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### ***Hillary Bor Breaks Own American Record; Sarah Chelangat Sets a Female Course Record While Defending Her Title***

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**April 7, 2024, Washington, DC:** Beautiful weather paved the way for an exciting race in the men's and women's elite fields at the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile (CUCB) as **Sarah Chelangat** from Uganda repeated as the women's champion and **Hillary Bor** broke his own American 10 Mile record by 16 seconds, which he set at last year's CUCB.

Bor's record-breaking time of 45:57 earned him the title of 2024 USATF 10 Mile National Champion and \$12,500 in prize money. Second place American **Nathan Martin** also broke Bor's previous record, finishing in 46:00. Bor finished third overall behind **Wesley Kiptoo** from Kenya, whose winning time was 45:54.



Hillary Bor repeats as USATF 10 Mile Champion at the 2024 Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile. Bor ran 45:57 to place 3rd overall, 1st American, breaking the American record he set on this course last year.

Kiptoo broke away from the pack at the end with a final kick to beat fellow countryman **Raymond Magut**, who finished second in 45:55. Kiptoo and Magut received a time bonus for running sub-46 minutes.

In the women's race - which started 12 minutes prior to the men's start to avoid men pacing women and to ensure "women's only" status for any records set - Chelangat pulled away from her competitors early in the race and maintained her commanding lead to win in a time of 51:14, besting her time from of 52:04 from 2023. Chelangat's time is a new event record for women. American **Emily Durgin** was second in 51:26 and, like Bor, earned the title of 2024 USATF 10 Mile National Champion. Durgin was three seconds behind the current women's American record. Chelangat and Durgin received time bonuses for running sub-52 minutes.

Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) prize money totaling \$6,000 was awarded to the top three male and female RRCA RunPro Camp Alumni. **Abbabiya Simbassa** and **Annie Frisbie** each earned \$1500 as the winners of this subset of elite athletes.

Here's a compilation of times, prize money, and bonuses earned by the elite runners today, organized in order of top-10 overall, followed by the top Americans who also earned prize money:

#### Top Men:

- **Wesley Kiptoo** 45:54, Kenya - **\$6,000** for the overall victory, **\$1,000** time bonus. Total earnings: **\$7,000**
- **Raymond Magut** 45:55, Kenya - \$3,000 for second place overall, \$750 time bonus. Total earnings: **\$3,750**
- **Hillary Bor** 45:56, Colorado Springs, CO - \$2,500 for third place overall, \$10,000 for first American. Total earnings: **\$12,500**.
- **Nathan Martin** 46:00 - \$1,500 for fourth place overall, \$5,000 for second American. Total earnings: **\$6,500**
- **Abbabiya Simbassa** 46:17, Flagstaff, AZ - \$1,000 for fifth place overall, \$2,500 for placing third among Americans, and \$1,500 for placing first among RRCA RunPro Camp Alumni. Total earnings: **\$5,000**
- **Teshome Mekonen** 46:33, New York, NY - \$600 for placing sixth overall, \$1,000 for fourth American. Total earnings: **\$1,600**
- **Andrew Colley** 46:38, Blowing Rock, NC - \$500 for seventh place overall, \$800 for fifth place among Americans, \$1,000 for placing second among RRCA RunPro Camp Alumni for a total of **\$2,300**
- **Shadrack Kimining** 47:46, Kenya - **\$400** for eighth overall
- **Jacob Thomson** 47:45, Flagstaff, AZ - \$300 for ninth place overall and \$600 for being sixth American, for a total payday of **\$900**

- **Shadrack Kipchirchir** 47:45, Colorado Springs, CO - \$200 for 10<sup>th</sup> place overall and \$500 for being seventh American. Total earnings: **\$700**
- **Sam Chelanga** 47:49, Colorado Springs, CO - **\$400** for placing eighth among Americans
- **Ben Kendall** 47:54, Troy, MI - **\$300** for being ninth American
- **Cody Baele** 47:58, Des Moines, IA - **\$200** for being 10<sup>th</sup> American
- **Joseph Minor-Williams** 48:57, Minneapolis, MN - **\$500** for placing third among RRCA RunPro Camp Alumni.

