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30th Annual Huntsville Track Club Grand Prix Winners

Open – **Brandon York & Kelcy Brunner**

Masters – **Shane O’Neill & Carol Phelps**

Grand Masters – **Tim Smith & Eugenie Candon**
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The following presentation is from the nomination letter submitted to the RRCA selection committee.

Eric Fritz was voted by the membership to the Board position of VP-Races & Equipment for the years 2010-2011. That occurred not many years after Fritz started running in a beginners running group conducted by a local running store. Other than club president, this VP position is both the next most important and most time consuming. Fritz was required to work with the club’s 23 event and race directors and see that each had the equipment they needed to conduct their event. For the variety of races the club puts on there is no “one size fits all” approach that will work. Rather Fritz was required to work individually with each race director to ensure they had what they needed to get the job done. In addition, he must plan time to meet those race directors at the club’s storage facility to enable timely pick up and return of the equipment.

The VP-Races is also required to obtain permits from all government and facilities where HTC races are conducted. I should note that the Huntsville Track Club (HTC) has a large inventory of equipment acquired over the 47 years of the club. Advances in technology affect running equipment just as they do any other facet of our lives. As such Fritz made sure the club had the latest new equipment and that existing equipment was repaired to help our races maintain the professional atmosphere that runners have come to expect from HTC events.

The club also supports approximately 25 to 30 other north Alabama races that use and/or rent HTC equipment during the year. That meant Fritz was being contacted for the equipment and making sure the equipment was returned and ready for use the next weekend. That is a scheduling and tracking nightmare. During the year that meant he was responsible for equipment practically every week of the year and sometimes more than one event on a weekend as the club supports so many towns in north Alabama.

At the end of 2011 Eric Fritz was selected for the HTC Tom Bolt President’s Award for his outstanding job as VP-Races/Equipment.

I have included the four paragraphs above to emphasize the work ethic Fritz brought to the job of president and his leadership abilities in working with a large number of people.
When President David Purinton stepped down at the end of 2011 after serving as president for 14 years and had won the RRCA Scott Hamilton Award in 2009, Eric Fritz stepped up to run for and was voted by the HTC membership to become president of the HTC for the 2012-2013 term. Fritz has since been re-elected to three more 2-year terms as president and has now served as president for 7 years as he is now nearing the end of the first year of his fourth 2-year term as president.

The HTC is an all-volunteer organization and has no paid staff, just the volunteer Board Officers, Race Directors and Special Coordinators. The president must work with all those 37 individuals, but must also coordinate with City Government, the local State Park, and two Universities where club events and meetings are held as well as the city and other organizations that request the unique services the HTC has to offer such as supporting the building/maintenance of trails and Greenways being built in Huntsville.

Most recently Fritz has worked with the Mayor and other organizations to turn a misused Municipal Golf Course into a very large multi-million dollar Running Park that will have walking/running/biking trails and a national class Cross Country Course that will qualify and be certified for High School and University Championships and Invitational events. This required getting the City Council approval versus the many other groups vying for their use of the property located in the center of the city.

Not only is Fritz at every HTC race, Board meeting, club meeting and other meetings, but also with City departments and other organizations. As an example the most recent is an aid station the club mans each year for a 100 mile ultra-trail run that is located approximately 50 miles from Huntsville and the aid station is located in a mountainous wooded area with difficult access that is in operation all night since it is at the 86 mile point of the race. One of those there, Eric Fritz.

When the host hotel for the Rocket City Marathon closed for new construction and there was a major restructuring of the streets used by the course, Fritz took the lead in the layout and measurement of an all-new downtown marathon course working closely for months with the Huntsville Police Department and other city departments that support the marathon such as painting the turn and mile-markers in the street, street cones and barriers for traffic control, and etc.

The club also is responsible for an Adopt-A-Mile and Adopt-A-Trail. There is often a request or need for an HTC booth for some event and Fritz is usually one of those manning the booth, informing people about the HTC, and accepting new members.

The clubs biggest race with 6500 entrants is a fund raiser for the Huntsville Hospital Foundation (HHF) that raises funds for breast cancer. To pull this race off and generate a high level of sponsorship for the Foundation requires a unique (compared to other club races) coordination between the HTC and the HHF. Fritz has done a magnificent job with that interface.

I should note that Fritz has elevated the HTC’s standing in the community in general and specifically with local government and organizations. It is not just club races, but Fritz volunteers for other races in the community if those events are good for running in Huntsville and support a worthwhile charity. It is no exaggeration that Eric volunteers at least 45 out of 52 weekends a year. His involvement as the HTC President goes above and beyond the basic job description for that office.

One of the most important tasks of being president is to replace race directors when one steps down with a quality individual that possesses the talent and work ethic to fill the position. In the 47 years of the HTC we have been blessed with outstanding volunteerism and have many members and
particularly husband-wife teams that have staying power. Interestingly when you have great leadership at the top burnout diminishes and volunteerism flourishes and that has been true under the leadership of Eric Fritz. However we still have race directors that move away or for personal reasons must step down and Fritz has done a superb job in finding quality replacements to volunteer.

The HTC had been in dire need for an upgraded website and to put new and renewal membership online for years. Fritz made that a major priority when he took office. Fritz is a whiz at technology and working with a new VP-Communications has successfully completed that task.

When Fritz took office as president the club ended 2011 with 1465 members in 790 households that had been on a downswing for several years. The HTC ended 2017 with 2121 members in 1159 households. That is a testament to Fritz’s efforts when he took office to grow the club and build enthusiasm for volunteering.

I should also note that Fritz is a superb writer. As the club’s newsletter editor, each issue includes an address by the club president. Fritz always has his article in on time and his articles (42 now) are excellent communications of his outlook for the club, accomplishments, and praise for the many volunteers that make the HTC a successful organization.

It is not just what Fritz does, how much he does, but how he does it with excellence. Most runners get quite grumpy when they have injuries that limits or stops their running for a period. Fritz did not let that affect his performance as president when he went through a long drawn out injury. Nor would you know that he often has to travel for his job as Program Manager for a high-tech electronic company based in Huntsville. On top of all that Fritz is a great father for his children.

