



MANITOBA RUNNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Report to Athletics Manitoba

- 2022 Membership is currently 282, compared to 293 in 2019. Youth membership is up considerably from the past two years at 56. I have recently been informed that the Fit Expo at the Manitoba Marathon will take place this year, which should contribute substantially to our membership numbers. I have registered for a booth.
- We now have 25 events on our 2022 calendar, with a couple more that will be coming on in the next month or two. The first race of the season was held on April 3rd at Assiniboine Park (April Run Series #1) with a total registration of over 180. Things are starting to look more like they did before the pandemic.
- Our MRA Track Club, coached by Calvin Reimer and Noel Kendle, continues to be very popular with 50 registrations. About 30 show up on a regular basis and a few took part in a couple of the indoor track meets. This program ends on April 13th, but I have already had a number of requests to continue into the spring and summer.
- MRA Timing Services now has 3 booked events to time, all of them out of town-Carman, Virden and Riding Mountain. We will probably be doing Gimli and Treherne as well, but those events are not yet confirmed.
- Planning for the 2022 MRA Hall of Fame Banquet & 50th Anniversary Celebration on April 25th at Celebrations Dinner Theatre on Pembina Hwy, is in full swing. Tickets are available now until April 20th (<https://raceroster.com/58434>) and are selling well. We are also holding a 50/50 Draw to help support the event and those ticket sales are also going well (fundingchange.ca/mra) and can be purchased until 8:00pm on April 25th. The winner will be announced at the Banquet, but attendance is not necessary to win. More information about the event can be found on our website: <https://mraweb.ca/hall-fame-banquet/>. Our inductees this year are Terry Cooke (Builder), Jack Dubnicoff (Athlete), Allan Finkel (Builder), Alphonse Bernard (Builder), Claude Berube (Athlete/Builder) and Roger Schwegel (Athlete). Our MC is Marcy Markusa (CBC Information Radio Host) and our Keynote Speaker is Grant Mitchell.
- The 2022 MRA AGM is being held on Monday, April 11th and will be virtual again this year. We have a number of members that have indicated an interest in attending.

Kathy Wiens, MRA Executive Director