

The Boll Weevil

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Message from the President – The Corporate Challenge

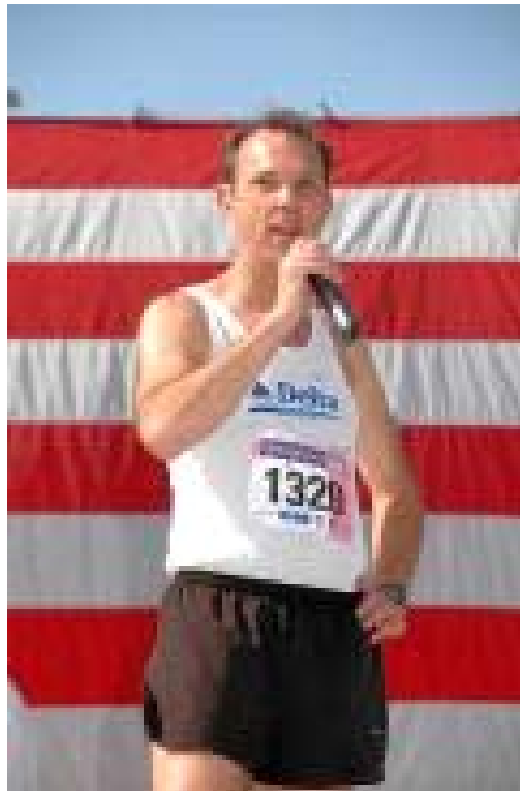
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Mostly our sport is an individual one. It's full of long hours of training and usually when you line up for a race, it's you vs. the rest of the field, the clock or yourself. That's one of the things I've always found appealing about running – I get out of it exactly what I put in to it, and unlike so many other aspects of life, my results don't depend on anyone else but me. But one of the other things that has always drawn me to running is the social aspect – when you run, you're always surrounded by positive people trying to accomplish positive things.

those of you who haven't made it out for this event (or at least not recently) you need to get it on your calendar for next year. Over 15,000 runners and walkers from over 300 local companies con-

were walkers and novice runners, we had a fine turnout at the head of the pack as well and managed to (unofficially as this goes to press) win the top award in the Men's Team Competition, third place in the Women's Team Competition, and first place for participation in the Airline/Travel Industry category.

The Men's Team was led by standouts Jeff Zickus and Ben Bubnovich, who finished 7th and 10th respectively, and were helped by Leon Ball who made the trek down from MSP to finish 18th. On the ladies side the leaders were Katherine Stevens, Christina Mitchell, Whitney Porretta and Leann Gardner. This marks



the third consecutive year our ladies have placed in the top three, and the first time either team has won the top prize.

verged on Turner Field, including 225 from Delta, to compete with each other and themselves, and to enjoy post race food and drink in the company of their fellow athletes. While the majority of our participants

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“Wisdom from Wes” - Trials of Aging

By Wes Wessely

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Who would have thought that a suburb of DFW airport could hide the lovely little town of Grapevine, site of the 30th anniversary World Airline Roadrace, WARR. Who would have thought that this annual event would still be around and attended by some who were there for number one.

Much credit goes to John Jensen who hatched the idea and brought it to the Duster board to a meeting in

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We welcome race results, pictures, stories or suggested races. Newsletter is published every other month, so send in future race ideas 3 to 4 months ahead of entry deadlines.

Hapeville, Ga. 31 years ago. The tireless effort of the executive board has kept it going through the turbulent years in our industry. It was no coincidence that it was held on 9/11/2011 not far from a memorial for those American Airline crews who lost their lives ten years earlier.

Upon arrival at DFW Steve Bishop, a past president of the Dusters, and I made our way through a maze of road construction to the host Hilton in Grapevine. Packet pick-up led to immediate contact with other Dusters and old friends from BA and Quantas. A group of retirees decided to meet for dinner at a lovely fish restaurant in the historic section of the town and proceed to catch up on families and talk about those that did not make the trip. Dining in a quiet back room we discovered that our server was the daughter of a long-time Delta manager at in-flight services. We concluded that evening at the hotel bar, meeting some more Dusters that had checked in that afternoon.