Eric Fritz is truly a great HTC President. Please join me in thanking Eric Fritz for his enthusiasm to make a positive impact on the HTC and congratulate him for his outstanding leadership of our great organization.
The RRCA Rod Steele Memorial Award is a national award presented by the Road Runners Club of America at its annual convention to the Most Outstanding Club Volunteer in the Nation. This award is named in memory of Rod Steele, who was the DC Road Runner Club President in 1974 when a plane crash took his life. This award is in memorial to his contributions to the sport of running as a volunteer and supporter of the RRCA. Each of the more than a thousand RRCA chapter clubs can nominate one of its members, other than the current club president, for this award from which the finalist is selected by the RRCA Rod Steele Memorial Award Selection Committee. The HTC has had eight of its nominees selected as the national winner.

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On behalf of the Huntsville Track Club Executive Board and club members I am nominating Suzanne Taylor for the RRCA Rod Steele Memorial Award as the Outstanding Volunteer in the Nation.

Suzanne Taylor joined the Huntsville Track Club in 2001 after moving to Huntsville in 2000 and marrying Dink Taylor. She immediately became one of the Huntsville Track Club’s (HTC) most active volunteers.

I should note that Dink Taylor was the winner of the RRCA Rod Steele Memorial Award in 2010 and is still an extremely active volunteer and HTC Executive Board member. They are now one of the club’s most active volunteer husband-wife teams.

Suzanne was a HTC Executive Board member from 2005-2017 (13 years).

Anyone who has run a road race in the Huntsville area knows Suzanne Taylor. She is often at events long before the gun goes off and is there long after the last runner has crossed the finish line. Suzanne is often found cheering on runners of all abilities, taking photos to post on the Facebook, and providing aid to runners.
Suzanne and her husband, Dink, opened a Fleet Feet Sports franchise in Huntsville in 2005.

HTC President David Purinton stated the following in presenting Suzanne an award in 2005: “They have used the store as a springboard to support the local running community. Not only has Suzanne taken a lead in providing sponsorship for most of the HTC’s many events, she has also provided support to other local races not affiliated with our club. Suzanne often works very closely with the race directors, helping them to get the best possible prices on t-shirts or awards. Many of our new HTC race directors have relied heavily on Suzanne’s experience to guide them through the logistics of event coordination. She has even assisted race directors in flyer design and distribution, registration of runners, or ordering t-shirts, bib numbers and other race necessities. Some might think that she does all this simply to promote their business venture. While it is impossible to ignore the benefits Fleet Feet Sports enjoys because of her work in the running community, those who really know Suzanne know that she does what she does because she loves running and loves supporting running. Suzanne was a dedicated runner and volunteer long before she became a member of the Fleet Feet franchise.”

In presenting Suzanne the HTC Norman Harris Outstanding Achievement Award in 2004 Craig Armstrong noted: “They conduct training programs and runs for beginning runners to the most serious runners, sponsor teams, a race series, send out a weekly email newsletter, and have a special event almost every week that there isn’t an HTC event.”

Suzanne and her husband Dink are co-directors of the Mountain Mist 50K Trail Run, the club’s first ultra-trail run Dink founded in 1995. In 2015 she decided to step in and direct the race alone so Dink could run it for the first time after 20 years.

In 1996 Dink started the low key "Recover from the Holidays 50K Trail Run" at the Huntsville Running Park and directed the race on New Year’s Eve for 9 years from 1996-2004 with Suzanne joining him as co-directors in 2001.

Suzanne and Dink became Co-directors of the Rocket City Marathon in 2005 when the previous race director stepped down and no one else came forward. They finally stepped down in 2017 (13 years) when they found another club member to volunteer to direct the 2018 race.

In 2007 Suzanne and Dink took over the HTC’s flagship 10K race, the Cotton Row Run. Again when the previous race director stepped down and no one else came forward. They stepped down after the 2017 (11 years) race when they found another volunteer to take over.

The very next year (2018) Suzanne herself volunteered to direct the Ditto Landing 10K Race which is a fund raiser for the HTC Harold and Louise Tinsley Scholarship Fund founded in 1985. You guessed it, when the current race director stepped down.

Suzanne also directs the Running of the Bulls 5K Race, The Big Run on Global Running Day, Halloween 5K, and the Bridge Street Town Center Half Marathon primarily to support the charities that benefit from those races.

Someone said: “We don’t know how she gets it all done and still finds the time to run some solid age group times in 5K’s, half-marathons, and even a marathon here and there, not to mention a half ironman and even non-running events like a 5 mile swim.” It is no secret how she gets it done—she is up a 4 am and has finished her training run while most people are still asleep.
Before moving to Huntsville when she was younger Suzanne ran 5K’s in sub-20 minutes and a 3:20 marathon. In 2000 she broke her leg running a trail run in California.

Our current HTC President Eric Fritz noted: “She attends large races in other cities just to volunteer and see how they do things and bring that knowledge back to Huntsville. When she travels for her job to conferences she sends me text messages with ideas of how we can do things better at all our races.”

There are many charity races in Huntsville and the surrounding towns that Suzanne supports—almost every weekend when not supporting one of the 23 HTC events. Fleet Feet Sports is the prime sponsor for the HTC’s popular 15K race.

They sponsor the awards for the HTC Grand Prix, one of the oldest club grand prix in the south, which began in 1985.

Eric Fritz noted in his presentation for the Tom Bolt Presidents Award in 2015 the following: “Today I counted well over 1000 emails strictly from Suzanne this year alone. Every one of them running related. It seems that Suzanne spends every waking minute of her life trying to make Huntsville a better place to run. On top of that she and Dink own a running store so it only makes sense that they would be involved. But she takes it to a whole new level, using all her experience and contacts to make this club better as well as Huntsville a better place to be. Never have I met someone more passionate about doing the right thing for our running community above everything else. Suzanne has a heart of gold and a work ethic beyond all others. I am proud to be able to work with her on regular (almost daily) basis.”

Suzanne was very close to her father. They spent a lot of time together and worked together for 7 years at his Oil and Gas Company, Swift Energy before his death. We are very happy that Suzanne brought her work ethic to Huntsville which has had a major impact on the HTC and running in our city.

It is with great pride and my absolute belief that no one in the nation is more deserving of the RRCA Rod Steele Memorial Award than Suzanne Taylor. On behalf of all members of the Huntsville Track Club, I nominate Suzanne Taylor for the RRCA Rod Steele Memorial Award.
The Browning Ross Spirit of the RRCA Award, which began in 1999, is a national award presented by the Road Runners Club of America at its annual convention. The award honors an individual who is an unsung hero in their club. This award is named in honor of Browning Ross who founded the RRCA in 1958. Each of the more than a thousand RRCA chapter clubs can nominate one of its members for this award from which the finalist is selected by the RRCA Browning Ross Spirit of the RRCA Award Selection Committee, chaired by the RRCA President.

