

USATF-OREGON GRAND PRIX SERIES 2008 Recap/2009 Preview

USA Track & Field of Oregon will again attempt to service the runners in our state by sponsoring the 2009 Grand Prix race series. You **MUST** be a 2009 member in the Oregon Association of USATF in order to participate, so apply for your membership NOW! The preliminary schedule is listed below including races of various distances and venues (cross country, road racing, etc.) throughout Oregon. Remember, the emphasis is on participation; therefore, I look forward to seeing many more runners toeing the starting lines and supporting as many races in the series as possible. The complete series schedule will "run" in the next issue of RaceCenter NW, so mark your calendars, have fun, and enjoy the 2009 Grand Prix Oregon series.

The initial race on the Grand Prix menu will be the legendary Pear Blossom 10 Miler in Medford. We are thrilled to continue with this event in the Grand Prix series because of its reputation and history in Southern Oregon. This race supports local running scholarships as well as statewide USATF youth programs. Thanks to race director Jerry Swartsley for the opportunity to compete in this classic race. Please contact the "Pear" at (541) 535-1205 or www.pearblossomrun.com for entry information. Entries will be available February 1.

We will be highlighting additional events in each of the four subsequent issues of RaceCenter as well as the USATF-Oregon website at www.usatf-oregon.org. Event changes and results will also be reported in both of these sources. The preliminary 2009 Grand Prix schedule is as follows:

April 11	Pearblossom 10 Miler	Medford
July 4	Foot Traffic Flat Marathon and Half-Marathon	Portland
September 27	Oregon Track Club 8k	Eugene
November 14	USATF Oregon Association Cross Country	Portland
November 21	USATF Northwest Regional Cross Country	Portland

We may have some exciting surprise additions to the 2009 GP series, so stay informed and spread the word.

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

The top money winners for the 2008 Grand Prix series in each of the four divisions:

Mercury Men:

1. John Lucas	124 points	\$500
2. Chad Killian	105 points	\$400
3. Aaron Coe	60 points	\$300
4. Richard Bolt	52 points	\$200
5. Dan Bartosz	36 points	\$100
6. Tim Julian	30 points	\$50
7. Torrey Lindbo	24 points	\$25
8. Eric Dolezal	9 points	\$25

Mercury Women:

1. Wendy Terris	125 points	\$500
2. Susan Barth	117 points	\$400
3. Holly Hight	66 points	\$300
4. Katie Harpster	50 points	\$200
5. Erin Skourtes	46 points	\$100
6. Laura Cadiz	35 points	\$37.50
6. Elizabeth Carey	35 points	\$37.50

Anazazi Men:

1. Danny Gonzales	100 points	\$500
2. Chuck Coats	95 points	\$400
3. Joe Dudman	82 points	\$300
4. Lawrence Merrifield	65 points	\$200
5. Dave Harrison	52 points	\$100
6. David Terris	47 points	\$50
7. Mark Rich	42 points	\$25
8. Eric Holstrom	41 points	\$25

Anazazi Women:

1. Suzanne Ray	180 points	\$500
2. Jeanette Groesz	120 points	\$400
3. Beth Armstrong	98 points	\$300
4. Eileen Holzman	95 points	\$200
5. Shannon Conroy	64 points	\$100
6. Betsey Seth	43 points	\$50
7. Julie Thomas	16 points	\$25

Remember you must be a member of USATF-Oregon in order to participate in the scoring portion of the 2009 Grand Prix series. Stay informed about updates and/or changes to the 2009 series through future issues of Race Center NW or at usatf-oregon.org. Support the races in our series through your participation. Celebrate running!

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