countries

Dan Micola (England) 121 countries

Sidy Diallo (France) 103 countries

Deborah Lazerson (USA) 103 countries

Finance by Pei:

Currently there are no other expenses for web maintenance except for the email service that we pay every 2 months at \$32.36.

The web design/setup for \$5217.94 was expensed in the year it was incurred. No value that we should amortize nor should make it annualized expenses.

Since July last year, our income is mainly from the sale of merchandise and some changes from the mailing charge difference.

Merchandise left in stock are our assets, we expensed the whole amount when we paid for the merchandise.

Thanks to Rich Holmes for a \$1000 donation.

Website update by Don:

Final preparations are underway to implement in time for July 1, 2024 membership dues and database updates. Some search features will be enhanced. Another membership mailing will come soon. Add a feature to list top 10 women.

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Website changes

The website has been updated to implement dues. Under Membership, there is a new page. Dues become due on July 1. Members have until August 1 to pay dues. After August 1, members who have not paid become delinquent. Officers, Ambassadors, and Special Function members (e.g merchandise) do not have to pay dues, but they can do so voluntarily.

Membership Dues page: <https://marathonglobetrotters.org/membership/dues/> for more information. The consequences of not paying dues are also highlighted on this page. Getting all this set up was the majority of the work on the website.

Other changes:

Top Performers page: a Top 10 Women and Top 10 Men chart have been added

Under Update Profile, one has the possibility to add their other running clubs (up to eight)

Under In Memoriam, News options have been added

Under Marathon Rules, a pdf will be added

Under Exception, the exception page has been reformatted. The exceptions will be formatted like this in the future, with the most recent on the top. The link Exceptions now goes to an online form for a member to fill out. No more word document. This is a paid- members only page.

Under Annual Club Meetings, Minutes are now featured here (as shown for Meeting 10). Future Minutes can be added through the Dashboard. They need to be added as a compressed pdf. Only paid members can access minutes.

Under Race Calendar, there is a new feature called Update Race Plans. Members can search for a race on the calendar and add their name which hopefully avoids duplicates.

There is a new page under Events called Race Results. This gives us the option to archive race results. We should do this for small races where links might become broken. This has been tested using the Malbun race.

Results can be added using a pdf or a url. Unfortunately, this could not be automated.

Charity and Donation page: Amazon Smile was removed (also on the home page)

Text on Who Are We page (and home page) was changed to reflect that we are now collecting dues

Some cleanup of the Officers and Ambassadors page was done

A Founders Page was added under About. Only Rich has contributed so far

The automated email delivery for dues announcement, dues reminder, and dues delinquency notification is not completed yet but will be ready by July 1.

Rank	Countries	Last Name, First Name	Level
1	103	Lazerson, Deborah	10
2	95	Arsrairas, Muantawan (Pei)	9
3	90	Gren, Susanne	9
4	86	Michelsen, Karen	8
5	84	Akinbode, Adedayo	8
6	63	Pompeo, Cheri	6
7	56	Major, Linda	5
8	51	Schlueter, Bernadette	5
9	49	Featherstone, Ingrid	4
10	37	Gren, Johanna	3

Top 10 Men — Most Countries

Rank	Countries	Last Name, First Name	Level
1	207	Weigner, Brent	20
2	167	Machnik, Wojciech	16
3	146	Westphal, Klaus	14
4	137	Kirkelund, Vagn	13
4=	137	Waroux, Philippe	13
6	134	Elster, Dieter Max	13
7	131	Holmes, Rich	13

Rank	Countries	Last Name, First Name	Level
1	37	Weigner, Brent	20
2	30	Holmes, Rich	13
3	29	Michelsen, Karen	8
4	28	Machnik, Wojciech	16
5	27	Lazerson, Deborah	10

OCEANIA (28 countries)

Rank	Countries	Last Name, First Name	Level
1	14	Weigner, Brent	20
2	9	Elster, Dieter Max	13
3	8	Machnik, Wojciech	16
3=	8	Michelsen, Karen	8
5	7	Arsrairas, Muantawan (Pei)	9
5=	7	Brosi, Kevin	6
5=	7	Lazerson, Deborah	10
5=	7	Suwannarat, Chait	6

SOUTH AMERICA (14 countries)

Rank	Countries	Last Name, First Name	Level
1	14	Weigner, Brent	20

Editors note: I have tested all of the aforementioned improvements. They worked as stated and in my opinion, this is a comprehensive and functional website.

