

The 100th Boston Marathon Quiz

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With the 100th running of the Boston marathon almost upon us, and several club members preparing for the race, it seems only appropriate to review a bit of the history of this storied race. See how many of the following historical facts you can answer and score yourself accordingly: 0-4 correct, Jogger; 5-8 correct, Mid-Packer; 9-12 correct, Beantown Brain; 13+ correct, Get a Life! (The answers are elsewhere in this issue).

1. In 1975, en route to the first sub-2:10 marathon run at Boston and the first of four wins, Bill Rogers shocked purists by stopping during the race. How many times and why?

2. Norwegian Grete Waitz has won the New York marathon 9 times. How many times has she won the Boston Marathon?

3. In what year were women officially allowed to enter the Boston Marathon?

4. Who was the first woman to run the Boston Marathon, and in what year?

5. Name the last American man and woman to win the Boston Marathon, and the years of their victories.

6. Runners from what foreign country have won six of the last eight Boston Marathons?

7. Who is Rosie Ruiz and what is she remembered for?

8. How many deaths have been attributed to running the Boston Marathon?

9. What Olympic marathon gold and silver medalist never won the Boston Marathon?

10. How long do organizers estimate it will take this year's expected 37,000 runners to clear the starting line?

11. How many runners started and finished the first Boston Marathon?

12. When were qualifying times first

required for the Boston Marathon, and what was the first qualifying time?

13. How many Boston Marathons did "Old John" A. Kelley complete between 1928 and 1992?

14. Besides having completed more Boston Marathons than anyone, what other record does "Old John" Kelley hold?

15. The other Kelley of marathoning fame, "Young John" J. Kelley, completed 35 Boston Marathons, winning once and finishing second 5 times. What else is he known for?

16. Besides being former winners, what else do Bill Rodgers, "Old John" Kelley and "Young John" Kelley have in common?

17. What was the reaction of Joan Benoit Samuelson's mother on seeing a picture of her daughter winning her first Boston Marathon in 1979?

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