The past HTC nominees for this award are listed below with the national winners noted with an *:

1999 - Beth Edwards  
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2001 - Saundra Baker  
2002 - Harold Tinsley  
2005 - Harold Tinsley  
2006 - Harold Tinsley *  
2007 - Jeff Kyser  
2008 - Ann Oaks  
2009 - James Hurley  
2010 - Jim Oaks  
2011 - Rick Doke  
2012 - Wanda Franklin  
2013 - Louise Tinsley *  
2014 - Wanda Franklin  
2015 - Wanda Franklin  
2016 - Jim Oaks  
2017 - Jim Oaks

The RRCA's National Running Awards are a significant achievement and the Browning Ross, Spirit of the RRCA is among the top of these awards. The award honors an individual who is an unsung hero. Those that champion the RRCA tirelessly and enthusiastically, but prefer to stay in the background, letting others bask in the spotlight. It recognizes a lifetime volunteer service over a period of many years to the running community. It is my honor today to once again suggest that this best describes Jim Oaks.

Jim has been involved with the club since the 70's... for over 40 years. I'd say that qualifies as a lifetime of service. There are very few that have been around that long and are still actively assisting our club. And since all of us in the room know what a Masters Runner is, I'm thinking that we should reference Jim as a "Masters Member"

These days Jim is best known for sitting behind the scenes making sure our race timing continues at the highest standard that he helped set. I believe Jim has single-handedly changed the industry, at least around here, where runners now expect to see their results formally posted online only hours after a race is completed. Long gone are the days of waiting for the next running publication to come out, sometimes a month later, just to see where you stand among your peers.

But did you know that back in the day, Jim used to work for the Huntsville Times? Back then Jim would sit behind a typewriter and quietly let the world know what was going on with the HTC. Back in 1994, the club presented Jim with our Media Award as he was responsible for much of the clubs press in those days.

And what about the Cotton Row Run. That's a very public race and Jim was instrumental in its growth in the 90's, doing what a race director will do, working tirelessly in the shadows, long before race day so that everything runs smoothly when the big day arrives.
Jim has been one of our Honorary Lifetime Members for a number of years now due to his lifelong dedication to the club. We greatly appreciate all he has done and hope that our national organization agrees. Our running community would not be what it is today without Jim Oaks.

Eric Fritz & Jim Oaks
The Huntsville Track Club "Outstanding" Achievement Award has been presented to a member, or some years, members, every year dating back to 1984.

Although there were some earlier awards presented by the club, it was with this award that the club, under then President, Norm Harris, began the annual recognition of club members for their contributions to the success of the Huntsville Track Club.

In 2002 this award was renamed the “Norman Harris Achievement Award” in his honor for his exceptional leadership for so many years. This award is given to recognize extraordinary volunteerism in regard to not only the HTC, but running in general.

The recipients of this award are:

1984 - Bill Edwards
1985 - Jim Oaks & Wayne Smith
1986 - Denny Coyle
1987 - Ray & Nancy Sheppard
1988 - John & Rosemary Gregg
1989 - John DeHaye
1990 - George Franklin
1991 - Jack MacPherson
1992 - Louise Tinsley
1993 - Beth Edwards
1994 - Beth Benefield
1995 - Malcolm Gillis
1996 - Carl & Lynda Senkbeil
1997 - Jim Oaks
1998 - Ray Sheppard
1999 - Lawrence Hillis
2000 - Carl Smith
2001 - Dan Bond
2002 - Joyce Smith
2003 - Mark & Sheryl Dummer
2004 - Dink & Suzanne Taylor
2005 - Tab Barnett
2006 - John DeHaye
2007 - David Purinton
2008 - David & Ashley Cain
2009 - Rob & Kathy Youngren
2010 - George DeWitt
2011 - Wanda Franklyn
2012 - Joe Francica
2013 - Marty & Carol Eaton
2014 - Rick & Katie Maehlmann
2015 - Paul & Debbie Erickson
2016 - Linda Scavarda
2017 - Graham Gallemore

There are some people in this world that help take something good and make it something great. There are some people in this world that don't just put 100% into what they do, they put 200% into whatever they do. There are some people in this world who you can count on when you need them: they help regardless the job, they do not complain, they outwork most everybody else there, and they don't take credit or like to receive a lot of attention for what they do. I am personally lucky to have one of these as a good friend of mine, and the HTC and running community is lucky to have this same person in their corner. This person is Tony Scott. Unfortunately Tony is not here tonight, as he is traveling for work, but Christy, his wife, is here to accept his award for him.

Tony is amazing as a crew, race director, or as a volunteer. You know as a runner being crewed by him, a participant in a race he directed, or a race director of a race in which he volunteers that he is going to work his tail off to ensure that you are successful. He never stops working. He is selfless. He just keeps on giving, ensuring that each runner, participant, or race director has the best experience they can possibly have.

I have been honored to be crewed by him at Badwater, the race across Death Valley, a couple of years ago. This race really put his crewing skills to the test, as it is a really crew intensive race (you are stopping for the runner every mile or two for 135 miles in excessive heat with no sleep for 48 or more hours). He passed the test with flying colors, as he, Rob, and Christy got me through rough spot after rough spot, to ensure that I got to the finish line. He even brought a snow cone machine that he hooked up in the van, so I could have crushed ice along the way, which was amazing. At one point, he pulled out a toiletry kit at the 90 mile mark and made me sit down and brush my teeth and wash my face, which I thought was really silly and crazy, but afterwards, I quickly realized how
refreshing it made me feel, and helped to give me that second, or third, or fourth wind that I needed. He anticipates and continues to prove how valuable he is as a crew.

I was also lucky to have crewed Linda Scavarda with him this last weekend at Tunnel Hill 100. It was like watching a well-oiled machine. He knew exactly what to do, predicted what Linda needed at each aid station, and made sure she and other runners around her were taken care of. This included making cheese tortillas, grilled cheese sandwiches, mashed potatoes, hot chocolate, and broth for her and some other runners, and for the rest of the crew. At one stop around lunch time, we other crew members and pacers were told to stay in the warm car, while he made each of us plates with grilled cheese, chips, and pickles. I volunteered to come help him, in which I was quickly told NO, which if anyone knows about my culinary skills, it was probably the smartest thing he could say. He even made some chili and left it at one of the aid stations that didn’t have much hot food, so the later runners could have something to warm them up. He never once sat in the car just waiting—he was always preparing and organizing and thinking ahead—for that is what makes a great crew great, and Tony is a great crew!!

