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**CHERRY  
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**OFFICIAL MEDIA GUIDE**

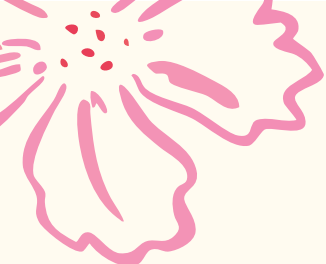


**WORLD #**  
**NEW AMERICAN**  
**WOMEN'S-ONLY**  
**10 MILE RECORD**

Credit Union  
**Cherry Blossom**



Taylor Roe made history at the 2025 Credit Union Cherry Blossom when she broke a 51-year old women's record. Finishing at 49:53, her staggering 67 second lead earned her the women's-only 10-mile World Best and American records.  
(Photo Credit: Steve Dillard)



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# WELCOME LETTERS



Dear participants,

We are thrilled to be in our 24th year as title sponsors of the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile & 5K! This is an amazing running event and credit unions nationwide have enthusiastically united to be a part of it.

The impact of our long-standing partnership is remarkable. Since becoming the title sponsors in 2002, we have donated over \$12 million to Children's Miracle Network, locally and across the country, which treat 10 million children annually. This amount includes generous donations from runners and credit union members, employees, volunteers and business partners.

While our philanthropic achievements are notable, what's really impressive is that credit unions help consumers reach their financial dreams faster. They have the scale, services and cutting edge products needed for consumers and their families to succeed. By returning earnings back to their customers through higher rates on savings accounts and lower rates on loans, credit unions not only save their members an average of \$184 a year, they are also the best financial partners for life.

Credit Unions are proud to be part of this event's family. It's obvious when you see the hundreds of credit union employees who volunteer on race weekend at packet pickup, water stops, corrals, and other stations and to the roughly 9,000 credit union members running this year's race.

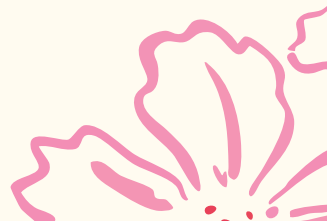
Thank you for supporting our efforts to make a difference in the lives of children and their families. Now it's time to enjoy the Race!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Bratsakis". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**JOHN BRATSAKIS**

Chair, Credit Union Miracle Day  
President/CEO, MD|DC Credit Union Association



# WELCOME LETTERS



Dear participants,

I guess the word is out. I am retiring after serving as the Event Director for 35 years. Yes, Spring is returning, Stumpy's offspring are now 3-4" tall at the National Arboretum and I will stand atop the start/finish scaffolding at the 10 Mile one final time as Event Director as my daughter sings the National Anthem. It doesn't get any better than that. I will be proud and I will be wistful. My profound thanks go out to everyone who comes together to make this event great.

We must be doing something right: Just three months ago, we had a record number of over 31,000 runners apply through our lottery for a spot at the 10 Mile starting line. Our 5K closed out in four days. (Will we need a lottery in 2027?) Since that time, we have been working hard to prepare for our event which goes by two slogans – *"The Runner's Rite of Spring"* and, as part of the [PRRO Circuit](#), one of *"America's Classic Road Races."*

We have had our challenges this year – moving our 5K across the Potomac River to Arlington, VA after we were unable to secure our permit because of our move from our traditional first weekend in April to the second weekend in April due to Easter falling on our traditional date, and our t-shirt screen printing company going bankrupt with our t-shirts locked up inside their plant. But our fantastic organizing committee met these unique challenges while continuing to do their regular duties in an outstanding manner. I've always said that it would be boring if everything went perfectly. This year was not boring.

We are pleased to be hosting – for the fourth year in a row – the USATF Men's and Women's 10 Mile Championships. It will be exciting to see so many top Americans mixing it up with our traditional international field. I would not be surprised to see Americans as the overall winners this year.

We take great pride that the event serves a most worthy cause as well – helping children receive World Class medical care through the [Children's Miracle Network](#). Since the Credit Unions became the title sponsor, the event has raised over \$12 million dollars for the Children's Miracle Network. We will be announcing our 2026 fundraising total at the start of each race on Saturday and Sunday morning. Stay tuned for some impressive numbers and thank you to the runners and credit unions who made this possible.

I would, on behalf of myself, Deputy Director Becky Lambros, Programs Director Shannon Ross, the Cherry Blossom Inc. Board of Directors, the 100-member organizing committee and our 2,000 volunteers, like to welcome everyone to the Nation's Capital bursting with springtime.

We are deeply indebted to the generous support of our sponsors, headlined by Credit Union Miracle Day, a collective of credit unions and business partners serving the credit union industry which has served as the title sponsor since 2002, our two presenting sponsors, Asics, the presenting sponsor of the 5K, and Wegmans, the presenting sponsor of the Health and Fitness Expo, and all of our Supporting Sponsors who are recognized on page 19.

We would be unable to conduct these events without the full cooperation of the National Park Service, the United States Park Police, the District of Columbia Government, especially the Mayor's Special Events Task Group, the Metropolitan Police Department, and the Arlington County Police Department.

Sincerely,

**PHIL STEWART**

Event Director, Credit Union Cherry Blossom

# 2026 CREDIT UNION CHERRY BLOSSOM EVENT SCHEDULE



## Friday, April 10

### National Building Museum

1:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Health and Fitness Expo Presented by Wegmans  
(Packet pickup for 10 Mile, Double Blossom and 5K.  
Bib pickup closes at 7:45 PM)



## Saturday, April 11

### Virginia Highlands Park, Arlington, VA

6:00 AM

Metro Opens

6:30 AM

5K Bag Check Opens

6:30 AM – 7:45 AM

5K bib and t-shirt & Double Blossom bib pickup  
only

7:55 AM – 8:00 AM

Opening Ceremonies for Credit Union Cherry  
Blossom 5K presented by Asics

7:58 AM

Presentation of the colors by the NROTC Capital  
Battalion Color Guard and singing of the National  
Anthem by Choral Arts Society of Washington

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM

Starting line closes at 8:25 AM  
5K course closes at 9:15 AM

8:15 AM – 9:30 AM

Kids Run Packet Pickup

9:00 AM

5K Awards Ceremony

9:15 AM

5K Course Closes

9:40 AM

Opening ceremony for the Kids Run

9:43 AM

Singing of the National Anthem by Choral Arts  
Society of Washington

9:45 AM – 11:00 PM

Kids Run

## Saturday, April 11

### National Building Museum

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Health and Fitness Expo presented by Wegmans  
(Packet pickup for 10 Mile ONLY. Closes at 4:45 PM)

10:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Speakers Program in National Building Museum  
Auditorium.

Click [here](#) for full schedule and speaker lineup,  
including accomplished runner **Keira D'Amato**.



## Sunday, April 12

### Washington Monument Grounds

5:00 AM

Metro opens

6:00 AM

Bike Valet opens

6:15 AM

Bag Check opens

7:00 AM

Deadline for check in at media tent for anyone  
seeking press truck access – first come, first  
served

7:13 AM

Presentation of the colors by the U.S. Air Force  
Honor Guard and singing of the National Anthem  
by Choral Arts Society of Washington

7:18 AM

Advance start for elite and seeded women

7:20 AM

Credit Union Miracle Day check presentation at  
start line



# 2026 CREDIT UNION CHERRY BLOSSOM EVENT SCHEDULE

**Sunday, April 12**

**Washington Monument Grounds**

**7:28 AM**

Wheelchair and Duo Racer start

**7:30 AM**

10 Mile start for elite international and U.S. men as well as the first of six mass start waves, five more of which will depart every 3-4 minutes thereafter

**7:55 AM**

Final wave of 10 Mile starts

**8:00 AM**

Starting line closed; no late starters allowed

**8:09 AM**

Expected arrival time of female winner

**8:15 AM**

Expected arrival time of male winner

**9:10 AM**

10 Mile course closes at 5-mile mark for entrants moving slower than 14-minutes-per-mile pace

**9:45 AM**

10 Mile Awards Ceremony

**10:15 AM**

Formal awards ceremony begins (age group and team awards are not given out on race day)

**10:18 AM**

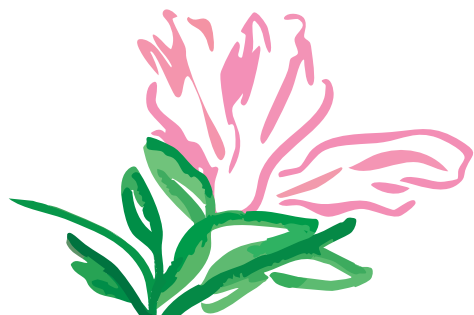
10 Mile course closes – all runners must exit the 10 mile course – access to finish line will be sealed at 15th and Independence Ave., S.W.

**10:20 AM**

10 Mile finish line closes

**8:00 PM**

Results posted at [www.CherryBlossom.org](http://www.CherryBlossom.org)





Misha smiles mid-stride amid cheering crowds during the 2025 Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile, capturing the energy and joy of race day. (Photo Credit: Dan Kolansky)

## MEDIA INFORMATION

Kristen Loflin is the media coordinator for the 2026 Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile, 5K and Kids Run. Please contact Kristen at [kloflin@CherryBlossom.org](mailto:kloflin@CherryBlossom.org) to request media credentials for the 5K Run or Kids Run, to be held on Saturday, April 11, and/or the 10 Mile on Sunday, April 12. There will not be a press truck preceding the Kids Run or the 5K. There will be separate trucks leading the men's and women's 10-mile races. Space on these trucks is extremely limited, so contact Kristen to ensure seating. TV crews should also call in advance to secure parking for trucks on either race morning.

There will be limited space at the finish for photographers. Please be respectful of race officials and volunteers as they try to keep the area clear and safe for all involved.

Leigh Philibosian is the media contact for all credit union related race activities. Please contact Leigh at [lphilibosian@mddccua.org](mailto:lphilibosian@mddccua.org) or 443-325-0768 for more information about the credit union title sponsorship benefitting Children's Miracle Network across the United States.

*The event's website features a comprehensive results database, searchable by name and/or age group for the 10 mile race dating back to 1973, and for the 5K Run dating back to 2006, when the 5K was upgraded from an untimed run to a fully-timed and scored event:*  
<http://www.cballtimeresults.org>.



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Credit Union Cherry Blossom

## A BRIEF JOG INTO THE 10-MILE RUN'S HISTORY

Since 1973, for runners in Washington D.C., the true beginning of spring is marked not by a date on the calendar but by the running of the Credit Union Cherry Blossom (CUCB) 10 Mile Run, also known as [The Runner's Rite of Spring.®](#) (See the Runner's Rite of Spring section toward the end of this guide for a synopsis of every one of the 50 10 Mile runs.) Elite competitors have used the race as a final competitive tune-up for the Boston Marathon, which runs two weeks later. Bill Rodgers, Greg Meyer and Lisa Larsen Weidenbach all went on to win Boston after their victories at the CUCB.

For lesser mortals, Cherry Blossom typically means a chance to doff the warm-up suits, turtlenecks, caps and gloves of winter and join other runners in a celebration of the season. Here in Washington D.C., the race has been as fixed a rite of spring as the Easter Egg Roll at the White House or the lighting of the Japanese lanterns on the Tidal Basin – at least until Covid-19 came along and caused the cancelation of the 2020 in-person race, and the postponement of the 2021 race to a one-time only post-Labor Day race date of September 12.

Things returned more or less to normal in 2022, with the race returning to its usual early April slot on the road racing calendar. In 2023, the 50th Anniversary was well celebrated by tens of thousands of runners and saw the American 10 mile record get broken by Hillary Bor with a time of 46:11. Bor broke his own record in 2024, running a blistering 45:56.

The excitement returned in 2025 as records once again fell to blistering speeds, when Taylor Roe set the new women's World Best, and a new women's American record, in a time of 49:53 and Alex Maier set the men's American Record in 45:15. Both record-setting performances were accompanied by another tens of thousands runners also crossing the finish line.

In 2026, the 10 Mile lottery was robust once again, with entrants numbers rivaling the past couple of years. The staging area for the 10 Mile is on the Washington Monument Grounds, and the course passes in sight of all the major Washington D.C. Memorials. While there have been numerous iterations of the 10 Mile course over the years, one element has been constant - The Runner's Rite of Spring has always been the only truly elite running race to be held in the Nation's Capital.

The event serves as a fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network, a consortium of 170 premier children's hospitals across the United States. About one-third of the funds raised support Washington, DC's own Children's National Medical Center. To date, over \$12 million, including \$460,000 in 2025, has been raised for Children's Miracle Network hospitals across the United States. The event also provides a \$6,000 purse for recent "graduates" of the Road Runners Club of America's "RunPro Camp." 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, Double Blossom, 5K and Kids Run. Presenting sponsors include ASICS and Wegmans; supporting sponsors include Visa, Velera, TruStage, Outside, Potomac River Running, Gatorade Endurance, Suburban Solutions Moving, the Embassy of Japan, Runna by Strava, Select Event Group, United Lifestyle Brands, and Cogent Steps, LLC.

The Credit Union Cherry Blossom run is committed to environmental and social responsibility. The event believes in inclusion, respect and tolerance. These beliefs guide our actions in conducting our events. The Credit Union Cherry Blossom run has been awarded Gold Level Inspire Certification from the Council for Responsible Sport since 2017 in recognition of its legacy of certified responsible performance as well as its commitment to mentor other events interested in becoming more sustainable ([www.councilforresponsiblesport.org](http://www.councilforresponsiblesport.org)).



(Photo Credit: Bob Burgess)



(Photo Credit: Steve Dillard)



## PETALS & PAVEMENT: BACKGROUND OF THE 5K

From day-one, there has always been an alternative to the 10 Mile. With families traveling to Washington DC for the race and/or the National Cherry Blossom Festival, dad or mom could run the 10 Mile, and the rest of the family could enter a two-mile fun run and collect commemorative patches as well. Sometime between 1973 and 2006, the two-mile fun run grew to 3K and then 5K, and in 2006 the 5K Run-Walk was upgraded from an untimed fun run to a fully-timed and scored event, though it always played a secondary role to the 10 Mile.

In a major change for its 50th anniversary celebration, CUCB organizers reimagined and renamed the 5K as a standalone event, a success that was duplicated in 2024 and 2025. This new path for the 5K immediately received accolades as the event was named USA Today Reader’s Choice Award 10Best Best 5K Race in 2023, 2025 and 2026. This year, the 5K presented by ASICS will be held on a new course in Arlington, VA. The event will stage and start at Virginia Highlands Park in Arlington, conveniently located just a couple blocks from our race headquarters hotel at the Crystal Gateway Marriott.

All 5K participants receive the same amenities as 10 Mile runners, including an official race shirt, their overall times and places in the event and post-race food and drink. All runners will be scored on net times. Runners were once again allowed to register for both the 10 Mile and 5K – dubbed the “Double Blossom” by race organizers. Some 2,400 runners will pursue recognition as Double Blossom runners this year.

For both the 5K and Double Blossom, the top-five men and women and top-three non-binary runners will receive awards, as will the first place finishers in the push rim and hand-crank wheelchair races.



(Photos Credit: Steve Dillard)



## MILES IN BLOOM: THE KIDS RUN

In 2026, the Kids Run will follow the 5K and enjoy a half mile course in Arlington, VA, staging at Virginia Highlands Park. In 2017, the Kids Run moved to a new day – Saturday – and location at the National Building Museum. In 2024, the event was moved to Freedom Plaza and followed the 5K. This 1/2 mile fun run for kids ages 4-10 will see the first wave of four-year-olds go off at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, April 11.

The Kids Run, like the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile and 5K presented by ASICS, helps increase race weekend focus on the charity for which credit unions and runners fundraise year round –Children’s Miracle Network (CMN), including Children’s National in Washington, D.C. Since credit unions became the title sponsor of CUCB in 2002, over \$12 million has been donated to CMN.

Packet pick-up for registered Kids Run participants will take place on Friday, April 10 at the National Building Museum between 2:00 P.M. and 7:45 P.M. and Saturday, April 11 between 8:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Virginia Highlands Park.

Registration is limited to 600, and is closed for 2026. No times or places will be kept, but all finishers will receive a medal. The Kids Run will be run in single-age heats, beginning with the four-year-olds. The race is on an out-and-back course and is closely monitored by sentries, but parents are allowed to run with their children. The first heat of each age group will be a parent-free heat.



Even the smallest runners can have big moments at the CUCB Kids Run, where families proudly race to the finish line in the heart of Washington D.C. with the U.S. Capitol in view.  
(Photo Credit: Bob Burgess)

# Credit Union Cherry Blossom

## Map Legend

- 10M Start/Finish
- 5K & Kids Run Start/Finish
- Course Routes
- 1 Mile Markers
- Information
- Runner Support
- Hydration Station
- Restrooms
- Bike Valet
- Bag Check
- Medals
- Packet Pick Up & T-Shirts
- Metro Subway

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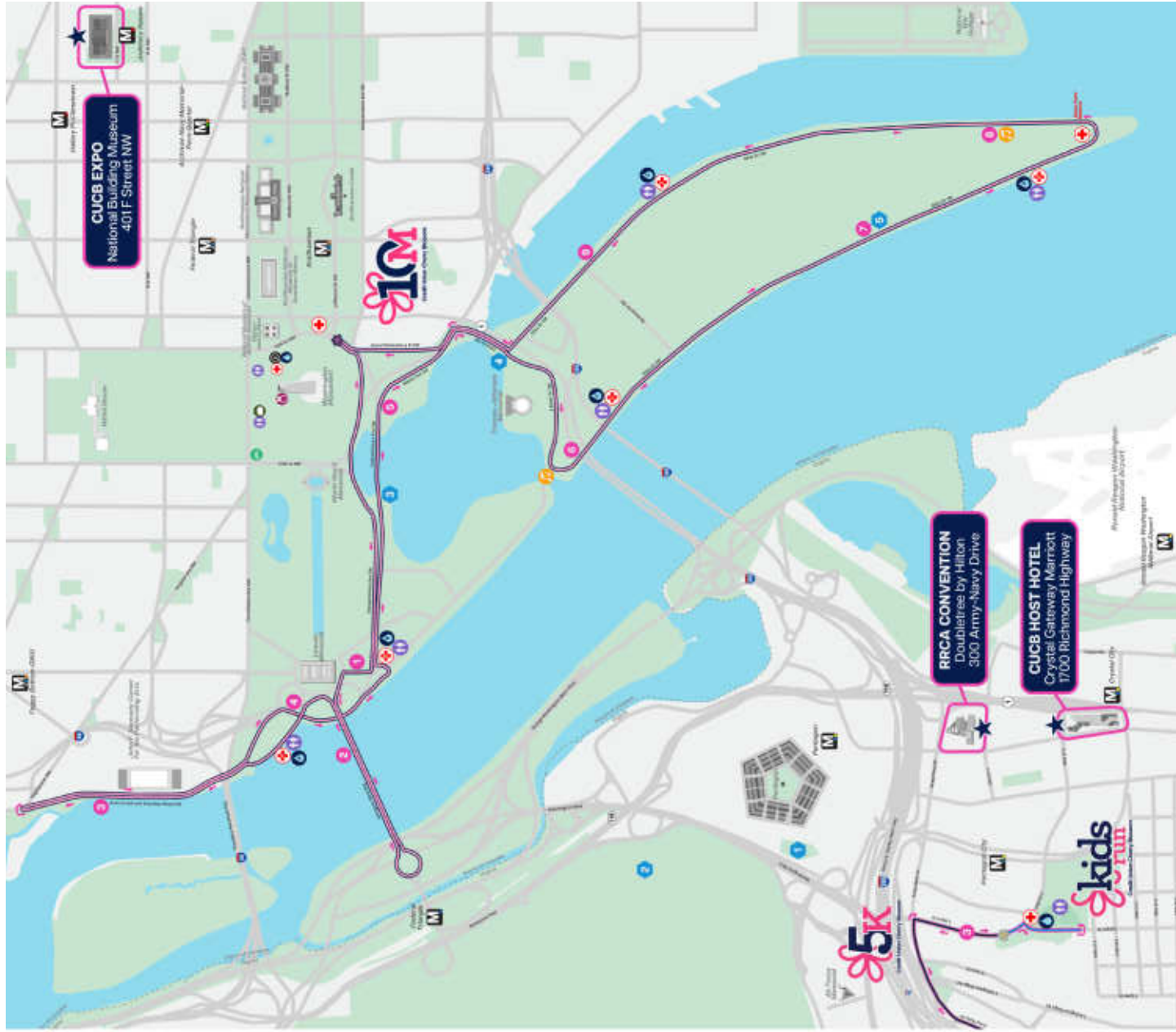
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## Points of Interest

- 1 National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial
- 2 Arlington National Cemetery
- 3 Site of Original Cherry Trees
- 4 Indicator Tree for Cherry Blossom
- 5 Hains Point East Cherry Blossoms Area



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# COURSE MAPS

## 10 MILE RUN COURSE MAP

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# COURSE MAPS

## 10 MILE RUN STAGING AREA - CLOSE UP

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# COURSE MAPS

## 5K RUN COURSE MAP



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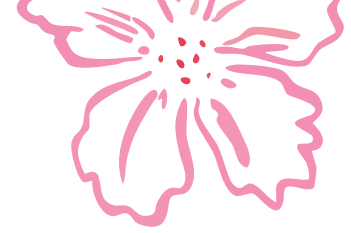
## 5K & KIDS RUN STAGING AREA - CLOSE UP

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# COURSE MAPS

## KIDS RUN COURSE MAP



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# 2026 CREDIT UNION CHERRY BLOSSOM EVENT SPONSORS

## Title Sponsor



Credit Union Miracle Day (CUMD) is a consortium of over 100 credit unions, credit union suppliers, and credit union supporters from across the country. CUMD serves as the title sponsor of the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile benefitting Children’s Miracle Network, an affiliation of children’s hospitals throughout the country that treat millions of children each year. To date, over \$12 million has been donated to the Children’s Miracle Network member hospitals since credit unions became the title sponsors of the event in 2002.

Each year, the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile Run in Washington, D.C. brings together credit unions from across the country with a shared vision of fund raising and helping children – and driving awareness of the “credit union difference.” Not only will credit unions work together this year to support the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile Run, but they will continue to work even harder to reach and support their own communities.

Presenting sponsors include ASICS and Wegmans; supporting sponsors include Visa, Velera, TruStage, Outside, Potomac River Running, Gatorade Endurance, Suburban Solutions Moving, the Embassy of Japan, Runna by Strava, Select Event Group, United Lifestyle Brands, and Cogent Steps, LLC.

## Presenting Sponsors



## Supporting Sponsors



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Rep. Sanford Bishop Jr. (2nd)  
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Rep. Lucy McBath (6th)  
Rep. Richard McCormick (7th)  
Rep. Mike Collins (10th)  
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Rep. Zachary Nunn (3rd)

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## **Kentucky**

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Sen. Angus King

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Rep. Seth Moulton (6th)

Rep. Stephen Lynch (8th)

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Rep. Jack Bergman (1st)

Rep. William Huizenga (4th)

Rep. Debbie Dingell (6th)

Rep. Shri Thanedar (13th)

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Sen. Tina Smith

Rep. Brad Finstad (1st)

Rep. Betty McCollum (4th)

Rep. Pete Stauber (8th)

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Rep. Bennie Thompson (2nd)

## **Missouri**

Sen. Eric Schmitt

Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (5th)

## **Montana**

Sen. Steve Daines

Sen. Tim Sheehy

Rep. Troy Downing (2nd)

## **Nevada**

Rep. Susie Lee (3rd)

Rep. Steven Horsford (4th)

## **New Hampshire**

Sen. Jeanne Shaheen

Rep. Chris Pappas (1st)

## **New Jersey**

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Rep. Josh Gottheimer (5th)

Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (6th)

Rep. Rob Menendez (8th)

Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (12th)

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Rep. Tom Suozzi (3rd)

Rep. Laura Gillen (4th)

Rep. Gregory Meeks (5th)

Rep. Jerrold Nadler (12th)

Rep. Adriano Espaillat (13th)

Rep. George Latimer (16th)

Rep. Mike Lawler (17th)

Rep. Paul Tonko (20th)

Rep. John Mannion (22nd)

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Sen. Thom Tillis

Rep. Greg Murphy, M.D. (3rd)

Rep. Valerie Foushee (4th)

## **North Dakota**

Rep. Julie Fedorchak (At Large)

## **Northern Mariana Islands**

Rep. Kimberlyn King-Hinds (At Large)

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Rep. Bob Latta (5th)  
Rep. Dave Joyce (14th)

## Oklahoma

Rep. Tom Cole (4th)

## Oregon

Sen. Jeff Merkley

## Pennsylvania

Sen. Dave McCormick  
Rep. Glenn Thompson (15th)  
Rep. Mike Kelly (16th)

## Rhode Island

Rep. Gabe Amo (1st)

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Rep. Joe Wilson (2nd)  
Rep. William Timmons (4th)  
Rep. Ralph Norman (5th)

## South Dakota

Sen. Mike Rounds

## Tennessee

Sen. Marsha Blackburn  
Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (3rd)

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Rep. Morgan Luttrell (8th)  
Rep. Craig Goldman (12th)  
Rep. Pete Sessions (17th)  
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Rep. Sylvia Garcia (29th)  
Rep. Jasmine Crockett (30th)  
Rep. Lloyd Doggett (37th)

## Utah

Sen. John Curtis  
Rep. Dr. Mike Kennedy (3rd)

## Vermont

Sen. Peter Welch

## Virginia

Rep. Jennifer McClellan (4th)  
Rep. Donald S. Beyer Jr. (8th)  
Rep. H Morgan Griffith (9th)  
Rep. Suhas Subramanyam (10th)  
Rep. James Walkinshaw (11th)

## Washington

Sen. Patty Murray  
Rep. Suzan DelBene (1st)  
Rep. Rick Larsen (2nd)  
Rep. Michael Baumgartner (5th)  
Rep. Pramila Jayapal (7th)  
Rep. Adam Smith (9th)

## Wisconsin

Rep. Mark Pocan (2nd)  
Rep. Gwen Moore (4th)

## Wyoming

Sen. Cynthia Lummis

*Note: This list may not reflect the most up-to-date information. For the latest and most accurate version, please click the link.*



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Cherry Blossom  
Marathon  
Diego  
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Credit Union  
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Marathon  
Nakya  
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JACO

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# PRRO CIRCUIT INFORMATION



## PRRO Circuit 2025-26 Summary

Overall 2025-26 Circuit events, America's Classic Road Races, will award more than \$440,000 in prize money; Quad-City Times Bix 7 to host 29th PRRO Championship on Saturday, July 25, 2026 in Davenport, IA.

The **PRRO Circuit** showcases world class competition at six of America's Classic Road Races™, the **Gate River Run 15K** in Jacksonville, FL, the **Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile** in Washington, DC, the **Lilac Bloomsday Run 12K** in Spokane, WA, the **Steamboat Classic 4 Mile** in Peoria, IL, the **Boilermaker 15K** in Utica, NY and the **Quad-City Times Bix 7** in Davenport, IA. The 2025-26 PRRO Circuit offers more than \$440,000 in guaranteed prize money overall with \$148,100 for U.S. athletes. The PRRO Circuit, a nationwide series of premier non-marathon road racing events, is organized and promoted by the **Professional Road Running Organization (PRRO)**, an alliance of race directors.

At the third stop on the 2025-26 **PRRO Circuit**, the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile champions will earn automatic eligibility to compete for the **\$10,000 PRRO Super Bonus** at the **29th PRRO Championship** hosted by the **Quad-City Times Bix 7** on Saturday, July 25 in Davenport, IA. In addition, the 2-10 Cherry Blossom finishers will earn PRRO Circuit points, with the top 5 point scorers overall before the PRRO Championship also qualifying to compete for the Super Bonus at Bix.

Before the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile, for men, **Wesley Kiptoo** (KEN) & **Mezgebu Sime** (ETH), tie, and for women, **Everlyn Kemboi** (KEN) sit atop the PRRO Circuit points leaderboard with 10 and 17 points, respectively. Current point standings can be found [HERE](#).

In 2025, the 28th PRRO Championship, presented by the 48th Boilermaker 15K, Kenyans **John Korir** and **Veronica Loleo** won their first PRRO crowns in 42 minutes, 44 seconds and 49:37, respectively, and also earned Super Bonus qualification for the 2026 PRRO Championship at Bix.

Schedule and current PRRO Super Bonus automatic qualifiers below:

## THE PRRO CIRCUIT 2025-26 SCHEDULE

**Quad-City Times Bix 7**, July 26, 2025, Davenport, IA

\$50,000 in prize money

**WINNERS:** Alex Maier\*, USA, 32:02 and Vibian Chepkirui\*, Kenya, 36:41

**Gate River Run 15K**, March 7, 2026, Jacksonville, FL

\$72,000 in prize money (\$23,000 U.S. prize money) plus \$5000 Equalizer gender race and World, U.S. & course record bonus money

**WINNERS:** Mohammed El Youssfi\*, Morocco, 43:26 and Chloe Herbiet\*, Belgium, 47:58

# PRRO CIRCUIT INFORMATION

**Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile**, April 12, 2026, Washington, DC  
\$80,600 in prize money (\$48,600 U.S. prize money) plus performance bonuses

**Lilac Bloomsday Run 12K**, May 3, 2026, Spokane, WA  
\$81,000 in prize money (\$20,000 U.S. prize money)

**Steamboat Classic 4 Mile**, June 6, 2026, Peoria, IL  
\$43,200 in U.S. prize money

**Boilermaker 15K**, July 12, 2026, Utica, NY  
\$65,100 in prize money (\$14,500 U.S. prize money)

## THE 29th PRRO CHAMPIONSHIP

**Quad-City Times Bix 7**, July 25, 2026, Davenport, IA  
\$50,000 in prize money as well as:

- \$10,000 PRRO Super Bonus to male or female Bix winners who are either defending PRRO Champions, have won any of the PRRO Circuit 2025-26 races or finished top 5 in the points system (Super Bonus split if both eligible male and female win)
  - \$2500 to male or female Championship winners who have not won any races on the 2025-26 Circuit
  - \$1500 to eligible PRRO event champions, males and females, finishing in places 2-10
- \* Qualified to compete for the \$10,000 PRRO Super Bonus at the 2026 PRRO Championship

Reigning PRRO champions John Korir and Veronica Loleo were the first two athletes eligible to compete for the \$10,000 [PRRO Super Bonus](#) at the 2026 PRRO Championship hosted by the Quad-City Times Bix 7 in July. In pursuit of the Super Bonus, the pair will join the winners of the 2025-26 Circuit events as well as the top 5 per gender in the PRRO Circuit [points system](#) (2-10 finishers score points at each current Circuit race; except, 2-5 finishers score at a U.S.-only Circuit race).

To-date, PRRO Circuit events have produced 18 world and 24 U.S. road records, awarded more than \$8.9 million in prize money and seen more than 2.8 million runners cross their finish lines. In addition, since 1996, the PRRO Championship race has paid out more than \$2.2 million including \$218,500 in PRRO Championship bonus money.

## PRRO CHAMPIONSHIP AND CIRCUIT YEAR

The PRRO Circuit, launched in 1995, starts and finishes the Circuit Year at the same event that will also host the season-ending PRRO Championship race. The reigning titlists of the PRRO Championship, the event winners on the current Circuit and the top 5 in the PRRO points system are eligible to compete for the PRRO Super Bonus at the PRRO Championship.

Visit [PRRO.org](https://prro.org) for more information, including its history and past champions, as well as how to join the PRRO Circuit.