### Top Women:

- **Sarah Chelangat** 51:14, Uganda - **\$6,000** for the overall victory, \$1,000 time bonus. Total earnings: **\$7,000**
- **Emily Durgin** 51:26, Flagstaff, AZ - \$3,000 for second place overall, \$10,000 for first American woman, and \$750 time bonus. Total earnings: **\$13,750**
- **Kasanesh Ayenew** 51:38, Ethiopia - **\$2,500** for third place overall.
- **Rachel Smith** 51:40, Flagstaff, AZ - \$1,500 for fourth place overall and \$5,000 for placing second among American women, for a total of **\$6,500**.
- **Annie Frisbee** 52:01, Edina, MN - **\$1,000** for fifth place overall, \$2,500 for third place among American women, \$1,500 for placing first among RRCA RunPro Camp Alumni. Total earnings: **\$5,000**.
- **Esther Chebet** 52:05, Ethiopia - **\$600** for sixth place overall
- **Tegest Ymer** 53:03, Ethiopia - **\$500** for seventh place overall
- **Sarah Naibei** 53:37, Kenya - **\$400** for eighth place overall
- **Jacqueline Gaughan** 54:02, Boston, MA - \$300 for placing ninth overall, \$1,000 for being the fourth American. Total earnings: **\$1,300**
- **Elena Hayday** 54:18, Washington, DC - \$200 for 10<sup>th</sup> place overall and \$800 for placing fifth among American women, for a total of **\$1,000**
- **Tristin Van Ord** - \$600 for placing sixth among American women and \$1,000 for placing second among RRCA RunPro Camp Alumni, for a total payout of **\$1,600**
- **Molly Huddle** 55:08, Lincoln, RI - **\$500** for being the seventh American.
- **Sydney Bowman** 55:54, Ferndale, MI - **\$400** for being the eighth American
- **English Tomlinson** 56:00, Ann Arbor, MI - **\$300** for placing ninth among American women.
- **Carter Norbo** 56:40, Charlottesville, VA - **\$200** for being 10<sup>th</sup> American.
- **Breanna Sieracki** 57:04, Burnsville, MN - **\$500** for placing third among RRCA RunPro Camp Alumni

Christian Kerr won the non-binary race in 58:32.

1. **Christian Kerr** 58:32, Washington, DC
2. **Aaryn Edge** 58:46, Sliver Spring, MD
3. **Emilio Leguizamo** 1:02:45, Washington, DC

Saturday's cool, breezy temperatures didn't slow down runners in The Credit Union Cherry Blossom 5K presented by Asics, as last year's female champion, Casey Greenwalt, defended her title. This marked the second year that the 5K was held at Freedom Plaza on Saturday before the 10 Mile. Lucite awards were given to the top five men and women, the top three non-binary runners and the top women's pushrim wheelchair.

#### **Men's 5K:**

1. **Jonathan Ladson** 16:09, Woodbridge, VA
2. **Sacha Salphati** 16:21, Philadelphia, PA
3. **Will Baxley** 16:22, Arlington, VA
4. **Jacob Jordan** 16:24, Washington, DC
5. **Liam Stappert** 16:26, Baltimore, MD

#### **Women's 5K:**

1. **Casey Greenwalt** 18:14, Washington, DC
2. **Nilani Duarte** 18:17, Fairfax, VA
3. **Sita Lamartin** 19:23, Alexandria, VA
4. **Tavi Wallace** 19:35, Louisville, KY
5. **Meghan Tveit** 19:36, Washington, DC

#### **Non-binary 5K:**

1. **Irwin Ramirez** 20:24, Alexandria, VA
2. **Nick Montoni** 20:56, Washington, DC
3. **Luke Hollifield** 22:56, Astoria, NY

#### **Women's Pushrim Wheelchair 5K:**

1. **Lauren Giles** 30:43, College Park, MD

The Credit Union Cherry Blossom Kids Run presented by Warner Brothers Discovery followed the 5K. Kids ranging in age from 4 to 10 raced with Stumpy the mascot for a fun half mile course. This marked the first year that the Kids Run was held at Freedom Plaza, having previously been run at the National Building Museum.