A member using a VPN said that he was not able to update his profile while in the VPN but, although he had to re-enter all the data, it worked outside of the VPN.

Marathon Globetrotters around the world



Madagascar

Mauritius



République Démocratique du Congo

This race will be held again on Sunday May 25, 2025!

Malbun marathon Liechtenstein information:

The Alpine Marathon in Liechtenstein has historically been the only marathon in Liechtenstein. Unfortunately, the difficult mountain terrain of the course and the strict cut-off times for 10 km (75 min) and 25.5 km in Steg (4 hours) make it difficult for some runners to complete this course. In 2023 the first Malbun Marathon was held as an alternative to the Alpine Marathon. 16 runners completed the course. This year, the 2nd Annual Malbun Marathon took place on Saturday May 25, 2024. Malbun is a small ski resort village in Liechtenstein that technically is an exclave of the municipality of Triesenburg. It is located at the end of the main road through Liechtenstein from Vaduz through Steg. At 1600 meters elevation, it is the only ski resort in Liechtenstein.



The main livelihood for people living in Malbun centers around tourism. In the summer months, Malbun is a popular destination for biking and hiking. The scenery is very picturesque. The trail below is part of the marathon course.

Race Hotel: The Hotel Turna is our sponsor hotel.

The Hotel Turna is a family run hotel. The race begins and ends at the Hotel Turna.

Course: The course is a loop course. Each loop is about 3.54 km. 12 laps are required to complete the marathon. A half-marathon will also be offered (6 laps). From the hotel parking lot, the course proceeds slightly downhill through town for about 400 meters, until one reaches a large parking lot.



This is the turnaround point (will be marked). Going downhill, we run on the right side of the road. The course then proceeds uphill (running on the other side of the road). Once we pass the hotel, the course transitions to a paved surface (like the one shown in the photo). The course proceeds about 1.3 km uphill. At this point, there is a right turn (will be marked) onto a gravel/dirt path for about 200 meters to a wooden bridge, which we cross. After the bridge, the trail is slightly downhill/flat for about 300 meters, then transitions to pavement. The course continues downhill until the village is reached.

There is a right turn to reach the main road, go 30 meters, cross the street, and turn left and run on the right side to reach the same parking lot again. At this turnaround, run uphill again to the hotel. Once you reach the hotel, this completes one lap.

In keeping with the alpine nature of Liechtenstein, the course is not easy. The 1.3 km uphill climbs about 100 meters. Some people will find it more convenient to walk portions of the course. But the lack of time-cutoffs makes this an easier course. Everyone will be allowed to

finish if they want to finish.

Race website: <https://runmalbun.de/>

Start time: 8:00 am

Time Limit: 8+ hours

Refreshment Table: A refreshment table will be set up in the parking lot of the hotel at the start/finish. Water, cola, and tea will be offered, as well as some snacks.

Bag drop-off: There will be a bag drop-off at the start.

Toilets: Inside the ground floor of the hotel.

Race Registration: Registration information is on the website:

<https://runmalbun.de/registration/>

Race Director: Donald Bierer

Race Results: Results from the 2024 Malbun Marathon will be posted on the website:

<https://runmalbun.de/race-results-2/race-results/>



Unusual Races in Interesting Places

ROOF OF THE WORLD MARATHON STORY by Brent Weigner, June 1, 2024

Being a world geography teacher, I had wanted to visit Tibet for many years. The Tibetan plateau is the largest and the highest plateau in the world. The elevation ranges from 10,000 feet to 17,000 feet above sea level. It is the birthplace of several of the world's major rivers in South Asia. My interest was rekindled when I read the book and watched the movie, *Seven Years in Tibet*. The book was first published in 1952 by Heinrich Harrer who lived in Lhasa from 1944 through 1951. He and his friend Peter Schneider escaped from a POW camp in India and made their way to Lhasa, Tibet, where he became a tutor for the young Dalai Lama.



Prior to 1951, before China invaded and annexed Tibet, the Dalai Lama was the supreme religious leader and head of a theocratic government. When the Tibetan uprising began in 1959, the 14th Dalai Lama was 23 years old. Fearing for his life, he and his retinue fled to India with the help of the CIA's special activities division.