Elite athletes Hillary Bor, Patrick Dever and Wesley Kiptoo surge through the early miles of the 2025 Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile, leading a tightly packed field of top competitors.  
(Photo Credit: Karen Mitchell)

# PRIZE MONEY STRUCTURE

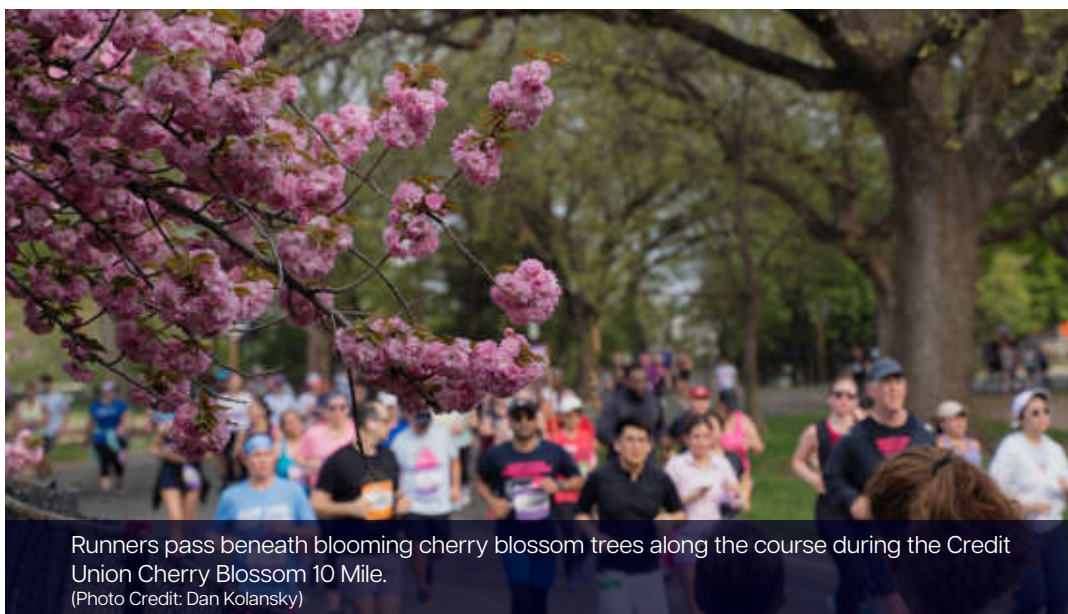
When Nike became title sponsor in 1984, \$13,400 in prize money was offered for the first time, paid equally to the top-seven men and women. A complete history of the evolution of prize money and record bonuses is detailed in the race history section of this guide. The total amount of prize money paid since 1984 surpassed the \$1 million mark in 2017. (See Prize Money History)

This year’s race will offer \$74,600 in guaranteed prize money, with \$32,000 paid to the top ten men and women in the International field, \$42,600 to the top ten American men and women (double dipping allowed for the Americans) and \$6,000 in RRCA RunPro Development Awards. The bonus payouts will be in addition to \$71,000 in guaranteed prize money, with \$40,000 paid to the top ten men and women in the international field, \$25,000 to the top ten American men and women (double dipping allowed for the Americans), and \$6,000 in RRCA RunPro Development Awards (see <https://www.rrca.org> for more information on this special prize purse). (\*Because World Athletics does not keep official world records for ten miles, the time standards race organizers will use are those world best maintained by the Association of Road Racing Statisticians.)

2026 International Prize Structure		
Place	Men	Women
1st	\$6,000	\$6,000
2nd	\$3,000	\$3,000
3rd	\$2,500	\$2,500
4th	\$1,500	\$1,500
5th	\$1,000	\$1,000
6th	\$600	\$600
7th	\$500	\$500
8th	\$400	\$400
9th	\$300	\$300
10th	\$200	\$200

2026 U.S. Prize Structure		
Place	Men	Women
1st	\$10,000	\$10,000
2nd	\$5,000	\$5,000
3rd	\$2,500	\$2,500
4th	\$1,000	\$1,000
5th	\$800	\$800
6th	\$600	\$600
7th	\$500	\$500
8th	\$400	\$400
9th	\$300	\$300
10th	\$200	\$200

*Note: U.S. runners who finish in the top 10 Open can double dip and get U.S. and Open prize money.*



Runners pass beneath blooming cherry blossom trees along the course during the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile.  
(Photo Credit: Dan Kolansky)

# PRIZE MONEY HISTORY

With the advent of Nike as title sponsor in 1984, \$13,400 in prize money was offered for the first time, paid equally to the top-seven men and women. In 1985, the total purse was increased to \$16,500, with equal allocation between men and women—a policy that remains in place today. From 1987–2008, the top-12 finishing places earned prize money; in 2009, the race went back to paying top-ten finishers only. In 2016, the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile achieved the milestone of having distributed over \$1 million in prize money since 1984

The 2013 race also served as the USA 10 Mile Championship for women, and an additional \$14,400 was added to the prize purse to reward the top-ten American women finishers\*. In 2014, the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile Run served as both men’s and women’s USA 10 Mile Championships, and a total of \$28,800 was set aside for the top-ten American men and women finishers.

In 2019 a separate prize purse of \$1,500, \$1,000, \$500 for the top three men and women eligible to compete for the RRCA Roads Scholar RunPro Alumni Challenge was added. See RRCA.

In 2021, both the men’s and women’s USATF 10 Mile Championships were held in conjunction with the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile. A total of \$26,000 was paid to the top-10 American men and women finishers. And, yes, American runners placing in the overall top-ten were able to “double-dip” and collect both international and American Development prize money.

Without USATF Championship races in 2022, prize money for Americans totaled \$25,000, with an additional \$40,000 in the international purse. See the table below for the breakdown.

The USATF 10 Mile Championships were once again hosted by the CUCB in 2023, 2024 and 2025. In 2023, athletes competed for prize money totaling \$63,000 as well as bonuses for records and time. Along with the \$74,600 guaranteed prize money in 2024, elite athletes were also able to win bonuses for world best and/or American Records, plus \$3,500 in time bonuses for the first two men or women to break 46:00 or 52:00 respectively. The event first introduced bonuses for records set in 2007. The tables below document the event’s prize money and record bonus history. To limit the size of the tables, separate columns for men and women have been eliminated; given the fact that equal prize money has been paid to men and women since 1984, payment for place figures represent money paid to men or women (\*except for 2013 as noted above and in the table below).

2025 Credit Union Cherry Blossom Prize Money		
	International Purse	American Purse
<b>Total Purse</b>	\$15,500	\$21,800 plus Bonuses
1st	\$6,000	\$10,000
2nd	\$3,000	\$5,000
3rd	\$2,000	\$2,500
4th	\$1,500	\$1,000
5th	\$1,000	\$800
6th	\$600	\$600
7th	\$500	\$500
8th	\$400	\$400
9th	\$300	\$300
10th	\$200	\$200

2024 Credit Union Cherry Blossom Prize Money		
	International Purse	American Purse
<b>Total Purse</b>	\$15,500	\$21,300 plus Bonuses
1st	\$6,000	\$6,000
2nd	\$3,000	\$3,000
3rd	\$2,000	\$2,000
4th	\$1,500	\$1,500
5th	\$1,000	\$1,000
6th	\$600	\$600
7th	\$500	\$500
8th	\$400	\$400
9th	\$300	\$300
10th	\$200	\$200

# PRIZE MONEY HISTORY

## 2023 Credit Union Cherry Blossom Prize Money

	International Purse	American Purse
<b>Total Purse</b>	\$40,000	\$63,000 plus Bonuses
1st	\$8,000	\$5,000
2nd	\$4,000	\$2,500
3rd	\$2,000	\$1,500
4th	\$1,500	\$1,000
5th	\$1,000	\$800
6th	\$900	\$600
7th	\$800	\$400
8th	\$700	\$300
9th	\$600	\$200
10th	\$500	\$200

## 2022 Credit Union Cherry Blossom Prize Money

	International Purse	American Purse
<b>Total Purse</b>	\$40,000	\$25,000
1st	\$8,000	\$5,000
2nd	\$4,000	\$2,500
3rd	\$2,000	\$1,500
4th	\$1,500	\$1,000
5th	\$1,000	\$800
6th	\$900	\$600
7th	\$800	\$400
8th	\$700	\$300
9th	\$600	\$200
10th	\$500	\$200

## 2021 Credit Union Cherry Blossom Prize Money

	International Purse	American Purse
<b>Total Purse</b>	\$23,500	\$26,000
1st	\$5,000	\$5,000
2nd	\$2,500	\$2,500
3rd	\$1,000	\$1,000
4th	\$750	\$900
5th	\$500	\$800
6th	\$450	\$700
7th	\$400	\$600
8th	\$350	\$500
9th	\$300	\$500
10th	\$250	\$500

## 2015-2019 Credit Union Cherry Blossom Prize Money

	International Purse	American Purse
<b>Total Purse</b>	\$40,000	\$25,000
1st	\$8,000	\$5,000
2nd	\$4,000	\$2,500
3rd	\$2,000	\$1,500
4th	\$1,500	\$1,000
5th	\$1,000	\$800
6th	\$900	\$600
7th	\$800	\$400
8th	\$700	\$300
9th	\$600	\$200
10th	\$500	\$200

## 2014 Credit Union Cherry Blossom Prize Money

	International Purse	American Purse
<b>Total Purse</b>	\$41,000	\$28,800
1st	\$8,000	\$5,000
2nd	\$4,500	\$2,500
3rd	\$2,000	\$2,000
4th	\$1,500	\$1,500
5th	\$1,000	\$1,000
6th	\$900	\$800
7th	\$800	\$600
8th	\$700	\$500
9th	\$600	\$300
10th	\$500	\$200

## 2013 Credit Union Cherry Blossom Prize Money

	International Purse	American Purse
<b>Total Purse</b>	\$41,000	\$14,400
1st	\$8,000	\$5,000
2nd	\$4,000	\$2,500
3rd	\$2,000	\$2,500
4th	\$1,500	\$1,500
5th	\$1,000	\$1,000
6th	\$900	\$800
7th	\$800	\$600
8th	\$700	\$500
9th	\$600	\$300
10th	\$500	\$200

# PRIZE MONEY HISTORY

From 2009-2012, total prize money stayed constant at \$39,000, broken down as follows:

2009-2012 Credit Union Cherry Blossom Prize Money	
	International Purse
<b>Total Purse</b>	\$39,000
1st	\$7,500
2nd	\$4,000
3rd	\$2,000
4th	\$1,500
5th	\$1,000
6th	\$900
7th	\$800
8th	\$700
9th	\$600
10th	\$500

From 1984-2008, total prize money grew consistently from \$13,400 to \$32,500:

1984-2008 Credit Union Cherry Blossom Prize Money	
Year	Total Purse
2008	\$32,500
2007	\$32,000
2006	\$31,500
2005	\$31,000
2004	\$30,200
2003	\$29,500
2002	\$29,000
2001	\$28,500
2000	\$28,000
1999	\$27,500
1998	\$27,000
1997	\$26,000
1996	\$26,000
1995	\$23,500
1994	\$23,000
1993	\$22,500
1992	\$22,000
1991	\$21,500
1990	\$21,000
1989	\$20,000
1988	\$19,500
1987	\$19,500
1986	\$18,700
1985	\$16,500
1984	\$13,400



Overall winner Wesley Kiptoo leans into the tape followed by Magut and Bor.  
 (Photo Credit: Clay Shaw)

# BONUS PAYMENT HISTORY

A schedule of record bonus payments was first introduced in 2007, with \$750 on offer to the first two men to run under 46:00 and the first two women to run under 52:00. In 2013 the sub-46:00 and sub-52:00 bonus payment schedule was changed to pay \$1,000 to the first man or woman to achieve their respective benchmarks, and \$750 to the second man or woman to do so.

In 2015, race organizers were forced to re-route the course between four and six miles due to an accident on the course that occurred about an hour prior to the start of the elite women’s race. The exact distance was measured as 9.39 miles after the race – making it just a fraction over 15K. Nevertheless, race organizers decided to pay bonuses based on projected times, as shown in the table below.

In 2019, post-race analysis of the course revealed that the turn-around point in West Potomac Park had been misplaced, resulting in a course-as-run that was 240 feet short of 10 miles. Nevertheless, race organizers paid the first two men and women the time bonuses for running faster than 46:00 and 52:00 respectively. In 2024 and 2025, time bonuses were paid out to the two fastest men and women as the elite field blazed through the course.

## Credit Union Cherry Blossom Open Time Bonus Payments

2025			
Sub-46:00 Bonus	Recipients	Sub-52:00 Bonus	Recipients
\$1,000	Charles Hicks (45:14)	\$1,000	Taylor Roe (49:53)
\$750	Alex Maier (45:15)	\$750	Adane Animew (51:00)
2024			
Sub-46:00 Bonus	Recipients	Sub-52:00 Bonus	Recipients
\$1,000	Wesley Kiptoo (45:54)	\$1,000	Sarah Chelangat (51:44)
\$750	Raymond Magut (45:55)	\$750	Emily Durgin (51:26)
2022			
Sub-46:00 Bonus	Recipients	Sub-52:00 Bonus	Recipients
\$1,000	Nicholas Kosimbei (45:15)	\$1,000	
\$750	Wilfred Kimitei (45:43)	\$750	

# BONUS PAYMENT HISTORY

## Credit Union Cherry Blossom Open Time Bonus Payments

2021			
Sub-46:00 Bonus	Recipients	Sub-52:00 Bonus	Recipients
\$1,000	Edwin Kimutai (45:45)	\$1,000	
\$750		\$750	

2019			
Sub-46:00 Bonus	Recipients	Sub-52:00 Bonus	Recipients
\$1,000	Jemal Yimer (45:36*)	\$1,000	Rosemary Wanjiru (50:42*)
\$750	Josphat Tanui (45:38*)	\$750	Gotytom Gebreslase (50:47*)

2015			
Sub-46:00 Bonus	Recipients	Sub-52:00 Bonus	Recipients
\$1,000		\$1,000	Mary Wacera (51:45*)
\$750		\$750	Cynthia Jeretich Limo (51:46*)

2014			
Sub-46:00 Bonus	Recipients	Sub-52:00 Bonus	Recipients
\$1,000	Stephen Sambu (45:29)	\$1,000	
\$750	Daniel Salel (45:29)	\$750	

2012			
Sub-46:00 Bonus	Recipients	Sub-52:00 Bonus	Recipients
\$1,000		\$1,000	
\$750	Allan Kiprono (45:15)	\$750	

2011			
Sub-46:00 Bonus	Recipients	Sub-52:00 Bonus	Recipients
\$750	Lelisa Desisa (45:36)	\$1,000	
\$750	Allan Kiprono (45:41)	\$750	

2010			
Sub-46:00 Bonus	Recipients	Sub-52:00 Bonus	Recipients
\$750	Stephen Tum (45:53)	\$1,000	
\$750	Lilisa Desisa (45:44)	\$750	Lineth Chepkurui (51:51)

2009			
Sub-46:00 Bonus	Recipients	Sub-52:00 Bonus	Recipients
\$750	Ridouane Harroufi (45:56)	\$1,000	
\$750	Feyisa Liesa (45:58)	\$750	

2008			
Sub-46:00 Bonus	Recipients	Sub-52:00 Bonus	Recipients
\$1,000		\$1,000	
\$750	Tebya Erkesso (51:44)	\$750	

# BONUS PAYMENT HISTORY

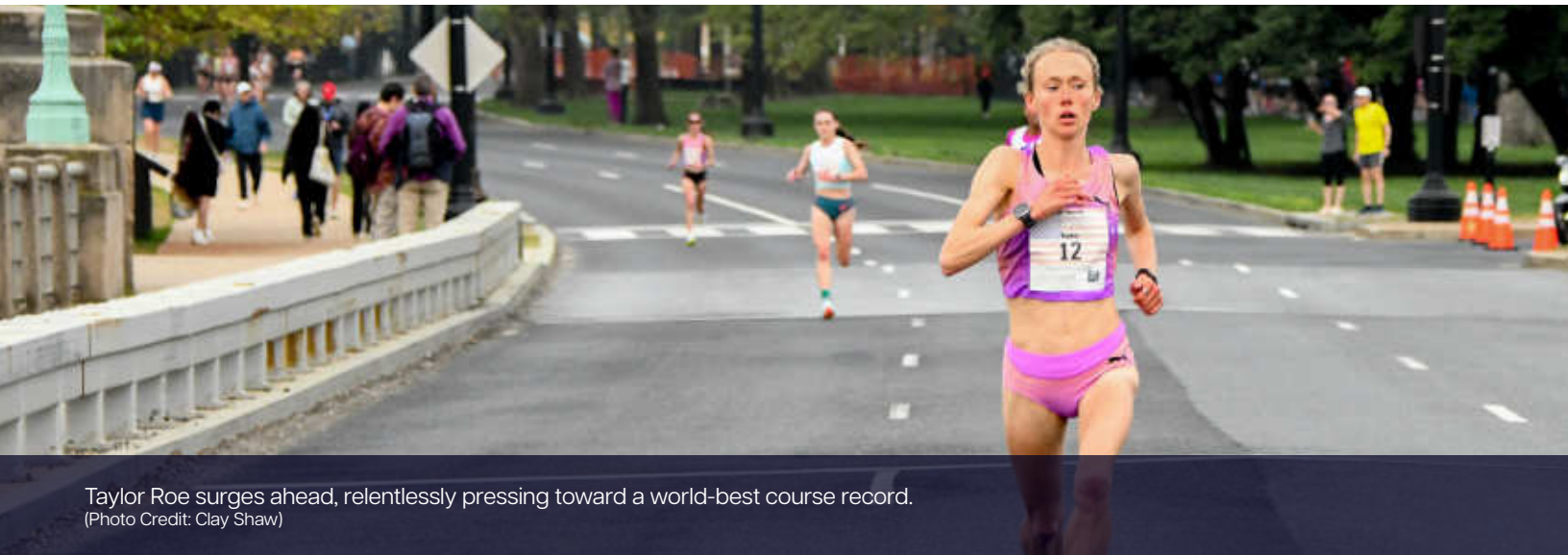
When the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Run first hosted the USA 10 Mile Championships for women in 2013, an American Record bonus of \$2,500 was offered. In 2014, when both men's and women's USA 10 Mile Championships were hosted, the \$2,500 American Record bonus was offered to both men and women.

In 2015 race organizers introduced a \$10,000 American Record bonus (fastest time beating the U.S. men's 10-mile record of 46:13 or the U.S. women's-only record of 52:12), to be split equally if both records are broken. In 2017, race organizers added an additional \$10,000 to the American record bonus pool, doing away with the split bonus if both men's and women's records were broken in the same race.

In 2019, Stanley Kebenei crossed the finish line in 46:00, apparently breaking Greg Meyer's long-standing American record of 46:13. Unfortunately, post-race analysis revealed that a set of misplaced traffic cones at the turn-around in West Potomac Park resulted in the course-as-run being 240 feet short of 10 miles. Race organizers paid Kebenei the \$10,000 bonus, even though his effort would go unrecognized as a new American record.

For the 50th Anniversary, race organizers provided a \$50,000\* shared bonus available for any World or American record times set at that year's Runner's Rite of Spring®. Due to Hillary Bor being the only individual to break a world or American record in 2023, he received the entire \$50,000 record bonus. Bor went on to break his record again in 2024 by 16 seconds, though no bonus money was received that year.

If World Best times and American Records for men and women are set by the winners at the event (i.e. four records set), the \$50,000 record bonus would be split into four \$12,500 shares. If only one World or American record is set for either men or women, the athlete setting the record would get the full \$50,000. If an American sets an American record and no other World or American records are set, he or she would receive the entire \$50,000 as well. Currently, the times to beat are as follows: Haile Gebreselassie's (ETH) World Athletics Best of 44:24, run at the Tilburg 10 Mile in Tilburg, Netherlands, September 4, 2005; Keira D'Amato's World Athletics Best in a women's only race of 51:23, run at the UpDawg 10 Mile in Washington, DC, November 24, 2020; Hillary Bor's American Record of 45:56, run at the Cherry Blossom 10 Mile in Washington DC, April 7, 2024 and Keira D'Amato's previously listed World Best 51:23, which is also the American Record for a women's only race. In 2025, the Credit Union Cherry Blossom also awarded a World Best bonus payout as Taylor Roe scorched the previous record with a time of 49:53 and a new men's American record to Alex Maier with a time of 45:15.



Taylor Roe surges ahead, relentlessly pressing toward a world-best course record.  
(Photo Credit: Clay Shaw)

# BONUS PAYMENT HISTORY

## Credit Union Cherry Blossom American Record Bonus Payments

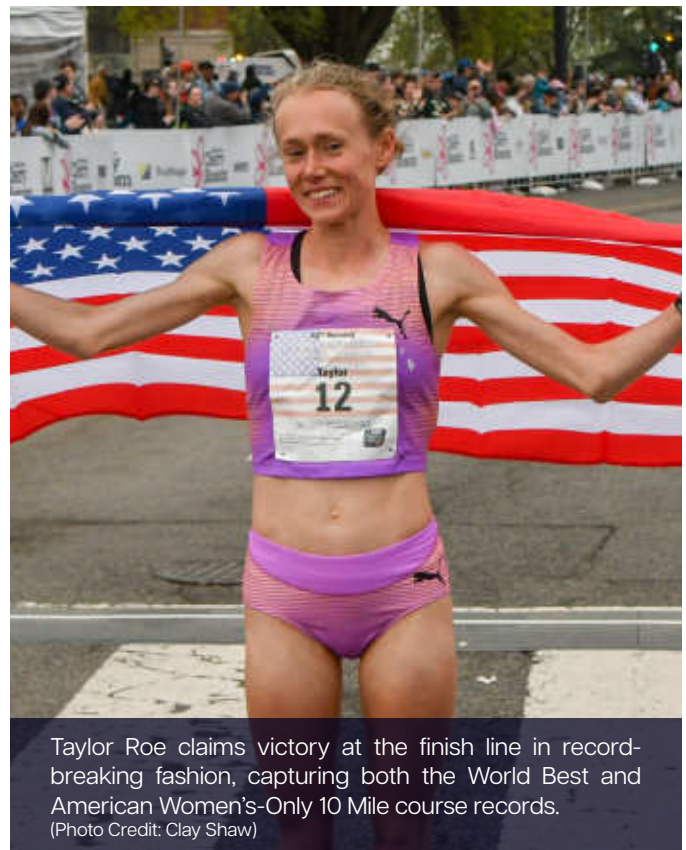
2025			
Recipient - Men's	Alex Maier (45:15)	Bonus Payment	\$5,000
Recipient - Women's	Taylor Roe (49:53)	Bonus Payment	\$5,000
2024			
Recipient	Hillary Bor (45:56)	Bonus Payment	
2023			
Recipient	Hillary Bor (46:11)	Bonus Payment	\$50,000
2019			
Recipient	Stanley Kebenei (46:00*)	Bonus Payment	\$10,000
2014			
Recipient	Janet Bawcom (52:12)	Bonus Payment	\$2,500
2013			
Recipient	Janet Bawcom (53:28)	Bonus Payment	\$2,500

## Credit Union Cherry Blossom World Best Bonus Payments

2025			
Recipient	Taylor Roe (49:53)	Bonus Payment	\$5,000



Alex Maier's 45:15 finish time earns him the American Men's 10 Mile course record.  
(Photo Credit: Steve Dillard)



Taylor Roe claims victory at the finish line in record-breaking fashion, capturing both the World Best and American Women's-Only 10 Mile course records.  
(Photo Credit: Clay Shaw)

# 2026 CREDIT UNION CHERRY BLOSSOM ELITE ATHLETE BIOS

We have an exciting array of elite U.S. and international athletes competing in the 2026 Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile. The top athletes appear below. Click [here](#) to view all bios of the top athletes or click on each name to view their bios.\*

## Elite Female Athletes

Asayech Ayichew, Bib 2  
Molly Born, Bib 30  
Joy Cheptoyek, Bib 12  
Biruktayit Degefa, Bib 20

Laura Galvan, Bib 8  
Jessica Gockley Day, Bib 16  
Emma Grace Hurley, Bib 10  
Norah Jeruto, Bib 6

Weini Kelati, Bib 4  
Everlyn Kemboi, Bib 22  
Ednah Kurgat, Bib 26  
Karissa Schweizer, Bib 14

## Additional Notable Female Athletes

Click [here](#) to view the bios for all female Additional Notable Athletes.

Anne-Marie Blaney, Bib 38  
Olivia Borowiak, Bib 56  
Cleo Boyd, Bib 50  
Jessie Cardin, Bib 36  
Lucy Dobbs, Bib 68  
Dana Feyen, Bib 52  
Caroline Garrett, Bib 62

Genet Habela, Bib 34  
Annie Heffernan, Bib 54  
Katie Izzo, Bib 32  
Eva Jess, Bib 48  
Annamaria Kostarellis, Bib 42  
Cailie Logue Hughes, Bib 40  
Danielle Page, Bib 70

Kassie Parker, Bib 44  
Micaela Rivera Wood, Bib 72  
Savannah Shaw, Bib 46  
Rachel Smith, Bib 76  
MaKenna Thurston, Bib 64  
Madison Trippett, Bib 66  
Annemarie Tuxbury, Bib 58

## Elite Male Athletes

Jack Aho, Bib 23  
Mohammed Ahmed, Bib 3  
Emad Bashir-Mohammed, Bib 25  
Benjamin Eidenschink, Bib 31

Mohammed El-Youssfi, Bib 13  
Chandler Gibbens, Bib 29  
Athanas Kioko, Bib 11  
Frank Lara, Bib 19

Graydon Morris, Bib 21  
Aidan Reed, Bib 15  
Kieran Tuntivate, Bib 7  
Jared Ward, Bib 27

## Additional Notable Male Athletes

Click [here](#) to view the bios for all male Additional Notable Athletes.

Cody Baele, Bib 69  
Alec Basten, Bib 61  
Mohammed Bati, Bib 65  
Tyler Berg, Bib 37  
Graham Crawford, Bib 49  
JP Flavin, Bib 57  
Merga Gameda, Bib 41  
Ethan Gregg, Bib 55

Damian Hackett, Bib 81  
Stephen Jones, Bib 63  
Collin Kirami, Bib 33  
Elkanah Kibet, Bib 35  
Thomas Madden, Bib 73  
Joseph Minor, Bib 77  
Will Norris, Bib 83  
Joel Reichow, Bib 39

Ben Rosa, Bib 51  
Ruben Sanca, Bib 85  
Cole Sprout, Bib 45  
Carlee Stimpfel, Bib 67  
Joseph Trojan, Bib 47  
Adam Walker, Bib 79  
Connor Winter, Bib 59

\*Additional stats are not available for all runners.

# OPEN & AGE GROUP RECORDS

Over the years, numerous 10-mile records have been set at the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile Run – a total of 10 World records and 10 American records. None has lasted as long as the 46:13 time Greg Meyer ran in 1983. Back then it was an American and World Record. In 2023, race organizers saw the American Record get broken by Hillary Bor with a time of 46:11.

Prior to the 2014 race, which served as both the USA Men’s and Women’s 10 Mile Championships, Meyer said: “While it’s an honor to hold an American Record, it’s time someone else owned it! My gosh, it’s older than most of the Americans competing! I can’t wait to see someone break it!”

When Stanley Kebenei crossed the finish line in 2019 in 46:00, Meyer and race organizers thought the men’s American record had finally fallen. Unfortunately, post-race analysis revealed that the turn-around point in West Potomac Park had been misplaced, resulting in a course-as-run that was 240 feet short of the full 10 miles, thus negating Kebenei’s apparent American record. The women’s winner, Kenyan Rosemary Wanjiru, was also a victim of the short course, which kept her time of 50:42 from being recognized as the fastest all-comers time in a women’s only race.

Despite the shortened route taken by the runners, race organizers paid Kebenei \$10,000 for posting a time faster than Meyer’s American record of 46:13. Race organizers also paid \$1,000 and \$750 respectively to the first two men and women who ran faster than 46:00 and 52:00 minutes: race winners Jemal Yimer (45:36) and Rosemary Wanjiru (50:42), and second place finishers Josphat Tanui (45:38) and Gotytom Gebreslase (50:47). There was no bonus offered for a U.S. all-comers record.

Take a look at the progression of various 10-mile records that have been set at Cherry Blossom since the inaugural race in 1973.

Elite Men 10-Mile Records				
Year	Name	World Record	American Record	Event Record
1973	Sam Bair			51:22
1974	Jack Mahurin			50:50
1976	Carl Hatfield			49:09
1978	Bill Rodgers			48:57
1979	Bill Rodgers			48:00
1980	Bill Rodgers			47:09
1983	Greg Meyer	46:13	46:13	46:13
1994	William Sigei			46:01
1995	Ismael Kirui	45:38		45:38
2011	Lelisa Desisa			45:36
2012	Allan Kiprono			45:15
2022	Nicholas Kosimbei			45:15
2023	Hillary Bor		46:11	
2024	Hillary Bor		45:56	
2025	Alex Maier		45:15	

# OPEN & AGE GROUP RECORDS

Elite Women 10-Mile Records						
Year	Name	World Record (Mixed Race)	World Record (Single Sex*)	American Record (Mixed Race)	American Record (Single Sex*)	Event Record
1973	Kathrine Switzer					71:19
1974	Carol Fridley					62:41
1975	Julie Shea					59:55
1976	Julie Shea	57:04		57:04		57:04
1977	Julie Shea	56:08		56:08		56:08
1979	Aileen O'Connor			56:02		56:02
1980	Anne Sullivan			55:34		55:34
1983	Eleanor Simonsick					54:46
1985	Lisa Weidenbach					53:30
1986	Rosa Mota	53:09				53:09
1987	Lisa Martin	52:23				52:23
1989	Lisa Weidenbach			52:34		
1991	Jill Hunter					51:57
1995	Rose Cheruiyot	51:39				51:39
1998	Colleen De Reuck	51:16				51:16
2006	Lydia Grogoryeva		52:11			52:11
2006	Turena Johnson				55:42	
2007	Teyba Erkesso		51:44			51:44
2009	Sally Meyerhof				54:38	
2013	Janet Bawcom				53:28	
2014	Janet Bawcom				52:12	
2025	Taylor Roe		49:53		49:53	

\*In 2006, record keeping standards were changed to recognize the difference between women running with men in a mixed race, and women running in an all-women's race. Cherry Blossom race organizers implemented a 10-minute advanced start for women that year, and all subsequent women's World and American records have been set under this format.

While countless age group records have been set at the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile Run over the years, the tables below list current age group event records for men and women.

# OPEN & AGE GROUP RECORDS

Credit Union Cherry Blossom Age Group Records				
Age Group	Age Group Men	Time	Age	Year
40-44	Steve Jones	48:26	40	1996
45-49	Bill Rodgers	52:22	49	1997
50-54	Norm Green	52:53	50	1983
55-59	Jim O'Neill	54:25	56	1994
60-64	Norm Green	57:48	60	1993
65-69	Ken Youngers	1:02:43	65	2022
70-74	Charles Rose	1:06:35	70	2003
75-79	Ed Benham	1:12:13	76	1984
80-84	Ed Benham	1:13:23	81	1989
85-89	George Yannakakis	1:44:08	85	2017
90-94	George Yannakakis	2:33:04	90	2022

Credit Union Cherry Blossom Age Group Records				
Age Group	Age Group Women	Time	Age	Year
40-44	Priscilla Welch	53:51	42	1987
45-49	Priscilla Welch	56:33	46	1991
50-54	Perry Shoemaker	1:00:34	52	2024
55-59	Joan Samuelson	1:03:55	59	2017
60-64	Cindy Conant	1:07:55	60	2024
65-69	Jennifer Macdonell	1:12:31	65	2022
70-74	Nora Cary	1:10:20	70	2025
75-79	Hedy Marque	1:25:40	75	1993
80-84	Hedy Marque	1:31:24	80	1998
85-89	Hedy Marque	1:57:38	87	2005
90-94	Ruth Rothfarb	3:27:30	91	1993

# ALL-TIME CHAMPIONS

## TEN MILE RUN

The perfect Spring morning led to blistering times as a World Best and two new American Records were set. Taylor Roe led all women from the start and crossed the finish in 49:53, setting the new World Best and American Record for women. Charles Hicks edged out Alex Maier for the overall men's win with a time of 45:14. However, Alex's second place finish of 45:15 set the new men's American Record.

In 2024, the cool, windy morning did not slow down the fast field as spectators saw the then American record get broke by Hillary Bor in 46:11, who placed second overall behind winner Tsegay Kidanu with a time of 46:08.

In 2023, men's winner Nicholas Kosimbei tied the course record of 45:15 set by fellow Kenyan Alan Kiprono a decade earlier in 2012. It was Kosimbei's first time running here in Washington, DC. Susanna Sullivan, a fifth-grade teacher from Reston, VA, had run the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile (CUCB) six times before, with her eighth place finish in 2014 being her previous best. Sullivan's time today was 52:32, beating her personal best for 10 miles of 54:22 by nearly two minutes.

