

Zoo Run Kudos, SI Raspberry

by John Farrow

Kudos to the 1996 Run for the Zoo! Great organization, great turnout, beautiful weather, and there was nothing but praise for both new courses.

And a special word of thanks to the Marines who policed the starting line and made sure the younger kids didn't crowd the front as in past years. This was long overdue and really helped avoid the usual traffic jam in the first few hundred yards of the 5k.

But the Marines certainly made their presence felt. Sitting on the curb waiting for the start of the 5k, the Half-Fast Runner noticed a 6' 5" drill sergeant looming over a chubby 12-year old camped out with the elite runners at the starting line. Whatever was said between the two shall forever be forgot ("You a 5-minute miler, son?"), just suffice it to say that the kid took his advice to move further back, and a great time was had by all.

But a big squashed raspberry to *Sports Illustrated* for completely ignoring the 100th Boston Marathon. Unbelievable that the supposedly top sports magazine in the world would actually have no coverage of the oldest and largest marathon and the amazing comeback of Uta Pippig over the last 10k while battling cramps and everything else.

SI continues to focus its coverage on sports dominated by the over-weight and the over-tall, and the Half-Fast Runner is seriously thinking of canceling his subscription in principled protest. Of course, that way when I re-subscribe next week I'll be able to get the new swimsuit video as a new-subscriber bonus.

A big *mea culpa* for the screw-up in the meeting date shown in the last newsletter. For those of you who noticed (we did have 40+ people in attendance), the next meeting date was listed as June 11,

when we still had not had a May 14 meeting. While this could possibly be attributed to some degree of diligence, it's really my own stupidity.

In fact, I was heading for the printer with the final copy of last month's newsletter in hand when a big, fat typo in the middle of the first page reared its ugly head. Immediately I headed home to correct the error and reprint the page, forgetting all the while that the June newsletter was already in the works, beginning with the first page, complete with new dates.

Just remember: "The second Tuesday of every month, except December," and you can't go wrong. We should have great attendance at the June meeting, though.

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