



Plano Pacers Running Club, Inc. **Hall of Fame**

The Plano Pacers Running Club was formed in 1978 by the City of Plano Parks and Recreation Department and a group of thirty local runners. The objectives of the Running Club were the promotion and encouragement of healthful jogging and distance running. The objectives were supported by stressing the fun and exhilaration of running and its contribution to physical fitness, weight control and health. The club was directed to stimulate and maintain motivation among runners by increasing communication among runners and prospective runners. The club's plan was to publish a newsletter, hold regular meetings, fun runs, races, running clinics and related programs. The club would also mobilize their influence to promote the development of trails, tracks and running support facilities within the city.

The Plano Pacers Running Club has successfully operated as a family-oriented organization for three decades. A great number of runners and non-runners have contributed to meeting the objectives defined by the City of Plano and the founding members. Starting this year, 2009, The Plano Pacers Running Club will establish a Hall of Fame to recognize those individuals who have made significant contributions to the club.

The Plano Pacers Running Club, Inc. recognizes Ken Ashby for his commitment and many invaluable contributions during more than two decades of unfailing service. He has been involved in every facet of the club, and most of the club's current membership cannot remember a time when Ken was not intimately involved and an integral part of the Pacers.

Ken Ashby joined the Pacers in 1985 and first volunteered his services as race director in July of 1988. It was a task he would undertake countless times in the many years following. During that period he also began setting up courses and marking them for the club. In 1990 Ken became the club's vice president, and in 1991 he served as president of the Pacers. During his presidency he shared his political views, musings, and thoughts on the club's direction with the membership through his witty and frequently self-deprecating "President's Message" in the monthly newsletter. Even during those years Ken would frequently be found "in the trenches", performing not only as race director, but volunteering in various capacities, including the vetting of finish line results. For the better part of two decades Ken made it his personal mission to provide the club with accurate race results that met his exacting standards. He also ensured that they were meticulously compiled and prepared for distribution. In the twenty years since Ken first served as a club officer he has been called on many times to provide guidance and advice to the club's officers. In the early 1990's Ken assumed the role of equipment manager and in the late 1990's he began certifying both race day and prediction run courses for the club. To this day he continues to perform those duties.

Through his eagerness to lend a hand, his dependable and enthusiastic support, and his ongoing counsel, Ken Ashby has made significant contributions toward meeting the objectives of the Plano Pacers Running Club, Inc. For all the reasons documented in this letter the Plano Pacers Running Club takes great pride in naming Ken Ashby a charter member in the Plano Pacers Hall of Fame.

James Royal, President

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