\*On a picture-perfect day in 2019, with Washington DC's cherry trees in full bloom, defending champion Jemal Yimer, from Ethiopia, won the men's race in a time of 45:36. Kenyan Rosemary Wanjiru won the women's race in 50:42. Unfortunately the full impact of their very fast times was negated by the fact that the course-as-run ended up being 240 feet short of the full 10 miles, due to a misplaced set of traffic cones at the turn-around in West Potomac Park.

\*\*In 2016, weather conditions for the event were less than ideal, with temperatures in the mid-30s and winds gusting up to 40 miles per hour during the race, thus slowing all runners' times considerably. For the first time in 10 years, the elite women started with the men, and surely benefited from running in the larger pack.

\*\*\*In 2015, race organizers were forced to re-route the course between four and six miles due to an accident on the course that occurred about an hour prior to the start of the elite women's race. The exact distance was measured as 9.39 miles after the race – making it just a fraction over 15K. The times listed in the table below for 2015 represent projected 10-mile finish times; Stephen Sambu ran 43:20 for 9.39 miles, while Mary Wacera ran 48:35.



The 2025 CUCB 10 Mile elite runners launch from the Start Line, setting the pace for a fast, competitive competition.  
(Photo Credit: Bob Burgess)

# ALL-TIME CHAMPIONS

All Time Champions				
Year	Male Winner	Time	Female Winner	Time
2025	Charles Hicks	45:14	Taylor Roe	49:53
2024	Wesley Kiptoo	45:54	Sarah Chelangat	51:14
2023	Tsegay Kidanu	46:08	Sarah Chelangat	52:04
2022	Nicholas Kosimbei	45:15	Susanna Sullivan	52:32
2021	Edwin Kimutai	45:45	Nell Rojas	52:13
2019*	Jemal Yimer	45:36	Rosemary Wanjiru	50:42
2018	Jemal Yimer	46:17	Buze Diriba	53:45
2017	Stanley Kebenei	46:36	Hiwot Gebrekidan	53:37
2016**	Sam Chelanga	48:26	Veronica Nyaruai Wanjiru	53:12
2015***	Stephen Sambu – Kenya	43:20	Mary Wacera – Kenya	51:45
2014	Stephen Sambu – Kenya	45:29	Mamitu Daska – Ethiopia	52:05
2013	Daniel Salel– Kenya	46:06	Caroline Rotich – Kenya	52:46
2012	Allan Kiprono – Kenya	45:15	Julliah Tenega – Kenya	54:02
2011	Lelisa Desisa – Ethiopia	45:36	Julliah Tenega – Kenya	54:02
2010	Stephen Tum – Kenya	45:43	Lineth Chepkurui – Kenya	51:51
2009	Ridouane Harroufi – Morocco	45:46	Lineth Chepkurui – Kenya	53:32
2008	Ridouane Harroufi	46:14	Lineth Chepkurui – Kenya	54:21
2007	Tadesse Tola – Ethiopia	46:01	Tebya Erkesso – Ethiopia	51:44
2006	Gilbert Okari – Kenya	47:24	Lidiya Grigoryeva – Russia	52:11
2005	John Korir – Kenya	46:53	Nuta Olaru – Romania	52:00
2004	Nelson Kiplagat – Kenya	48:12	Isabella Ochichi – Kenya	52:06
2003	John Korir – Kenya	46:55	Olga Romanova – Russia	53:42
2002	Reuben Cheruiyot – Kenya	47:13	Luminita Talpos – Romania	52:50
2001	John Korir – Kenya	46:12	Elana Meyer – South Africa	52:15
2000	Reuben Cheruiyot – Kenya	46:07	Teresa Wanjiku – Kenya	55:50
1999	Worku Bikila – Ethiopia	46:59	Jane Omoro – Kenya	53:37
1998	Simon Rono – Kenya	45:51	Colleen De Reuck – South Africa	51:16
1997	Peter Githuka – Kenya	46:29	Valentina Yegorova – Russia	54:28
1996	Lazarus Nyakeraka – Kenya	46:37	Joan Nesbit – USA	53:25
1995	Ismael Kirui – Kenya	45:38	Rose Cheruiyot – Kenya	51:39
1994	William Sigei – Kenya	46:01	Helen Chepngeno – Kenya	54:05
1993	William Sigei – Kenya	46:29	Judi St. Hilaire – USA	52:27
1992	Richard Chelimo – Kenya	47:06	Albina Galliamova – Russia	53:44
1991	Carl Thackery – Great Britain	46:25	Jill Hunter – Great Britain	51:57
1990	Chris Fox – USA	47:06	Lisa Weidenbach – USA	53:28
1989	Brian Sheriff – Zimbabwe	46:43	Lisa Weidenbach – USA	52:34
1988	J.P. Ndasienga – Belgium	47:33	Anne Audain – New Zealand	52:36
1987	Jon Sinclair – USA	46:48	Lisa Martin – Australia	52:23
1986	Thom Hunt – USA	46:15	Rosa Mota – Portugal	53:09

# ALL-TIME CHAMPIONS

All Time Champions				
Year	Male Winner	Time	Female Winner	Time
1985	Simeon Kigen – Kenya	46:24	Lisa Weidenbach – USA	53:30
1984	Simeon Kigen – Kenya	47:25	Rosa Mota – Portugal	54:16
1983	Greg Meyer – USA	46:13	Eleanor Simonsick – USA	54:46
1982	Terry Baker – USA	49:29	Eleanor Simonsick – USA	58:16
1981	Bill Rodgers – USA	47:17	Laurie Binder – USA	56:44
1980	Bill Rodgers	47:09	Anne Sullivan – USA	55:34
1979	Bill Rodgers – USA	48:00	Aileen O’Connor – USA	56:02
1978	Bill Rodgers – USA	48:57	Jenifer White – USA	56:35
1977	Dan Rincon – USA	49:44	Julie Shea – USA	56:08
1976	Carl Hatfield – USA	49:09	Julie Shea – USA	57:04
1975	Carl Hatfield – USA	51:47	Julie Shea – USA	59:55
1974	Jack Mahurin – USA	50:50	Carol Fridley – USA	1:02:41
1973	Sam Bair – USA	51:22	Kathrine Switzer – USA	1:11:19

## 5K RUN

While the idea of having a “fun run” traces all the way back to the first event in 1973, when the fun run was two miles long, it wasn’t until 2006 that the 5K Run-Walk was upgraded from an untimed run to a fully timed and scored event.

All Time Champions				
Year	Male Winner	Time	Female Winner	Time
2025	Zachary Prescott	15:13	Julia Fenerty	17:03
2024	Jonathan Ladson	16:09	Casey Greenwalt	18:14
2023	Johan Fagerberg	15:03	Casey Greenwalt	18:12
2022	Evan Fallor	16:05	Christina Burbach	21:08
2021	Rob Halliday	18:38	Jocelyn Kelley	19:49
2019	Jose Donato	18:24	Madeline Hanley	21:08
2018	Logan Yu	16:05	Hibah Abuhamdich	20:24
2017	Iber Gonzales Vidals	17:58	Lisa Gallagher	21:15
2016	Sylvain Clarenne (30)	18:31	Melanie Nakagawa (35)	22:47
2015	Dylan Eddinger (18)– Bally, PA	17:02	Ashley Kollme (32)– Washington, DC	18:29
2014	Nathan Davis (13) – Frederick, MD	17:58	Jessica McGuire (33) – Arlington, VA	20:34
2013	Nathan Davis (12) – Frederick, MD	17:22	Maggie Brill (36) – Pottstown, PA	19:43
2012	Barry Fischer (27) – Washington, DC	17:27	Win Persina (52) – Washington, DC	20:36
2011	Luke Holman (27) – McLean, VA	17:07	Nilda Cruz-Acevedo (47) – Laurel, MD	19:07
2010	Mitchell Lango (26) – Washington, DC	18:32	Britton Miller (30) – Arlington, VA	19:03
2009	Mitchell Lango (26) – Washington, DC	19:17	Marjorie Censer (26) – Arlington, VA	21:05
2008	Guy Cipolla (30) – Elmendorf AFB, AK	18:00	Erin Burlovich (27) – Chevy Chase, MD	21:34
2007	Daniel Bennett (36) – Dunkirk, MD	18:37	Erin Burlovich (26) – Chevy Chase, MD	20:42
2006	Michael Stanton-Geddes (24) – Washington, DC	17:54	Mary Margaret Peter (15) – Virginia Beach, VA	21:48

# PAST WINNERS' NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Over the years, a victory at the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Run has proven to be a stepping stone to success at the Boston Marathon shortly thereafter. And some Cherry Blossom victors have gone on to Olympic success in the same year. The table below lists Cherry Blossom winners who have distinguished themselves at the Boston Marathon and/or Olympic Games.

Boston Marathon Champions			
Men			
Name	Country	Won Cherry Blossom	Won Boston
Bill Rodgers	USA	'78, '79, '80, '81	'75, '78, '79, '80
Greg Meyer	USA	'83	'83
Lelisa Desisa	ETH	'11	'13, '15
Women			
Name	Country	Won Cherry Blossom	Won Boston
Rosa Mota	POR	'84, '86	
Lisa Weidenbach	USA	'85, '89, '90	'85
Lidiya Grigoreyeva	RUS	'06	'07
Teyba Erkesso	ETH	'07	'10
Caroline Rotich	KEN	'13	'15

Olympic Medalist				
Name	Country	Won Cherry Blossom	Medal	Event
Rosa Mota	POR	'84	3rd, '84; 1st, '88	Marathon
Richard Chelimo	KEN	'92	2nd, '92	10,000m
Lisa Martin	AUS	'97	2nd, '88	Marathon
Elana Meyer	RSA	'01	2nd, '92	10,000m
Isabella Ochichi	KEN	'04	2nd, '04	5,000m



It's hard to compete with Bill Rodgers' four Cherry Blossom and four Boston Marathon wins, but Rosa Mota's three Boston wins and two Olympic medals may take the prize.

# RETURNING AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

2026 Age Group	Age	First Name	Last Name	Hometown
Women 55-59	55	Hilary	Cairns	Washington, DC



Stumpy, the tree that gave rise to a mascot, is a legend that stems from tales of resiliency and endurance.  
(Photo Credit: NBC News)

# CAPITOL HILL COMPETITION

The Capitol Hill Competition at the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile started in 2002 and is organized for Members of Congress and their staff, who compete against each other within the broader Credit Union Cherry Blossom race. The Capitol Hill Competition is made possible by the support of the Congressional Federal Credit Union, the United States Senate Federal Credit Union, and America’s Credit Unions. This year there will be a total of 113 teams, with 50 teams from the Senate, 24 from the House of Representatives, and 3 representing federal agencies.



The Congressional Cup goes every year to the fastest team on the U.S. House and Senate sides combined. In 2024, the cup went to the team of Massachusetts Senator Ed Markey. They ran under the name of “Markey On Your Left”.  
(Photo Credit: Brian Kapur)

Display Name/Team Name	Employing Office
Budget Recovery	Congressional Budget Office
Model Runners	Congressional Budget Office
Run Models Not Miles	Congressional Budget Office
Team CAO	Chief Administrative Officer
603-RUN-NERS	Rep. Annie Kuster
Carperdiem	Rep. Shri Thanedar
Chukar Cherry Blossoms	Rep. Gluesenkamp Perez
Dean Team	Rep. Madeleine Dean
Foster Than You	Rep. Bill Foster
Fox Trotters	Rep. Ami Bera
Going Going Gonzales	Rep. Tony Gonzales
Grit & Grace	Rep. Jim Himes

# CAPITOL HILL COMPETITION

Display Name/Team Name	Employing Office
HoulaTeam	Rep. Chrissy Houlahan
Josie and the Charlie Cats	Rep. Mike Quigley
Motion To Run for it	Rep. Ro Khanna
Rayburn Runners	Rep. Troy Balderson
Reclaiming Our Time	House Financial Services Committee
Red Rock Running Club	Rep. Susie Lee
Rolling Blackouts	Rep. Ken Calvert
Run Forest(er) Run!	House Committee on Natural Resources
Sprinting Saguaros	Rep. Raul Grijalva
Team Bonamici	Rep. Suzanne Bonamici
Team BWC	Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman
The Gavel Masters	Rep. Steve Womack
The Lloyd Joggetts	Rep. Lloyd Doggett
TriadAthletes	Rep. Kathy Manning
Wile E Coyote & the RailRunner	Rep. Stansbury
America's Schatz Talent	Sen. Brian Schatz
Best Virginia	Senate Energy Committee
Bookin it with Booker	Sen. Cory Booker
Cardin Cruisers	Sen. Ben Cardin
Casablanca	Senate Budget Committee
Country Roadsters	Sen. Joe Manchin III
Cow Crown	Sen. Angus King
Cruz Control	Sen. Ted Cruz
DAINESger Zone	Sen. Steve Daines
Difi's Desert Tortoises	Sen. Dianne Feinstein
Fighthouse	Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse
Fueled by Tuna Melts	Sen. Mark Warner
Green Hot Chile Peppers	Sen. Martin Heinrich
Heinrich Maneuver	Sen. Martin Heinrich
HERE COMES THE BLUME!!!!	Sen. Richard Blumenthal
Hirono HiRunnerz	Sen. Mazie K. Hirono
Hit Me With Your Best Schatz	Sen. Brian Schatz
Hoosier Hustle	Sen. Mike Braun
It's Good To Be First (State)	Sen. Chris Coons
Joggers for James	Sen. James Lankford
Jon's Joggers	Sen. Jon Tester
King's Mustache Milers	Sen. Angus King
Last Best Pace	Sen. Jon Tester
Marcathon	Sen. Marco Rubio
Markey On Your Left	Sen. Edward J. Markey
Merkley Milers	Sen. Jeff Merkley

# CAPITOL HILL COMPETITION

Display Name/Team Name	Employing Office
Motor City Marathoners	Sen. Gary Peters
Murphy's Lawmakers	Sen. Chris Murphy
OmniRuns	Senate Appropriations Committee
On Your Markey!	Sen. Edward J. Markey
Peak Blume	Sen. Richard Blumenthal
Racing Cowboys	Sen. Cynthia Lummis
Ready Set Dirigo!	Sen. Susan Collins
Ready Set Dirigo!!	Sen. Susan Collins
Ready Set Dirigo!!!	Sen. Susan Collins
Reed's Rangers	Sen. Jack Reed
Space Racers	Sen. Mark Kelly
Speedy Padillas	Sen. Alex Padilla
Team Baldwin	Sen. Tammy Baldwin
Team Durbin	Sen. Richard Durbin
Team Sinema	Sen. Kyrsten Sinema
The Burger Kings	Sen. Angus King
Tillis Track Club	Sen. Thom Tillis
U Can Run But U Cant HydeSmith	Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith
Van Hooligans	Sen. Chris Van Hollen
Van Hooligans II	Sen. Chris Van Hollen
Vermonters	Sen. Peter Welch
West Coasters	Sen. Alex Padilla
Yes We Kaine	Sen. Tim Kaine
You just got Welch'd	Sen. Peter Welch



# CAPITOL HILL RESULTS

The Capitol Hill Competition at the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile started in 2002 and is organized for Members of Congress and their staffs, who compete against each other within the broader Credit Union Cherry Blossom race. It is sponsored by the Congressional Federal Credit Union and the United States Senate Federal Credit Union, with support from America’s Credit Unions.

The table below lists the winning Senate and House of Representatives teams since 2002 (times listed represent the sum total of the three fastest times among as many as 11 team members):

## WINNING SENATE AND HOUSE TEAMS

Senate Teams		House Teams	
Team Name/Office	Time	Team Name/Office	Time
<b>2025</b>			
Markey On Your Left Senator Ed Markey	3:15:08	The Dean’s Team Representative Hal Rogers	3:08:49
<b>2024</b>			
Markey On Your Left Senator Ed Markey	3:25:42	Undersea Running Club Representative Joe Courtney	4:01:23
<b>2023</b>			
Last Best Place Senator Jon Tester	3:32:32	Red Rock Running Club Representative Susie Lee	3:29:58
<b>2022</b>			
It’s Good to be First (State) Senator Chris Coons	3:37:58	Legitimate Winning DisCourse Representative Mike Levin	3:54:50
<b>2021</b>			
Merkeley Milers/ Senator Jeff Merkeley	3:54:26	Live Laugh Larson Representative John Larson	4:40:53
<b>2019</b>			
Bourne to Run Senate Intelligence Committee	3:33:18	Red White and Blumenauer Representative Earl Blumenauer	3:52:21
<b>2018</b>			
Heinrich Maneuver Senator Martin Heinrich	3:21:18	Model Runners Congressional Budget Office	3:00:34
<b>2017</b>			
All the Kings Men Senator Angus King	3:21:35	Red, White and Blumenauer Representative Earl Blumenauer	3:18:15
<b>2016</b>			
Carper Diem Senator Tom Carper	3:21:21	Red, White and Blumenauer Representative Earl Blumenauer	3:18:43
<b>2015</b>			
Carper Diem Senator Tom Carper	3:13:58	Red, White and Blumenauer Representative Earl Blumenauer	3:06:42

# CAPITOL HILL RESULTS

Senate Teams		House Teams	
Team Name/Office	Time	Team Name/Office	Time
<b>2014</b>			
Minnesota Nice and Fast Senator Amy Klobuchar	3:23:46	White Cheddar Shredders Representative Peter Welch	3:23:50
<b>2013</b>			
Foreign Relaytions Senate Energy Committee	3:30:03	Red, White and Blumenauer Representative Earl Blumenauer	3:18:24
<b>2012</b>			
Too Extreme for Colorado Senator Michael Bennet	3:21:14	Red, White and Blumenauer Representative Earl Blumenauer	3:31:38
<b>2011</b>			
Running Back Home Again Senator Richard Lugar	3:35:36	Red, White and Blumenauer Representative Earl Blumenauer	3:46:23
<b>2010</b>			
Team Frenzi Senator Michael Enzi	3:39:32	Stark Running Mad Representative Peter Stark	3:42:56
<b>2009</b>			
Run lo-way With Me Senate Agriculture Committee	3:54:01	Markey's Glacial Pacers Representative Edward Markey	3:31:15
<b>2008</b>			
Ken's Salad Bar Senator Ken Salazar	3:26:43	Red, White and Blumenauer Representative Earl Blumenauer	3:43:03
<b>2007</b>			
Crapo Couch Potatoes Senator Mike Crapo	3:25:03	Project Blue Hen Representative Mike Castle	3:46:46
<b>2006</b>			
Crapo Couch Potatoes Senator Mike Crapo	3:30:37	Green Milers Representative Mark Green	3:15:48
<b>2005</b>			
Team Frenzi Senator Michael Enzi	3:49:51	Green Milers Representative Mark Green	3:25:15
<b>2004</b>			
Couch Potatoes Senator Mike Crapo	3:07:28	The Green Monsters Representative Mark Green	3:51:37
<b>2003</b>			
Murray's Milers Senator Patty Murray	3:40:37	Team Ryan Representative Tim Ryan	3:49:52
<b>2002</b>			
Murray's Milers Senator Patty Murray	3:28:34	Dancing Homers	3:57:26

# PAST USATF 10 MILE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Credit Union Cherry Blossom will host the men's and women's USATF 10 Mile Championship for the fourth year in a row on Sunday, April 12, 2026. This will be the seventh time one or more of the USATF 10 Mile Championships have been hosted by CUCB race organizers: the women's championships were part of the 2013 event, Cherry Blossom hosted the men's and women's championships in 2014, 2021, 2023 for the 50th anniversary, 2024 and again last year.

Last year's event was record breaking as Charlie Hicks crushed the course with a 45:14 time to win the championship and Alex Maier came in second place, setting the men's American record in 45:15. The women's results superseded the men as Taylor Roe cruised to a World's Best record in 49:53. The prize purse for Americans was \$21,800 plus bonuses for records set and time bonuses for the men who ran sub-46 minutes and women who ran sub-52 minutes.

The event in 2024 welcomed a blistering field as Hillary Bor defended his championship title in route to also breaking his own American Record set in 2023 by 16 second with a time of 45:56. The prize purse for Americans totaled \$42,600, and American runners placing in the top-10 overall were eligible to receive both open and American only prize money. Time bonuses were also offered for the men who ran a sub-46 minutes and women who ran sub-52 minutes.

The 2023 USATF 10 Mile Championships was highlighted by Hillary Bor's previous record setting time of 46:11. By setting the American 10 Mile Record, Bor took home a \$50,000 bonus in addition to his winnings as the first place American. The prize purse totaled \$63,000 for both men and women and offered possible time bonuses if a man ran sub-46:00 and a woman ran sub-52:00 as well as the additional \$50,000 for a world and/or American record. American runners who placed in the top-10 overall were also eligible to receive both open and American-only prize money.

The 2021 USATF 10 Mile Championships Presented by Toyota were held in conjunction with the one-time-only fall running of the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile. The prize pool for the 2021 USATF 10 Mile Championships totaled \$26,000 for men and women, while also offering an additional \$10,000 bonus if a man or woman broke the American Records of sub-45:54 or sub-51:23 respectively. One other bonus for victory in the 2021 USATF 10 Mile Championships – the top American man and woman each earned a spot on Team USA for the 2022 World Athletics Half Marathon Championships, to be held in Yangzhou, China, on November 13, 2022.

When the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile hosted both the men's and women's USATF 10 Mile Championships in 2014, Janet Bawcom set an American women's-only record of 52:12 – a time which Cherry Blossom race committee member Keira D'Amato lowered to 51:23 in November 2020 in an elite-only, women's-only pop-up event called the Up Dawg Ten Mile in DC's Anacostia Park. While the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile has offered a prize purse for elite runners of all nationalities since 1984, the 2013 USATF Women's 10 Mile Championships marked the first time race organizers introduced a separate prize purse of \$14,400 for American women. When the Men's 10 Mile championships were added to the slate in 2014, so, too, was an additional \$14,400 for the American men's prize purse.

Participants in the Women's Championships started 12 minutes before the men so performances would be eligible for ratification as women's-only records.

# PAST USATF 10 MILE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2025 USATF 10 Mile Championships				
Place Among Americans	Men	Time	Women	Time
1	Charles Hicks	45:14	Taylor Roe	49:53
2	Alex Maier	45:15	Emma Grace Hurley	51:04
3	Biya Simbassa	45:23	Fiona O'Keeffe	51:49
4	Hillary Bor	45:30	Aubrey Frentheway	51:58
5	Aidan Reed	45:48	Annie Frisbie	52:10
6	Joe Klecker	46:08	Carrie Elwood	52:23
7	Drew Hunter	46:16	Molly Bookmyer	52:23
8	Daniel Mefsun	46:18	Emily Venters	52:55
9	Aferweki Zeru	47:03	Susanna Sullivan	53:01
10	Joey Berriatua	47:16	Amy Davis-Green	53:36

2024 USATF 10 Mile Championships				
Place Among Americans	Men	Time	Women	Time
1	Hillary Bor	45:56	Emily Durgin	51:26
2	Nathan Martin	46:00	Rachel Smith	51:40
3	Biya Simbassa	46:17	Annie Frisbie	52:01
4	Teshome Mekonen	46:33	Jacqueline Gaughan	54:02
5	Andrew Colley	46:38	Elena Hayday	54:18
6	Jacob Thomson	47:45	Tristin van Ord	54:31
7	S. Kipchirchir,	47:45	Molly Huddle	55:08
8	Sam Chelanga	47:49	Sydney Bowman	55:54
9	Ben Kendell	47:54	English Tomlinson,	56:00
10	Cody Baele	47:58	Carter Norbo	56:40

2023 USATF 10 Mile Championships				
Place Among Americans	Men	Time	Women	Time
1	Hillary Bor	46:11	Sara Hall	52:37
2	Abbabiya Simbassa	47:09	Nell Rojas	52:38
3	Jacob Thomson	47:27	Emma Hurley	52:41
4	Matthew McClintock	47:30	Molly Grabill	52:42
5	John Dressel	47:32	Amber Zimmerman	53:05
6	Emmanuel Bor	48:14	Susanna Sullivan	53:25
7	Colin Bennie	48:18	Carrie Verdon	53:35
8	Joel Reichow	48:53	Jessa Hanson	53:47
9	Tyler Jermann	49:19	Jeralyn Poe	54:41
10	Blaise Ferro	50:33	Breanna Sieracki	55:52

# PAST USATF 10 MILE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 2021 USATF 10 Mile Championships

Place Among Americans	Men	Time	Women	Time
1	Abbabiya Simbassa	46:18	Nell Roja	52:13
2	Augustus Maiyo	46:23	Jenny Simpson	52:16
3	Reed Fischer	46:59	Annie Frisbie	52:26
4	Frank Lara	47:13	Sara Hall	52:43
5	Shadrack Biwott	47:35	Carrie Verdon	52:51
6	Joel Reichow	47:36	Diane Nukuri	53:23
7	Elkanah Kibet	47:39	Amy Davis	54:23
8	Chris Derrick	47:42	Susanna Sullivan	54:37
9	John Raneri	47:43	Bria Wetsch	54:38
10	Noah Droddy	47:47	Madeline Alm	54:41

## 2014 USATF 10 Mile Championships

Place Among Americans	Men	Time	Women	Time
1	Christo Landry	46:41	Janet Bawcom	52:12
2	Girma Mecheso	47:21	Sara Hall	52:54
3	Mo Trafteh	47:27	Frances Koons	54:30
4	Ben Bruce	47:33	Susanna Sullivan	54:31
5	Tim Young	47:45	Brianne Nelson	54:33
6	Matt Tegenkamp	47:57	Jen Rhines	54:38
7	Joseph Gray	48:04	Heather Cappello	54:40
8	Tyler McCandless	48:21	Meghan Peyton	54:42
9	Ian Burrell	48:42	Sara Slattery	55:14
10	Lucas Meyer	48:45	Blake Russell	55:26

## 2013 USATF Women's 10 Mile Championships

Place	Name	Time
1	Janet Bawcom	53:28
2	Brianne Nelson	54:01
3	Sarah Crouch	54:15
4	Kellyn Johnson	54:19
5	Jen Rhines	54:54
6	Katie DiCamillo	55:19
7	Heather Cappello	55:31
8	Ladia Albertson Junk	55:32
9	Stephanie Pezzullo	56:13
10	Clara Grandt	56:40

# ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

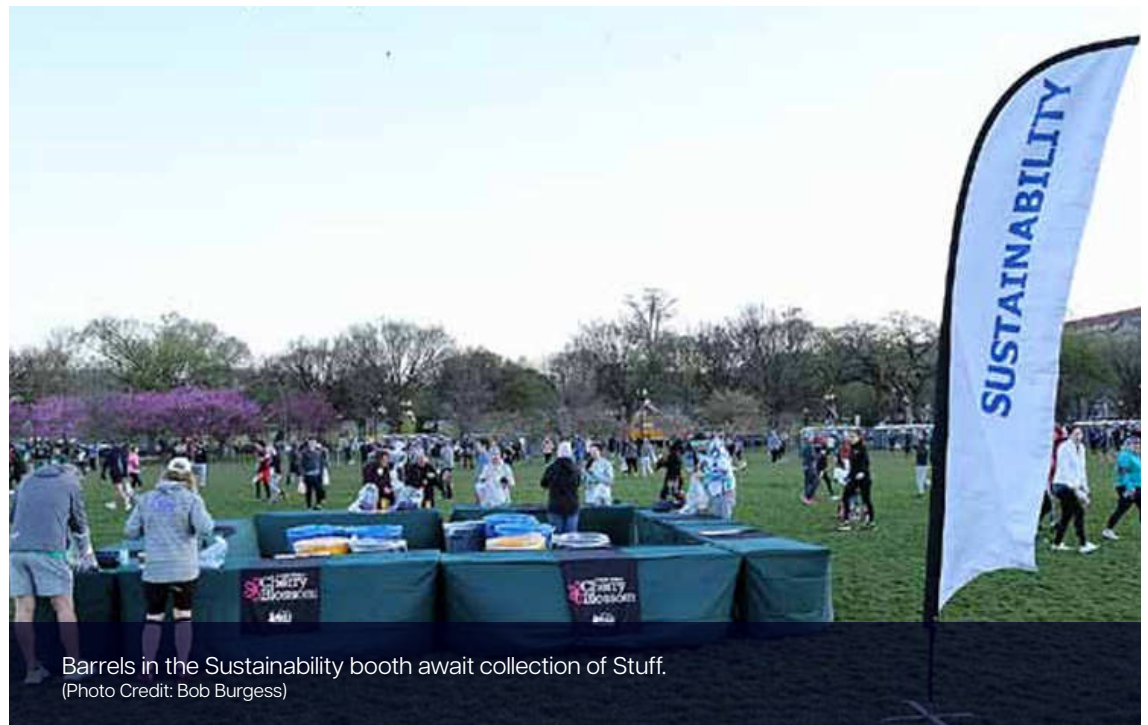
The Credit Union Cherry Blossom has a long history of reducing its environmental footprint and expanding its positive social impacts.

Race organizers first identified Children’s National Medical Center as the race’s charitable beneficiary in the mid-1990s, and the focus on raising money for Children’s Miracle Network hospitals continues to this day. They also work with under-represented groups and non-profit organizations, such as Teens Run DC (<http://www.teensrunc.org/>), to reduce barriers to participation in the event.

Since 2011, race organizers have been working with the Council For Responsible Sport (<http://www.councilforresponsiblesport.org>) to quantify the results of their environmental and social efforts through the Council’s certification program. Following three consecutive biennial certifications by the group—Silver in 2011 and 2013, Gold in 2015—in 2017, the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Run was invited to participate in a new program called Inspire. The Council’s Inspire events represent the pinnacle of achievement and stand as an example and inspiration to others.

Inspire event status is awarded by invitation to events that have achieved multiple certifications from the Council, with the intention of recognizing the legacy that sporting events committed to sustainability and thoughtful resource management provide to their audiences and communities. Inspire certified events are required to provide important sustainability metrics and are expected to share their story with fellow event organizers. Inspire event organizers are also asked to mentor other Council-affiliated events on aspects of their responsible sport program.

Sustainability highlights from the 2015 Credit Union Cherry Blossom Run can be found here: ([http://cherryblossom.org/images/2016/2015\\_Sustainability\\_Report\\_web.pdf](http://cherryblossom.org/images/2016/2015_Sustainability_Report_web.pdf)).



Barrels in the Sustainability booth await collection of Stuff.  
(Photo Credit: Bob Burgess)

# SOCIAL MEDIA RACE AMBASSADORS

The Credit Union Cherry Blossom Social Media team is responsible for keeping the event's runners, volunteers, sponsors and supporters informed and engaged throughout the year on Facebook, X, Instagram and TikTok.

Part of the social media promotion of the race involves our race ambassador program. It's an opportunity for everyday runners to share their experiences with the thousands of followers on Credit Union Cherry Blossom's social media channels. These goodwill ambassadors receive a race entry as well as gear from sponsors like ASICS, they participate in training programs and more, in exchange for the ambassadors sharing their experiences on their social media platforms.

The Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile selected four runners to be the 2026 Credit Union Cherry Blossom Race Ambassadors Team. We welcome our new race ambassadors: **Daniel Cao, Katie Dallimore, Amy Gomes** and **Emily Waddell**. These individuals will spend the next few months telling the world all about their race experiences on social media platforms like Facebook, X, Instagram, TikTok and their blogs. Our Race Ambassadors get free entry into the race, apparel from our race sponsors, and invites to all of our VIP events. We will be selecting CUCB 2027 Ambassadors after the 2026 race – applications will open in August 2026!

Be sure to follow CUCB on Facebook, X and Instagram to get the latest information about the race and see posts and updates from the race ambassadors!