When I found out about the Roof of the World Marathon Tibet, I didn't hesitate to register. On December 12, 2023, I submitted my online application. I also had to submit additional information because they normally don't allow runners over age 60 to register. Getting my Chinese visa was a hassle. You have to apply in person or hire a visa processing company. The Chinese Embassy is located in Washington DC and there are five additional consulates around the country. According to your residency, you must apply at a designated location. I had to fly to Washington DC to secure my Chinese visa. The eight-page Chinese online visa application (COVA) was comprehensive. One particular requirement was listing all the countries you had visited in the previous 12 months. I turned in my visa application on a Monday and returned on Wednesday to pick it up. While standing in line on Monday, I was visiting with a guy in front of me. He told me he had hired a visa



processing company, but they were unable to secure his visa because the processor asked questions which they couldn't answer. I was so happy that I did not hire a visa processing company because one of the questions they asked me was, "What were you doing in the Democratic Republic of Congo?" When I explained it to the lady, she slid a paper under the glass for me to complete. One question was why were you in the Congo? I wrote down that I was running a marathon. She did not understand what that meant so I had to use sign language to communicate. I had applied for a single-entry visa, and they issued me a multiple entry 10-year visa. I have unlimited entries for 10 years with the only requirement being I cannot stay for longer than 90 days at a time. I had to send a copy of the visa to Zhu Guihua, the race director, so he could get us special permits to visit Tibet. On April

28, 2024, we flew nonstop from San Francisco, California, to Beijing, China. I was traveling with Sarah Bol, a flight attendant from Chicago, Illinois. Clearing immigration and customs was an easy process. We checked in to the official hotel, Mercue Beijing Zhongguancun. We did some sightseeing and encountered several police checkpoints where we had to show our passports. There were cameras everywhere. We attempted to visit Tiananmen Square, but we did not have a reservation and we were not traveling with an official tour group. Several of the sights you could not visit unless you were part of a tour group.



Our tour was arranged so you could run the Great Wall of China Marathon on May 1 and the Roof of the World marathon on May 8. Sarah and I opted to run the 5K in order to save ourselves for the Roof of the World Marathon. The Great Wall of China Marathon was in a remote location where most tourists don't visit. We basically had the entire Wall to ourselves. The 5K involved running a short section of an uphill trail to get to the base of the Wall where we had to climb up a ladder to get on top of the Wall. The remainder of the course was an out and back with hundreds of steep and challenging steps.

We departed Beijing on May 2 with our flight to Lhasa, Tibet. The ROTW Marathon details and itinerary are copied below.

Event details and schedule

1)Permit to Tibet

Runners who expect to enter the Roof of the World Marathon 2024 are required to have your passports and tourist visa to China before March 31, 2024. Unlike your traveling to any part of China freely, we need to have your passports and visa copies to get the special permit to Tibet.

If you work in China, your working certificate to be issued by your company is required for the permit to Tibet.

2)Arrival

You need to arrive in Beijing before or on May 1st, 2024, and you can meet us at the official 4-star hotel, MERCURE BEIJING ZHONGGUANCUN, and we are together with the runners of the 23rd Great Wall of China Marathon 2024.

We would lead the runners and spectators to fly together from Beijing to Lhasa Tibet on May 2nd, 2024.

3)What to wear

Because we would travel in vast areas during our days in Tibet at the different elevations, and the weather in Tibet is very changeable, we suggest you bring some warm clothes with you. After the race, we would immediately withdraw from the race area and drive back to Lhasa quickly.

**Roof of the World Marathon 2024 itinerary
(May 1st-May 9,2024)**

- May 1, Great Wall of China Marathon.**
- May 2, depart Beijing to Lhasa**
- May 3, tour Potala Palace and spend the rest of the day acclimating.**
- May 4, tour Jorkhang Temple**
- May 5, tour Nobulingka and the Tibet Museum**
- May 6, travel to Yangbajain, Dangxiong, elevation 4,288 meters (14,068 feet)**
- May 7, Easy run by lake and relax**
- May 8, Drive to marathon start at La Ghen La Pass, elevation 5,190 meters (17,027 feet)
Finish race at Lake Namucuo. Drive to Lhasa.**
- May 9, Fly from Lhasa to Beijing**