He was also a great Race Director. Let’s go back 7 years to Recover from the Holidays. 7 years ago, it was a good low key, no frills kind of race. Then Christy and Tony took over race directing the race. It went from a water cooler and table of left over Gu from the marathon to a big tent for the runners, spectators, and volunteers with numerous heating stations, a multitude of food, a kid play area with TV, hot coffee and hot chocolate, hot ham and cheese sandwiches, and awesome finish awards. They took the race to a new level, but still kept the small, low key feel of the race.

His greatness continues as a volunteer. One of the most volunteer intensive races is Mountain Mist, as it can be a long day for RD, volunteer, and runner. As in typical Tony fashion, he is one of the first ones there to help, and works doing whatever is needed, from unloading, putting up tables and chairs, starting fires, putting out and continually checking on the food, and helping exhausted runners take off their shoes and walk inside, to cleaning up the food, folding up tables and chairs, cleaning up the lodge, taking out the garbage, breaking down the finish line, loading up the trailers, and then sweeping and mopping the floors, which means he is one of the last ones to leave the venue. He probably has more steps in that day than we do running the 50K. As a race director, you know that if Tony is there helping, you don’t need as many people, as he does the amount of work as 5 other volunteers.

This just touches on the some of the work Tony does for runners, the HTC, and the running community, for he has and continues to crew and volunteer at many other races. Even times that he has gone just to watch Christy at a race, he ends up helping—from jumping in and working an aid station, to helping cook food at the finish line. Tony is a true asset to this running community and his being chosen to receive this award is well deserved. This year’s Norm Harris Achievement Award goes to Tony Scott.

Christy Scott for Tony Scott
Kathy Youngren
This award was originally named the President's Award. In 1994 the Executive Board approved a change to rename the award the “Tom Bolt President’s Award” in honor of the founding President of the Huntsville Track Club who served as President for the first four terms of office (eight years). The purpose of this award is to allow the President to recognize a person, group, or organization that has made a significant contribution to the Club or proved especially helpful in the conduct of club business. The President selects the recipient for the award without restriction, which includes consideration of the board members.

Previous winners of the award:

1986 - Linda Harris  
1987 - Harold Tinsley  
1988 - John Roberts  
1989 - Louise Tinsley  
1990 - Norm Harris  
1991 - Ray & Nancy Sheppard  
1992 - Bobby Johnson  
1993 - Richard Doke  
1994 - Jeff Weitenbeck  
1995 - Dan Bond  
1996 - Mike Allen  
1997 - Lawrence Hillis  
1998 - Andy Leonard  
1999 - Ken & Ovella Jessee  
2000 - Ray & Alice Moses  
2001 - Clare Purinton  
2002 - Cheryl & Shahin Hadian  
2003 - Malcolm Gillis  
2004 - Beth Benefield  
2005 - Craig Armstrong  
2006 - Wayne & Joyce Smith  
2007 - Marty Clarke  
2008 - Michele Savage  
2009 - Dick & Wanda Franklin  
2010 - Brent Smith  
2011 - Eric Fritz  
2012 - Craig Armstrong  
2013 - Jim Oaks  
2014 - Suzanne Taylor  
2015 - Regena Moore  
2016 - Kim Holmes  
2017 - Cary Long

Once again I will state how much I like to give out the Tom Bolt Presidents Award. It's the only award that I get to decide who gets; and don't have to worry about negotiating with anyone else. There’s no politics, no rules, just give it to whomever I like.

But of course, I can’t help myself and always want to give it to some well deserving club member. Now some of you may notice that tonight that I'm leading off the evening with this award when typically I wait until late in the program. I suspect I probably do this to savor the secret for just a bit longer. But tonight I figured I'd change it up as I have an overdue announcement to make that's kind of related.

You see not only has this person been extremely helpful to the club this year, she has also been recently voted in as our newest HTC Board Member.

Tonight I would like to recognize Linda Scavarda with the Tom Bolt President's Award.

As I go through the list of tonight's awards to be presented, I dare say that Linda could fit in for just about all of them.

Ok, so maybe not the Media Award but how can you not Admire all she does? Her Dedication to the club is incredibly strong and full of Service, she is an amazing volunteer (Rod Steel), tirelessly working behind the scenes (Browning Ross), her Outstanding Achievements (Norm Harris) for the club stand above, and we are happy to show our Appreciation, and she could probably get an Outstanding Performance award too after pulling in a sub 20 hour 100 mile run just yesterday!
Lots of us here know Linda because she has taken it on her own to take the role of Volunteer Coordinator to a whole new level. She is the queen of Volunteer Spot / SignUp.com and works with just about every one of our 24 races to help get volunteers. This is a huge job and the foundation of our club and without Linda taking this on we would all struggle to keep doing what we do as well as we do.

But for me, I really want to give this award to Linda because of the way she cares about our club. Linda notices things and works to get them fixed. She doesn't just move on as it's "not her job" she speaks her mind and we are a better club for it. So today, which just so happens to be her 35th birthday, I want to publicly say thank you to Linda by presenting her the Tom Bolt President's Award.
To be honored with the HTC Admiration Award requires that the person be admired by a significant segment of the club membership.

In the past our admiration has been bestowed on the following members:

1988 - Cele Coyle  
1996 - Grady Edwards  
1997 - Kelly Allen  
1998 - Graham Gallemore  
1999 - Betty Harris  
2000 - Earl Jacoby  
2001 - Lou Hovatter  
2002 - Ernest Ray "ER" Ritch  
2003 - Brent Smith  
2004 - DeWayne Satterfield  
2005 - Cindy Hallman  
2006 - Grady Edwards  
2007 - Loyd Doering  
2008 - Alice Moses  
2009 - Laura Charette  
2010 - Eric Charette  
2011 - Christy Scott  
2012 - Regena Moore  
2013 - Rob Youngren  
2014 - Donna Palumbo  
2015 - Katie Beth Pierson  
2016 - Mike O'Melia  
2017 - Jennifer Smith

This year's Admiration Award is presented to Beth Benefield.

Most of us recognize Beth as the director of the Monte Sano 5 and 10K Races. These two races enjoy widespread participation as well as generous door prizes and postrace refreshments. The large number of door prizes is a testament to Beth's energy level and commitment to the event. For many years Beth gave the runner a choice of a T-shirt or tank top, but stopped in 2014 due to the time and complications it caused at packet pickup. What you might not know is that Beth has directed the Monte Sano races for 30 years beginning in 1989. Beth is the HTC’s most senior race director.