Other notable runners in the 10 Mile today included: **Ben Beach** (2:01:26), the only person to have competed in and completed every Cherry Blossom 10 Mile; and U.S. Secretary of the Interior **Deb Haaland** (1:59:18).

Throughout the National Cherry Blossom Festival (March 20 - April 14), of which CUCB is an official partner event, runners are able to participate in the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Virtual Run. Registration closes on April 7, and the last day to run is April 14<sup>th</sup>. More information about the Virtual Run can be found [here](#).

For the past 22 years, Credit Union Miracle Day has been the title sponsor of the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile and 5K, adding the Kids Run to its portfolio when the ½-mile event debuted in 2016. Asics was the presenting sponsor of this year's 5K, and Warner Bros. Discovery presented the Kids Run. Wegmans has been the presenting sponsor of the Health and Fitness expo for three years.

Over the 22 years of Credit Union Miracle Day title sponsorship, the partnership with CUCB organizers and charitable runners has generated over \$11.1 million for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. This year's fundraising effort totaled \$550,000, which included \$169,000 from runners.

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### About Credit Union Cherry Blossom:

The Credit Union Cherry Blossom, organized by Cherry Blossom, Inc., a 501(c)(3) chapter of the Road Runners Club of America, is known as "The Runner's Rite of Spring®" in the Nation's Capital. The staging area for the 10 Mile is on the Washington Monument Grounds and the course passes in sight of all of the major Washington, D.C. Memorials. The 5K begins at Freedom Plaza and proceeds down Pennsylvania Ave. to the U.S. Capitol building, tracing the route of Presidential Inaugurations. The event serves as a fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, a consortium of 170 premier children's hospitals across North America. About one-third of the funds raised support Washington, D.C.'s own Children's National ("Children's Hospital"). The event also funds the Road Runners Club of America's "RunPro Camp," a program to teach top recently-graduated U.S. collegiate distance runners about life as a professional runner.

Credit Union Miracle Day, Inc., a consortium of credit unions and credit union suppliers, is the title sponsor of the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile, 5K and Kids Run. Presenting sponsors include ASICS, BellSant, REI, Warner Bros. Discovery, and Wegmans; supporting sponsors include PCSU|CO-OP Solutions, TruStage, Outside, Potomac River Running, Gatorade Endurance, Suburban Solutions Moving, United Lifestyle Brands and The Westin Washington DC Downtown hotel.

The 10 Mile is sanctioned by [USA Track & Field](#) and the [Road Runners Club of America](#) and is a proud member of the [PRRO Circuit](#), a series of this country's classic road races with circuit stops in Washington, D.C.; Spokane, WA; Utica, NY; and Davenport, IA. The 5K was voted the Best 5K in the country by a 2023 *USA Today* poll.

To learn more, visit <https://www.cherryblossom.org/>.

### **About Credit Union Miracle Day:**

Credit Union Miracle Day is a partnership of over 100 credit unions, CUSOs and partner organizations united to sponsor the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile & 5K promoting awareness of the credit union difference and benefitting Children's Miracle Network Hospitals nationwide.

### **About America's Credit Unions:**

Credit unions are financial cooperatives that provide consumers choices for financial services such as checking accounts, investments and loans of all kinds including mortgages. Funds are federally insured, but unlike banks, there are no stockholders at credit unions. Earnings are returned to member-owners in the form of lower loan rates, higher savings rates, low or no-fee products and services. The credit union philosophy of placing members' needs first is why more than 115 million Americans do their banking at a credit union.

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