The start of the marathon was cold and very windy. A few snowflakes were in the air. We hiked approximately 100 yards up the hillside until Zhu's altimeter read 5,213 meters (17,103 feet). After a short section on dirt and rocks we intersected the paved highway. Except for the short section at the start, the entire course was on a good highway and basically downhill. The views of the snow-covered mountains were everywhere. Except for a few hairpin curves near the start, the highway was clear of snow and ice. We had two vehicles that provided aid every 5 kilometers as our pulse/oxygen was registered. The highway was open to traffic, and it was important to pay attention. The Marathon was originally supposed to finish on the south side of Lake Namucuo National Park. Due to some permit problems, we finished on a more remote area on the north side of the lake. We posed for the usual post race photos and then endured the long ride back to Lhasa. We did stop briefly on the way back so I could hang my Tibetan prayer flags at the marathon start on the pass. At that time, our Tibetan Buddhist guide said a few prayers. The words must have worked because in retrospect we all had a good marathon run. Our tour guide and race director, Zhu Guihua, was excellent. He had to hire a local Tibetan guide to help facilitate our permits and entrance to tourist sites. We also had a driver who knew the area as we toured around. I would highly recommend this tour and marathon.

We finished the world's highest road marathon in Tibet on May 8th, 2024. The Roof of the World Marathon began at 5,213 meters (17,103 ft.) elevation. It was my 400th marathon. The average elevation of the marathon course was 4,866 m (15,964 ft.). For perspective, here are some numbers.

- Guinness world record, Khunjerab Pass Marathon 4,693 m (15,396 ft.)**
- Everest Marathon starting point at Gorek Shep 5,164 m (16,942 ft.)**
- South Everest base camp in Nepal 5,364 m (17,598 ft.)**
- North Everest base camp in Tibet, China 5,150 m (16,900 ft.)**
- Kala Patthar summit 5,644 m (18,519 ft.)**
- Kilimanjaro summit 5,895 m (19,341 ft.)**

Things to consider if you are interested in running the ROTW Marathon in Tibet

- Foreigners cannot visit Tibet unless they travel with a registered Chinese company.**
- Any Chinese company must obtain a permit and submit individual visas and passports in order to take tourists to Tibet.**
- The Chinese tour director must hire a Tibetan guide and a driver in order to navigate all the police**



checkpoints and tourist sites. Tibetans do not run footraces. It is a foreign concept and there is no interest according to their culture and local guides.



In the past six years there have been very few runners because of the remote location, extremely high elevation, cost, government restrictions on special permits, and visa requirements. The marathon cutoff time is 10 hours. I walked most of the course and finished with a time of 7:44:01.



Unusual Races in Interesting Places

Footprints from the Past

Ha Long Bay Heritage Marathon (Vietnam)

<https://halong.vietnamheritagemarathon.com/en/>

Hello, fellow Globetrotters! This is another Asian installment on my hope to give you ideas by telling you of unusual races in interesting places I have run. Exactly opposite to the previously reported Sunrise-to-Sunset Marathon in Mongolia, the Ha Long Bay Heritage Marathon in Vietnam is about as easy as marathons get, with flat, freshly paved, oceanside-cooled normal condition for the race. The next occurrence is 17 November 2024, which allows time to get visas and arrange logistics and still make this year's race. It has a 6 ½ hour time cut-off. (Only 51 Globetrotters have completed a marathon in Vietnam, so adding this country to one's statistics is rare, and this is a lovely way to get it!) About 800 runners participated in the 2023 running of the marathon.

Vietnam (often written as Viet Nam) has a three millennia history quite intertwined with Chinese history – the name itself was understood by the Chinese to mean “South of the Viet” but by Vietnamese to mean “People of the South”. (“Nam” meant “South” and “Viet” meant “People” in both languages.) In the distant past, it was part of China, lasting about 1,000 years and ending in the tenth century when it gained independence for its own monarch dynasties. A civil war in the 1670s divided the country into northern and southern controlled areas under different rulers. However, France seized the southern region as a colonial power in the 1860s, calling it “French Indochina”, and retained control until the Japanese overran the area in World War II. Following the war, France tried to reassert its authority resulting in what is usually called the French Indochina wars, and these continued until France withdrew in 1954, ousted by the northern forces under Communist leader Ho Chi Minh. The following year, a coup deposed the leader in the South and the US intervened in what would become known (in most of the world) as the Vietnam War, and which lasted until the US withdrew in 1973. Within two years, Ho Chi Minh's military completed the recapture of the south and the reunification of Vietnam in 1975 after 300 years of separation.