Something of interest is that in 1996 the 5K was a special race for the HTC’s 25th Anniversary Celebration. It was a team race with 88 7-person teams which the participants were randomly placed on the teams by special computer software with the middle 5 of the 7 finishers scored for the results. All 616 participants finished that took 5 computers to score using special software created by Malcolm Gillis.

Beth joined the HTC in June, 1987. In 1989 she ran the Rocket City Marathon finishing in 3:30:33 for 8th in her age group and was a member of the HTC Open Women’s Team that placed second. That is her marathon PR but ran her first marathon in 1988 in 3:39:28. That was good enough to be 42nd of 131 women finishers that year. She ran her 10K PR of 43:01 in the 1990 Vulcan Run 10K and the next day ran the Vulcan Marathon in 3:36. Her 5K PR is 20:45.

Sadly Beth was diagnosed with Psoriatic Arthritis and later Rheumatoid Arthritis which led to Posterior Tibialis Tendon surgery in both feet in 2006 and 2008 which ended her running.

Before her medical problems got severe she assisted in the conduct of most of the other club events but has continued to support a number of HTC races. In presenting her an award in 2004, HTC President David Purinton stated: “Beth's personal position on volunteering is that if she is available...she will help.”
Beth began assisting with the Cotton Row Run finish line in 1985, moved up to finish line task leader in 1989, and continues doing so now with Craig Armstrong. She was there one year managing the finish line even though she had a cast on one foot.

Beth began as a Rocket City Marathon Committee Member in 1991 as the announcer for the women’s finisher line and the Poster Distribution Task Leader. She took over Packet Pickup during the time Malcolm Gillis was marathon director when the McNeal’s stepped down. She has continued doing so now along with Carrie Hawkins.

In 1997, a month after she directed the Monte Sano Races, she saved the Autumn Chase 1 mile run for youth by directing 16 separate races in one afternoon for 2400 young runners.

She performed pre-race tasks for the Club’s Triathlon beginning in 1987 and continued through the years Mark Dummer, Greg Sharp, Jada Leo, and George Dewitt were the triathlon directors.

She was a volunteer for the Mountain Mist 50K Trail Run until her Chapman Kids Elk’s Club Hoop Shoot Contest started being held on that same Saturday.

In 1994 Beth received the HTC Outstanding Achievement Award. In presenting that award, then HTC President Randall Roland, who directed the Autumn Chase, stated: “Each fall, I don’t call her, she calls me. Not only will she help, but she calls some of her friends and coworkers and gets them to fill whatever gaps are left. If you have ever tried to get race volunteers, I’m sure you realize how nice it is to have someone like this in your corner. Since I’ve been in the HTC, this individual has worked in some capacity at just about every HTC event, she is one of the club’s most dedicated and energetic members.”

In 1996 Beth was presented an award at the HTC’s 25th Anniversary Celebration Banquet that recognized the “HTC’s Presently Very Active Members and Future Leaders.”

In 1997 Beth was nominated by club president Steve Rice for the RRCA Rod Steele Memorial Award as the Nation’s Outstanding Volunteer. Beth won that national award and I might add that it is very unusual to win that RRCA award the first time you are nominated.

In presenting that award HTC President Steve Rice stated: “Beth’s fitness activism and volunteerism have not been limited to HTC events. As a physical education teacher, she established a Bike-Run Biathlon at her elementary school 10 years ago (began 1988) and has directed the Jump Rope for Heart for 14 years. She has assisted with several non-track club races on an annual basis and has helped with the conduct of high school and college cross country races in our community. Beth was also instrumental in the start-up of the local bike club as a board member."

In 2004 Beth was presented the Tom Bolt President’s Award by HTC President David Purinton, who stated: “Beth supports all types of events from the Mountain Mist Trail Run, to the Track Meet, Sprint Triathlon, to the 5Ks, 10Ks, 15K, Half Marathon and Marathon, in all weather conditions, throughout the year. And it’s a well-known fact, which many race directors envy, that Beth is particularly skilled at persuading local businesses to sponsor or support our events.”

During her time as a track club volunteer, teaching school, and being a mother, Beth pursued an advanced academic degree from 1994 to 1996, receiving a Masters in Health and Physical Education. Beth taught Physical Education at Chapman Elementary for 30 years and Special Education for 2 years, and still teach swim lessons at home each summer since she was age 15.
Something you might not know is that Craig Kimbrel the Boston Red Sox Closer who just won the World Series and Darian Stewart the Denver Broncos Safety who won the Super Bowl in 2016 both graduated Lee High School in 2006. They were also two former Chapman students who were in Beth’s Physical Education class through their elementary years and ran track for her in the 5th grade City Wide Sports Day.

There is no question that Beth Benefield is worthy of the HTC’s Admiration Award. Thank you Beth Benefield for your service to the HTC and for your support of our city’s youth.

Eric Fritz and Beth Benefield
One definition of dedication is defined in the dictionary as devotion to or the act of giving wholly or earnestly. Each of the previous winners more than met this criteria and it surely fits this year’s winner. There are many HTC members who fit this definition and the other award winners each year have surely demonstrated a dedication to the club and to their many achievements. The Dedication Award has traditionally been awarded to a club member, who for many years has silently and unassumingly contributed considerable time, effort and talent to our club that has been a significant benefit to the membership.

Previous winners of this award have been:

1990 - Buck Jones 2000 - Vickie Meader 2010 - Steve & Jennifer Carter
1992 - Jim Randolph 2002 - Joe Francica 2012 - Louise Tinsley
1993 - Cele Coyle 2003 - Gene Simonson 2013 - Forrest Callicutt
1995 - Paul Goode 2005 - Diann Tolbert 2015 - Todd Parsons
1997 - Keith Young 2007 - Randy McFarland 2017 - David Moulder

The next award is the Dedication Award and is given to an individual who goes above and beyond to help the Club meet its goals.

The recipient of the Dedication Award started running in 1997 to improve his health and lose weight. With the help of a friendly neighbor he finished his first 5K in September 1997. As his running skills improved, in 2000 he ran the Huntsville Half Marathon—his first half. In 2006, he became involved in Fleet Feet training programs and went on to do a sprint triathlon, Rocket City marathon, and the Mountain Mist 50K Trail Run. Since then he has been unstoppable. On the weekends you can find him running with the Sleepy Hollow runners, racing, or volunteering.