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/CreditUnionCherryBlossom>

**X:** <https://twitter.com/CUCB>

**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/cucb/>

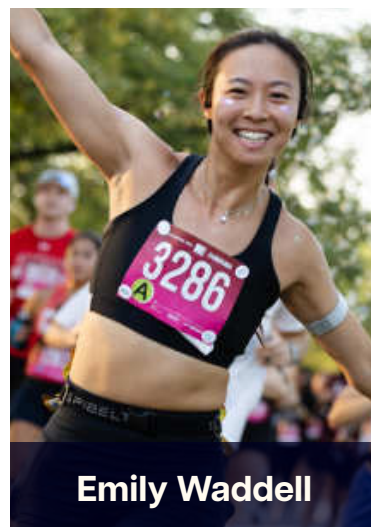
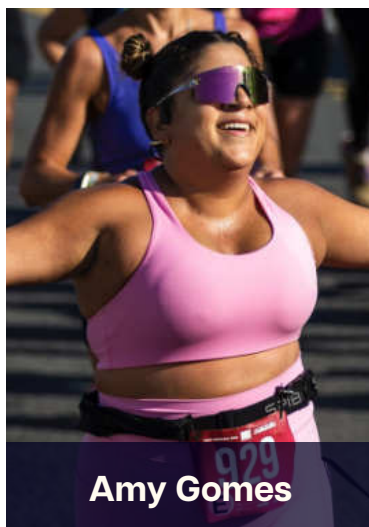
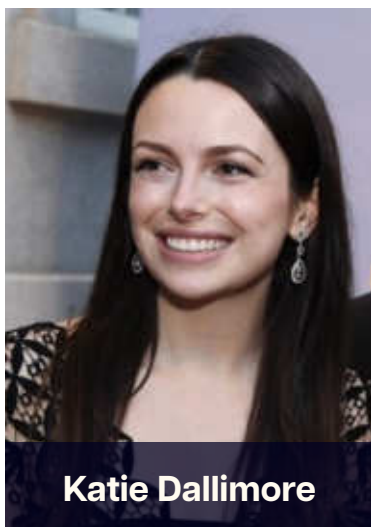
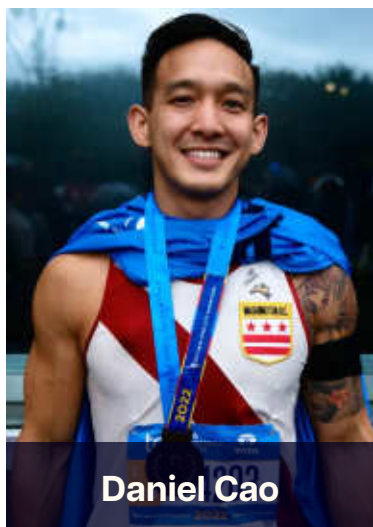
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# CHARITY DONATIONS

Each year, the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile in Washington, D.C. brings together credit unions from across the country with a shared vision of fundraising and helping children. One very effective fundraising program is the Charity Race Entry program.

With a field limit of 17,000 established by the National Park Service and selected by lottery, not everyone who wants to run is accepted through the lottery process. So, each year a limited number of Charity Race Entrants gain entry by raising a minimum of \$500 for the Children’s Miracle Network.

In 2025, Charity Donations totaled \$460,000, including \$190,000 from race entry donations, the highest amount raised by participants ever.

The event also funds two \$5,000 Road Runners Club of America “Roads Scholar” grants designed to support up-and-coming U.S. distance running talent (<http://www.rrca.org/programs/roads-scholars/>).



Credit Union Miracle Day CEO John Bratsakis (center) and the CUMD team celebrate the \$460,000 in charity raised by the race in 2025. (Photo Credit: Bob Burgess)

# CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK DONATIONS



Credit Union Miracle Day, Inc. has been the organization behind the title sponsorship of the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile since 2002. Dedicated to fundraising to benefit Children's Miracle Network, the fundraising effort has generated over \$12 million dollars as of the 2025 race.



Credit Union Cherry Blossom Kids Run 2025.  
(Photo Credit: Bob Burgess)

# 2025 CREDIT UNION CHERRY BLOSSOM ELITE ATHLETE RESULTS

## MEN'S OPEN AWARD WINNERS

1	Charles Hicks	23	Eugene, OR	00:45:14	\$6,000
2	Alex Maier	24	Chapel Hill, NC	00:45:15	\$3,000
3	Biya Simbassa	31	Flagstaff, AZ	00:45:23	\$2,500
4	H. Bor	35	Colorado Springs, CO	00:45:30	\$1,500
5	Wesley Kiptoo	25	KEN	00:45:55	\$1,000
6	Aidan Reed	27	Boulder, CO	00:45:58	\$600
7	Peter Lynch	27	IRL	00:45:59	\$500
8	Patrick Dever	28	GBR	00:46:05	\$400
9	Joe Klecker	28	Longmont, CO	00:46:08	\$300
10	Drew Hunter	27	Boulder, CO	00:46:16	\$200
11	Daniel Mesfun	37	Flagstaff, AZ	00:46:18	
12	Tsegay Tuemay	29	ERI	00:46:56	
13	Afewerki Zeru	27	Flagstaff, AZ	00:47:03	
14	Marcelo Laguera	29	MEX	00:47:09	
15	Joey Berriatua	29	Boulder, CO	00:47:16	
16	F. Zienasellassie	32	Flagstaff, AZ	00:47:24	
17	S. Kipchirchir	36	Colorado Springs, CO	00:47:34	
18	Hirotsugu Yoshikawa	26	JPN	00:47:34	
19	Tom Brady	24	Park Ridge, IL	00:47:38	
20	C. Stimpfel	25	Rochester Hills, MI	00:47:48	
21	Sam Chelanga	40	Fayetteville, NC	00:47:49	
22	Joel Reichow	31	St Paul, MN	00:47:50	
23	James Mwaura	26	Tacoma, WA	00:48:01	
24	Nick Hauger	28	Flagstaff, AZ	00:48:13	
25	A. Whiting	24	Indianapolis, IN	00:48:44	

## TOP TEN AMERICAN MEN

1	Charles Hicks	23	Eugene, OR	00:45:14	\$10,000
2	Alex Maier	24	Chapel Hill, NC	00:45:15	\$5,000
3	Biya Simbassa	31	Flagstaff, AZ	00:45:23	\$2,500
4	H. Bor	35	Colorado Springs, CO	00:45:30	\$1,000
5	Aidan Reed	27	Boulder, CO	00:45:58	\$800
6	Joe Klecker	28	Longmont, CO	00:46:08	\$600
7	Drew Hunter	27	Boulder, CO	00:46:16	\$500
8	Daniel Mesfun	37	Flagstaff, AZ	00:46:18	\$400
9	Afewerki Zeru	27	Flagstaff, AZ	00:47:03	\$300
10	Joey Berriatua	29	Boulder, CO	00:47:16	\$200

## MEN'S TOP LOCAL FINISHERS

1	Cameron Miller	30	Washington, DC	00:48:48
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# 2025 CREDIT UNION CHERRY BLOSSOM ELITE ATHLETE RESULTS

## WOMEN'S OPEN AWARD WINNERS

1	Taylor Roe	24	Raleigh, NC	00:49:53	\$6,000
2	Adane Anmaw	21	ETH	00:51:00	\$3,000
3	Emma G. Hurley	27	Indianapolis, IN	00:51:04	\$2,500
4	Fiona O'Keeffe	26	Durham, NC	00:51:49	\$1,500
5	Aubrey Frentheway	25	USA	00:51:58	\$1,000
6	Annie Frisbie	28	Hopkins, MN	00:52:10	\$600
7	Carrie Ellwood	31	Boulder, CO	00:52:23	\$500
8	Molly Bookmyer	34	Columbus, OH	00:52:42	\$400
9	Emily Venters	25	Salt Lake City, UT	00:52:55	\$300
10	Susanna Sullivan	34	Reston, VA	00:53:01	\$200
11	Amy Davis-Green	28	USA	00:53:36	
12	Makena Morley	28	Bozeman, MT	00:54:00	
13	Jessa Hanson	26	Johnson City, TN	00:54:20	
14	Rachel Ward	35	USA	00:54:25	
15	Elena Hayday	25	Bloomington, MN	00:54:43	
16	Anne-Marie Blaney	31	USA	00:55:30	
17	Veronica Eder	30	Narberth, PA	00:55:52	
18	Danielle Polerecky	30	Flagstaff, AZ	00:55:55	
19	Katy Presley	29	Cincinnati, OH	00:56:07	
20	Tessa Barrett	29	Arlington, VA	00:56:34	
21	Judi Spinks	28	Stafford, VA	00:56:43	
22	Ann Centner	33	Memphis, TN	00:57:28	
23	Caroline Garrett	23	USA	00:57:31	
24	Helena Lindsay	25	Boulder, CO	00:57:46	
25	Hannah Betman	33	Baltimore, MD	00:58:16	

## TOP TEN AMERICAN WOMEN

1	Taylor Roe	24	Raleigh, NC	00:49:53	\$10,000
2	Emma Grace Hurley	27	Indianapolis, IN	00:51:04	\$5,000
3	Fiona O'Keeffe	26	Durham, NC	00:51:49	\$2,500
4	Aubrey Frentheway	25	USA	00:51:58	\$1,000
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8	Emily Venters	25	Salt Lake City, UT	00:52:55	\$400
9	Susanna Sullivan	34	Reston, VA	00:53:01	\$300
10	Amy Davis-Green	28	USA	00:53:36	\$200

## WOMEN'S TOP LOCAL FINISHERS

1	Susanna Sullivan	34	Reston, VA	00:53:01
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# 2025 CREDIT UNION CHERRY BLOSSOM 10 MILE AGE GROUP RESULTS

## MEN'S

Age Group	Place	Name	Age	Hometown	Official Time	Age Grade
01-19	1	Syuta Taguchi	19	Kawasaki, JPN	00:49:55	0.877
	2	Theodore Hwang	17	Arlington, VA	01:00:42	0.727
	3	Ivan Panov	18	Alexandria, VA	01:01:20	0.714
20-24	1	Charles Hicks	23	Eugene, OR	00:45:14	0.967
	2	Alex Maier	24	Chapel Hill, NC	00:45:15	0.967
	3	Tom Brady	24	Park Ridge, IL	00:47:38	0.919
	4	Andrew Whiting	24	Indianapolis, IN	00:48:44	0.898
	5	Joseph Minor-Williams	24	Minneapolis, MN	00:48:47	0.897
25-29	1	Wesley Kiptoo	25	KEN	00:45:55	0.953
	2	Aidan Reed	27	Boulder, CO	00:45:58	0.952
	3	Peter Lynch	27	IRL	00:45:59	0.951
	4	Patrick Dever	28	GBR	00:46:05	0.950
	5	Joe Klecker	28	Longmont, CO	00:46:08	0.949
30-34	1	Biya Simbassa	31	Flagstaff, AZ	00:45:23	0.964
	2	Futsum Zienasellassie	32	Flagstaff, AZ	00:47:24	0.923
	3	Joel Reichow	31	St Paul, MN	00:47:50	0.915
	4	Cameron Miller	30	Washington, DC	00:48:48	0.897
	5	Graham Crawford	32	USA	00:48:50	0.896
35-39	1	Hillary Bor	35	Colorado Springs, CO	00:45:30	0.968
	2	Daniel Mesfun	37	Flagstaff, AZ	00:46:18	0.959
	3	S. Kipchirchir	36	Colorado Springs, CO	00:47:34	0.930
	4	Leonard Korir	38	Colorado Spgs, CO	00:48:52	0.914
	5	Christopher Bourke	37	Oakton, VA	00:52:28	0.846
40-44	1	Sam Chelanga	40	Fayetteville, NC	00:47:49	0.946
	2	Christopher Sloane	41	Reston, VA	00:52:17	0.872
	3	Steve Mance	40	Washington, DC	00:53:02	0.853
	4	Nicolas Crouzier	40	Gaithersburg, MD	00:53:59	0.838
	5	Adam Otstot	42	Williamsburg, VA	00:54:00	0.851
45-49	1	Tom Dichiarra	47	Garrett Park, MD	00:54:48	0.874
	2	Sean Nagorny	45	Kitty Hawk, NC	00:57:52	0.814
	3	Wilson Komen	47	Washington, DC	00:58:10	0.823
	4	Steve Monnier	48	Catonsville, MD	00:58:17	0.829
	5	Nathan Campeau	46	Denver, CO	00:59:04	0.804
50-54	1	Jason Tripp	52	Columbia, MD	00:59:22	0.842
	2	Danny Muehlschlegel	51	Baltimore, MD	00:59:38	0.831
	3	Alan Dixon	53	Takoma Park, MD	00:59:42	0.845
	4	Hasan Hobbs	51	North Potomac, MD	01:01:17	0.808
	5	David Kent	52	Arlington, VA	01:01:37	0.811
55-59	1	Kevin Smith	55	Mississauga, ON	00:57:29	0.893
	2	Paul Thompson	59	Cold Spring, NY	01:00:01	0.887
	3	Tim Meigs	58	Raleigh, NC	01:00:21	0.874
	4	Alexander Hetherington	57	Vienna, VA	01:03:27	0.824
	5	Wilco Lagendyk	59	Vienna, VA	01:05:36	0.812
60-64	1	Mario Zuniga	60	Front Royal, VA	01:03:04	0.852
	2	Jeffrey Brune	60	Omaha, NE	01:03:21	0.848
	3	Hernan Garbini	63	Charlottesville, VA	01:04:24	0.859
	4	Rob Bowen	60	Herndon, VA	01:05:12	0.824
	5	Ed Wilson	62	Ellicott City, MD	01:05:19	0.839

# 2025 CREDIT UNION CHERRY BLOSSOM 10 MILE AGE GROUP RESULTS

## MEN'S CONT'D

Age Group	Place	Name	Age	Hometown	Official Time	Age Grade
65-69	1	Jeff Duyn	65	Garrett Park, MD	01:03:58	0.882
	2	John Hale	67	Menlo Park, CA	01:07:50	0.848
	3	Chris Doyle	67	Irvine, CA	01:09:51	0.824
	4	Christopher Ryan	66	Washington, DC	01:10:52	0.804
	5	Michael Kearney	69	Mt Airy, MD	01:11:09	0.825
70-74	1	Peter Merrill	70	Bethesda, MD	01:09:45	0.851
	2	David Wild	70	Washington, DC	01:12:03	0.824
	3	Bill Loomis	70	Montgomery County, MD	01:12:34	0.818
	4	Marvin Pace	71	McLean, VA	01:13:05	0.821
	5	Luther Isaac	71	Bowie, MD	01:16:18	0.786
75-79	1	Ben Harvie	78	Kemah, TX	01:28:53	0.753
	2	Bill Salazar	78	Glendale, AZ	01:37:28	0.686
	3	Eric Melby	76	Bethesda, MD	01:38:27	0.655
	4	Dave Diaz	76	Pueblo, CO	01:41:05	0.637
	5	John D'Elia	76	Oakton, VA	01:42:47	0.627
80-85	1	Harold Rosen	82	Potomac, MD	01:42:35	0.715
	2	Michael Zielinski	80	Chevy Chase, MD	01:58:40	0.588
	3	Laughlin Whalen	80	Fresh Meadows, NY	02:16:41	0.511

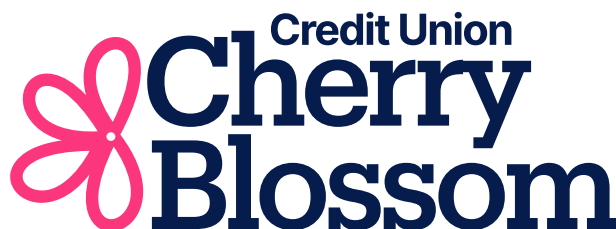
## WOMEN'S

Age Group	Place	Name	Age	Hometown	Official Time	Age Grade
01-19	1	Jane Smith	19	Chapel Hill, NC	01:02:27	0.792
	2	Ocean Mayer	19	Washington, DC	01:10:52	0.698
	3	Lilly Tinker	19	Washington, DC	01:11:10	0.695
20-24	1	Taylor Roe	24	Raleigh, NC	00:49:53	0.983
	2	Adane Anmaw	21	ETH	00:51:00	0.961
	3	Caroline Garrett	23	USA	00:57:31	0.852
	4	Morgan Lee	23	Arlington, VA	00:58:25	0.839
	5	Ryann Helmers	24	Alpharetta, GA	00:58:48	0.833
25-29	1	Emma Grace Hurley	27	Indianapolis, IN	00:51:04	0.960
	2	Fiona O'Keeffe	26	Durham, NC	00:51:49	0.946
	3	Aubrey Frentheway	25	USA	00:51:58	0.943
	4	Annie Frisbie	28	Hopkins, MN	00:52:10	0.940
	5	Emily Venters	25	Salt Lake City, UT	00:52:55	0.926
30-34	1	Carrie Ellwood	31	Boulder, CO	00:52:23	0.937
	2	Molly Bookmyer	34	Columbus, OH	00:52:42	0.938
	3	Susanna Sullivan	34	Reston, VA	00:53:01	0.932
	4	Anne-Marie Blaney	31	USA	00:55:30	0.885
	5	Veronica Eder	30	Narberth, PA	00:55:52	0.878
35-39	1	Rachel Ward	35	USA	00:54:25	0.910
	2	Diane Neubauer	36	Ambler, PA	00:58:33	0.850
	3	Jenny Simpson	38	USA	00:59:27	0.844
	4	Laurel le Moigne	39	Springfield, VA	00:59:35	0.847
	5	Rachel Cluett	37	Garrett Park, MD	01:00:06	0.831
40-44	1	Cindy Anderson	41	Chesapeake Beach, MD	00:59:35	0.857
	2	Kristin Lemos	43	Bethesda, MD	01:03:01	0.822
	3	Jilane Petrie	41	Washington, DC	01:03:27	0.805
	4	Julia Siegel Breton	41	Richmond, VA	01:03:35	0.803
	5	Kristin Woodward	42	Washington, DC	01:04:08	0.802

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## WOMEN'S CONT'D

Age Group	Place	Name	Age	Hometown	Official Time	Age Grade
45-49	1	Sara Giroto	49	Wynnewood, PA	01:05:32	0.837
	2	Briana Boehmer	46	Boulder, CO	01:06:12	0.803
	3	Meg Ryan	45	Takoma Park, MD	01:07:54	0.776
	4	Shaina Donahue	45	Arlington, VA	01:09:17	0.760
	5	Elyshia Oracki	46	Washington, DC	01:10:36	0.753
50-54	1	Hilary Cairns	54	Washington, DC	01:08:27	0.850
	2	Kaari Linask	50	Rockville, MD	01:08:29	0.810
	3	Laura Zeilinger	52	Washington, DC	01:08:50	0.826
	4	Lisa Levin	50	Gaithersburg, MD	01:09:58	0.793
	5	Shinobu Kusakabe	54	Kensington, MD	01:12:11	0.806
55-59	1	Rongkui Zhu	55	Chantilly, VA	01:09:48	0.844
	2	Shannon Smith	59	Washington, DC	01:12:33	0.854
	3	Alisa C Harvey	59	Manassas, VA	01:13:24	0.844
	4	Amanda Marks	56	Lafayette, CO	01:13:31	0.811
	5	Ilona Jaspers	56	Carrboro, NC	01:13:40	0.810
60-64	1	Julia Varble	62	Henrietta, NY	01:15:59	0.848
	2	Margarita Brose	62	Arlington, VA	01:17:21	0.833
	3	C. Morganti	60	Severna Park, MD	01:19:18	0.792
	4	Jill Skelly	61	Huntington, NY	01:19:49	0.797
	5	Martha Merz	62	Annapolis, MD	01:20:46	0.798
65-69	1	Erica Rubenstein	66	Potomac, MD	01:14:40	0.913
	2	Jennifer P Macdonell	68	Ottawa, ON	01:15:36	0.928
	3	Amy Subar	69	Potomac, MD	01:17:12	0.922
	4	Mary Catherine Malin	65	Arlington, VA	01:19:47	0.842
	5	Susan Spencer	65	Whitinsville, MA	01:22:13	0.817
70-74	1	Nora Cary	70	Morristown, NJ	01:10:20	1.0274
	2	Stacy Nigrelli	70	Pittsburgh, PA	01:22:27	0.876
	3	Lee Catella	72	Oneonta, NY	01:25:55	0.867
	4	Geri Clifford	72	Rye, NH	01:26:38	0.860
	5	Char Cooper	74	Noblesville, IN	01:32:46	0.829
75-79	1	Dee Boeck	75	Lawrence, KS	01:40:49	0.775
	2	Jane Serues	77	North Myrtle Beach, SC	01:41:58	0.793
	3	Alice Franks	76	Rockville, MD	01:42:45	0.773
	4	Linda Studley	75	Shreveport, LA	01:46:58	0.731
	5	Janet Marano	77	Reston, VA	01:50:41	0.731
80-84	1	Pat Welch	80	Reston, VA	01:50:23	0.781
	2	Cheryl Kohut	80	Cold Spring, NY	01:59:47	0.720
	3	Muffet Chatterton	80	Crofton, MD	02:05:11	0.689





# BEST 5K RACE

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# WINNER

# 2025 CREDIT UNION CHERRY BLOSSOM 5K AGE GROUP RESULTS

## MEN'S

Age Group	Place	Name	Age	Hometown	Official Time	Age Grade
01-14	1	Conrad Baumgartner	13	Washington, DC	00:18:21	0.756
	2	Calvin Ridge	13	Berwyn Heights, MD	00:19:18	0.719
	3	Ezra Galloway	13	New York, NY	00:19:26	0.714
15-19	1	William Stappert	16	Baltimore, MD	00:15:52	0.827
	2	Tyson Wyllie	19	Burke, VA	00:16:53	0.761
	3	Marcus King	19	Alexandria, VA	00:18:00	0.714
20-24	1	Lisandro Berry Gaviria	23	Arlington, VA	00:15:39	0.821
	2	Justin Gutkowski	22	Saunderstown, RI	00:17:10	0.749
	3	T. de Carbonnieres	23	Washington, DC	00:18:04	0.712
25-29	1	Zachary Prescott	28	Arlington, VA	00:15:12	0.845
	2	Jason Fambrough	29	Mission, KS	00:15:39	0.821
	3	Edward Wang	28	New York, NY	00:16:16	0.790
30-34	1	Tom Gijselinck	33	Washington, DC	00:16:03	0.806
	2	Jack Butler	31	Washington, DC	00:16:11	0.796
	3	Jonathan Ladson	33	Woodbridge, VA	00:16:11	0.800
35-39	1	Paul Loeser	35	Washington, DC	00:15:52	0.823
	2	Andrew Varble	38	Rochester, NY	00:18:01	0.740
	3	Robert Nagel	35	Reston, VA	00:18:30	0.706
40-44	1	Richard Wilson	40	Fairfax, VA	00:16:29	0.822
	2	Michael Metzger	43	Tempe, AZ	00:18:43	0.740
	3	Tighe Flanagan	40	Washington, DC	00:18:48	0.720
45-49	1	Terry Beacom	48	Tarentum, PA	00:17:57	0.801
	2	Jeffrey Duckworth	47	Alabaster, AL	00:19:18	0.739
	3	Clark Ridge	45	Berwyn Heights, MD	00:19:19	0.728
50-54	1	Garland Days	54	Portland, OR	00:17:47	0.849
	2	James Galloway	53	New York, NY	00:19:20	0.775
	3	Ted Sheppy	53	Edgemere, MD	00:20:40	0.725
55-59	1	Alexander Hetherington	57	Vienna, VA	00:18:16	0.847
	2	Christopher Smith	59	Woburn, MA	00:20:17	0.776
	3	Michael Rufino	59	Pleasantville, NY	00:20:25	0.771
60-64	1	Doug Mitchell	64	Silver Spring, MD	00:19:41	0.835
	2	Lee Woolley	62	Washington, DC	00:21:59	0.735
	3	Alejandro Macedo	60	McLean, VA	00:22:36	0.702
65-69	1	Henry Wigglesworth	67	Washington, DC	00:19:36	0.863
	2	Guthrie Nutter	65	Washington, DC	00:25:53	0.641
	3	Robert Fritz	67	Bethesda, MD	00:26:05	0.648
70-74	1	Daniel Laurizio	71	Berthoud, CO	00:25:11	0.701
	2	Jim Windsand	74	Meridian Charter, MI	00:26:47	0.689
	3	Fred Harlan	71	Clayton, MO	00:27:33	0.641
75-79	1	Dave Diaz	76	Pueblo, CO	00:28:22	0.673
	2	Joseph Pierce	78	Mechanicsburg, PA	00:33:16	0.596
	3	Jeff Gingold	77	Bainbridge Island, WA	00:33:53	0.574
80-84	1	Spencer Leitman	81	Rockville Centre, NY	00:42:24	0.502
	2	Jeff Darman	81	Kennett Square, PA	00:42:38	0.499
	3	Hermann Oberkofler	82	Bethesda, MD	00:45:08	0.483
85-89	1	Bailey St. Clair	86	Glen Arm, MD	00:52:58	0.466

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## WOMEN'S

Age Group	Place	Name	Age	Hometown	Official Time	Age Grade
01-14	1	Audrey Bocian	12	Arlington, VA	00:20:55	0.785
	2	Victoria Baumgartner	11	Washington, DC	00:21:23	0.786
	3	Lily Herrington	13	Fairfax, VA	00:21:54	0.734
15-19	1	Verna Mae Lange	18	Boonton, NJ	00:21:51	0.677
	2	Abigail Rumschlag	17	Hilliard, OH	00:23:12	0.645
	3	Anika Rai	19	Silver Spring, MD	00:24:05	0.612
20-24	1	Julia Fenerty	23	Franklin, MA	00:17:03	0.865
	2	Sophia Maynard	24	Washington, DC	00:18:07	0.814
	3	Ingrid Skogum	21	Oslo, NOR	00:19:29	0.757
25-29	1	Emily Blundo	26	Boston, MA	00:19:08	0.771
	2	Andrea Squeri	26	Rockville, MD	00:19:34	0.753
	3	Casey Greenwalt	29	Arlington, VA	00:19:38	0.751
30-34	1	Sabrina Zator	30	Arlington, VA	00:17:38	0.836
	2	Michelle Navarro	33	Red Bank, NJ	00:18:04	0.818
	3	Mandy Kraft	31	Arlington, VA	00:19:01	0.775
35-39	1	Nilani Duarte	37	Fairfax, VA	00:18:15	0.819
	2	Kristin Johansen	38	Santa Fe, NM	00:18:25	0.814
	3	Meghan Matejka	38	Littleton, CO	00:19:13	0.780
40-44	1	Sara Flynn-Loy	42	Mebane, NC	00:19:43	0.777
	2	Jilane Petrie	41	Washington, DC	00:20:12	0.7544
	3	Maria Da C Andrade Lomba	42	High Point, NC	00:22:03	0.695
45-49	1	Amanda Cabe	46	Bethesda, MD	00:21:39	0.731
	2	Bonnie O,Ã Shields	46	Georgetown, TX	00:21:49	0.725
	3	Christine Richmond	46	Washington, DC	00:22:10	0.714
50-54	1	Julia Taylor	53	Arlington, VA	00:23:44	0.718
	2	Lisa Watts	52	Kerrville, TX	00:23:50	0.707
	3	Cheryl Boylan	53	Cary, NC	00:24:13	0.704
55-59	1	Sunny Jiang	57	Irvine, CA	00:21:35	0.827
	2	Terry Hendricks	57	Coronado, CA	00:22:43	0.786
	3	Tomoko Ashizuka	55	Silver Spring, MD	00:24:01	0.726
60-64	1	Wendy White	64	Lafayette, CO	00:23:00	0.846
	2	Marsha Demaree	60	Marriottsville, MD	00:24:17	0.762
	3	Laura Folk	63	Houston, TX	00:24:25	0.787
65-69	1	Pamela Bedrock	65	Nashville, TN	00:24:44	0.797
	2	Deborah Dyer	66	Punta Gorda, FL	00:25:16	0.790
	3	Deb Thomford	67	Rochester, MN	00:27:38	0.732
70-74	1	Claudia Wolfe	73	Alexandria, VA	00:28:58	0.759
	2	Weijiang Huang	70	Kalamazoo, MI	00:31:13	0.675
	3	Alicia Garcia	74	Frederick, MD	00:34:10	0.653
75-79	1	Mitzi Ash	79	Ocean Pines, MD	00:34:31	0.698
	2	Robin Tannous	79	Macungie, PA	00:35:45	0.673
	3	Kathryn Dansky	78	Lafayette, CO	00:37:32	0.632
80-84	1	Pat Welch	80	Reston, VA	00:33:06	0.740
	2	Muffet Chatterton	80	Crofton, MD	00:37:03	0.661
	3	Linda Percy	82	Reisterstown, MD	00:49:09	0.520
85-89	1	Thelma Russell	86	Springfield, VA	01:05:37	0.434

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## RUNNING CLUB TEAMS

### Co-ed Masters Running Club

1	<b>GRC-Tracksmith Masters</b> Dickson Mercer, Charlie Ban, Whitney Heavner	2:57:13
2	<b>=PR=DC Elite Mixed Masters</b> Christopher Sloane, Wilson Komen, Elena Orlando, Matt Barnes, Jenny Northup	2:58:37
3	<b>Masters of the Dojo</b> Joshua Sohn, Jonathan Tamari, Elliot Norman, Bradley Klapper, Richard Edson, Tatsuhiko Osada, Eric Schulze, Janet Whittaker, Michelle Behrens, Ian Hoffman, Florence Kondylis, Alan Pemberton, Brian Savitch, Lydia Pellicciaf	3:12:04
4	<b>DC Road Runners - Masters</b> Joseph Fisher, Kenneth Strazzeri, Kam Yee, Shannon Smith, Kate Scott, Steven Peterson, Ken Simler, Mark Bourgeois, David Webber, Noriko San, Gina Gil, Jenny Werwa, Kelly Fisher, Bengal Richter	3:25:08

### Education

1	<b>North Grounds Track Club Blue Team</b> Melia Chittenden, Zachary Zelenak, Sofia McGraw, Daisy Yu, Shekina Medalla	3:44:24
2	<b>North Grounds Track Club Orange Team</b> Samuel Ellis, Delaney Sniffen, Victoria White, Tanner Stewart, Erik Jenks	4:03:10
3	<b>UVA Hoo,Äôs in Bloom</b> David Aramony, Walker Freer, Liz Albertine, Juan Kassar	4:07:01

### Corporate

1	<b>Urban Legends!</b> Theodore Maginn, Brendan Chen, Judah Axelrod, Annie Rosenow, Kameron Lloyd	3:45:28
2	<b>Center for American Progress Long Distance Libs</b> Jacob Jordan, Megan Shahi, Adam Conner, Sanjana Bettadpur	3:48:38
3	<b>Marriott #1</b> John Andrews, Joel Gichinga, Tad Asbury, Annie Kowieski	4:08:11
4	<b>Marriott #2</b> Stuart Koltov, Nassieve Miller, Kathryn Kilburg, James Snee	4:30:02
5	<b>Marriott #4</b> Mark Griffin, Ryan Cenac, Patrice Dodson, Katie Calver	5:39:55

### Credit Union

1	<b>NASA FCU Dragonfly</b> Jacob Rupard, Shawn Kyle, Klaus Johnson, Mira Panek, Denise Knickman	3:19:31
2	<b>NASA FCU Davinci</b> Heather Sisan, Theo Muench, Charles Hudson	3:58:45

### Government

1	<b>Capitol Gainz</b> Danielle Sumner, Ted Hattemer-Maier, Anthony Iozzo	3:30:38
2	<b>NSF Cruisers 2</b> Gregory Dudley, David Berkowitz, Maggie Capocci	4:16:58
3	<b>Running Economists Sprinting through Splendid Cherry blossoms</b> Gregor Schwerhoff, Rafael Machado Parente, Marina Mendes Tavares, Sandra Baquie, David Koll	4:32:43

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## Capitol Hill Agency

1	<b>Medicare Pavement Advisory Commission (Medicare Payment Advisory Commission)</b> Dante Domenella, Andy Johnson, Stuart Hammond, Stephanie Cameron	3:34:29
2	<b>Run Models Not Miles (Congressional Budget Office)</b> Nicholas Abushacra, Jared Jageler, Jack Lynch, Emily Vreeland, Grace Watson	3:51:29
3	<b>Make it to the Baseline (Congressional Budget Office)</b> Daniel Page, Griffin Young, Emilia Oliva, Joyce Shin	4:19:43
4	<b>The Pacing Challengers (U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission)</b> Michael Castellano, Graham Ayres, Jack Neubauer, Cindy Zheng, Zoe Merewether	4:31:30

