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The Pacer

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ARRC Editor Chatter

Welcome to the November/December Pacer. I apologize for the lateness of this issue. I was pre-occupied with the Run the Mounds Race. It went very well thanks to all of you whom volunteered helped and supported. Unfortunately Covid-19 numbers are on an unprecedented increase over in the March numbers. This has caused the ARRC Board to make some tough decisions regarding upcoming events and looking forward to next year. Membership and fees for this year will also apply through the end of 2021. So what you have signed up for in 2020 is good through 2021.

The **2021 Thursday Night pre-season** races are scheduled to begin on (Yes) Thursday April 1st!! The race calendar will depend on the state of health issues as we approach that time. Points races begin on Thursday May 13th provided no health mandates.

You can sign up online at the following link:

<https://runsignup.com/Club/IN/Anderson/AndersonRoadRunnersClub>

The 2021 ARRC Road Series will also depend on the current health conditions in the state and county at the time. Usually the first race is DINO Mounds in March. DINO races have been allowed to occur live following the pandemic guidelines in 2020. As the season approaches we will provide more updates.

Shadyside Mile Marker Sign Posts

The signage is ready. Waiting for resources with the Park Dept. to become available for installation.

Editor Note

This has been a challenging year for us all. The belief that Covid-19 would flare out and decrease has just not happened. In fact new numbers of cases are significantly increasing as each day passes. The ARRC wants to provide you with as many Safe running and social opportunities as possible. We must do what we can to protect our members and their Families to the best of our abilities. Please bear with us and we are open to your thoughts and input.



Upcoming Events

Nov. 26th – ARRC Turkey Trot 2 laps runners and one lap walkers 8:00A Start

Dec. 5th – DINO Jackson Co 50K/50 Miler Washington State Forest

Dec. 19th – CRRG Donut Run 5K Military Park Indy

Dec. 19th – ARRC Anderson Christmas Lights run. 6:00P start at City Building Crystal Arch

Dec. 31st – ARRC New Year's Eve run at Shadyside. 2:00P start

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Hello Friends,

We are all too aware of all of the changes we have had to make due to the virus. Among them was our Thursday point series. Sadly, the board has decided an inside Christmas dinner is not a responsible thing to do with the dramatic increase in Covid-19 cases in the state. We have decided to cancel the Christmas Party. Our Annual Award Dinner in February is also cancelled. We are required to hold an annual meeting for our Club, so look for an announcement after the Holidays for a Zoom meeting. All Club members will be invited to attend. We hope to resume normal activities next spring and have a celebration when we can safely gather together. Until then, I hope you find a way to stay connected to your friends and family and keep moving your body. Your life depends on it!

Tammy

ARRC Annual Turkey Trot Shadyside Nov 26th

The annual ARRC Thanksgiving morning two lap run and one lap walk are on the morning of November 26th at 8:00A. Registration starts at 7:15A with a \$5 per person race fee with no race shirt available. Please bring and wear a mask before and after the race. Walk and run will start at 8:00A with turkeys to the top Male and Female Finishers. Age group winners will have their choice of pies and other items. Awards will begin as soon as the last participant is finished. Proceeds from this race will be donated to the Operation Love local charity.

39th Annual Run the Mounds Races Nov. 1st

What an amazingly successful 39th Annual Run the Mounds Races on a cold, windy and blustery day. Tyler and I give thanks to the Sponsors, volunteers, and participants for making this **Live** race so successful. Thanks to everyone for following the mask protocols as much as possible. We sold out the three races at 327 and ended with 296 participants finishing the races. Many thanks to Mike and Paige Truman for their efforts to clear and mark the trails for the race. Even the best efforts of Mother Nature did not fully erase their efforts. Our thanks to Jessica and Brian for their chip timing of the races.

Our special thanks to our Great Sponsors whom, in this year of terrible turmoil, stuck with us and renewed their Sponsorships. Understandably, they could have easily opted out and instead chose to renew with us. They deserve all of the respect and patronage of their services we can support.