He joined HTC in 2005 and volunteered at packet pick and as a sentry for Rocket City Marathon that year. As he became more active in the running community, he could be found volunteering on a regular basis for various races. He is instrumental in the success of the biggest races in the community—Cotton Row Run, Rocket City Marathon, Liz Hurley Ribbon Run, Monte Sano 15K and many more. The morning before a big race, you will find him setting up the Start and Finish lines at 4:00 a.m. and then staying until the race is over to tear down the massive structures. He gives selflessly and never says no. He appreciates the hard work necessary to put on a race and loves to volunteer to give back to the runners and the running Community.

It is my honor and pleasure to present the Dedication Award to Chuck May.

Linda Scavarda
Chuck May
The Huntsville Track Club began the Service Award in 1989. This award is made to a club member, civic organization or supporter for outstanding service contributions to the club and sport over an extended number of years.

Past winners of this award have been:

1989 - Huntsville Police Department
1990 - Huntsville Emergency Medical Services Incorporated (HEMSI)
1991 - Boy Scouts of America
1992 - Huntsville Amateur Radio Club
1993 - Alabama A&M University
1994 - Girl Scouts of North Alabama
1995 - Chapter 74 of the Vietnam Veterans of America.
1996 - Dr. Mike Linder
1997 - City of Huntsville, Mayor Loretta Spencer
1998 - Lee High School ROTC, Major Harold Chafin
1999 - The Rack Cafe, John Bzdell
2000 - Hilton Huntsville
2001 - Computer Renaissance, Melinda and Chris Ponder
2002 - HiWAAY Huntsville Sprint Triathlon, M. D. Smith
2003 - HEMSI HART Team, Ed Nicholas
2004 - Papa John's Pizza, Tom Van Ladingham
2005 - Fleet Feet Sports Huntsville, Dink and Suzanne Taylor
2006 - Nesin Therapy, Janine and Michelle Nesin
2007 - Coca-Cola, Mike Sokol
2008 - Purity Dairies
2009 - Dr. Darla Cowart
2010 - Domino's Pizza, Tony Osani
2011 - Bruegger's, Maynard Mitchell
2012 - Eric Enchelmayer
2013 - Holiday Inn, All Employees
2014 - Publix
2015 - Nesin Therapy Services
2016 - Coca-Cola
2017 - Von Braun Center

Good evening. I have the honor of presenting the HTC Service Award. The Huntsville Track Club began the Service Award in 1989. This award is made to a club member, civic organization, or supporter for outstanding service contributions to the club and sport over an extended number of years. The organization we are presenting this award to is no stranger to our club and, in fact, won this award many years ago. The board agreed that it was time to show our appreciation once again. That being said, we’d like to thank, and award, Fleet Feet Sports Huntsville.

Fleet Feet was established in 2004 and they have grown vastly since then (including in store size!). They received this award in 2005 after hitting the ground running and they haven’t stopped since. Fleet Feet provides so much support to our running community. Also, the owners, Dink and Suzanne Taylor, along with some of the employees, often volunteer large amounts of their time. FFS is at almost every race, every weekend, which means sometimes there are multiple races they are supporting in one day. You will find them donating equipment, aid, and expertise to other race directors; and you’ve probably picked up a packet or two from packet pickups held at the store. I think it is safe to say, some people don’t even realize how many little things FFS does for races in our community. This year they came up with the idea to start holding an annual night for HTC members to receive discounts and special attention, which we thought was a great addition to their support of the club and its members.
Like I said before, Fleet Feet is a sponsor of so many races these days that I can’t even begin to list them all. They have so many ways in which they are involved with races. Even the people who are volunteering to set up, work, and clean up the race are often affiliated with and recruited by Fleet Feet. On top of that, Dink and/or Suzanne are race directors for multiple events. The current races one or both of them are directing are: Mountain Mist 50K Trail Run, Bridge Street Half Marathon, The Big Run, Running of the Bulls 5K, Halloween 5K, and Ditto Landing 10K. They also provide many events for the community outside of the races. Here is a rundown of some of the extras they offer to the running community: Cotton Row preview runs, breakfast club, supper club, pub runs, diva night, team spike nights, yoga for runners, results physiotherapy screening, and many other fun runs throughout the year. Plus, they hold workplace fit events, are a part of healthy Huntsville, and offer other education clinics.

Not only are they making an impact on helping races, but they’ve upped their game on impacting runners in particular as well with all of the training programs they offer. Current training programs include: Cookie Dash No Boundaries & Walk Fit Beginner 5K Training, Spring Half Marathon Training, Cotton Row No Boundaries & Walk Fit Beginner 5K Training, Cotton Row 5K Advanced/10K Training, Running of the Bulls No Boundaries & Walk Fit Beginner 5K Training, Speed Demons, Liz Hurley No Boundaries & Walk Fit Beginner 5K Training, Fall Half Marathon Training, Fall Marathon Training, Ditto Landing 10K Training, Rock Runners, TRI 101 sprint, TRI 201 Olympic, Spring and Fall Half Ironman, and Full Ironman. If you have a goal, Fleet Feet offers a program that will help get you there.

Fleet Feet Huntsville’s service to our community is clear. The owners are proud club members, who also volunteer a lot of their time and energy to the HTC, including being current and past board members. Races, Huntsville, and our track club wouldn’t be the same without their presence. They are one of the most deserving organizations and we are lucky to have them. Thank you to Fleet Feet for all that you do to make our running community great and to support the Huntsville Track Club.

Dink Taylor & Aleisha Chaffin & Suzanne Taylor
The Huntsville Track Club began the Appreciation Award in 1989. This award is made to an individual, company, municipal or civic organization for outstanding contributions to the club and sport over an extended number of years.

The Appreciation Award is most often presented to our major race sponsors or product sponsors for contributions which save the HTC money allowing us to conduct a first class race and pass the savings on to those who enter our events.

Past winners of this award have been:

1989 - Mayor Steve Hettinger
1990 - NIKE
1991 - The Mill Bakery and Eatery
1992 - WZYP Radio
1993 - Huntsville Hospital
1994 - Monte Sano State Park
1995 - City of Huntsville Rec. Services
1996 - Buffalo Rock - Pepsi Cola
1997 - Papa John's Pizza
1998 - Great Harvest Bread - Chris Lang
1999 - Huntsville Lung Associates
2000 - Dr. J. Will Baker
2001 - Huntsville Police Department
2002 - Custom Graphics - Bob Resta
2003 - Bill Dunnavant - WZYP Radio
2004 - Southwood Presbyterian Church
2005 - University Of Alabama Huntsville
2006 - Sgt. Mark Shahan, HPD
2007 - Lou Hovatter
2008 - Monte Sano State Park
2009 - Brent Wren
2010 - Holiday Inn, Patricia Hurston
2011 - Kim Balzer
2012 - Gregg Gelmis
2013 - Courtney McCool
2014 - Kent Welborn
2015 - Bruegger's Bagels
2016 - Rick Doke
2017 - Eric Enchelmayer

The Huntsville Track Club began the Appreciation Award in 1989 as a way of recognizing an individual, company, municipal or civic organization for outstanding contributions to the club and sport over an extended number of years. It is often presented to our major race sponsors or key organizations. The list of past winners includes mayors and hospitals and state parks and churches and universities, and really good places to eat, but there are moments when key individuals stand out in our minds.