## CAPITOL HILL COMPETITION

### U.S. House

1	<b>The Dean's Team (Rep. Hal Rogers)</b> Casey Trias, Grace Vandegrift, Scotty Davids, Andrew George, William Tener	3:08:49
2	<b>In-N-Out Laws (Rep. Ken Calvert)</b> Trevor Smith, Danny Hartl, Chandler Smith, Jack Lincoln	3:41:38
3	<b>Tidal 26 (Joint Committee on Taxation)</b> Jeremy Lent, David Splinter, Lillian Aston, Caitlin Hird	3:47:56
4	<b>The Coastal Elites (Rep. Mike Levin)</b> Nathan Dancher, Eileen Lee, Amanda Shafer, Alison Feinswog	3:51:13
5	<b>Schrier Flyers (Rep. Kim Schrier)</b> Michael Streitz, Kevin Mendez-Tucker, Hunter Wade	4:10:29
6	<b>Mean Cause We're From New England (Rep. Jim Himes)</b> Sean Oneil, Kaleigh Calvao, Haraden Bottomley	4:12:30
7	<b>Meagle? Meagle. (Rep. Seth Moulton)</b> Emerson Jacobson, Caroline Jones, Katie Donahue	4:13:11
8	<b>Earth Wind and Beyer (Rep. Don Beyer)</b> Chris Nguyen, Nathaniel Dullea, William Jackson Krug, Grace Brightbill, Carter Forinash	4:13:27
9	<b>Undersea Running Club (Rep. Joe Courtney)</b> Ryan Tomscheck, Caroline Sagristano, Owen McGeary, Jarrett Crossgrove, Audrey Courtney	4:17:53
10	<b>Track and Trahan (Rep. Lori Trahan)</b> Dylan Irlbeck, Jack Kelly, Dylan Gratiano, Hannah Franco, Juliette Chandler	4:18:59
11	<b>Pallone Pacers (House Energy and Commerce Committee)</b> CJ Young, Daniel Chulak, Victoria Bonney, Emma Roehrig	4:20:20
12	<b>The Poor Sportsmen (Rep. Linda Sanchez)</b> Adam Russell, Sarah Skirmont, Rylan Gray	4:23:34
13	<b>Middle Steppers (House New Democrat Coalition)</b> Avinash Maniam, Philip McLaughlin, Ethan Gunnlaugsson, Martin Glusker, Mana Shooshtari	4:25:01
14	<b>Energy &amp; Carmines (Rep. Frank Pallone)</b> Liam Fitzsimmons, Tuley Wright, Tiffany Guarascio	4:25:16
15	<b>Bynumite (Rep. Janelle Bynum)</b> Ryan Blue, Jack Wetzal, Josie Ansbacher, Isabel Root	4:26:03
16	<b>Rhode Runners (Rep. Seth Magaziner)</b> Xavier Zapata, Kyra Whitelaw, Emily Mercado	4:34:22

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17	<b>Running Waters (Rep. Maxine Waters)</b> James Cokorinos, Elsie Guerra, Diego Jauregui	4:37:01
18	<b>PDX Pacers (Rep. Suzanne Bonamici)</b> Brian Coen, Nick Owen, Natalie Crofts, Emily Hopkins, Allie Pearce	4:40:21
19	<b>Foster Than You (Rep. Bill Foster)</b> Jacob Vurpillat, Kimberly Soffen, Mackenzie Kuhl	4:40:59
20	<b>2 Frank 2 Furious (House Energy and Commerce Committee)</b> Lydia Abma, Will McAuliffe, Shana Beavin, Keegan Cardman, Johanna Thomas	4:45:58
21	<b>Raising the Barr (Rep. Andy Barr)</b> Jamie Johnson, Hans Hellmann, Megan Gultinan	4:56:44
22	<b>Team Liccardo (Rep. Sam Liccardo)</b> Andrew Barillas, Tim del Monico, Ella Khorov	4:57:02
23	<b>Running Doggetts of Slays and Means (Rep. Lloyd Doggett)</b> Mark Rickling, Jillian Smith, Sara Engelhard	5:07:25
24	<b>Dad Dashers (Rep. Jimmy Gomez)</b> Kana Smith, Benjamin Kane, Claire Denault	5:17:36
25	<b>The Notorious A.B.C. Runners (Rep. Hakeem Jeffries)</b> Wayne Keith, Elizabeth Sheldon, Josephine Amusa	5:34:34

## U.S. Senate

1	<b>Markey On Your Left (Sen. Ed Markey)</b> Alex Sharp, Mack Reynolds, Ellyssa Jeong, Julia Spagnola, Carina Fish	3:15:08
2	<b>Here Comes the BLOOM (Sen. Richard Blumenthal)</b> Caitlin Warner, Sean McSpirit, Collin Anderson, Madeline Daly, Devyn Hebert	3:33:44
3	<b>Heinrich Maneuver (Sen. Martin Heinrich)</b> Russell Page, Katherine Broten, Tomas Gallegos, Hugh Bayard	3:37:36
4	<b>Cow Crown (Sen. Angus King)</b> Sawyer Nicholson, Charles Broutas, Margaret Parker, Lacy Nelson, Jeanette Cunningham	3:37:55
5	<b>Murphy's Lawmakers (Sen. Chris Murphy)</b> Bowen Peard, Harry Stein, Rebecca Drago, Jake Ecke, Peter Mills	3:40:08
6	<b>Can-run-wellia (Sen. Maria Cantwell)</b> Gabe Lopez, Erik Eykel, Kelly Fabian, Conrad Johnson	3:42:28
7	<b>REDACTED (Senate Select Committee on Intelligence)</b> Andrew Polesovsky, Anahita Dhungel, Dennis Wischmeier, Kasea Hamar	3:45:52
8	<b>The Chicago Loopers (Sen. Dick Durbin)</b> Josh Sorbe, Clarisol Duque, Jeff Hantson, Lily Wieringa	3:45:53
9	<b>Klobuchetahs (Sen. Amy Klobuchar)</b> Evan Grover, Julia Newman, Ally Gallant	3:51:33
10	<b>The Run Wydens (Sen. Ron Wyden)</b> Christopher Arneson, Geneva Wolfe, Rachel Lang, Jacob Egler	3:52:42
11	<b>Fueled by Tuna Melts (Sen. Mark Warner)</b> Zachary Golden, Taylor Durbin, Malcolm Fouhy, Beimnet Abraha, Shana Oshinskie	3:53:21
12	<b>Small Wonders (Sen. Chris Coons)</b> Chris Avila, James Barton, Lizzie Hunsaker, Emily Lugg, Maddie McComb	3:54:02

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13	<b>Canada's 11th Province (Sen. Peter Welch)</b> Shea Brokaw, Ben Ross, Lukas Kauth, Isabella Weston	4:00:26
14	<b>050 (Senate Appropriations Committee)</b> Gabriella Armonda, Jason McMahon, Ryan Pettit	4:02:01
15	<b>Hltailers (Sen. Brian Schatz)</b> Rika Kaneshige, Kai Garson-Shumway, Caitlin Lawrence	4:03:00
16	<b>Mount Runmore (Sen. John Thune)</b> Alex Sachtjen, Harrison Costello, Michael Finan, Jonathan Mack, Kaily Grabemann	4:04:58
17	<b>Time To Speed Up (Senate Environment and Public Works Committee)</b> Edward Higgins, Kara Allen, Peyton Mace, Elisabeth Carter, Matthew Bolden	4:09:09
18	<b>Peak BLOOMenthal (Sen. Richard Blumenthal)</b> Aidan Marick, Jonathan Walters, Kelly O'Keeffe, Lauren Cassella	4:10:16
19	<b>Congressionally Directed Running (Senate Committee on Appropriations)</b> Dan Turner-Evans, Jen Becker-Pollet, Maddie Dunn, Aaron Goldner, Maria Calderon	4:13:13
20	<b>Boozman's Rural Achievers - 1 (Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, &amp; Forestry)</b> Eric Slee, Trey Forsyth, Kate Covington	4:15:00
21	<b>Pure Michigan Pacers (Sen. Gary Peters)</b> Eli Schooley, Jack Metty, Julian Trevino, Brennan Sullivan	4:15:48
22	<b>Team Hoeven (Sen. John Hoeven)</b> Tony Eberhard, Jack Mehus, Joe Neal, Anna Scallon	4:16:47
23	<b>Speedy Padillas (Sen. Alex Padilla)</b> Ryan Murguia, Vanessa Valdivia, Kamille Morales	4:17:36
24	<b>Team Coast Guard (Sen. Rick Scott)</b> Amanda Klawinski, Jason Joll, Eric Gerken, Christina Sandstedt	4:18:30
25	<b>Schiff Happens (Sen. Adam Schiff)</b> Colin Kruse, Eric Merron, Ian Mariani, Stephanie Jackson, Christina Beros	4:19:46
26	<b>Mazie Musubis (Sen. Mazie Hirono)</b> Nicholas Kikuta, Natalie Hawkins, Cody Pacarro, Jade Rowland	4:20:28
27	<b>Office of Senator Rick Scott (Sen. Rick Scott)</b> Jack Hitchcock, McKinley Lewis, Fiona Zimmerman, Victor Andrew, Thomas Power	4:22:34
28	<b>REDACTED II (Senate Select Committee on Intelligence)</b> James Catella, Caroline Wadhams, Samantha Roberts	4:27:56
29	<b>Capito Hill Runners (Senate Environment and Public Works Majority Committee)</b> Jaret Fritts, Andrew Zach, Jared Jones, Dom Rupp	4:29:27
30	<b>West Coasters (Sen. Alex Padilla)</b> Danny Chin, Aidan McDonald, Jamie Carey	4:29:28
31	<b>Cant-run-wellia (Sen. Maria Cantwell)</b> Michael Burley, John Draxler, Rachel Boose, Kyrie Fairbairn	4:29:32
32	<b>Merkley Milers (Sen. Jeff Merkley)</b> Kat Abrams, Anirudh Srirangam, Conor Donlevy, Justin Krakoff, Oliver Williams	4:31:29
33	<b>Garden State Gazelles (Sen. Cory Booker)</b> Mitchell Smith, Mia Furtado, Susana Vazquez, Nicole Duque, Monica Schneider	4:31:59
34	<b>CORTEZ FASTOS (Sen. Cortez Masto)</b> Ian Graham, Scott Gruber, Christina McCauley	4:36:45

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35	<b>The HickenLappers (Sen. John Hickenlooper)</b> Tom Erb, Christine Chang, Hannah Geisman	4:39:11
36	<b>On Your Markey (Sen. Ed Markey)</b> Matt Sheffield, Eli Kramer, Abigail Riggs, Priya Punnoose	4:40:41
37	<b>Zia Zoomers (Sen. Ben Ray Lujan)</b> Seiichiro Nakai, Shelby Boxenbaum, Luc Chavez, Katie Mertens	4:51:41
38	<b>Country Roads, Running Home (Sen. Jim Justice)</b> Rebecca Blaine, Caroline Carter, William O'Grady	4:56:10
39	<b>Fitter Than Yinz (Sen. John Fetterman)</b> Curtis Newman, Sarah Boluda, Aria Austin, Nefetia Lundy	4:56:17
40	<b>DAINESger Zone (Sen. Steve Daines)</b> Mary Poston, Joshua Sizemore, Anisten Shute, Dan Gerig	4:57:38
41	<b>Ganbatte (Sen. Brian Schatz)</b> Henry Ross, Aria Grossman, Josh Fournier, Mauliola Harley Gonsalves	4:58:38
42	<b>Keep the Pace! (Sen. Raphael Warnock)</b> Rob Oldham, Josh Delaney, Madison Polk, Gabriella Vesey	5:02:51
43	<b>Cornfed &amp; Capitol-Bred (Sen. Deb Fischer)</b> Emma Hoffschneider, Zachary Wahab-Cheek, Tyler Kendall	5:03:09
44	<b>Schiff into High Gear (Sen. Adam Schiff)</b> Wesley Fink, Andrea Jimenez, Daniela Alvarado, Olivia Oo	5:03:21
45	<b>The Van Hooligans (Sen. Chris Van Hollen)</b> Leo Confalone, Francesca Amodeo, Sophia Hinds	5:06:57
46	<b>Make Some Illinoise (Sen. Richard Durbin)</b> Kieran Lawless, Sana Ajeena, Paul Ghiotto, James Floyd	5:09:15
47	<b>Cherry Capital Cruisers (Sen. Gary Peters)</b> Kate Leonard, Nicole Meservey, Rebecca Walker, David Hartzler	5:09:52
48	<b>Mount Run-Even-More (Sen. John Thune)</b> Kate Lundberg, Audrey Beck, Joey Brown, Nate Brecht	5:14:28
49	<b>Motor City Marathoners (Senate Committee on Homeland Security &amp; Governmental Affairs)</b> Christopher Sharer, Lauren Meininger, Joy Mosley, Peter Butkovich, Daniel Labonte	5:14:52
50	<b>Run Free or Die (Sen. Maggie Hassan)</b> Jed Bush, John Sousa, Olivia Howe, Sonja Woolley, Alice Chang	5:16:29
51	<b>Green New Steel (Sen. Ed Markey)</b> Izzy Duverge, Ali Reza-Reyes, Tom Collina, Katherine Morfill	5:17:48
52	<b>Radical Left Heel (Sen. Ed Markey)</b> Sade Nabahe, Eleni Neyland, Tara Wilson, Andrew Cohen, Ireland Lesley	5:21:29
53	<b>Cruzing Commerce (Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Technology)</b> Dean Legidakes, Hannah Hagen, Leticia Vega	5:27:08
54	<b>Capital Daines (Sen. Steve Daines)</b> Thompson Betts, Gabby Wiggins, Rachel Dumke	5:37:11

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## RUN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

### DMV Men

Place	Team Name Team Members	Time
1	<b>GRC</b> Cameron Miller, Zach Herriott, Jack Whetstone, Brian Rich, Campbell Ross, Terry Tossman, Zack Holden, Neil Saddler, Dylan Hernandez, Connor Rockett, Ian Denis, Ben Szuhaj, Connor Wooding, Robert Brook, Matthew Taddeo, Jason Putnam, Kevin Cory, Jerry Greenlaw, Sean O'Leary, Stuart Russell, Trevor Reed, John-Louis Pane, Mitchell Welter, William Looney	4:07:48
2	<b>The Dojo of Pain</b> Xavier Salvador, Ryan Leahy, Terry Williams, Jack Fitzhenry, Kenneth Marshall, Matthew Sarge, Chanon Tuntivate, Graham Tribble, Ian Hodge, Ben Healy, Ian Parker, Luke Cancilla, Matthew Ferro, Jacob Schwartz, Affan Ahmad, Ben Carper, Jacob Gaba, Zachary Byrum, Andrew Lee, Robert Morhard, James Grauel, Rithvik Malireddy, Brian Free, Michael Wurzbacher, Jacob Goodson, Yu Wu, Alex Tritell, Steven Wido, Ismael Torres Castrodad	4:25:55
3	<b>NOVA Running Club</b> Louis Levine, Christopher Bourke, Ryan Henderson, Eli Anish, Peyton Artz, Alex Markenzon, Johnny Rogers, Spencer Conti, Peter James, Joshua Singaas, Gregory Swiatocha, Erik Uribe, Stephen Bione, Skyler Moon, Drew Lefkof, Otis Peterson, David Cole, John Hall, Aaron Bee, Jaime Nunez, Philip Rector, John Wilson, Steven Weiss, Matthew Katcher, Dustin McDonald, Brian Oneill, James Cari, Darrell Arribas, Asit Nayak	4:25:55
4	<b>Light Horse Track Club</b> Jack Ikenbery, Scott Doescher, Mason Joiner, Alexis Giraudineau, Dmytro Yurchyk, Clayton Blose, James Luehrs, Chester Pruitt, Thomas Kelly, Chris Walizer, Nicholas Onorato, Derek Heeger, Josh Harris, Kevin Walther, Sergio Diaz, Mickey Sarafin	4:27:50
5	<b>Howard County Striders</b> Clark Otte, Carlos Renjifo, Jason Sammut, Adam Sachs, Kevin Ford, Nathaniel Dordai, Alexander Livernois, Paul Hugus, Jason Tripp, Jacob Englander, David Jun	4:33:06
6	<b>MCRRC</b> Nicolas Crouzier, Spencer Zidarich, Ricardo Cortes, Andrei Ridzel, Jacob Minin, Ian Morgan, Nicholas Blake, Jim Dahlem, Brett Ruff, Paul Lovell, James Allred, Hasan Hobbs, James Anderson, Tae Hyun Lee, Scott Andes, Bryan Rivera, Elvin Funez, Kevin D'Amanda, Bill McNary, Haider Salih, Yang Shen, Joel Wakesberg, John Shin, Tim Aydin, Bill Loomis, Shawn Silkensen, Max Wilson, Daniel Reichmann, Mark Adams, RJ Spalding, Jonathan Feldman, Eric London, Al Navidi, David Karp, Timothy Twilliger, Paul Dever, David Weigert, Andrew Harvan	4:35:20
7	<b>Capital Area Runners</b> Gregory Mariano, Cian Bell, Marty McCormick, Scott Davis, Jesse Contario, Matthew Whalen, Larry Grossman, Mohan Setty-Charity, Cameron Brien, James Hala, Nathan Napier	4:47:21
8	<b>DC Road Runners</b> Alexander Flagle, Steven Klug, Joseph Clingerman, Alan Dixon, Jonathan Kerby, Kevin Finnerty, Drake Platenberg, Adam Stolzberg, Steven Weirich, Dylan Mooers, Christopher Walsh, Jacob Stubbs, Martyn Smith, Brian Thomas, Robert Kelley	4:52:56

### DMV Women

Place	Team Name Team Members	Time
1	<b>GRC</b> Tessa Barrett, Cleo Whiting, Morgan Lee, Sarah Jonathan, McKenna Brownell, Alexandra Orr, Emily Konkus, Autumn Sands, Sydney Leiher, Chloe Connor, Erin Melly, Frankie Brillante	4:49:39

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2	<b>Light Horse Track Club</b> Judi Spinks, Natalie Daniels, Jillian Pollack, Anna Campbell, Sabrina Zator, Margaret Benny Klimek, Chelsea Bieber, Rachel Snyder, Liz Lauzon, Samantha Carr, Rayanne Luke, Kimberly Donohue, Laura Seifried, Chrissy Walizer, Elizabeth Karr	5:03:34
3	<b>The Dojo of Pain</b> Katherine Engel, Sarah Johaneck, Caryn Just, Brandy Leclair, Griffin Kaulbach, Alana O'Mara, Madeline Hartlieb, Emilie Johnson, Alexa Stern	5:12:49
4	<b>Howard County Striders</b> Hannah Betman, Kiri Michell, Samantha Merkel, Stephanie Reich, Clare McCabe, Joanne Lee, Miranda Sachs, Anastasia Stepanova, Jaclyn Harman	5:18:36
5	<b>MCRRC</b> Rachel Cluett, Margaret Sprock, Kristin Lemos, Monika Schneider, Jessica Frost, Meg Ryan, Kaari Linask, Melissa King, Lisa Levin, Liz Ozeki, Elise Garton, Holly Wittsack, Andrea Buchanan, Erica Singleton, Patricia L, Julie Sapper, Amy Subar, Jessica Wiking, Stephanie Staub, Arielle Kahn, Erica Barkei, Elizabeth Petraglia, Tanya Boris-Cass, Najat Bouchkouj, Katie Atha, Virginia Ruff, Andrea Larocca, Fanny Bondje-Jackson, Sheila Hall, Lindsey Chambers, Gabby Gilliam, Elena Heslop, Joy Chai, Yoshimi Greer, Karen Bourne, Valeria Carranza, Rupa Duttgupta, Whitney Lorraine, Bridget Fox, Maya Berman, Debra Prescott, Siwei Luo, Jeanna Coviello, Karen Kolivoski, Latayna Purnell	5:18:45
6	<b>NOVA Running Club</b> Eden Slater, Annalise Davis, Kaitlyn Ardrey, Taylor Jones, Lucy Unzicker, Kathryn Cowie, Rachel Reolfi, Caroline Bell, Melissa Garcia, Erin Swiatocha, Jamie Hite, Hannah Peng, Elizabeth Keim	5:21:43
7	<b>Capital Area Runners</b> Laurel le Moigne, Gabrielle McKenzie, Sally June Tracy, Sarah Whitworth, Bailey Wilson, Regina Black, Margarita Brose, Anya Vogel, Jessica Hawken	5:27:08
8	<b>DC Road Runners</b> Gaither Schneider, Sheryl Rosen, Natasha Smook, Hanna Useem, Sarah Comeau, Cheryl Warner, Quinn Burwell, Anne Coia, Raechel Bimmerle, Hillary Veals, Amanda Oudemans, Patricia Danielle-Kay	6:29:22
9	<b>DC Run Crew</b> Arielle Desir, Dajah Massey, Nicole Arnold, Andrea Harris, Esther Sangan, Mieya Timmons, Angel Dunbar, Dorothy Koch, Bonnie McIntyre	7:17:56
10	<b>The Night Club</b> Alexandria Smith, Sarah Ho, Cynthia Nguyen, Alondra Concepcion, Giovanna Chaves, Alondra Rivera, Samantha Robinson	9:02:59
11	<b>Slow Girls Run Club DC</b> Sarah Kanzaki, Sara Berman, Andrea Guth, Katherine Long, Emily Olin, Nettie Leepson, Darcia Datshkovsky, Megan Jones, Antonia Batha, Serena Thomas, Claire Nichols, Katie Hickey-Schaub, Andrea Becker, Amanda Jeziorski	9:08:01

## DMV Mixed

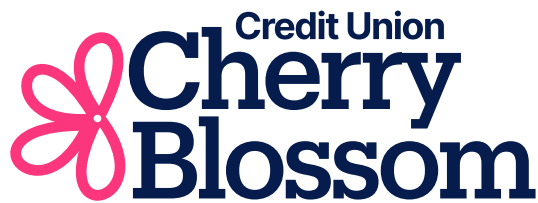
Place	Team Name Team Members	Time
1	<b>Northeast Track Club</b> Peyton Barish, Michael Hughes, Francis Ndaru, Jeremy Levine, Willis Chen, Connor Vicary, Nico Starr, Talia Spillerman, Brian Francis, Stephanie Rieger, Michael Blank IV, Christopher Ryan, Del Ivey, Karina Savchenko, Alex Kimmelman, Jess Harding, Matthew Skros, Melanie Cohan, Samantha Chessen, Liz Bierly, Steven Cisar, Roser Juanola, David Fucillo, Iwona Kesting, Patrick Reilly, Ian Cocroft, Louis York, Allison Haindfield, Mia Huang, Erin Cunningham, Elizabeth Schick, Meital Kupfer, Caroline Hutton	5:16:27

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2	<b>Clarendon Run Club</b> Liam Raehsler, Billy Hild, Grant McLean, Claire Sabin, Courtney Manzo, Alec Ferris, Monica Schell, Grace Harr, Oksana Osypenko, Rachel Yep, Michael Lynch, Jaren Herald, Heather Lam, Tiffany Justice, Allison Edwards, Robyn Palompo, Hope Bennett, Sydney Spevak, Isabella Abbott, Dana Gargano, Kaitlin Acton, Kathryn Thomas, Bri Bauer, Monika Blakely	5:27:46
3	<b>Endorphins Running</b> Alexander Paul, Andrew Finegan, David Robinson, Alanna McGill, Kate Tanner, Hemaka Priyanatha, Emily Scott, Brooke Laird, Emily Waddell, Morgan Limbaugh, Kunrui Peng, Joe Tribble, Alexsa Ruiz, Gordon Lucy, Lauren Donelan, Julia Bugos, Madison Sweitzer, Sloan Pyatt, Julia Barrow, Elizabeth Bender, Rachel Kaufman	5:45:59
4	<b>District Running Collective</b> Alexi Muhumure, Daphne Panayotatos, Joseph Wong, Sheridan Fuller, Jermaine Lowery, Lauren Brown, Jessica Miller, Yonas Michael, Delsean Barrow, Sarah Mosbacher, Kadeem Amahn, Jennifer Brim, Peter Knowlton, Amy Smith, Deanna Ware, Morgan Reams, Chris Cooper, Shani Nicholson, Melissa Kim, Sarah Coulter, Scott Bibbins, Chazi Diggs, Antwan Perry, Trenton Hardison, Lori Allan, Esinam Berchie, Shawn Gatlin, Jamicka Edwards, Alexis Glears, Marissa Brisker, Rashida Edmondson, Lauren Brownlee, Cheronda Young, Courtney Carter, Ashlie Jenkins, Kyra Sanders, Kamilah Oliphant	5:46:06
5	<b>I Run You Run</b> Andrew Dickson, Michael Englert, Miyah Shatz, Shunya Kuroda, Jake Esprabens, Emily Bateman, Jorge Chavez, Jacob Verga, Samantha Frenduto, Aaron Crownover, Wendy Ramirez, Miyun Kim, Sydney Guyton	5:49:07
6	<b>November Project DC</b> Joe Snowaert, Sarah Geren, Russell Vea, Griffin Brunk, Joanne Aron, Carrie Clowney, Alex Reed, Emma Israel, Jane Eyre, Barbara Simone	5:56:10
7	<b>Washington Running Club</b> Daniel Eisert, Daltyn Payne, Benjamin Stutts, Jordan Konig, Ryan Simethy, Henry Wade, Thomas Stevenson, Alina Korovatskaya, Sidney Ascher, Christine Hackman, Kathleen Beaudoin, James Scarborough, Liliana Zigo, Jason Balmuth, Vikrant Gokhale, Anna Weber, John Smilde, Harrison Welscher, Rachael Cohen	5:59:07
8	<b>DC Front Runners</b> Justin Gutkowski, Michael Lussier, Erich Huang, Brian Beary, Hunter Fleming, Jeremy Garrett, Landon Webber, Tim von Stetten, Garrett Hennigan, Thomas Knight, Craig Frucht, Andrew Barnett, Francisco Alvarez-Higareda, Josh Spencer, Lucjan Rostkowski-Covington, Matthew Yandrick, Grace Thompson, Mateus Scur Bridi, Farris Hill, Marc Faux, Fitz Doyle, Victor Salinas, Seth Kalish, Cat Stern, Mason Sigmon	6:00:57
9	<b>West End Run Club</b> Miles Murphy, Mary Lieb, Dave Nitkiewicz, Samuel Ascunce, Saquib Ahsan, Megan Farrell, Madeline Greathouse, Olivia Edgerton, Maureen O'Toole, Margarita Isaacs, Klara Zimmerman, Isabel Trumbull, Natalie Frontera, Cristian Diaz, Sarah Katsandres	6:10:08
10	<b>DC Capital Striders</b> Kayam Karnawat, Valerie Connaughton, Hannah Lozinski, Jai Thakor, Wylie Hardy, Phillip Brockamp, Grace Parente, Natalie Tocco	6:27:00
11	<b>Pacers</b> Nick Mai, Andrea Dobo, Adam Lowenstein, Tim Hughes, Jeremy Fuller, Drew Turro, Jennifer Miller, Nichole Smith, Lawrence Chhangte, Peyton Taylor, Danielle Rockelman, Elyse Braner, Christina Heifferon, Diana Schoder	6:33:52
12	<b>Every Person Run Club</b> Kris Sooklal, Sofia Zarate, Andrew Bittick, Bakal Asrat, Carl Ford, Daniel Schwei, Adnan Zamani, Michael Callow, Kaylea Baldus, Jacqueline Vallon, Hana S, Madeline Satin, Chrissy Shane, Sharon Schwei, James Harris, Christopher Lee	6:41:35
13	<b>Ballston Run Club</b> Nate Esteban, Christian Enguillado, Phuong Le, Estella Liu, Catie Neel, Christopher Nyiri	7:25:14

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14	<b>Reston Runners</b> Mark Colturi, Paul Durfee, Sergey Plotnitski, Tamara Durfee, Michael Luckeneder, Ethan Gardner, Rakelle Mullenix, Laura Hang	7:31:19
15	<b>Bricks Run Club</b> Kyle Eclevia, Martin Nguyen, Michael Sekyere, Adam Black, Neiko Lampkin, Joseph Azurin, Yasmine Vivar, Alicia Ramos, Jason Sekyere, Devyn Cooks	7:36:43
16	<b>Capitol Hill Running Club</b> Thomas Finnigan, Gregg Brinegar, Dan Riffle, Bianca Markovich, Gurpartap Sandhoo, Megan O'Connor	7:37:19



The CUCB 10 Mile comes alive with entertainment and cheering spectators lining the route—ready to hype up, motivate, and carry runners all the way to the finish.  
(Photo Credit: Dan Kolansky)

# CREDIT UNION CHERRY BLOSSOM BY THE NUMBERS

Category	2025	2024
Total dollars raised for Children's Miracle Network this year	\$450,000	\$550,000
Total dollars raised by participants for Children's Miracle Network	\$176,247	\$170,000
Total dollars raised for Children's Miracle Network since 2002	\$12,000,000	\$11,500,000
Carbon Offset Contribution	\$10,130	\$8,595
Total number of 10 mile finishers	19,660	17,559
Total number of 10M male finishers	8,484	7,490
Total number of 10M female finishers	11,082	10,011
Total number of 10M non-binary finishers	53	58
Percentage 10M male finishers	43.15%	42.41%
Percentage 10M female finishers	56.37%	57.26%
Percentage of 10M non-binary finishers	0.27%	0.33%
Total number of 5K finishers	7,225	6,960
Total number of 5K male finishers	2,553	2,407
Total number of 5K female finishers	4,616	4,526
Total number of 5K non-binary finishers	29	27
Percentage 5K male finishers	35.34%	34.58%
Percentage 5K female finishers	63.89%	65.03%
Percentage of 5K non-binary finishers	0.40%	0.39%
Total number of Double Blossom finishers	1,962	1,594
Total number of finishers in 1973 event	128	129
Total prize money earned by elite athletes	\$102,100	\$84,600
First place open male/female checks	\$6,000	\$6,000
First place U.S male/female checks	\$10,000	\$10,000
World or American Record Bonus	\$15,000	\$-
Last U.S. male champion and year	Alex Maier, 2025	
Last U.S. female champion and year	Taylor Roe, 2025	
Number of sponsoring Credit Unions and partners	70	70
Number of states represented	50	50

# CREDIT UNION CHERRY BLOSSOM BY THE NUMBERS

Category	2025	2024
Number of foreign countries represented	30	23
Number of volunteers	2,079	2,224
Number of app downloads	Not Available	16,523
Number of volunteers from Credit Unions	298	341
Average age of all 10M entrants	36.79	37.32
Average age of 10M female entrants	35.95	36.35
Average age of 10M male entrants	37.95	38.68
Average age of 10M non-binary entrants	31.07	30.85
Average age of all 5K entrants	36.19	36.84
Average age of 5K female entrants	36.37	36.63
Average age of 5K male entrants	37.25	37.29
Average age of 5K non-binary entrants	32.41	30.57
Youngest 10 mile finisher	10	5
Oldest 10 mile finisher	85	83
Youngest 5K finisher	6	4
Oldest 5K finisher	89	85
Kids Run Entrants	587	502
Virtual Run participants	Not Held	392
Number of Park Police Officers working the event	93	90
% White/Caucasian participants	61%	68%
% Asian/Pacific Islander participants	13%	12%
% Hispanic/Latino participants	10%	8%
% Black/African American participants	7%	6%
% Other race participants	4%	1%
% Mixed Race participants	5%	3%
% Native American participants	0.40%	.24%
% Unspecified	0%	1%

# INTERESTING RUNNER DATA

Browsing the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Run's all-time searchable database (<http://www.cblltimeresults.org>) reveals a treasure trove of interesting runner data: finish line details for every runner since 1973 are available, as are annual age group results. But the Top Charts tab is, perhaps, the most interesting—revealing lists of Top Streakers (consecutive runs) and Top Finishers (most total runs/miles).