Our special thanks to all of the volunteers that supplied food for the grab and go bag lunches. Our tradition of supplying participants with pot-race food was able to carry on without the sit down meal. A very tasty after event pick me up.

Next year's races will be held on Sunday Nov 7th. Please mark your calendars for hopefully a more normal next year's race. If anyone is interested in purchasing any of this year's tech and sweatshirts, there are still a number left for purchase. Please contact me and we can arrange pickup.

Bud Stiffler Memorial Service



Bud's Memorial Service was held October 23rd at Maplewood Cemetery. Despite Covid-19, the outdoor ceremony brought a respectable number of people to pay their respects to a legend in the running community. Bud Stiffler touched many lives and his legacy will live on for many generations. He will be dearly missed. Close friend Frank Lindley spoke about their long friendship and many gave their personal testimonials. You can find a speech from Carolyn McKinney on our Facebook Group page that rang true for many of us.

Our club gave 2 beautiful plants to mark the occasion. We have plans underway to honor Bud with a drinking fountain as a tribute to all of the water he passed out on Thursday nights to club members. Hope that Bud and Edna are enjoying some runs together.

2020 Christmas Lights/ New Year's Eve Fun Runs

Two new fun events before the end of the year.

Christmas Lights Run

Meet at the Crystal Arch at the Anderson City Building Saturday December 19th at 6:00P with headlamp and reflective clothing for a tour of some Christmas lights displays. Bring a mask also for before and after the run and then dine at one of Anderson's downtown restaurants.

New Year's Eve Fun Run

Meet at the Shadyside activity center at 2:00P for one lap or more to make room for that New Year indulgences. Bring a mask for before and after. Wish each other a happy new year hoping for a more normal next year and reminiscing about the year gone by. Bring your own refreshments and socially distance after the race.

Social Media

Check out our club on social media! Not sure what social media is all about? No worries, we've got quick summaries below – and it's all free!

You may have also heard of "hashtags" – these are like online keywords which group content together. We encourage you to use our club hashtags!

#WeRunAndersonIN

#WhiteRiverRun

#RunTheMounds

We encourage you to join and follow our social media accounts to stay up to date with the latest club news, see photos, and engage with other club members! If you have any questions about social media, please contact the club by sending an email to president@andersonroadrunners.org.

Facebook

Facebook is a social networking platform where individuals and organizations can connect. We have a Facebook Page which is accessible to anyone on Facebook. The page has information about the organization as well as our events. We also have a Facebook Group which is accessible only to group members. The group has more content than the page – more photos, videos, etc. We encourage you to follow and like our Facebook page and to join our Facebook group - just send a request!

Page: <https://www.facebook.com/andersonrrclub>

Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/andersonroadrunnersclub>

Meetup

Meetup is a social networking platform which allows users to connect with locals to “meet up” for a common interest. On the Meetup home page, if you type in “walking” or “running” and set the distance to within 5 miles of Anderson, IN, then click “Search”, Meetup will give you results of walking or running groups near Anderson. In a group you can see their events, discussion boards, members, photos, and more. It’s a great way to get plugged in with others who enjoy the same things you do! We encourage you to join our Meetup group!

<https://www.meetup.com/anderson-road-runners-club/>

Strava

Strava is an exercise tracking and social networking platform where users can log their workout activity and give kudos to their friends for their workouts. Users can also join clubs which have events and leader boards. We encourage you to join our club!

<https://www.strava.com/clubs/anderson-road-runners-club-593298>

Instagram

Instagram is an image- and video-based social networking platform. Great for those who enjoy visual content, Instagram allows users to post, like, and comment on other users’ content. We encourage you to follow our account!

<https://www.instagram.com/andersonrrclub/>

Twitter

Twitter is a text-based networking platform where users share thoughts, pictures, videos, and links in less than 280 characters. We encourage you to follow our account!