The next morning several of the group met to jog on the hotel grounds and adjoining roads. If you have not kept up, Texas has suffered from one of the longest heat spells in history, but we were blessed with cool mornings and dry air. Later that day many took a side trip to the old stockyards in Fort Worth and enjoyed some of that Texas barbecue washed down with the local brew.

That evening was the ever popu-

lar t-shirt swap and pasta dinner. An overflow crowd jammed into an out building of the Hilton and wheeling and dealing was in full swing. The stage had the display of entrants for the t-shirt design contest and the Delta entry stood out as one of the best. Since that was race night, we made a quick exit to our room to rest for that 5:30 wake-up call.

Much to my disbelief race morning dawned with a 64 degree low, a



temperature I had not seen since spring and had dearly missed. The race site was located a few miles from the hotel at a lake reservoir park. The 5k loop shaped like a pop-sicle was slightly rolling and extremely fast. One passed the finish area twice and encouraged lots of cheering supporters.

The 10k went off at 7:30 in cool conditions and netted some good times from many of the airline runners. The 5k drew the much larger participation and many of us enjoyed cheering on that group in the somewhat warmer conditions. I unfortunately had to bolt out of town for other commitments and left the area not knowing any race results but having enjoyed the experience to the fullest.

Run safe - Wes

(Wes Wessely is a long time runner, two time Atlanta marathon winner and a long time Duster member.)

Duster Tech Shirts at MSP "Stop-Over Store"

Delta Duster tech shirts will be in the MSP Stop-Over Store on Monday afternoon and Tuesday afternoon in the DTW location as well as on the website www.stopoverstore.com. "Delta Duster" members get 20% discount on each shirt. If you order online there will be a promo code to receive your discount online. Join the Delta Dusters today to get your discount on the shirts by contacting Gregg Davis at "gregg.davis@delta.com".

We have the following selection: All styles are 100% microfiber oXymesh. Inherent moisture wicking. Treated with BodyFreshe to inhibit the growth of odor causing bacteria. Breathable. No shrinkage, easy care. Pictures of actual Delta Branded shirts will can be seen on the website. My contact info is at the bottom.

Women's

Tank: XS-XL Navy and Red with full front Delta Logo in White Ink	XS-XL \$15.99
Long Sleeve: S-2x Black and Red with full front Delta Logo in White Ink	S-2XL \$24.99

Men's

Long Sleeve: Small – 3x Red or Navy with Full Front Delta Logo in White Ink	S-2XL \$24.99	3/4X \$31.99
Singlet: Small – 3X Red or Navy with Full Front Delta Logo in White Ink.	S-XL \$ 16.99	2/3X \$22.99

Jennifer Malmberg

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Tribute to Grace Netland:

Grace Netland was a Delta Duster for many years. She recently passed away after a long battle with cancer. She was at home, and her family was with her. Several Dusters wrote in to pass along their memories and thoughts. In tribute to a wonderful person and talented athlete, here are the kind thoughts:

Janet Adams Pilling writes:

“I didn't realize how many races we had been to together or how many races Grace had participated in until I looked at some old Duster scrapbooks. You could always count on her to run a terrific race, but to be humble about winning awards, and she won many! Grace was a most accomplished and talented person. She has many friends in such varied groups as the Dusters, her flight attendant colleagues, her friends in the Japan-American Society of GA, and others. Grace was a linguist, fluent in not only Japanese (she grew up in Japan), but also in German and Norwegian. You didn't find out about these accomplishments unless you happened to ask her, for Grace was quite humble about her talents.

She was a lovely woman and friend, and she will be terribly missed. It was a pleasure and an honor to have known her. The Delta Dusters, as only one group of many, have lost an amazing person. Let us not forget her.”

Susan Grissom writes:

“Grace was a quiet, unassuming member of the Delta Dusters, but once she was on the race course, she was one deter-



mined runner. Her race results were consistently winners. The Dusters knew we'd win some awards when Grace was on the course.