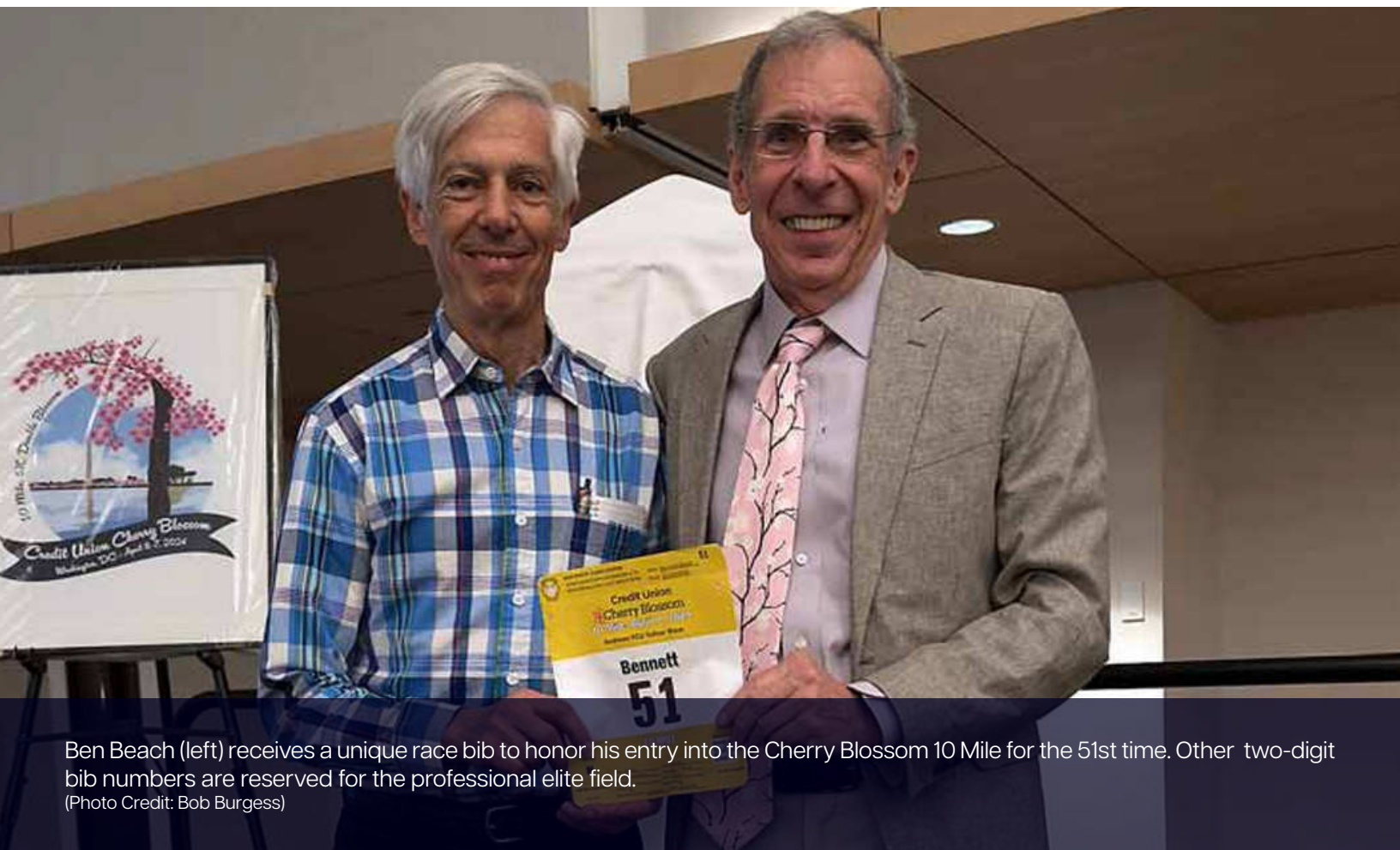
Here's a sample of the data you'll find: Bennet Beach, from Bethesda, Maryland, leads all Cherry Blossom finishers with an active streak of 52 years and 540 miles. Karen Craney, from North Potomac, Maryland, has the longest active streak among women with 22 years and 220 miles.

Betty blank, from Falls Church, Virginia, has run the race 36 times for a total of 360 miles, while Lizzie Sadoff, from Washington D.C., has run the race 39 times for a total of 390 miles.

All told, 19 men and 3 women have run the Ten Mile 30 or more times.

But membership in the Top Finishers or Top Streakers lists isn't limited to just Ten Mile runners. Ninety-five year-old Dixon Hemphill, from Fairfax Station, Virginia, has crossed a Credit Union Cherry Blossom finish line 31 times between 1978-2019, having run the Ten Mile 22 times and the 5K nine times for a total of 248 miles.

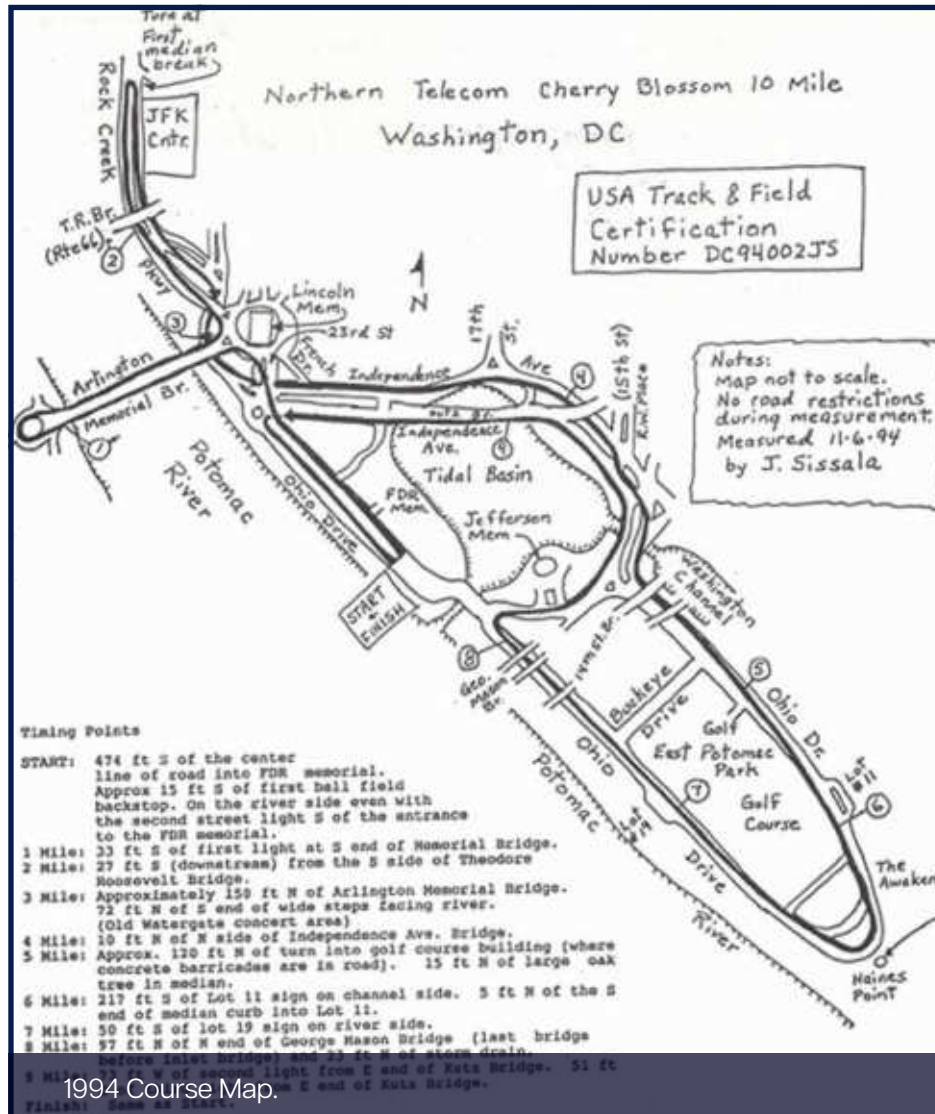
And here are some interesting facts that aren't so easily tallied: 1) there are 2,177 members of the 100-mile club, and they've run a total of 292,366 miles, an increase of 143 members of the 100-mile club in the past year; 2) there have been 221,626 unique finishers over the years, and 402,521 total performances; 3) 188,438 men and 181,615 women have run the 10 Mile over the years; and 4) 8,360 men and 21,644 women have run some version of the "fun run" over the years as well (2K, 3K, 5K).



Ben Beach (left) receives a unique race bib to honor his entry into the Cherry Blossom 10 Mile for the 51st time. Other two-digit bib numbers are reserved for the professional elite field.

(Photo Credit: Bob Burgess)

# EVOLUTION OF THE 10 MILE COURSE



In 1970s the event started and finished near the golf course in East Potomac Park and ran clockwise around Hains Point before crossing over the Inlet Bridge and looping the Tidal Basin twice, running clockwise. Runners then returned back around Hains Point to the finish line at the same location as the start. The growing field soon made the out-and-back portions on Hains Point as well as the two loops around the Tidal Basin too tight, so the course was moved onto Ohio Dr. in West Potomac Park.

Frequent construction during the 1980s and 1990s meant the course was frequently modified, but the start and finish remained in West Potomac Park.

The first crossing of Memorial Bridge took place in 1993 and in 1998 the course included an out-and-back section up into Rock Creek Parkway. The staging area made the dramatic move out of West Potomac Park onto the Washington Monument Grounds in 1998, setting up a string of years with the same course through the 2017 event.

The long-needed rehabilitation of Memorial Bridge began to be a regular topic of discussion by 2014, which prompted officials to certify a new course—which was used in 2019—for the non-Memorial Bridge version with the staging area remaining on the Washington Monument Grounds. After two years of construction, Memorial Bridge became runnable once again, just in time for the 2021 race.

# EVENT PARTICIPANT STATISTICS

In 2017, the 4417th finisher in the 10-mile race became the 300,000th 10-mile finisher overall.

Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile*			
Year	Women	Men	Total
2025	11,082	8,484	19,660
2024	10,011	7,490	17,559
2023	9,564	7,138	16,702
2022	8,323	6,313	14,636
2021	2,967	2,921	5,888
2019	10,291	7,146	17,437
2018	9,868	6,791	16,659
2017	10,446	6,996	17,442
2016	9,908	6,378	16,279
2015	11,042	6,839	17,881
2014	10,600	7,277	17,871
2013	10,323	7,215	17,538
2012	9,729	7,195	16,938
2011	9,030	7,009	16,046
2010	8,853	6,910	15,763
2009	8,323	6,652	14,975
2008	6,395	5,904	12,299
2007	5,529	5,217	10,749
2006	5,435	5,236	10,669
2005	4,333	4,323	8,655
2004	3,900	4,157	8,026
2003	3,526	3,923	7,449
2002	3,333	3,723	7,056
2001	2,972	3,559	6,530
2000	2,166	3,016	5,182
1999	2,358	3,190	5,548
1998	2,462	3,750	6,212
1997	2,149	3,513	5,662
1996	1,825	3,412	5,237
1995	1,744	3,463	5,207
1994	1,428	3,105	4,533
1993	967	2,445	3,412
1992	767	2,100	2,867
1991	886	2,441	3,327
1990	869	2,557	3,427
1989	737	2,465	3,199

Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile			
Year	Women	Men	Total
1988	769	2,620	3,387
1987	691	2366	3057
1986	678	2513	3192
1985	634	2386	3021
1984	600	2573	3173
1983	542	2424	2965
1982	533	2657	3190
1981	591	2756	3347
1980	431	2459	2891
1979	494	2529	2982
1978	297	1967	2261
1977	143	1465	1608
1976	93	849	942
1975	46	518	564
1974	27	314	341
1973	12	115	127

Credit Union Cherry Blossom 5K*			
Year	Women	Men	Total
2024	4,526	2,407	6,960
2023	3,806	2,047	5,853
2022	1,932	752	2,684
2021	1,195	482	1,677
2019	2,023	892	2,915
2018	1,801	728	2,529
2017	1,821	698	2,519
2016	1,393	539	1,932
2015	1,673	629	2,302
2014	1,545	598	2,142
2013	1,457	547	2,004
2012	1,328	520	1,849
2011	1,272	459	1,731
2010	1,247	449	1,696
2009	1,057	412	1,469
2008	683	242	925
2007	471	154	625
2006	473	173	646

\*Non-Binary Totals: 2025 - 53 (10M) and 29 (5K), 2024 - 58 (10M) and 27 (5K), 2022 - 38 (10M) and 19 (5K)

# CREDIT UNION CHERRY BLOSSOM RACE DIRECTOR HISTORY

1973 Gar Williams and Ralph Reynolds

1974 – 1982 Jeff Darman and Ed Murray

1982 – 1988 Jeff Darman, Race Director

1988 – 1990 Jeff Darman, Race Director and Phil Stewart, Deputy Race Director

**1991 – Present Phil Stewart, Race Director**

2005 – 2011 Irv Newman, Deputy Race Director

**2012 – Present Becky Lambros, Deputy Race Director**



**Phil Stewart,  
Race Director**

Photo Credit: Bob Burgess



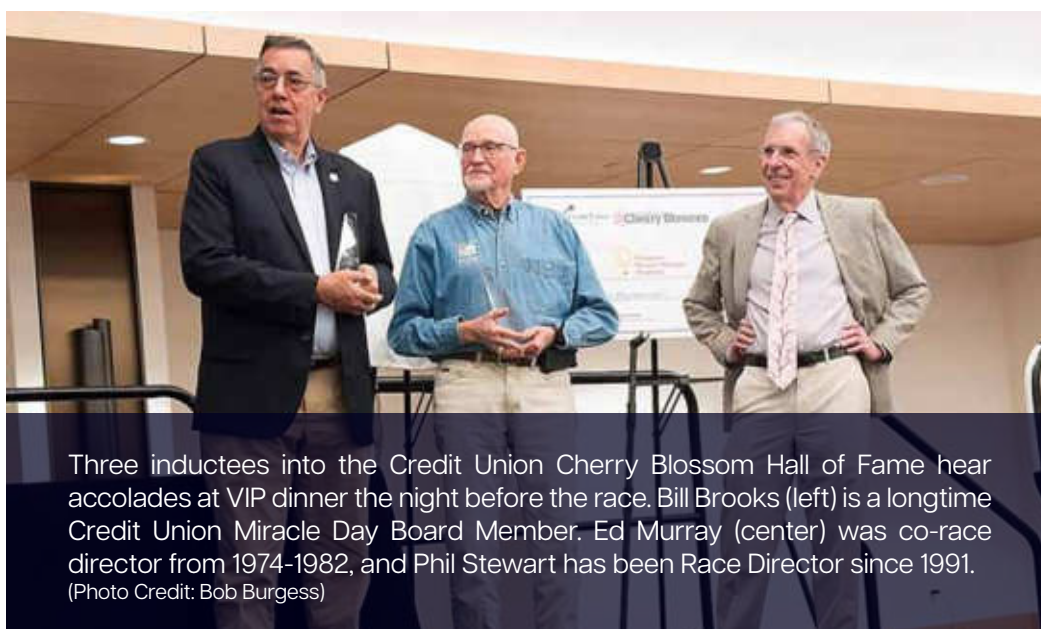
**Becky Lambros,  
Deputy Race Director**

Photo Credit: Bob Burgess

# TITLE SPONSOR HISTORY

- 1973** – The race debuts as the Acacia Cherry Blossom Invitational Run, thanks to Acacia Mutual Life.
- 1974** – The race name is changed to Acacia Cherry Blossom Classic, and the entry fee is dropped for the ten-miler, a tradition that would last for twenty years.
- 1977** – Union First Bank of Washington replaces Acacia Mutual Life as title sponsor.
- 1978** – Perrier becomes the new title sponsor and brings four-time winner-to-be Bill Rodgers along with them.
- 1984** – Nike replaces Perrier as title sponsor, bringing with it \$13,400 in prize money.
- 1991** – After seven years as title sponsor, Nike turns the top role over to Northern Telecom, a major telecommunications company which had just recently opened a World Headquarters in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Under Northern Telecom the prize money grows to \$21,500, the largest purse ever.
- 2002** – After an 11-year run as title sponsor, Nortel Networks steps down – its sponsorship a victim of the collapse of the internet bubble. Greg Farmer, Nortel’s Senior VP Global Government and Community Relations, says, “I do not believe that any other sponsorship has provided Nortel with such a high profile with Washington policymakers.” By the end of the summer, a group of approximately 40 Credit Unions, mostly from the Washington, DC Metropolitan area, forms an organization called the “Credit Union Miracle Day Committee,” and signs on. It is a win-win situation as the event helps the Credit Unions raise nearly \$100,000 for the Children’s Miracle Network and hundreds of Credit Union employees and members sign up as volunteers.

To this day, Credit Union Miracle Day remains the collaborating group behind the sponsorship of Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile, 5K and Kids Run. Their fundraising efforts have resulted in over \$12 million being donated to Children’s Miracle Network across the United States.



Three inductees into the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Hall of Fame hear accolades at VIP dinner the night before the race. Bill Brooks (left) is a longtime Credit Union Miracle Day Board Member. Ed Murray (center) was co-race director from 1974-1982, and Phil Stewart has been Race Director since 1991. (Photo Credit: Bob Burgess)

# THE RUNNER'S RITE OF SPRING

*Capsule Histories of the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile Run*



# THE RUNNER'S RITE OF SPRING®

1973-2025

For runners in Washington since 1973, the true beginning of spring is marked not by a date on the calendar but by the running of the Cherry Blossom Ten-Mile.

Elite competitors have used the race as a final competitive tuneup for the Boston Marathon two weeks later. Bill Rodgers, Greg Meyer, and Lisa Larsen Weidenbach all went on to win Boston after their victories here.

For lesser mortals, the Cherry Blossom means a chance to doff the warmup suits, turtlenecks, caps and gloves of winter and join other runners in a celebration of the season. Here in Washington, the race has become as fixed a rite of spring as the Easter Egg Roll at the White House or the lighting of the Japanese lanterns on the Tidal Basin.

1973 (April 1)

Who would have believed, in 1973, that a family-style gathering of fewer than 200 runners would become an event so popular that it is necessary to hold a lottery to keep people away?

The Cherry Blossom Invitational Run, as it was christened, was the brainchild of Gar Williams, then president of the DC Road Runners Club, and Ralph Reynolds, program director of Washington's Central YMCA. The two men conceived of a race to coincide with the Cherry Blossom Festival, a high point of the city's tourist season, when mag nolias, forsythia and cherry blossoms bloom along the roads and paths bordering the Potomac River.

Williams and Reynolds settled on the ten-mile distance. "If it was longer, you'd be too pooped out for Boston," Williams once recalled. "We didn't want it too short, though. The idea was to have an attractive alternative to a marathon." Families could come to Washington as tourists. Dad or Mom could run the ten-miler, and the rest of the family could enter the two-mile fun run and collect commemorative patches as well.

A local insurance company, Acacia Mutual Life, was persuaded to serve as a sponsor, and entrants were recruited through the DC Road Runners Club and through pink flyers distributed at the YMCA.

Winners of that inaugural race, held in muggy weather, were Sam Bair of Pennsylvania in 51:22 and Kathy Switzer of New York City in 71:19. The organizers congratulated themselves on attracting over 100 runners to the ten-miler - a big field in those days.

1974 (March 31)

The following year, 1974, the race came into its own. At the suggestion of DCRRRC official Dave Theall, the race was renamed the "Cherry Blossom Classic," and the entry fee was dropped for the ten-miler, a tradition that would hold up for twenty years. Nearly 400 runners showed up to run on a raw, cloudy day. Jack Mahurin, then a graduate student at the University of Maryland, lowered the men's event record to 50:50, and Carol Fridley, of Pennsylvania, won the women's in 62:41.



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## 1975 (April 6)

The field doubled again in 1975 - some 575 finishers in the ten-miler, and 275 in the fun run - for a race held in brilliant sunshine but Arctic temperatures. Carl Hatfield of West Virginia battled frigid winds gusting up to 30 mph to win the race in 51:47. Julie Shea, a then-unknown North Carolina schoolgirl, took the women's crown in 59:55, the first in a series of three consecutive victories.

## 1976 (April 4)

It was Hatfield and Shea again in 1976 as the field for the ten-miler topped 1,500. Hatfield lowered the men's event record to 49:09, while Shea set a U.S. women's record for the ten miles at 57:04.

## 1977 (April 3)

By 1977 the running boom was starting to crest, and race organizers instituted an entry cutoff for the first time as the number of applicants swelled above 2,000. The field was limited to 2,230, with 500 disappointed runners turned away. There was also a new sponsor - Union First Bank of Washington, which filled the breach when Acacia Mutual Life decided to bow out. Maryland runner Dan Rincon won the race in 49:44, while Julie Shea lowered her U.S. Women's record to 56:08.

## 1978 (April 2)

The era of Perrier and Bill Rodgers began with the 1978 race. When Union First failed to renew as a sponsor, race organizers found Perrier, which, in turn, brought in Rodgers. Competing with a cold just one day after a race in Jacksonville, Florida, Rodgers cruised to his first Cherry Blossom victory in 48:57 over a field limited to 4,000 entrants. Jenifer White of Alexandria, Virginia, took the women's title in 56:35.



Dan Rincon wins 1977 race



Perrier became title sponsor in 1978

## 1979 (April 1)

In 1979 the glamour of Rodgers led to a flood of race applications. Entries were closed on February 5, only a few days after they had opened. Organizers Jeff Darman and Ed Murray begged unofficial runners to stay away as a massive field chased Rodgers to another event record of 48 minutes flat. Maryland schoolgirl Aileen O'Connor lowered the U.S. record to 56:02 in the women's race.

## 1980 (March 30)

1980 brought two innovations: a lottery to choose race entrants, and a star-studded field of invited runners. Over 12,000 applicants vied for 4,000 places in the lottery. Meanwhile, the spreading fame of the race attracted nearly 100 runners capable of running ten miles in less than 53 minutes. When the race was over, Bill Rodgers had set a new U.S. record of 47:09, and 24 other runners had gone under 50 minutes for the distance.

The women's field was also impressive. Anne Sullivan of Brown University, who set a U.S. women's record of 55:34, was followed by five other women under 60 minutes.

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Greg Meyer sets record with a 46:13 finish.



Race winner Simeon Kigen and Race Director Jeff Darman in 1984.

## 1981 (April 5)

Rodgers repeated again in 1981 with a 47:17 victory despite windy, warm weather. Laurie Binder of San Diego led 11 women under the one-hour barrier with a 56:44 performance. A field of 4,500 entrants toured the course on a humid, overcast morning.

## 1982 (April 4)

The 1982 race will be remembered as the War of the Winds, as chill winds gusting up to 50mph slowed the entire field. Terry Baker, a vocational education teacher from Hagerstown, Maryland, took the lead with less than a mile to go to upset defending champion Bill Rodgers by seven seconds in 49:29. Eleanor Simonsick, a policy research consultant living in Washington, broke the tape in 58:16 to give the race its first pair of local winners. Only four male runners broke the 50-minute barrier, and an equal number of women finished under an hour.

## 1983 (March 27)

After the disastrous weather of 1982, ideal conditions prevailed in 1983. On a cool, rainy morning with almost no wind, both Greg Meyer and Eleanor Simonsick set event records in winning their respective divisions. Running alone almost from the start, Meyer cruised to a 46:13 victory, setting a World record, breaking the former event record by 56 seconds and beating his nearest rival by over a minute. Overshadowed by Meyer's performance was that of 31 other runners who broke 50 minutes for the distance. Repeating her victory of 1982, Simonsick took the lead at three miles and kept adding to it, recording the fourth fastest ten-mile time by a woman and breaking the event record by almost two minutes in 54:46. Simonsick led 15 other female finishers under the one-hour barrier.

## 1984 (April 1)

The 1984 race brought several surprises. Perrier dropped sponsorship, and Nike stepped in, adding prize money to the race for the first time. A less pleasant surprise was the weather. Despite the bizarre conditions that have characterized this early spring event, no one anticipated a flooded course. Heavy storms the previous week left the tip of Hains Point under six inches of water, causing worried race officials to consider shortening the course to 15 kilometers as late as race morning.

Prestige and prize money gave the Cherry Blossom its first foreign winners. Olympic hopefuls Simeon Kigen of Kenya and Rosa Mota of Portugal slogged through ankle-deep water to win their respective divisions. Kigen took the men's title in 47:25 as 22 men broke 50 minutes. Mota nipped Lisa Larsen in 54:16 to lead 12 women under the one-hour mark.

## 1985 (March 31)

In 1985, Kigen won again, posting a near-record 46:24 as favorable weather returned to the event. With temperatures in the low 50s and moderate wind, Lisa Larsen Weidenbach, runnerup the previous year, surprised everyone, including herself, by running an event record of 53:30 to take the women's crown.

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Masters champion Barry Brown, with an age-group record 49:46, was the last of 31 runners to break 50 minutes for the distance. Some 25 women dipped under the one-hour barrier.

## 1986 (April 6)

In 1986, Rosa Mota eclipsed the women's World Best 10 mile, while Thom Hunt came to within two seconds of Greg Meyer's 1983 world best time. Mota, the bronze medalist in the Los Angeles Olympic Marathon and 1984 Cherry Blossom winner, shaved nine seconds off Joan Samuelson's World Best time with a 53:09 clocking despite running on a tender achilles tendon. Hunt began a series of surges to break away from English Olympic steeplechaser Roger Hackney at the 8-1/2 mile mark, which brought him to the finish just off the all-time best with a 46:15. The top 37 men broke 50 minutes, while 20 women bettered one hour.



Jon Sinclair (6) wins in 1987.

## 1987 (April 5)

April showers stopped the night before the 1987 race and low tide right at race time ensured that the tip of Hains Point would not be submerged. Both the runners and the fully in-bloom cherry blossoms were pushed by favorable southerly winds. The women responded in remarkable fashion—the top three broke Rosa Mota's year-old World Best time. Lisa Martin of Australia finished first in 52:23, a whopping 46-seconds under the previous mark. Runnersup Anne Audain (52:30) and Carla Beurskens (53:00) also bettered the old record. Jon Sinclair reversed a series of major race runner-up finishes by kicking early and moving away from J.P. Ndaysienga and Larry Green for a 46:48 win.

Priscilla Welch, 42, won the women's masters division and placed fourth overall with an astonishing 53:51, a world best time for masters.

## 1988 (March 27)

The winds shifted to the northwest for the 1988 race, with gusts up to 25 miles per hour. Belgium's J.P. Ndaysienga, the 1987 runner up, took the lead at 3 miles, got caught by a pack at 7 miles, but emerged in the front of a wild four-man sprint to the finish. He clocked 47:33, with Martyn Brewer second in 47:35, Jon Sinclair third in 47:40, and Joseph Kipsang fourth in 47:45. Anne Audain reversed the previous year's standings with Lisa Martin with a 53:26 to 54:06 victory in the women's race.

## 1989 (April 2)

Perfect running weather was sandwiched between high winds on Saturday and showers on Monday for the 1989 race. Lisa Weidenbach responded with her second victory in an American record time of 52:34 – just 11 seconds shy of Lisa Martin's World Best time. The men's race featured a near-photo finish with Zimbabwe's Brian Sheriff outleaning Mexico's Dionicio Ceron, 46:43 to 46:44. Steve Jones of Wales followed five seconds back in 46:49.

## 1990 (April 1)

Lisa Weidenbach returned in 1990 to match Julie Shea ('75, '76, '77) as the only female three-time winner. She cruised to a relatively easy win over Anne Audain, 52:38 to 53:18. Chris Fox, a Hagerstown, MD resident who had dreamed of winning this race since he was in high school, had his dream come true when he bested Ashley Johnson 47:06 to 47:07—the second one-second winning margin in a row.

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## 1991 (March 31)

After seven years as title sponsor, Nike turned the top role over to Northern Telecom, a major telecommunications company which had just recently opened a World Headquarters in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Under Northern Telecom the prize money grew to \$21,500, the largest purse ever. With the cherry blossoms in full bloom, Great Britain's Carl Thackery and American Bill Reifsnnyder went charging after the event record. Thackery prevailed in the match up, but missed the record by just 12 seconds with a time of 46:25. Reifsnnyder followed in 46:30. Fellow Brit Jill Hunter reduced the women's event record to 51:57 – a time just 10 seconds off Carl Hatfield's winning time in 1975 and 26 seconds under Lisa Martin's event mark.

## 1992 (April 5)

In 1992, the Kenyans made their marks here as elsewhere. Running into 30-35 mph winds, Richard Chelimo (who won a silver medal that summer at 10,000-meters in the Olympics) and William Koech went 1-2 with respective times of 47:06 and 47:15. They went after the 1983 event record (46:13), passing 5 miles in 22:46 before the winds slowed them. Russian Albina Galliamova won the women's race in 53:44.

## 1993 (April 4)

Runners tried out a new course which featured an out-and-back crossing of Memorial Bridge (pending construction of the FDR Memorial forced the shift). Last year's runner-up William Koech was joined by several of his Kenyan teammates including William Sigei, who had won the World Cross Country only a week before. Once again the Kenyans were under world record pace at five miles, only to ease the up during the second half of the race. Sigei triumphed over Anthony Kiprono, 46:29 to 46:33. Judi St. Hilaire swept past early pacesetter Pauline Konga of Kenya after nine miles and scored a 3-second win in 52:27.



1993 saw the first use of Memorial Bridge on the Cherry Blossom course.

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## 1994 (April 10)

After 11 years Greg Meyer's men's world record of 46:13 fell to Kenya's William Sigei. On a relatively warm, windy day (a thunderstorm blew in later that morning) Sigei and Kenyan teammates Josphat Machuka and Thomas Osano broke away from the pack early, but the pace sagged to over world record pace by nine miles. However, Sigei upped the tempo and closed with a 4:29 last mile to claim the mark with a 46:01. Both the 18-year-old Machuka (46:05) and his uncle, Osano (46:07), bested Meyer's longstanding mark as well. Kenya's Helen Chepngeno and Jane Omoro produced the closest finish ever with World Cross Country Champion Chepngeno declared the winner by inches in 54:05. With a revised race course, the number of finishers grew to over 4,600.

## 1995 (April 9)

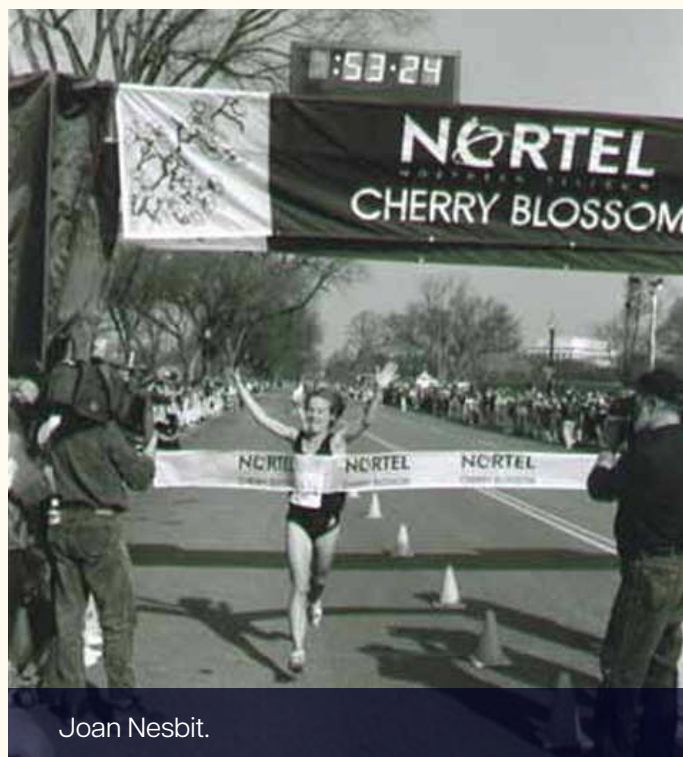
Pre-race speculation centered on the Kenyans cracking the 46:00 barrier for the first time. With world cross country runner up Ismael Kirui and 1994's third place finisher Josphat Machuka as the top seeds, the stage was set (Sigei was out due to injury). Race day dawned with no wind, although temperatures were in the upper 50s and the humidity was high. As expected, Kirui and Machuka went right to work, dropping further below world record pace with each passing mile. Suffering from blisters, Machuka dropped off by 5 miles. Kirui slowed to a 4:41 ninth mile, but responded with a 4:31 closer to smash Sigei's year-old mark with a 45:38. Just over six minutes later Rose Cheruiyot of Kenya, who had set a world 5K record a week before, collected the second world record of the day as she sprinted home far in front of the women's field in 51:39, chopping 2 seconds off Jill Hunter's 1991 world record set in New York City. U.S. marathon champion Debbi Kilpatrick finished second in 55:05. Over 5,200 runners finished.