Our Appreciation Award for this year goes to Sgt. Mark Shahan of the Huntsville Police Department, and while we honor Sgt. Shahan specifically, we also recognize that he serves as a proxy for the entire police department. Without them, our events would be … dangerous, not to mention illegal and considerably less enjoyable.

It is unfortunate that Sargent Shahan cannot be here with us tonight. Dana and I are going to surprise him with the presentation in person in front of his peers at work. So don’t tell him we’re dropping by.

All of our awards and recognitions are given on behalf of the track club as a whole, and our Appreciation Award this year is no different. Virtually every race within the track club pantheon has benefitted from Sargent Shahan’s, and HPD’s, involvement. We are all thankful.
However, as first time HTC race directors, Dana and I would like to share some personal thoughts regarding our friend.

My first encounter, not Dana’s, with Sargent Shahan involved our request to add a half-marathon to the events of Rocket City in December. The request had barely escaped our lips when he answered in that firm voice … No!

I was stunned. But it would be fun … No! But it wouldn’t involve that much more work … No! But it would look cool on the t-shirts … Definitely No!

Now obviously we did add a half-marathon this year, so the story didn’t end there. What happened over the next few months involved discussion and meetings and details, and what slowly dawned on me was the wisdom of his initial reaction. His concern for safety, of the runners and the community at large, was paramount.

We talked through specifics and I saw the wheels churning, the years of experience coming into play, and I saw a man that loves his community, loves his job, and has a great desire to work with us to make all of this better.

In the months since those meetings, I’ve seen him work other races and events, and he offers the same tireless support regardless of the size or scope of an event.

Without him, and others like him, helping us, we wouldn’t have a safe route to run, we wouldn’t have smiling faces cheering us on at intersections … you do realize, I hope, that in a race the length of a marathon, you may see more police than spectators at times … and they’re all smiling, helping, waving us on.

We could go on and on, but we’ll close this award with a simple thank you.

To Sgt. Shahan, and the entire HPD, we are so very grateful for all that you do. You are deeply and sincerely appreciated.
This award has only been presented when the HTC Executive Board felt there was a member of the media, media organization, or other media related individual making a dedicated effort and worthy contribution to the sport of running and the ideals which the club strives to achieve.

In 1984 the Huntsville Track Club held its first Awards Banquet, and in 1986 introduced the first Media Award.

In 2015 the Media Award took on an added significance. In addition to presenting the Media Award to long time *The Huntsville Times* Editor John Pruett, this award was also renamed the John Pruett Media Award in his honor. In the early years of the Huntsville Track Club when road racing was in its beginning in Huntsville, before there were websites, email and social media, the newspaper was the means for the club to communicate its existence and events to the general public. Editor Pruett saw to it that club events were promoted prior to the event and that results were given coverage after the event. The clubs two signature events were so well covered that they were a success right from the first race and the Huntsville Track Club quickly became one of the major sports organizations in Huntsville. The club’s current successful status can be traced back to the significant support provided by John Pruett.

Past winners of this award have been:

- 1986 - Chris Welch
- 1990 - Bob Labbe
- 1991 - Steve Johnson
- 1992 - Ronnie White
- 1994 - Jim Oaks
- 1995 - P. M. Black
- 1996 - Harold Bugg
- 1997 - Gus Hergert
- 1998 - *The Huntsville Times*
- 1999 - Harold & Louise Tinsley
- 2000 - Samuel “Skip” Vaughn
- 2002 - Joe Distelheim
- 2004 - Bruce McLellan
- 2006 - Mark Hunter, Star 99 FM
- 2007 - Scott Theisen
- 2010 - Chris Welch
- 2011 - Erin Dacy, WAAY TV
- 2012 - Chris Dacy
- 2013 - Bob Labbe
- 2014 - Mark McCarter
- 2015 - John Pruett
- 2017 - WAFF-TV - Carl Prather

In August 2015, my youngest son Skylor began his freshmen year at Huntsville High school. To my surprise, he elected to run cross country and naturally I wanted to be involved. I volunteered to help coach the kids and was willing to help in any way I could with the cross country team, events and whatever was needed, including volunteering at the home track meets. It did not take long for me to realize that Spencer Cox was also very involved with the Huntsville High School team in support for his son Cameron. He and his wife Whitney were at every event volunteering, even their daughter Ashleigh always volunteered at events as long as she did not have a softball game herself. They were all volunteering in support of Cameron who spent four years running at Huntsville High School before heading off to run in college this past year.

One thing we quickly learned about Spencer was he was an excellent photographer, taking pictures and posting them after every Huntsville High School running event. Pictures, lots and lots of pictures, good ones. Naturally Suzanne noticed this very quickly, next thing you know she had Spencer taking
pictures at the races, fun runs, Fleet Feet store events, you name it. All you had to do was call Spencer and he would say, “Let me get it on my calendar.” In fact, Spencer did not know he was being recognized tonight as an award recipient, he thought he was coming up here to just take pictures!

Spencer works full time at Durham Service Company and has his little photography on the side. Although his son is running on a college scholarship at University of Southern Indiana now, Spencer makes no bones about it “I don’t run” he says. But what he does do is takes pictures. He can be found at many HTC events including the Mountain Mist 50K Trail Run, Alabama A&M 5K Cross Country, Winter Winds 2 and 4 Mile Races, Huntsville Half Marathon, Liz Hurley Ribbon Run, and Twilight 5K taking pictures. It has been an honor to get to know Spencer over the last several years; he is my kind of people. Thank you Spencer for your time and efforts put into the HTC, we would like to recognize you tonight as this year’s recipient of the John Pruett, Media Award.
The Outstanding Male Performance Award is given to recognize the performance aspect of running. It is one of the few awards set aside to recognize the runner’s ability and not his years of service, etc. This year’s recipient joins a long list of runners who have at one time or another exhibited extraordinary talent in the field of running.