This heritage and the heavy influence of western cultures and religions in the south region (where Saigon had been the capital and continues to be the country's largest city, though renamed "Ho Chi Minh City"), which did not enter the north region, makes for striking differences in many aspects of society, culture, and industry that persist until today. Even if one has visited the south with its swarms of motorcycles cascading through the streets and merchants familiar with English and western tastes there will be little comparison to the very quiet, industrious, oriental behaviors of the north. If one stays in the national capital, Hanoi, which is convenient if one will fly into Hanoi and travel the hour to Ha Long Bay on the coast for the marathon, just rising before dawn and checking the streets will find scores of vendors traveling to their shops, usually on bicycles, transporting truly unfathomable quantities of merchandise for sale. Whether the items are flowers for florists, fish for restaurants, baskets or other assorted goods to be marketed, great care (and coordination) allow it to be moved by a single man or woman on a human-powered bicycle! And the loud, western-style language and music (and English) of the south will not be observed!



These two dramatically different places, Ho Chi Minh City ("Saigon") and Hanoi, account for the majority of the annual 13 million tourists, which is growing faster as an industry in Vietnam than in most other countries of the world.

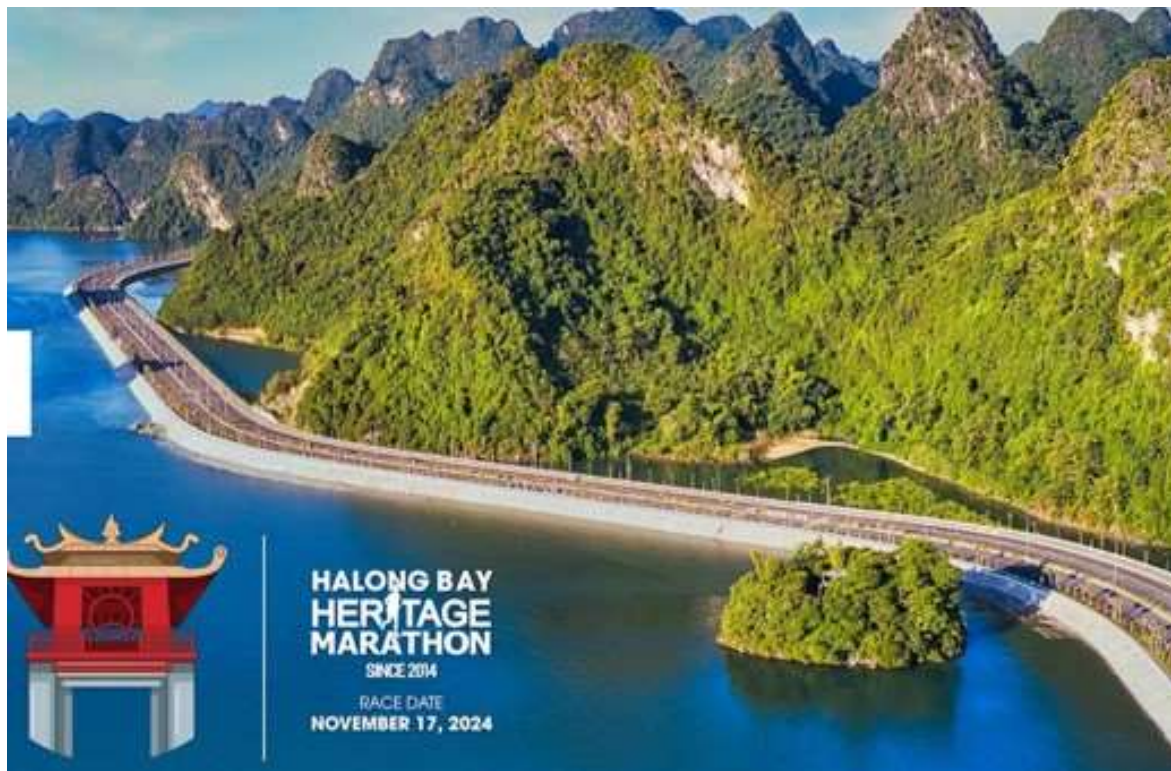
Although lodging in Hanoi simplifies use of the Hanoi airport and provides a chance to view Hanoi as a tourist, most runners will choose to spend the night before (and perhaps after) the race at one