## 1996 (March 31)

Lazarus Nyakeraka, 20, the hottest Kenyan on the U.S. road circuit in the early months of 1996 with wins in major races the two preceding weekends, toed the line with a number of his Kenyan teammates who were looking to steal a little of his luster. On a perfect race morning with only a 100-yard puddle on Hains Point remaining from the worst winter of flooding in over 20 years in Washington, DC, Joseph Kariuki remained with the youthful Nyakeraka for 8 miles. At that point, Nyakeraka surged away for a 46:37 to 46:49 win. Joan Nesbit became the first American winner since 1993 with a methodical dismantling of the women's field in 53:25. Steve Jones of Wales, a frequent top 10 finisher over the years, turned 40 and demolished the late Barry Brown's 1985 masters event record of 49:46 when he posted a remarkable 48:26, finishing 11th overall. The prize money was upped to \$26,000 with \$5000 going to the top male and female.



Ismael Kirui sets a World Record on 45:38 in the 1995 race.



Joan Nesbit.

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## 1997 (April 6)

The event celebrated its 25th running in 1997 and a number of former champions (including the first women's winner, Kathrine Switzer) came to join in the festivities. A group of a dozen runners who had run the 1973 event – and Ben Beach, the only individual who has completed the race every year it has been run – were feted at the Saturday night dinner. On race day, special coffee mugs were awarded to 24 men and 94 women who ran faster than the winning times in the first race (51:22 and 71:19). Runners from Kenya continued to dominate the men's competition – this year it was Peter Githuka upsetting defending champion Lazarus Nyakeraka in 46:29. On the women's side, Olympic marathon gold ('92) and silver ('96) medallist Valentina Yegorova of Russia took the lead from the start and captured the women's title in 54:28. A total of \$35,000 was given to Children's Hospital, bringing the total charity contribution to over \$140,000.



Colleen DeReuck set a World record of 51:16 in the 1998 race.

## 1998 (April 5)

A new course featuring an out-and-back section on Rock Creek Parkway delighted the 5,800 finishers. South African Colleen DeReuck proved that the layout was fast as she shattered Rose Cheruiyot's World Record for 10 Miles of 51:39 – set in the 1995 race – with a scintillating 51:16 performance that placed her 23rd overall. (She would have been the overall winner of the 1973 race!) DeReuck finished over two minutes ahead of runner-up Marian Sutton of Great Britain. On the men's side Simon Rono, who would go on to be the top road runner of the year, produced a fast sub-46:00 time with a 45:51, the second fastest time ever in the event. He pulled Kenyan teammate Joseph Kariuki under 46:00 as well (45:58). Kenyans secured the top eight places in the men's race.

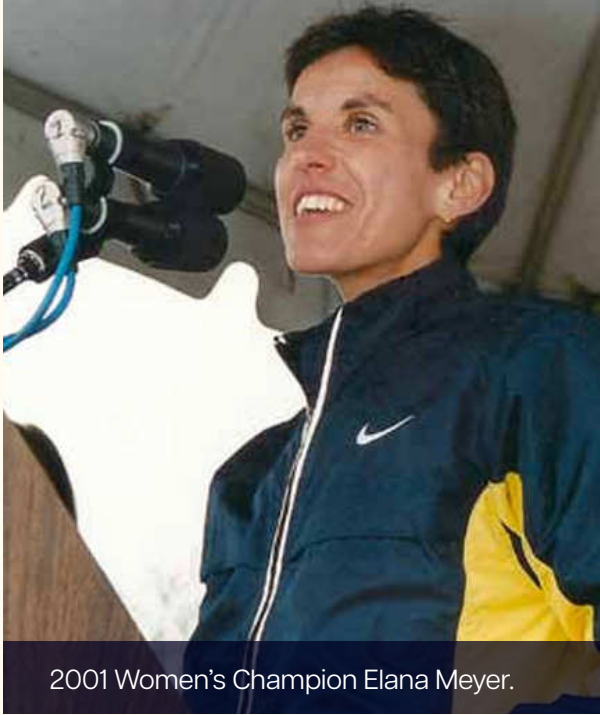
## 1999 (April 11)

Construction along Independence Ave. meant another revision in the course for 1999. The popular Rock Creek Park section was retained, but a new section took runners through the West End and Foggy Bottom sections of Washington, DC. It was the first time the course had ventured off of National Park Service land. A cool rain greeted 6,000 starters. The many turns in the course slowed the times. For the first time since 1991, a non-Kenyan male won the race, as Ethiopian Worku Bikila outsprinted three Kenyans to take the overall title in 46:59. Lazarus Nyakeraka (47:01), James Kariuki (47:03) and William Kiptum (47:07) followed. Interestingly, Bikila got off his plane in Pittsburgh where it had stopped and went to the Doubletree Hotel in Pittsburgh. Some frantic calling got him D.C. bound shortly thereafter to the Doubletree race headquarters hotel here. Apparently the distraction to him was minimal. The women's race was even closer than the men's as Kenyan Jane Omoro bested teammate Jane Ngotho by a single second, 53:37 to 53:38. The win was satisfying to Omoro, who had lost the 1994 race on a lean to Helen Chepngeno.

## 2000 (April 9)

At 6:30 a.m. on race day, snow was swirling in the staging area in West Potomac Park. The good news is that it stopped by the race time of 8:00 a.m.; the bad news is it was replaced by a howling, cold northwest wind.

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2001 Women's Champion Elana Meyer.

Runners throughout the field reported that they were nearly slowed to a walk on the completely exposed out-and-back crossing of Memorial Bridge. However, with much of the course similar to 1998 and within the closed confines of Rock Creek Park once again, Reuben Cheruiyot was still able to clock 46:07 as he blazed the final two miles – with the wind at his back – in 8:44. On the women's side, defending champion Jane Omoro narrowly lost to Kenyan teammate Teresa Wanjiku, 55:50 to 55:56. In honor of the race being held in Washington and it being a presidential election year, the organizers staged a “Foot Poll.” Using a transponder chip laced into their shoes, runners crossed mats about a quarter mile from the finish line marked “Democrat,” “Republican,” or “Neither/Undisclosed.” “Votes” were tallied at the finish line. In the end the Democrats prevailed with 44%; Republicans and “Neither/Undisclosed” tied for second with 28%. Republicans were heard to remark that the mat marked “Democrat” was along the shortest route to the finish, a charge instantly denied by the organizers.

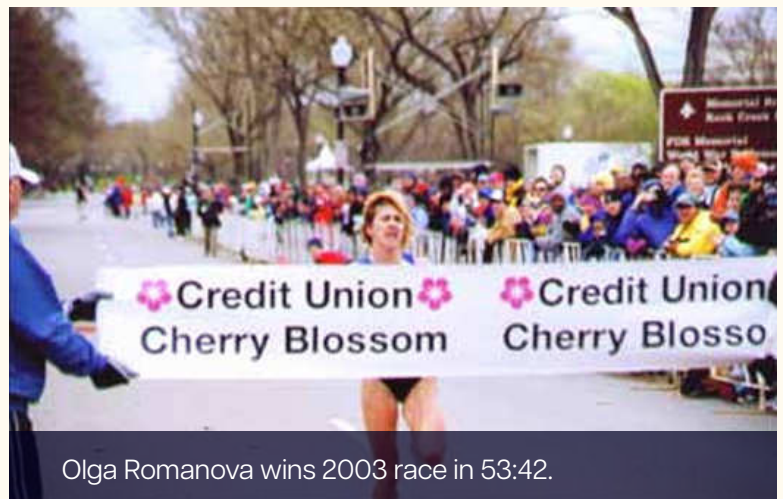
The event marked ten years with Nortel Networks as the title sponsor.

## 2001 (April 8)

For the first time since 1993, the cherry blossoms were at their peak on race day with “perfect-for-running” temperatures near 50-degrees. For the first time since 1992, the event used the same course for two years in a row. A few sprinkles of rain fell early in the morning, but runners were glad they weren't last year's snowflakes! Kenyans Reuben Cheruiyot and John Korir waged an epic battle which resulted in the closest men's finish ever, with Korir edging Cheruiyot, 46:12 to 46:13. A dramatic photo appeared in the Washington Post showing both men with their arms raised in expectation of the win. South African Elana Meyer, making her first appearance, dominated the women's field, finishing in 52:16, nearly a minute up on Lydiya Grigorieva, who clocked 53:15. The event had its largest number of finishers ever, 6,515.

## 2002 (April 7)

After an 11-year run as title sponsor, Nortel Networks stepped down – its sponsorship a victim of the collapse of the internet bubble. Greg Farmer, Nortel's Senior VP Global Government and Community Relations, said, “I do not believe that any other sponsorship has provided Nortel with such a high profile with Washington policymakers.” By the end of the summer, a group of approximately 40 Credit Unions, mostly from the Washington, DC Metropolitan area, formed an organization called the “Credit Union Miracle Day Committee,” and signed on. It was a win-win situation as the event helped the Credit Unions raise nearly \$100,000 for the Children's Miracle Network, and hundreds of Credit Union employees and members signed up as volunteers. The blossoms joined the festivities for the second year in a row as Kenyans John Korir and Reuben Cheruiyot picked up where they left off in 2001. This time Cheruiyot prevailed by 5 seconds with a time of 47:13. Luminita Talpos equaled Cheruiyot's 5-second margin of victory in a time of 52:50 to become the first Romanian winner.



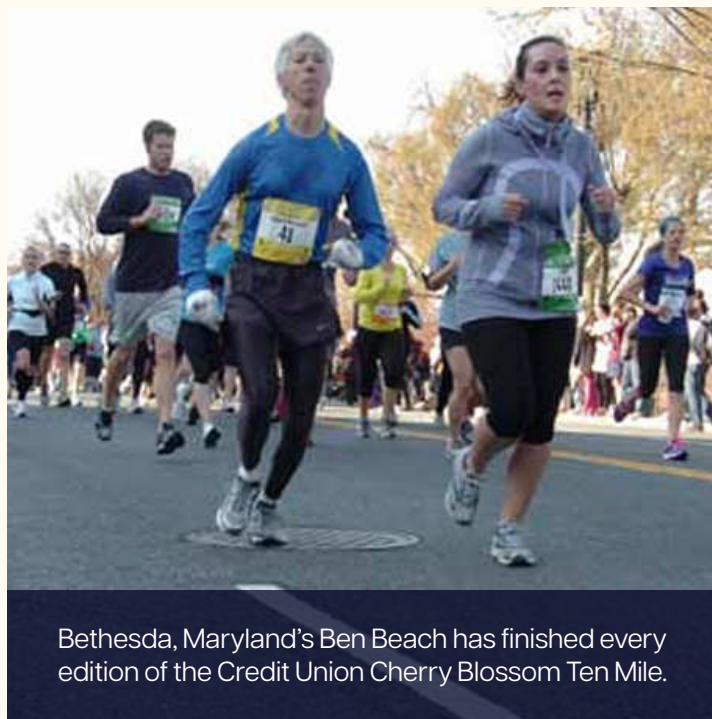
Olga Romanova wins 2003 race in 53:42.

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Ethiopia's Teyba Erkesso followed. Legally blind U.S. runner Marla Runyan finished fifth in 53:37. The event grew to a record 7,061 finishers.

## 2003 (April 6)

For the third straight year, race day dawned with the Tidal Basin and West Potomac Park awash in a blaze of pink and white cherry blossoms. Race officials were glad simply to be in West Potomac Park at all. Three weeks before the race, the War in Iraq had raised security levels in Washington to "Code Orange," one step down from "Code Red," which likely would have meant cancellation of the event. The race committee scouted out an alternative site in Poolesville, MD, 25 miles outside of Washington, as a contingency. John Korir and Reuben Cheruiyot, who else, were at it again, and when the dust settled, Korir had evened the score at 2 victories each with a 46:56 to 47:03 triumph. Russian Olga Romanova bested pre-race favorite Ashi Gigi of Ethiopia for the women's title. Through the efforts of the event and the Credit Unions, over \$190,000 was raised for the Children's Miracle Network. Bethesda's Ben Beach continued his streak as the only runner to have finished all 32 editions of the race with a time of 1:02:15. The perfect day produced the largest number of finishers ever at 7,488.



Bethesda, Maryland's Ben Beach has finished every edition of the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile.

## 2004 (April 4)

The blossoms greeted the runners for the fourth year in a row, but so did howling winds with gusts in excess of 40-miles an hour. A pelting rain and winds pummeled the staging area about 5:30 a.m. on race morning, followed by an eerie calm almost like the eye of the storm during which the organizers decided to go ahead and put up the tents, overhead scaffolding and signage. The winds returned shortly after the 8 a.m. start, prompting all the aforementioned items to be taken down for safety reasons. The men's times reflected the conditions, with unknown Kenyan Nelson Kiplagat winning in 48:12 – the slowest men's winning time since 1982 when Terry Baker bested Bill Rodgers in similar near-gale force winds. Rodgers was in this year's field, placing 3rd in the men's 55-59 division in 1:02:55. But track-trained Kenyan Isabella Ochichi ran the performance of the day in winning the women's title in 52:07 – the 4th fastest women's winning time ever. Boston Marathon prepping Catherine Ndereba finished a distant second in 53:00.

Both women would go on to claim silver medals in the Athens Olympics, Ochichi in the 5,000-meters and Ndereba in the marathon. With the National Park Service allowing an increase in the number of finishers, the race had 8,057 people go the distance. For the first time, over 50% of the entrants were women, although more men finished (4,157 to 3,900).

## 2005 (April 3)

Kenyan John Korir collected his third win and established a streak of winning the event in odd-numbered years only. His other two wins came in 2001 and 2003. With the victory Korir moved into second place among male repeat winners, just one victory shy of Bill Rodgers' four consecutive titles between 1978 and 1981. Does anyone know how to say "2007?" Korir employed the same wait and kick strategy which had made him the most feared road racer competing on the U.S. roads over the last six years, passing runner up Reuben Chebii in the final 400-meters. Romanian Nuta Olaru took the opposite tack and ran away from the women's field to earn her first title in 52:01. Her time was the fastest performance since Colleen DeReuck's world record time

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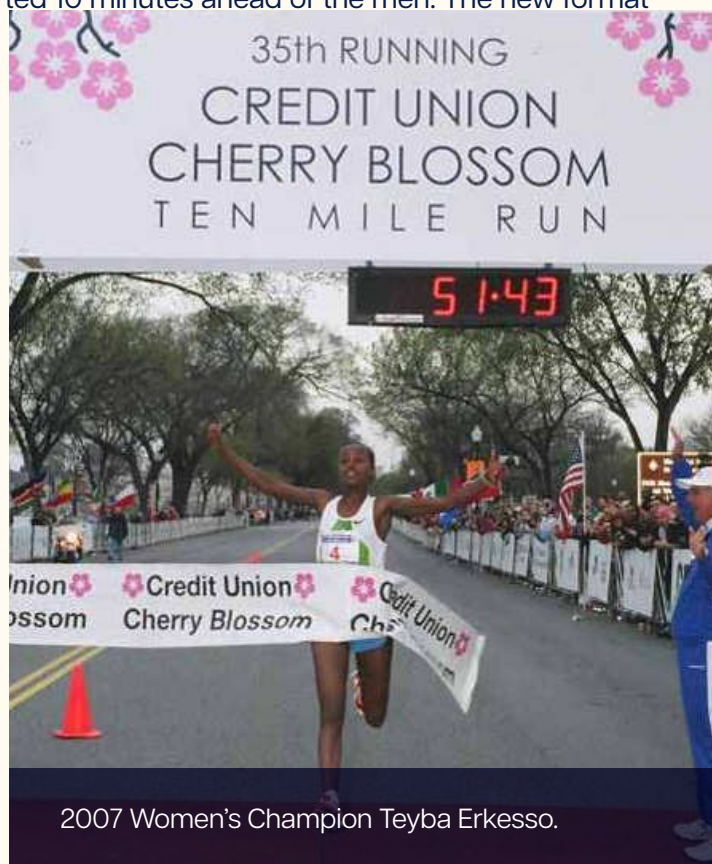
of 51:16 in 1998. The event established a reciprocal relationship with the Himeji Castle 10 mile in Japan. Three Japanese runners from the top 10 came to participate here, while top American Michael Wardian traveled to Japan to

run the Himeji race the following February. Under cold and blustery conditions a record number of 8,630 participants finished the event. Alexandria's Hedy Marque, 87, was the oldest finisher (1:57:38), and Ben Beach of Bethesda maintained his status as the only finisher in all 33 editions of the race with a 1:10:08 time. 2006 (April 2) After the race, Event Director Phil Stewart handed out special t-shirts to the organizing committee members that said "The Year of Many Changes." The entire staging area of the race was redesigned to make it resemble a small city complete with two roadways named "Gary Dr.," after longtime logistics coordinator Gary Ceponis, who had just retired, and "Brian Blvd.," after Brian Laush, who undertook the changes. There was a big change up front as well, as the elite women started 10 minutes ahead of the men. The new format gave far greater visibility to the women's race and produced a world record for 10 miles in an all-women's event, simply because this was the first All-Women's 10 mile event to be run under current record keeping standards. Russia's Lidiya Grigoryeva established the mark of 52:11 on a beautiful morning awash with cherry blossoms at their peak. American Turena Johnson Lane notched the American 10 Mile record in an all women's race when she finished sixth overall in 55:42. The 5K was upgraded from an untimed run to a fully-timed and scored event. The event finally cracked the 10,000-runner mark with 10,670 participants.

The Credit Unions and race participants together raised over \$500,000 for Children's Miracle Network, bringing the total funds raised during the Credit Union era to over \$1.5 million. Women's champion Grigorieva warmed everyone's heart when she donated 5% of her first-place \$6,000 check to the charity.

## 2007 (April 1)

To celebrate the 35th running of the race, the organizers invited back numerous past winners including Kathrine Switzer ('73), Carl Hatfield ('75, '76), Bill Rodgers ('78, '79, '80, '81), Greg Meyer ('83), Lisa Rainsberger ('85, '89, '90), Jon Sinclair ('87), Colleen DeReuck ('98), and John Korir ('01, '03, '05) for a picture perfect weekend with the blossoms at their peak. Times were fast under the excellent conditions and when it was over, Ethiopia joined the U.S., Kenya, and Great Britain as the only countries to sweep both the men's and women's titles in the same year, as Tadesse Tola won the men's race in a quick 46:01, and Teyba Erkesso topped the women's division in 51:44. With the advance start for women used again, Erkesso's time established a new world record for a women's only 10 mile. John Korir failed in his bid to match Bill Rodgers' 4 wins when he finished third in 46:11. The organizers received a scare when they were told that construction on Rock Creek Parkway would start before race day and the course would be unusable. Fortunately, it was delayed until the day after the race. Washington's newly elected Mayor, Adrian Fenty, finished in a respectable time of 1:08:47. A record number of 10,748 runners finished the 10-mile, and 756 finished the 5K Run-Walk. The funds raised by the Credit Union Miracle Day Committee swelled to \$850,000.



2007 Women's Champion Teyba Erkesso.

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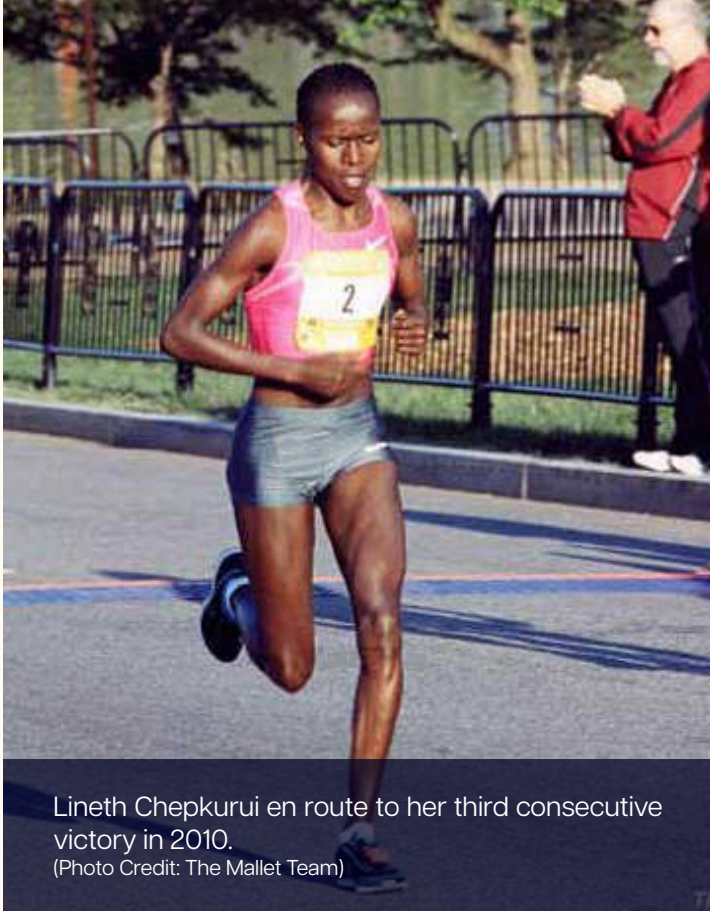
## 2008 (April 6)

With the construction on Rock Creek Parkway underway, the organizers knew a new course needed to be developed for 2008, and they started work on it almost immediately after the 2007 event. With the cooperation of the National Park Service, the start and finish lines were moved from West Potomac Park to a spectacular new location on 15th St., with the staging area on the Washington Monument Grounds. The new site was also only ¼ mile from the Smithsonian Metro stop, which eliminated an unwieldy shuttle bus service. The new course was a big hit as it incorporated the blossoms around Hains Point in addition to those around the Tidal Basin. The race filled its expanded allotment of 12,000 finisher slots just four hours after online registration opened in Dec., 2007. This was less than 1/6th the amount of time it had taken the previous several years. Heavy rains flooded the staging area on the Monument Grounds and all the start-finish area tents, porta-potties, etc. had to be shifted to the "Folk Life Festival Grounds" on the east side of 15th St. just 48 hours before the start of the race. Race day featured intermittent rain, chilly temperatures in the 40s, and blossoms a smidge beyond peak – not bad conditions for the record number of 12, 294 finishers under the newly imposed timing limit of 2 hours and 20 minutes for completing the 10 miles. Young Kenyan Lineth Chepkurui, 20, raced away from Olympic marathon silver medallists Lidia Simon ('00) and Catherine Ndereba ('04) to take the women's title in a sluggish time of 54:21. Ridouane Harroufi became the first Moroccan to capture a title as he outlegged Nichola Kamakya of Kenya by a single second in 46:14. The other big news of the day was the Credit Union Miracle Day Committee cracked the \$1 million dollar mark in funds raised for the Children's Miracle Network when it signed over a check for \$1,036,000.

## 2009 (April 5)

2009 was the year that all of the pillars of the event changed – the course was run in reverse in order to avoid a narrow section during the first mile on the 2008 route; the staging area was completely redesigned;

there was a new headquarters hotel, the Grand Hyatt Washington; and there was a new expo site at the National Building Museum. The entire organizing committee was exhausted by the time race weekend rolled around. However in a show of magnanimity, Mother Nature provided one of the most perfect days ever, with brilliant sunshine, temperatures about 50-degrees rising to the mid-60s for the awards ceremony, and blossoms just a tinge past peak. However, some things remained the same, most notably the winners, as Ridouane Harroufi and Lineth Chepkurui repeated as champions, both running faster (45:56 and 53:32 respectively) than in 2008. A relatively unknown American woman, Sally Meyerhoff, raced to a new American record for a women's only race when she clocked 54:38 to finish 7th overall. For some unexplained reason the number of no-shows plummeted, resulting in a record number of 14,969 finishers, some 3,000 over the number stated on the National Park Service Permit. Due to the committee's and volunteer's extraordinary efforts to clear the streets by 10:30 a.m. for the cherry blossom tourists, the NPS did not protest. Despite a tightening economy, Credit Union Miracle Day still raised \$1 million dollars for the Children's Miracle Network.



Lineth Chepkurui en route to her third consecutive victory in 2010.  
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## 2010 (April 11)

With the race a week later than its traditional first weekend in April date due to Easter, the blossoms were nearly gone but a glorious spring day was enjoyed by all 15,600 finishers. The action at the front of the men's pack was never tighter with a photo finish that had to be decided by the finish line judges (and then was protested by the runner-up who felt he had been impeded in the final sprint). In the end Stephen Tum of Kenya was declared the winner over Lelisa Desisa of Ethiopia (Desisa later dropped the protest). Almost lost in the drama was that Tum was a scant 5 seconds off Ismael Kirui's event record set back in 1995, with a finishing time of 45:43. The women's race was a run-away and a three-peat by Kenya's Lineth Chepkurui, who has gotten faster every year. Her time of 51:51 eclipsed Julliah Tinega of Kenya by 48 seconds. Chepkurui's third consecutive win tied her with Julie Shea, who won three in a row between 1975 and 1977. The sponsoring Credit Unions raised \$923,000 for Children's Miracle Network. The event also hired an environmental consultant to look for ways to reduce its environmental footprint. The plan was to have the event certified as "Green" by the Council for Responsible Sport in 2011. Deputy Race Director Irv Newman relinquished his role and the event hired longtime volunteer Becky Lambros as the second salaried staff member.

## 2011 (April 3)

Ethiopian Lelisa Desisa was not a happy man after losing the 2010 race in a photo finish. After initially protesting the judge's call, he backed down. A year later, he ran like a man with something to prove as he broke Ismael Kirui's 1995 event record by two seconds, clocking 45:36. His fivesecond margin over Kenyan Allan Kiprono seemed vast in comparison with his 2010 loss. Desisa's interpreter said, "He wanted to make sure it didn't come down to the finish again this year." Three-time winner Lineth Chepkurui was unable to return for her attempt at matching Bill Rodgers' four consecutive wins, paving the way for Julliah Tinega, who, like Desisa, was runner up in 2010. Tinega powered her way home in 54:02, a single second up on fellow Kenyan Risper Gesabwa. The event earned a "Silver Level" designation by the Council for Responsible sport as environmentally friendly. The 2011 race marked the 10th year of sponsorship by Credit Union Miracle Day. With an additional \$578,000 raised for the Children's Miracle Network, the total amount of funds raised during the Credit Union era eclipsed the \$5 million dollar mark. Just a year before the 40th running, the event logged its 200,000th all-time finisher, Adrianna Swinson of Centreville, VA. After the race, the organizers unveiled an all-time searchable database listing every finisher since 1973.

## 2012 (April 1)

The Gala 40th Running of the race featured some dazzling solo front-running by Kenyan Allan Kiprono, who, like Lelisa Desisa in 2011, was out to avenge a runner-up finish at the previous year's race. After teammate Lani Kiplagat suggested pushing the pace around the three-mile mark, Kiprono followed the advice and surged into a lead which only grew larger with each additional stride. By the finish line, he had amassed a 1:13 lead over Kiplagat and reduced the 2011 event record by a stunning 21 seconds with a time of 45:15. On the women's side Jelliah Tinega repeated as champion by matching her 2011 winning time of 54:02, 22 seconds up on Ethiopian Malika Mejdoub. The anniversary run attracted some special VIPs, including Greg Meyer, who still owns the fastest time by an American, 46:13, for the event; Colleen DeReuck, who owns the current women's event mark of 51:16; and Gar Williams, one of the race founders in 1973 and former DC Road Runners and Road Runners Club of



2013 and 2014 USA 10 Mile Women's Champion  
Janet Bawcom.

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America President. The race also feted 39-year-old Gerri Baer of Rockville, who was born on April 1, 1973, the date of the first race. Bethesda's Ben Beach finished the race for the 40th consecutive time, the only runner with perfect attendance. The Children's Miracle Network fundraising juggernaut continued with an additional \$515,000 raised by the sponsoring Credit Unions and runners.

## 2013 (April 7)

USATF's USA Women's National Championship 10 Mile Presented by America's Credit Unions made its first appearance at the race. An extra prize purse of \$14,400 for American women (added to the existing \$42,000 in open prize money) produced a deep elite field featuring strong American talent on the women's side. With U.S. 2012 Olympian Janet Bawcom in the field, hopes ran high of having the first U.S. female overall champion since Joan Nesbit in 1996. Bawcom hung with the lead pack for about 2/3rds of the race but succumbed to the relentless pressure of Kenyan Caroline Rotich, who powered to a 52:46 victory. Bawcom placed 4th in 53:28 but still bested the late Sally Meyerhoff's single sex American record by 70 seconds. Brianne Nelson (7th in 54:01) and Sarah Crouch (9th in 54:15) also bettered the old mark. Alan Kiprono, who ran away from the field and broke the event record in 2012, returned as the favorite in the men's division. However, fellow Kenyan Daniel Salel would not shake loose as the twosome traded surges over the closing miles. Cresting the incline at 15th and Independence, Kiprono appeared to have victory in hand. However one final burst right at the finish tape brought Salel across the line first, according to the judges who viewed the near photo finish. Salel clocked 46:06, with Kiprono posting 46:07. There were some heads turned in the 5K Run-Walk when 12-year-old Nathan Davis of Frederick, MD was the overall winner in 17:22. A cool spring kept the cherry blossoms just short of their peak on a near perfect day for running with temperatures in the 50s. The sponsoring Credit Union Miracle Day added another \$483,000 in donations to Children's Miracle Network, bringing the total funds raised since becoming the title sponsor of the race to over \$6 million dollars. Just over 17,500 runners finished the race.

## 2014 (April 6)

With a positive reaction to hosting the USA Women's National Championship in 2013, the organizers bid on and received both the USA Men's and Women's National 10 Mile championships from USA Track and Field. The added infusion of top American runners raised the possibility that the event could see its first American champions since Chris Fox won the men's race in 1990 and Joan Nesbit won the women's race in 1996. However, it was not to be. On the men's side Kenyans Stephen Sambu and Daniel Salel finished 1-2 with the 2nd and 3rd fastest men's times ever recorded for the event (both were timed in 45:29 with Sambu given the win). Christo Landry finished sixth in 46:41, the fourth fastest American



2015 Men's winner, Stephen Sambu, and runner-up, Jake Riley, share a laugh during the awards ceremony.

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2016 Men's winner, Sam Chelanga was the first American male winner since 1990.

time for the event behind Greg Meyer, Thom Hunt and Bill Reifsnnyder and less than 30 seconds off Meyer's 1983 American 10 Mile record (still standing) of 46:13. Meyer had returned to hold the finish tape in hopes of seeing his mark bettered after more than 30 years. On the women's side, American Janet Bawcom gave serious chase to Ethiopian Mamitu Daska but fell seven seconds short of Daska at the end as the Ethiopian claimed the title 52:05 to Bawcom's 52:12. Bawcom's consolation was the single-sex American 10 mile record, bettering the mark she had set a year earlier by 1:16. Nathan Davis, now 13-years-old, repeated as 5K champion in 17:58. A long and cold winter meant the cherry blossoms were just shy of blooming for the second straight year. The credit unions, in the 13th year of their sponsorship, donated another \$487,000 to Children's Miracle Network.