She approached her illness in the same determined way that she did a race. She did her homework on her disease and her doctors, and took as much control as she possibly

could. She was totally involved in all decisions. Her character remained strong and her attitude was positive throughout her long battle with cancer. She was an amazing person, and I learned a lot from her. Grace will be greatly missed, but her spirit will live on with all of those she touched.”

Rick Kovaleski writes:

“I had no idea Grace was that ill and I feel bad for not contacting her. I saw Grace a few years ago working the Peachtree Road Race doing mile marker splits. We chatted for a minute and I went on. Susan informed Grace was still dealing with breast cancer about 6 months ago and I was going to contact her, but never got around to it.

Grace was a very competitive person and very attractive as well. I ran a lot of races trying to beat her, so it was a running

competition between her and I and determination from the both of us. I would get so close but she always managed to have a little more at the end of a race. The closest I came to beating her was in Bermuda. Al Boch, another close friend thru the Dusters, I believe put together the run we did in Bermuda many years ago. It could have been someone else, but I remember to this day for Al told us that

Tribute to Grace Netland, Con't::

the race course in Bermuda was pretty flat which was a far from the truth as it could be. I had told Grace after we all got there that I was going to beat her in this 10K and of course her answer was “we’ll see about that” with that pretty smile of hers. We had a good laugh and glaring eyes at each other and the race was on. During the whole race I was right behind her and I could see the worried look in her eyes for I was pressing hard to stay with her. At the 5 mile mark I saw her walking up the last hill which was very steep, (not flat) and I knew she was struggling and so was I. I was still running so I caught up to her and when she turned and saw me (panic set in). She started running again. This is called determination!! We both put our all into it and Grace managed to gain a little advantage and beat



me by a 100 yards or so. I don't think I've run a harder race since. At the finish we had a good laugh as we were recuperating and reminded Al this was not a flat course. This is probably my fondest memory Grace.

Grace will greatly missed by all who knew her. Her smiles, friendliness to all, and determination will live in my memory. God's grace on Grace.”



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Seddie Barber writes:

“I had the pleasure of doing a 24 hour relay and a bike ride with Grace in Nova Scotia. Although I had known her for some time, this trip included quality time with her. She was a class act - always gracious and fun. She truly enjoyed her life and never let opportunities pass her by. She will be truly missed and I am so glad I had the privilege of knowing her.”

Duster B-days for Sept - Oct:

Tripp Hullender	Sep 01	
John Dalri	Sep 03	
Michelle Fields	Sep 05	654/atl
Eric Harvison	Sep 05	735/ATG
Cheryl Dodson	Sep 06	610/JFK
Bill Britton	Sep 10	
Jason Mansur	Sep 12	
Tom Francis	Sep 14	
Chris Martin	Sep 16	
Brian Farmer	Sep 19	222/ATG
Linda Mayse	Sep 20	
Jim McNiff	Sep 22	
Andrea White	Sep 27	610/PHL
Brian Martin	Sep 28	
Matt Campson	Sep 29	
Patrick Dunn	Sep 29	215/ATL
Diane Staska	Sep 29	611/ATL
Cathryn Kearns	Oct 05	
Ruth Olinger	Oct 05	125/DFW
Mimi Oliveira	Oct 07	
Russ Johnson	Oct 09	030/ATL
Katherine Stevens	Oct 09	661/ATG
Greg Brown	Oct 18	
Richard Cerasani	Oct 19	661/ATG
Eric Elbel	Oct 19	RET/ATL
Alan Hicks	Oct 22	031/CVG
Alexandra Douglas	Oct 24	
Debbie Weigand	Oct 24	
Barbara Henlon	Oct 26	665/ATL
Susie Montgomery	Oct 26	610/LAX
Rick Kovaleski	Oct 27	RET/ATG
Dick Evelyn	Oct 28	RET/ATL
Helen Tallon	Oct 29	610/LAX

Happy Birthday to all of our Duster friends!!!

President's message, Con't:

Of course all of this success wouldn't have been possible without the tireless efforts of our organizing committee. I'd like to give a big thanks to Charlene Butler, Laverne Fenn, Donna Leicher, Rob Haskins and Alicia Culver for all of their hard work this year.