<https://twitter.com/AndersonRRClub>

Diversity

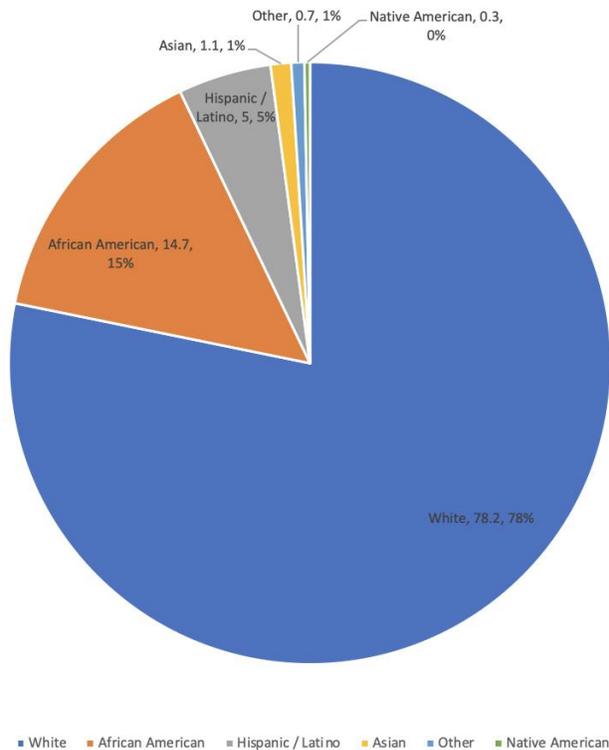
The ARRC is making it a priority to increase our club's diversity. Everyone has always been welcome to join and participate with our club, but our active participants and current membership don't reflect the demographics of Anderson - specifically for race and age.

Right now we are accepting any and all thoughts regarding how we might increase our club's diversity. If you would like to share your thoughts on this initiative, please contact the club by sending an email to president@andersonroadrunners.org.

We really appreciate your participation as we begin this new initiative to help make everyone in Anderson and surrounding areas feel welcome and represented! Keep an eye on social media for more on this initiative as it develops!

For your reference, below is a pie chart which demonstrates the racial composition of Anderson, IN as of 2019 per the US Census.

Anderson, IN Racial Composition as of 1 July 2019 per Census.gov



2021 Membership Information

It's that time again to renew your membership or join as a new member for the 2020 season!! As stated previously, your ARRC membership and any Thursday night, Road Series and any other fees paid for in 2020 are good through the end of 2021. You have 2 options to register as a Club Member. We still accept paper registration forms at:

http://www.andersonroadrunners.org/membership/2020_membership/ARRC_2020_Member_Form.pdf

However, we prefer your online membership registration, available now at:

[Anderson Road Runners Club](#)

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ARRC 2021 Road Series

I have left this page in the Pacer with a combination of last year's and next year's dates to show the potential races and relative times of year for them. Dates preceded with an asterisk are 2021 current dates. Obviously this depends upon the current state health requirements at that particular time

Be sure to see Doug Rose after the races to report your time or text him!

2020 Road Series

more Dates and Times to come

*March 6th @ 9:00am – Dino Trail 5K & 15 K (Mounds State Park)

March 21st –St Vincent's cancer races at Hoosier Park (Virtual)

April

*May 8th – Indy Mini & (Indianapolis) Bonus Race (Virtual or Deferred)

June 1st @ 6:30pm – TBD Cheers for your Health 5K run/walk Cancelled

*June 12th @ 9:00am – White River 5K Run/Walk & 10K run(Anderson)

*July 4th – Chesterfield 5K run/walk (Chesterfield)

Oct 24th – Red Gold run/walk 5K and 10K Runs Virtual

*Nov. 7st – Run the Mounds 5 Mile run & 5K run/walk

*Nov 25th – ARRC Thanksgiving day run (Anderson)

*Dec 5th – Kris Kringle 4 Mile run & 3 mile walk (New Castle)