of the tourist hotels in Ha Long, the primary town on Ha Long Bay. Ha Long Bay itself includes 1,600 jungle-topped *karsts*, each 50 to 100 meters high (160 to 330 feet). [A karst is

a limestone remnant of what once was solid horizontal bedrock, but after being exposed to rain over tens of millions of years, have dissolved away to leave only the towers.] [In Ha Long Bay, after the ocean rise that followed the last ice age, these individual karsts are surrounded by ocean in which about 2,000 people live on boats. (One can overnight on a luxurious boat in Ha Long Bay, though this is more costly than staying at the hotels.)

The marathon itself begins conveniently near a cluster of 4-star hotels and is an out-and-back course on a paved road that is mostly bridges built over the water and hugging the sides of the hills, and is flat and nearly sea level. Because of the prevailing breeze off the ocean and the season, average temperatures are a morning low of 19C and afternoon high of 24C (66F to 76F) with runners finishing before those afternoon highs. It is not typically humid nor rainy in the November race month, although there may be fog blowing in across the karsts for a delightful visual experience and comfortable running. (In fact, the karsts appearing through the fog is why the bay is called “Ha Long” which means “Descending Dragon” in Vietnamese. According to ancient legend, dragons descended from the heavens to help the people drive off invaders and stay safe, and the karsts are what remains.)

The combination of an unusual but safe ethnic culture, an impressive work ethic, spectacular scenery, and a fast and easy race, is enough to make this an experience to remember!



Merchandise

We are still looking for a replacement for the merchandise manager.

Until then place orders online using the Merchandise tab on Marathonglobetrotters.org



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 .

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.)

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



Note from the editor:

I apologize for the delay in publishing this newsletter. I had started it and was waiting for vote results from the members and a few promised articles when I fell trail running and broke my little finger. I walked 2 hours down from Tiger Mountain to my car, drove one hour to urgent care where they did their best to set it and sent me to a hand surgeon the next morning. Surgery was needed and that involved very painful pins that stuck out of the top of my hand. I couldn't pick up the mouse or type with my right hand and Microsoft publisher is very mouse intensive.

After 6 weeks, the bone is healed but the tendon is obstructed by scar tissue. I'm doing PT to try to avoid another surgery and my little finger bends well enough to type! The upside is that we've had participants completing more crazy races and achievements that made it into this newsletter.

Thanks for you patience,

Cheri

Letter from the president

After much consideration by the club we have initiated a \$10 USD annual dues structure that went into effect July 1, 2024. This will enable us to operate and maintain the Marathon Globetrotters website. Thanks to all of you that have elected to stay with the Globetrotters and make this small contribution. 215 members have made payments, some for multiple years (up to 5). If you have not paid, but wish to, please go to this link <https://marathonglobetrotters.org/membership/dues/>



Now for the new business. Each year we seek another place to have the annual meeting. Don Bierer was our most recent host and Race Director for the Liechtenstein Marathon in Malbun. We are taking proposals for 2025 from any member that wants to host the meeting. I have a document that outlines the responsibilities of the host, it is not enough to just suggest an event. If interested email me for the details, we will be looking to review the proposals by October 15, 2024. Membership will vote on the proposals.

Ambassador opportunities: If you think you could represent the Globetrotters in a country, area or region of the world, probably because you live there, then email me to start the discussion.

Many countries do not have a marathon, but we have very active members that want to take on that challenge and are sponsoring races in unusual places. If you want to hear about these possibilities we can connect you to a WhatsApp chat group that is in constant communication on this topic. Members are actively working on races in Syria, Libya, Mayotte, Reunion, Seychelles, Equatorial Guinea and even cruises with multiple stops in the Caribbean.

As always, we have Marathon Globetrotter gear that you can customize with your name, country, accomplishments and countries. <https://marathonglobetrotters.org/merchandise/> Wear the bright orange gear and you will be easily recognized by other members and questioned by those that want to know more about the Globetrotters.

I look forward to seeing you around the world.

Kevin Brosi

Officers

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