In writing about the Corporate Challenge, I am reminded that several years ago Delta Duster Grace Netland was the overall women's champion. As I'm sure many of you know by now, Grace passed away last month at the much too young age of 49 after a long battle with cancer. Unfortunately I never got to meet Grace (just traded emails a few times), but in talking with those who knew her well, I have discovered that she was an amazing person as well as an amazing athlete. I am certain she will be sorely missed, but equally certain that Delta and the Dusters were better for having her as part of the family.

Happy running,

Gregg

"Travel and society polish one, but a rolling stone gathers no moss, and a little moss is a good thing on a man."

John Burroughs,
American naturalist and essayist

Duster Race and Events Planner

(Duster promoted events are in **bold**.)

October 2011

- 2 - Twin Cities Marathon and 10M – Minneapolis, MN (www.mtcmarathon.org)**
- 15 - Peachtree City Classic 5K & 15K – Peachtree City, GA (www.ptcrc.com)
- 16- Detroit Marathon, Half Marathon and Marathon Relay – Detroit, MI (www.freepmarathon.com)
- 29 - Autumn Chase 15K & 5K Trail Race– Newnan, GA (www.piedmontnewnan.org)
- 30 - Atlanta Marathon & Marathon Relay - Atlanta, GA (www.atlantatrackclub.org)

November 2011

- 6 - New York City Marathon – New York, NY (www.ingnyymarathon.org)
- 24 - Atlanta Half Marathon & 5K – Atlanta, GA (www.atlantatrackclub.org)

December 2011

- 3 - St Jude Memphis Marathon, Half Marathon and 5K – Memphis, TN (www.stjudemarathon.org)
- 3 - Reindeer Run 5K – Minneapolis, MN (www.reindeerrun.com)

January 2012

- 1 - Resolution Run 5K and 10K – Kennesaw, GA (www.atlantatrackclub.org)
- 21 - ATC PTC 5K and 10K – Peachtree City, GA (www.atlantatrackclub.org)

(Got a race you want to submit?
Email us at



Duster Race Results - June 19, 2011 thru Sept 3, 2011:

Liberty 5K – July 2, 2011 – The Colony, TX

Ruth Olinger 39:12 3rd in age group

Peachtree Road Race 10K – July 4, 2011 – Atlanta, GA

Jeff Zickus 35:38

Jeff Clark 43:45

Casey Seabright 46:53

Brian Farmer 47:28

Wayne Tucek 48:06

Gregg Davis 49:26

Larry Mayse 50:19

Kim Locher 50:54

Kith Burkingstock 52:07

Chuck Brower 52:21

Russ Johnson 54:48

Teri Chiong 55:31

Karen Johnson 56:56

Larry Koland 57:58

Linda Mayse 58:01

Mathew Grzeck 1:00:01

David Weigand 1:00:04

Debbie Weigand 1:00:04

Jim Hughey 1:01:17

Dale Homire 1:02:54

Eric Harvison 1:03:02 **April Sorenson Half Marathon –
July 9, 2011 – Albert Lea, IA**

Jason Mansur 1:24:14 2nd in age group

Alicia Traut 1:35:34 2nd overall

Kevin McNeight 1:05:02

Cindy McNeight 1:05:02

Ken Dodson 1:05:43

Kimberly Helms 1:05:47

Becky Condon 1:06:39

Mary Kaping 1:06:59

Chico Harris 1:08:40

Patrick Dunn 1:09:05

Denise Dunn 1:09:05

John Kasper 1:09:28

Kaushal Tripathi 1:11:13

Corrine Hofstetter 1:12:00

Susan Hudson 1:13:02

Susanne Pass 1:14:49

Victoria Cambrice 1:14:56

John Laughter 1:19:08

Andrea White 1:19:27

Flavia Marin 1:24:07

Nancy Pohl 1:26:57

Diane Staska 1:27:00

Patrick Kearns 1:29:40

Taralyn Kearns 1:31:06

Joyce Harrison 1:34:30

Lynn Hardwick 1:36:47

Stephen Boalch 1:44:31

Bill Britton 1:53:54

Annette Baker 2:20:35

Sedro-Wooley Footrace 5.2M – July 4, 2011 – Sedro-Wooley, WA

Michael Beauchamp 34:30

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“Figuring out who you re is the whole point of the human experience.”