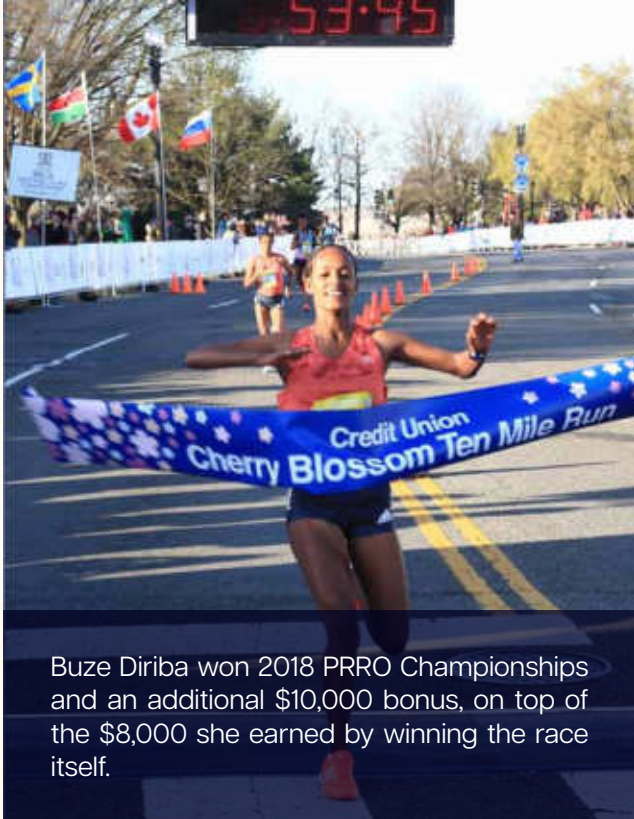
## 2015 (April 12)

For the first time in its history, the Credit Union Cherry Blossom was not a 10 mile. Due to an accident on the course just 90 minutes before race time, organizers had to scramble to come up with an alternate route because of the accident investigation. The results showed some eye-popping times for anyone who did not read the explanation that the course was 9.39 miles long after the re-routing. Any disappointment over the shortened course was more than counterbalanced by the most spectacular display of blossoms at their absolute peak on a windless, gorgeous morning. Stephen Sambu notched his second title in a row, this time with a more comfortable 9-second margin instead of his eyelash win in 2014. He clocked 43:20. American Jake Riley finished in second place eight seconds later, the highest men's finishing place by an American since Bill Reifsnnyder was the runner-up in 1991. Daniel Salel, who was on the short end of the eyelash in 2014, ended up in third. Training partners Mary Wacera and Cynthia Limo separated themselves from the rest of the women's field by the eight-mile mark and ran together toward the finish line. Wacera edged ahead by a few yards for the win - both received the identical time of 48:35. The top American woman was Serena Burla in sixth place with a time of 50:18. Ben Beach kept his perfect attendance intact as the only runner to have run all 43 editions of the race with a 1:27:59 finish. Dixon Hemphill, 90, finished the 5K and said, "I gave this race my all." He clocked 47:01, two minutes faster than his 2014 time. Longtime Deputy Race Director Irv Newman received the first Les Kinion Outstanding Service Award, named for long time race volunteer Les Kinion who died in the summer of 2014.

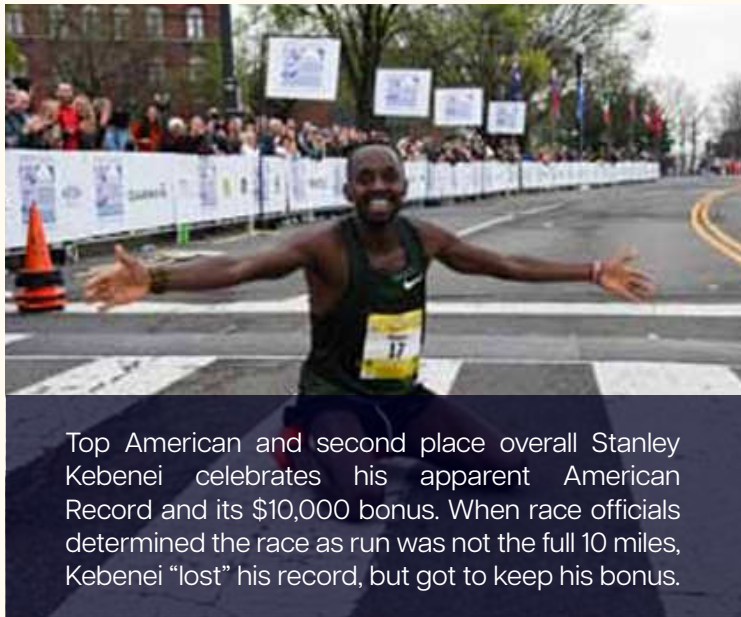
## 2016 (April 3)

The 2016 race hardly felt like "The Runner's Rite of Spring," as wind gusts clocked as high as 47 miles per hour howled across the Washington Monument Grounds during the pre-dawn set up hours, prompting the organizers to dismantle anything that could become a projectile, including tents and signs. The decision to allow the race to take place at all wasn't made until 5:00 a.m. on race morning and wind gusts between 30 and 40 miles an hour greeted the over 16,000 runners who showed up. The \$10,000 bonus offered to the first U.S. male or female to break the American record (split if both records fell) was safe on this day. The elite mens race

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Buze Diriba won 2018 PRRO Championships and an additional \$10,000 bonus, on top of the \$8,000 she earned by winning the race itself.



Top American and second place overall Stanley Kebenei celebrates his apparent American Record and its \$10,000 bonus. When race officials determined the race as run was not the full 10 miles, Kebenei "lost" his record, but got to keep his bonus.

was won by Sam Chelanga, the first U.S. male to win the race since Chris Fox took the title in 1990. Chelanga, a naturalized U.S. citizen born in Kenya, prevailed by a single second over Silas Kipruto of Kenya with a wind-impeded time of 48:26. A second American, Martin Hehir, finished third in 48:29. Due to the winds, the women's advance start was mercifully abandoned. Kenyan Veronica Nyaruai Wanjiru of Kenya won in 53:12 and said, "Because of the wind, I didn't look at the time." She prevailed by eight seconds over Ethiopian Buze Diriba. Two American women with local connections placed in the top six – Maegan Krifchin of Silver Spring, MD was third in 55:01 and Serena Burla of Stafford, VA was sixth in 55:58. The most recognizable runner of the weekend was 2004 Olympic silver medalist, 2009 New York City Marathon winner and 2014 Boston Marathon winner Meb Keflezighi who opted to pace runners hoping to break 1:00:00 just six weeks after placing second in the 2016 U.S. Olympic Marathon trials. Despite the conditions, 16,228 finished the 10 mile and 1,932 completed the 5K. Children's Miracle Network received a check for \$505,000 bringing the credit union era contributions to \$7.5 million dollars. It seemed fitting that Logistics Coordinator George Tarrico who supervised the construction and the quick dismantling of the Washington Monument Grounds due to the winds was awarded the second Les Kinion Outstanding Service Award.

## 2017 (April 2)

The organizing committee approached the 2017 race, which marked the 45th running of the event, with the modest goals of no wind and running a full 10 miles after the two difficult years in 2015 and 2016. These expectations were exceeded handily with a close to perfect day for running and cherry blossoms, which had been forecast to bloom two weeks before the event, in the final stages of peak bloom. After Sam Chelanga broke a 27-year drought for an American male winner, Stanley Kebenei made it two in a row for the Red, White and Blue with a surge after nine miles which brought him across the line in 46:35, good for a threessecond win over Kenyan James Kibet. Ethiopian Hiwot Gebrekidan, only 21-years old, had

an easier time winning the women's competition over country woman Buze Diriba 53:37 to 53:52. The 45th running celebration brought a host of past luminaries to town and two of them showed their longevity with excellent finishes in their age groups. Kathrine Switzer, the first woman's winner in 1973, captured the women's 70-74 division in 1:30:31 and four-time winner Bill Rodgers clocked 1:19:15 to place 7th in the men's 65-69 division. Of course Ben Beach kept his streak going as the only runner to have finished all 45 editions with a time 1:34:18. Beach completed his 50th Boston Marathon in a row just over two weeks later. Joan Samuelson, the 1984 Olympic gold medalist in the inaugural women's marathon, showed her excellence remains some 33 years

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after her win in Los Angeles by setting an American women's 55-59 age group mark of 1:03:55. In keeping with the five-year anniversary tradition of offering (I would have won this race in 1973) mugs to all runners who ran faster than Sam Bair's and Switzer's winning times of 51:12 and 1:11:19, the organizers handed out mugs to 36 men and 218 women. After years of being held on the Washington Monument Grounds at the conclusion of the 10 mile, the Kids Run was moved to Saturday and held in conjunction with the Health and Fitness Expo. The change was well received. Longtime Volunteer Coordinator Michelle Carter won the third Les Kinion award for outstanding service to the event.

## 2018 (April 7)

Dubbed "Our Championship Year," the 2018 race hosted both the PRRO Circuit Championship and the RRCA National 10 Mile Championship held in conjunction with the RRCA's 60th Annual Convention held in Washington, DC. The PRRO Championship which rotates among the PRRO Circuit races, was being held at the race for the first time. Winners of the other PRRO Circuit Events can earn the \$10,000 PRRO "Super Bonus" by winning the Championship as well. Ethiopian Buze Diriba did exactly that and pocketed \$18,000 for winning – \$10,000 from PRRO and \$8,000 from the Credit Union Cherry Blossom with a time of 53:45. On the men's side Ethiopian Jemal Yimer picked up \$2,500 in PRRO cash since he had not won another PRRO race to augment his \$8,000 first place prize in 46:17. Both runners won the RRCA National Championship titles as well. A chilly morning awash in blossoms greeted some 17,000 starters in the 10 mile and 2,000 in the 5K Run-Walk, but for the first since 1992 the runners did not cross Memorial Bridge which was closed for construction. Continuing its commitment to helping young Americans just out of college, the race teamed up with the RRCA to offer a special \$1,200 purse to the top RRCA Roads Scholar grant recipient and RRCA RunPro Camp alumni. Abbabiya Simbassa(RunPro) and Emma Bates (Roads Scholar) earned these awards. And yes, Ben Beach finished again for the 46th consecutive year.



Virtual Run participants show off their medals.

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## 2019 (April 7)

There was an organizational race before the running race in 2019 when just six weeks before race day a lane of the race course along Rock Creek Parkway was closed down for construction with no advance notice given to the organizing committee. Since the prospect of 17,000 runners passing through a 12' wide opening along the road way was hardly appealing, the course was re-routed for the first four miles, taking the route off National Park Service land and onto Washington, DC city streets. Gaining approval from the city for the permit on an accelerated basis was complicated but ultimately successful with a permit received less than 36 hour before the start. Then, a week out, a bulldozer appeared and proceeded to dig up an area near the starting line where several tents were scheduled to be constructed. The result? A quick recasting of the starting line area in the last few days. All the of the tensions of the lead-up were allayed when race day dawned with the perfect blossoms and perfect weather. It appeared that the elite runners responded with lightning fast times. Men's winner Jimal Jimer blazed a 45:36 clocking. Not far behind, Stanley Kebenei, the 2017 winner crossed, the line in 46:00, faster than Greg Meyer's 46:13 American record time from 1983, and broke into euphoria in the center of the road way no doubt in part due to the \$10,000 bonus being offered for a new American record. On the women's side, Kenyan Rosemary Wanjiru clocked in at 50:42, 34 seconds faster than Colleen DeReuck's course record set in 1997. Behind the winners came scores of happy faces on runners with new PRs. Or so it seemed.

By mid-week, the organizers determined that the turn-around in West Potomac Park had been misplaced on a temporary measurement mark and the course was 80 yards short. They agreed to pay Kebenei his \$10,000 bonus even with the short course. (Kebenei's adjusted time would have placed him at the finish line within a second or two either way of Meyer's record.) Kebenei vowed to return in 2020 to go for the mark again.



Nell Rojas.

## 2020 (April 5)

Elements of nature have come perilously close to cancelling the race in the past -- flooding, high winds and snow have jeopardized the event but ultimately have been overcome. One could have never imagined that something 0.12 microns in size and first reported in Wuhan, China would cause the event to tumble. As the highly virulent Corona virus (COVID-19) spread across the globe during the winter, large running events suddenly became potential incubators. In early March, the first U.S. spring races began to cancel or postpone, prompting the organizing committee to tell participants it would "monitor the situation" and look for Federal and Public Health agency guidance about cancelling. When the Boston Marathon, just over two weeks after the Credit Union Cherry Blossom, postponed until September, the necessity of cancelling was apparent. (The complexity of the numerous permits made postponement impossible.) This was announced to participants on March 14 with options of receiving a lottery exemption for the 2021 race (with no entry fee refund), a full 2020 refund, or donating the entry fee to Children's Miracle Network. About 50% took the lottery exemption, 5% made donations and 45% asked for a refund. A free Virtual Run was offered as a way for participants to celebrate their preparation with nearly 2,300 people participating, many posting joyful pictures and narratives about their experiences. Later in the year there were two developments regarding records set at the Cherry Blossom. On October 30, Galen Rupp broke Greg Meyer's American 10 mile record of 46:13 set at the Cherry Blossom in 1983 (three years before Rupp was born) with a time of 45:54 recorded at the 10 mile split of the Row River Half Marathon in Dorena, OR. Just 24 days later, the Credit Union Cherry Blossom organizing

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committee put together the Up Dawg Ten Miler in order to provide committee member Keira D'Amato with an opportunity to break the All-Women's 10 mile record of 52:12 set by Janet Bawcom at the 2014 Credit Union Cherry Blossom (ironically, D'Amato was holding the tape when Bawcom set the mark). D'Amato didn't disappoint, shattering the record by 49 seconds with a time of 51:23. The time also established a new U.S. "All-comer's mark, the fastest time ever run by a runner of any nationality in an All-Women's competition on U.S. soil (breaking the time of Ethiopia's Teyba Erkesso of 51:44 set at the 2008 Credit Union Cherry Blossom). D'Amato would go on the break Deena Kastor's long standing American Record in the marathon with a stunning 2:19:12 performance at the Houston Half Marathon in January, 2022.

## 2021 (September 12)

As the unrelenting Covid-19 pandemic continued to ravage the globe and just couple of months after vaccines to protect individuals from the virus began to be introduced, the possibility of holding the race in its traditional April timeframe was a non-starter. However the organizing committee simply could not bear the thought of a threeyear gap between the last in-person edition of the event and the 2022 event, so they elected to stage an event that celebrates the annual blossoming of the trees in September when there would not be a cherry blossom in sight. To bring an element of excitement, the race was awarded the Men's and Women's USATF National 10 Mile Championship for the first time since 2014.

Although the event caught a window between the Delta and Omicron Covid-19 variants when both cases and deaths had dropped significantly, plans still had to be developed for social distancing at the start and possible mask wearing throughout the weekend. Many runners were still cautious as the event attracted only 12,000 registrants with 7,000 finishers. On race day, no social distancing was mandated and masks were required only before and after, but not during, the event. Competition-starved American and International runners responded with fast times on a pleasant September morning (heat had been feared). Kenya's Edwin Kimutai clocked 45:45, the 9th fastest time ever run on the course, to win the men's division, while Nell Rojas captured the both women's open race (the first American woman to win the race since Joan Nesbit earned the title in 1996) and the U.S. Women's Championship in 52:13. Ironically, if the race organizing committee had not organized the UpDawg 10 Mile in November, 2020 in which Keira D'Amato set the American record of 51:23, Rojas' time would have bettered the old mark set by Janet Bawcom in the 2014 championship event by a single second. Abbabiya Simbassa claimed the U.S. 10 mile men's title in 46:18 while finishing second over all. The event was enthusiastically embraced by the runners who took part, but everyone was already hoping for



Start of the elite women's field.  
(Photo Credit: Karen Mitchell)

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a return to April in 2022. The organizers had not let the traditional April, 2021 weekend go by unnoticed as they hosted a virtual run between March 20 and April 11 which attracted 1941 finishers in the 10 mile and 5K events .

## 2022 (April 3)

For the first time in three years, the 2023 Credit Union Cherry Blossom took place on its traditional first weekend in April date – and only seven months after the fall 2021 edition, a reality which left members of the race committee feeling little let up between the two events. The numbers rebounded significantly from 2021's 5,888 official finishers, swelling to 14,649, but not back to the last-pre-pandemic total of 17,437 in 2019. The biggest organizational challenge of the year was the addition of bike lanes on 15th St. robbing the runners of 20% of their line up area.

There were good stories at the head of both the men's and women's elite competitions which took place on a cool (46-degrees), calm morning under just-past-peak blossoms. On the men's side, Nicholas Kosimbei wasted no time separating himself from the field at the two mile mark and running solo for the win. With no one to push the pace, he crossed the finish line in 45:15 which tied the exactly 10-year-old course record set by Alan Kiprono in 2012! Wilfred Kimitei finished second, 28 seconds back in 45:43. Interestingly, Kimitei ran his last mile one second faster than Kosimbei, leaving one to wonder what might have happened to the record had the two Kenyans remained knotted deeper into the race. In the women's race Reston, VA elementary school teacher Susannah Sullivan found herself in a familiar position at half way, in the thick of the elite women's competition. However, unlike her other appearances (8th in 2014 and 10th in 2017) which found her near the front for only a few miles, this year she was with the leaders at five miles and then accelerated away over the second half of the race. Although her closest pursuers Carrie Verdon, Paige Stoner and Sarah Pagano closed in over the final mile, Sullivan prevailed in 52:32, making her the first local woman to win the race since Eleanor Simonsick in 1983. Sullivan's time was her personal best by nearly two minutes and the sixth fastest U.S. women's time ever in the race. In the 5K, Evan Fallor had a busy day, winning the race which started at 9:00 a.m. in 16:05 and getting married at 4:30 p.m. in the afternoon. Cristina Burbach prevailed in the women's race in 21:08. With in-person running back in full swing, the Virtual Run still attracted 763 registrants.

## 2023 (April 2)

With a high level decision made that the Covid pandemic mandated 2020 Virtual Run would not count as an official "running of the race," the 50th running and the 50th anniversary took place in the same year. Planning for the celebration was nearly a year-long undertaking which included the unveiling of a new race logo. Runners got caught up in the enthusiasm with some 6,000 turned away in the lottery. The most visible change was the moving of the 5K from Sunday to Saturday. The 5K's roots go all the way back to the earliest years of the event when the founding DC Road Runners Club had a tradition of holding a shorter distance "Run for Your Life" event in conjunction with all of its longer distance races. So in 2023, the 5K had a "coming out party" on its own day, which attracted nearly 6,000 finishers who ran down Pennsylvania Ave. and across the Mall tracing part of the Route of the Presidential Inauguration. The 5K, even before it had been run in its reconfigured format, was named the "Best 5K in the Nation" in a USA Today poll.

The 10 Mile served as the championship of three organizations, USATF, the RRCA and the PRRO Circuit and offered a \$50,000 bonus for any World or American Records that were set (split if multiple records were set). Unfortunately, Mother Nature produced poor conditions for both events with rains on Saturday for the 5K, followed by clearing overnight as a cold front brought in high winds for the 10 Mile. Although the wind subsided somewhat by Sunday morning, times could still be called "wind-hindered." Although Ethiopian Tsegay Kidanu won the race in 46:08, the biggest winner was American Hillary Bor who, with his time of 46:11, was only three second back, but importantly two seconds ahead of Greg Meyer's American record of 46:13 which had been set here exactly 40 years earlier. Meyer greeted Bor at the finish. Bor pocketed \$59,000 in total prize money. None of the Americans in the Women's Championship could hang with Ugandan Sarah Chelangat who won handily in 52:04. Top American honors went to 39-year-old Sara Hall.

The event raised \$450,000 for Children's Miracle Network, a sizeable jump over the \$323,000 raised in 2022.

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## 2024 (April 7)

The biggest news item of 2024 actually began in late 2023 when t-shirt artist Jessica Pascual of Falls Church, VA turned in a design in the annual T-shirt Design Contest which featured a small, gnarled cherry tree named “Stumpy” who keeps blooming year after year despite a mostly rotten trunk and spending most of his days under water (hardly practicing good health for cherry trees). Race organizers instantly decided that Stumpy would become the race mascot. Six months later, the National Park Service announced that Stumpy was going to have to be removed due to a reconstruction project at the Tidal Basin to prevent more trees from suffering Stumpy’s fate as the Tidal Basin sinks deeper into the water. “Live” Stumpy and our “Mascot” Stumpy went viral in the weeks leading up to the race with Mascot Stumpy running in the Washington Nationals Presidents Race and appearing on the Drew Barrymore show in New York. Live Stumpy was chopped down about a month after the race, but scrapings from his trunk were cultivated at the National Arboretum for a new general of Stumpy offspring.

Oh yes, the race featured some exciting competition as the event served as the USATF National 10 Mile Championship for the second year. The 2024 men’s race had a familiar ring to 2023’s: Hillary Bor broke the American 10 Mile record he set in 2023, but did not win the race. He came extremely close with a third-place finish in 45:56, one second behind runner up Raymond Magut (45:55) of Kenya and two seconds behind winner Wesley Kiptoo (45:54) of Kenya. In the women’s race Emily Durgin had a similar outcome, snatching the USATF Women’s 10 Mile title in 51:26, a time tantalizingly close to Keira D’Amato’s women’s only 10 mile American Record of 51:23, but finished 12 seconds in back of defending champion Ugandan Sara Chelangat who clocked 51:14, the fastest women’s time ever run on the course (breaking the longstanding time in a mixed race of 51:16 set by Colleen DeReuck in 1998). After 2023’s rainy inaugural Pennsylvania Ave. 5K on Saturday, sunny conditions greeted nearly 7,000 entrants. Casey Greenwalt of Washington, DC claimed her second overall title in the women’s competition in 18:14 while Jonathan Ladson topped all of the men in 16:09.

Title sponsor Credit Union Miracle Day and the contributions from all the runners made for a \$490,000 contribution to Children’s Miracle network bringing the total since CUMD became the title sponsor in 2002 to \$12 million.

## 2025 (April 7)

The organizers could be accused of hyperbole if they claimed the 2025 edition was, in terms of records, the greatest road race ever run. But the race was just that astounding. By 8:15:15 a.m., when the second-place male crossed the finish line, there had been an astonishing four American Records and one World’s Best set. (World Athletics, the governing body for road running, does not consider 10 Miles as an “official” distance, hence the term “World Best” instead of “World Record”.) Four of the records were claimed by a single runner, Taylor Roe, who came to the race with only a second-tier mention in the pre-race program. (2024 Olympic Marathoner Fiona O’Keeffe and 2024 CUCB champion Emily Durgin were given top billing) With the women starting 12-minutes ahead of the men (meaning the women’s event met the criteria for “women’s only” records to be set), Roe only tolerated company for the first mile and then started to crank out mile after mile at a sub-5-minute pace. By eight miles she was nearly a minute clear of the field. Meanwhile back at the finish line the race organizers, who had calculated the final out-bound runners would clear the starting line based on a 51-minute finish time for the first place woman, had to quickly pivot to a back-up plan to clear the finish line by moving the final starters into an adjacent bike lane, when Roe crested the gentle upward slope on Raoul Wallenberg Place and past Independence Ave with the clock showing just over 49 minutes, an unworldly time. She snapped the finish line tape 67 seconds ahead of her nearest pursuer in a new American Record and World’s Best time of 49:53. When the times from the intermediate 10K and 15K splits came in, officials discovered that Roe had also set American Records at 10K (30:56) and 15K (46:24)!

In back of the elite women (by virtue of starting 12 minutes later), and unlike Roe, the lead men were running collectively at a blistering pace. By the 15K mark the four leaders, Alex Maier, Charles Hicks, current American 10 Mile Record holder Hillary Bor, and Wesley Kiptoo were tightly knotted. Just past 15K Hicks put in a surge which he carried all the way to the finish line to claim the USATF 10 Mile Championship and the course record in 45:14, well under Bor’s 45:56 American Record from the 2024 race. But wait! Hicks held dual U.S.- Great

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Britain citizenship which meant according to USATF Rules he can compete in the U.S. Championship but can't set an American Record. So the American Record went to Alex Maier who finished one second back in 45:15, for the fifth and final record of the day.

Zachary Prescott and Julia Fenerty both set course records for the three-year-old Pennsylvania Ave. course with times of 15:13 and 17:03. The number of finishers in the 5K swelled 7,238, a record for the third year in a row. The 5K was voted the top 5K in the country for the second year in a row in a USA Today Readers Poll.

Top honors in the Double Blossom (5K on Saturday and 10 Mile in Sunday) went to Clark Otte in 1:08:42 and Sabrina Zator in 1:20:03. Both were records.

Title sponsor Credit Union Miracle Day and the participants combined to raise \$450,000 for Children's Miracle Network bringing the total number of dollars raised since 2002 to over \$12 million.



Determined runners fill the streets of Washington, D.C. as they stride forward together during the 2025 Credit Union Cherry Blossom 5K run – an inspiring display of energy, endurance, and community set against the backdrop of the nation's capital in full bloom.

(Photo Credit: Steve Dillard)

# LES KINION & HALL OF FAME AWARDS

By trade, Les Kinion was a Baltimore fire fighter with Engine Company 43. By passion, he was first a runner and then a running club officer and race director. In 1970, Les co-founded the Baltimore Road Runners Club, one of the earliest chapters of the Road Runners Club of America. In 1973 he helped launch the first Maryland Marathon. After retiring in 1986, Les moved to Bishopville, MD and worked on hundreds of races on the Maryland-Delaware Coast. He became involved with the Cherry Blossom Race Committee in the 1980s and managed the t-shirt operation for over 30 years. Besides coordinating the purchase of the shirts, Les spent countless hours boxing, shipping and/or delivering the t-shirts to the race committee, participants and volunteers. He was hardworking, always willing to join in on whatever needed to be done to help the race, and he always had a smile on his face. Simply put, there was nothing that Les wouldn't do in order to ensure the smooth operation of any aspect of the race.

Les passed away in July 2014 at the age of 78.

The Les Kinion Outstanding Volunteer Service Award was first founded in the year following Les' death. The current year's winner is announced at the Saturday banquet the night before the 10 Mile.

Kari Keaton, Co-Director of the Kids Run and event emcee, was the 2025 recipient of the Les Kinion Outstanding Volunteer Service Award. Serving as the race announcer at both the Expo and race site, Keaton influences a runner's experience by effectively communicating necessary information and providing motivation. Additionally, in her role with the Kids Run, Keaton oversaw the relocation of the Kids Run from the National Building Museum to Freedom Plaza as well as a growth in participation. Her vast experience as a CUCB volunteer has been crucial in providing insight to policy as a member of the Cherry Blossom Inc., Board of Directors. Keaton's extensive and direct impact has contributed to the Credit Union Cherry Blossom's growth and success.

Further details about the award can be found [here](#). Press releases of all past winners can be found at the archives [here](#).

Past Les Kinion Award Winners		
Year	Winner	Position
2015	Irv Newman	President/Deputy Race Director
2016	George Tarrico	Logistics Coordinator
2017	Michelle Carter	Volunteer Coordinator
2018	Jean Arthur	Waterstops Coordinator
2019	Glenn Klenk	Signage Coordinator
2020	Nita Roncone	Volunteer Coordinator
2021	Marsha Way	Volunteer Management Coordinator
2022	Danny Talmage	Storage Shed Coordinator
2023 (Joint)	Steve Broyles/Rob Wolfe	Security Coordinator/ Treasurer & Corrals Coordinator
2024	Charlie Harr	Washington Memorial Grounds Coordinator
2025	Kari Keaton	Co-Director of the Kids Run and Event Emcee

The Cherry Blossom Hall of Fame was created in 2023 in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the race. The Hall of Fame inductees are individuals who had made significant contributions to the Cherry Blossom 10 Mile at any time over the last 50 years since the race began, either as a competitor, a supporter, a staff member, a committee member, a media member, a sponsor or through some other association with the race. Inductees into the Hall of Fame each year are announced at the Saturday banquet the night before the 10 Mile.

The Hall of Fame Class of 2025 were:

**Anna Berdahl, a long-time Credit Union Cherry Blossom committee member**  
**Bill Rodgers, Four-time winner of the Cherry Blossom 10 Mile and former U.S. Olympian**

2025's class joined these former inductees: **Gar Williams**, Class of 2023, co-founder of the Cherry Blossom Run, **Jeff Darman**, Class of 2023, former Race Director, **Irv Newman**, Class of 2023, former Cherry Blossom President, **Bill Brooks**, Class of 2024, a long-time Credit Union Cherry Blossom Miracle Day Board Member, **Ed Murray**, Class of 2024, race co-director from 1974-1982 and **Phil Stewart**, Class of 2024, Event Director from 1988 to present.



## ROAD RUNNERS CLUB OF AMERICA AND CHERRY BLOSSOM – A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

In 2018, the Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) awarded \$2,400 in prize money to the top the finishers in the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile Run that were either an RRCA Roads Scholar or RunPro Camp alumni. The race also served as the 2018 RRCA Ten Mile National Championship.

In 2023, building upon the long tradition of cooperation and mutual support between the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile and the RRCA—America’s oldest and largest grass roots organization of running clubs—race organizers and the RRCA jointly awarded \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500 to the top-three men and women alumni.

This years list of athletes eligible to earn RunPro Camp Alumni Development Awards includes:

**Aidan Reed (RunPro 2021)**

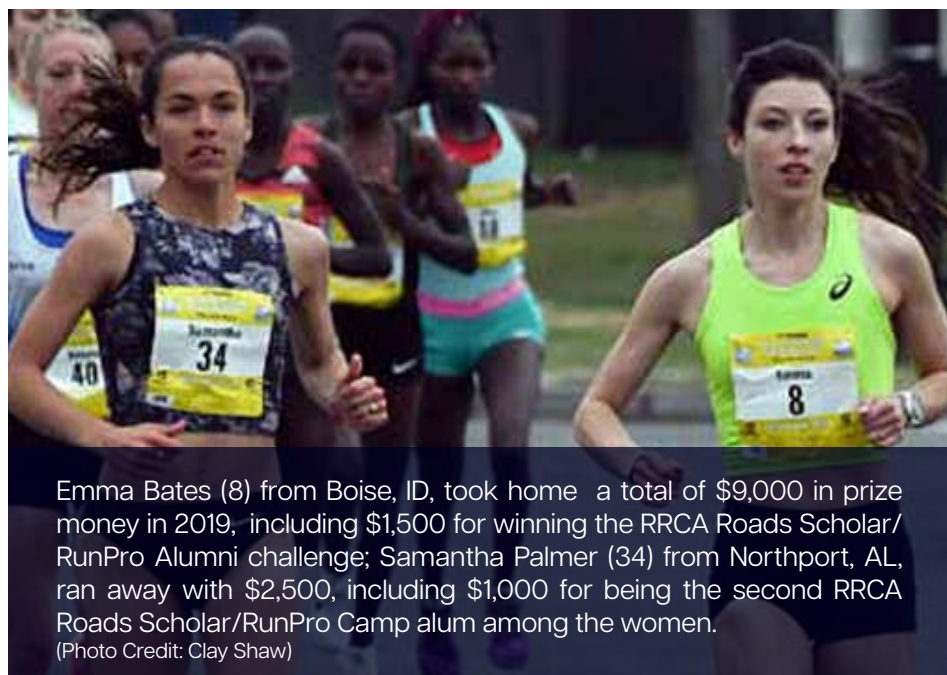
**Cailie Logue Hughes (RunPro 2023)**

**Merga Gemedo (RunPro 2023)**

**Joseph Minor (RunPro 2023)**

**Dana Feyen (RunPro 2024)**

**Makenna Thurston (RunPro 2024)**



Emma Bates (8) from Boise, ID, took home a total of \$9,000 in prize money in 2019, including \$1,500 for winning the RRCA Roads Scholar/RunPro Alumni challenge; Samantha Palmer (34) from Northport, AL, ran away with \$2,500, including \$1,000 for being the second RRCA Roads Scholar/RunPro Camp alum among the women.

(Photo Credit: Clay Shaw)

# 2026 CREDIT UNION CHERRY BLOSSOM PRESS RELEASES

Copies of pre-race releases can be found on the event website (<https://www.cherryblossom.org/press-releases/>). Here's a list of releases that have been issued to date in regards to the 2025 race:

**March 23, 2026**

**Credit Union Cherry Blossom Long-time Event Director Phil Stewart  
to Retire After 2026 Event Concludes**

**January 27, 2026**

**Registration for the CUCB 5K presented by ASICS Now Open**

**January 5, 2026**

**2026 Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile and Double Blossom Lottery Now Open**

**August 26, 2025**


**Credit Union Cherry Blossom Announces Title Sponsorship Extension for Credit Union Miracle Day, Inc.**



Crossing Memorial Bridge minutes into the race, American Annie Frisbie (#30) and Kenyan Antonia Kwambai (#22) take over pacemaking duties.  
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