Ann Quindlen
American journalist and author

Race Results, Cont':

Woodstock Freedom 5K – July 4, 2011 – Woodstock, GA

Eric Elbel 34:55
Teresa Elbel 35:12 3rd in age group

Apple Valley Freedom 2M – July 4 – Apple Valley, MN

Nicole Mansur 16:03

Apple Valley Freedom 5M – July 4– Apple Valley, MN

Jason Mansur 29:41 3rd in age group
Alicia Traut 34:25 2nd overall
Matt Campson 36:21
Sue Mansur 43:20
Bill Freese 43:22

April Sorenson Half Marathon – July 9, 2011 – Albert Lea, IA

Jason Mansur 1:24:14 2nd in age group
Alicia Traut 1:35:34 2nd overall

Decatur / DeKalb YMCA 4M – July 16, 2011 – Decatur, GA

Teri Chiong 33:12

Lumberjack Days 10M – July 23, 2011 – Stillwater, MN

Robin Paurus 1:19:32

Red Top Roaster 15K Trail Run – July 30, 2011 – Cartersville, GA

Teri Chiong 1:59:09

EAA Runway Run 5K – July 30, 2011 – Oshkosh, WI

Kevin McNeight 28:11

BIX 7M – July 30, 2011 – Davenport, IA

Jeff Zickus 40:41 3rd in age group

Carrollton Road Runners 5K – July 31, 2011 – Carrollton, TX

Ruth Olinger 40:28 1st in age group

Atlanta's Finest 5K – August 6, 2011 – Atlanta, GA

Woodrow Morgan 23:47
Teri Chiong 25:17
Mathew Grzeck 25:33

Run for Wounded Warriors 5K – August 6, 2011 – Grantville, GA

Ken Dodson 29:34 :

Minnesota Half Marathon – August 6, 2011 – St. Paul, MN

Rosemary Padgett 2:18:37 2nd in age group

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"In dwelling, live close to the ground. In thinking, keep to the simple. In conflict, be fair and generous. In governing, don't try to control. In work, do what you enjoy. In family life, be completely present."

to

Lao Tzu
Chinese philosopher

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Duster Race Results - Cont'd:

Summer Ends 5000 – August 13, 2011 – Winder, GA

Wes Wessely 22:49 1st in age group
Steve Pass 36:39

ATC Grand Finale 5K – August 13, 2011 – Atlanta, GA

Teri Chiong 25:52

Ragnar Great River Relay - 196 Mile Relay, Winona, MN to Minneapolis MN

Randy Pool 47:30 (leg 7, 6.0 miles)
Randy Pool 30:21 (leg 19, 4.5 miles)
Randy Pool 49:50 (leg 31, 6.5 miles)
(Team finished 49/283, total time ws 26:50:48.)

Muragl Lauf 10K – August 21, 2011 – Pontresina, Switzerland

Jeff Zickus 35:33 1st in age group

Crim Festival 10M – August 27, 2011 – Flint, MI

Mathew Grzeck 1:32:34

Woodbury Country Mile 5K – August 28, 2011 – Woodbury, MN

Ed Waldera 22:58 1st in age group

Carrollton Road Runners 5K – August 28, 2011 – Carrollton, TX

Ruth Olinger 38:53 1st in age group

Sunrise on the Square 5K – September 3, 2011 – Newnan, GA

Chuck Brower 24:34 2nd in age group

Are your results missing ? Send us an e-mail at RunningClub.Delta@delta.com or gregg.davis@delta.com and tell us about your race. Be sure to let us know if you won an award and if it's your best time ever for the distance ! Have you run a unique race ? Share your experience with all the Dusters and submit a Race Review.