Past winners of the Outstanding Male Performance Award have been:

1986 - Ralph Summerlin 1998 - Joe Francica 2009 - David Riddle
1987 - Jeff Weitenbeck 1999 - David Purinton 2010 - Josh Whitehead
1989 - Dink Taylor 2001 - Marty Clarke 2012 - Robert Whitaker
1995 - Steve Rice 2006 - George DeWitt 2017 - None
1996 - DeWayne Satterfield 2007 - George DeWitt

I first came across this year’s recipient, when my Daughter Olivia and I were training for her first 5K in 2015. It was the Cookie Dash. I recall Olivia saying to me Dad, there’s a guy wearing a giant Bunny Suit over there. Little did we know, that the guy in Bunny Suit would not only win the race, but do it around a 5 minute pace?

It’s obvious to us all that I’m talking about Brandon York.

- 2018 Huntsville Half Marathon Winner 1:09:39
- 2018 Army Ten Miler with a time of 51:26
- 2018 Cameron Bean Memorial 5K with a time of 15:00 minutes
- 2018 Runway Run 5K at the Huntsville International Airport (15:21 – First Place)
- 2013 Army Ten Miler 49:43 (the year of the Gatorade incident…I don’t know all the details but according to his teammates Brandon apparently has trouble with Gatorade, so much that he ends up in the emergency room from its use).
- He is one of the few people to have run under 50 minutes for the tough Monte Sano 15K.
- 2013 Peachtree 10K 31:09
- 2014 River City 10K in 30:20
- 2014 Gary Bjorklund Half Marathon in 1:05:23 (June)
- 2014 Shamrock Half Marathon in 1:05:44 (March)
- US Half Marathon Championships: 1:04:22 (4:54/mile) (Qualified for Olympic Marathon Trials)
- Grandmas Marathon 2:18:52 (5:18/mile)

Brandon represented Alabama and the HTC in the 2015 Olympic Marathon Trials!

Due to his past and present amazing performances, the 2018 Outstanding Performance of the Year Award goes to Brandon York!
The Outstanding Female Performance Award is one of the HTC's oldest and most prestigious awards. The list of previous winners reads like a rollcall of local running legends.

Past winners of this award have been:

- 1986 - Alene Park
- 1988 - Janice DeHaye
- 1989 - Kayte Pfitzer
- 1990 - Margaret Robinson
- 1991 - Lori Byrd
- 1992 - Natalie Fahey
- 1993 - Meshelle Pate
- 1994 - Cathy Tooker
- 1995 - Laurie Mauldin
- 1996 - Sandra Berg
- 1997 - Barbara Saunders
- 1998 - Barbara Holcomb
- 1999 - Barbara Meyer
- 2000 - Kathy Youngren
- 2001 - Valerie Connaughton
- 2002 - Anne Park
- 2003 - Brooke McDaniel
- 2004 - Katie Maehlmann
- 2005 - Candace Jacobs
- 2006 - Gail Whelan
- 2007 - Cathy Henry
- 2008 - Whitney Hollingsworth
- 2009 - Linda Scavarda
- 2010 - Kathy Youngren
- 2011 - Candace Jacobs
- 2012 - Melissa Wood
- 2013 - Kylie Lemon
- 2014 - Rebecca Byers
- 2015 - Lauren Mitchell
- 2016 - Justyna Mudy-Mader
- 2017 - None
- 2018 - None

Outstanding by definition means exceptionally good. For the Huntsville Track Club this award is given to someone that has performed above all others. Alana has been outstanding at all distances this year. She has place in the top 10 overall at most of the local races and won the women’s races. She was the Top Local Female at Cotton Row, First Female at the Monte Sano 10K, First Female at the Monte Sano 15K and First Female that the Huntsville Half Marathon. We are very excited to see her marathon debut at the Rocket City Marathon on December 8, 2018.

Not only is she a talented runner but she is also willing to volunteer at events. She has a kind heart and enjoys helping young runners become better runners through coaching.

Below are just a few of her many running accomplishments!

- Cross Country Track Assistance Coach – University of San Diego
- Huntsville High Assistance Coach
- Certified Coach
- Graduated Magna cum Laude
- 2013 All American
- 2 Time National Champion Track & Field
- 5 Time All American Cross Country
- 10K PR 35:03
- 5K 16:25
- 3K 9:58
- Mile 5:07
- 1500 4:38
- Top Local at Cotton Row 36:29
- First female at Monte Sano 10K
- First female at Monte Sano 15K
- First female at Huntsville Half Marathon 1:17:34

Suzanne Taylor & Alana Scarano
This awards began in 1983 as the first annual award presented by the Huntsville Track Club.

The purpose of this award is to recognize our young HTC members who excel in high school cross country.

The winner of this award currently is the highest finishing male runner in the AHSAA Cross Country Championships that is a member of the Huntsville Track Club.

Past winners were:

1983 - John Walthall    Janice DeHaye
1984 - John Walthall    Jenny Henze
1985 - Terry Young      Jenny Henze
1986 - Rob Allen        Chrissy Jennings
1987 - Kenneth Pugh     Chrissy Jennings
1988 - Pat Sefton       Kristen Roberts
1989 - Mark Jones       Ashley Patrick
1990 - Chris Alley      Margaret Robinson
1991 - David Cain       Margaret Robinson
1992 - Cameron Brown    Margaret Robinson
1993 - Richard Harris   Martha Hoelzer
1994 - Cameron Brown    Martha Hoelzer
1995 - Matt LeGrand     Heather Tanner
1996 - Philip Wiles     Louise Provancha
1997 - Philip Wiles     Catherine Williams
1998 - Stephen Baker    Brooke McDaniel
1999 - David Riddle     Natalie Fahey
2000 - Jeff Turner      Emry McKay
2001 - Aalok Sharma     Emry McKay
2002 - Aalok Sharma     Emry McKay
2003 - Jackson Wilson   Gwen Kyser
2004 - Mark Temple      Gwen Kyser
2005 - Mark Temple      Gwen Kyser
2006 - Mark Fisher      Gwen Kyser
2007 - Keith Buell      Alissa Fisher
2008 - Mark Fisher      Alissa Fisher
2009 - Keith Buell      Brooke Sherman
2010 - Jacob Fuller     Alaina Norman
2011 - Eric Farmer      Sarah Bailey
2012 - Eric Farmer      Alaina Norman
2013 - None             None
2014 - None             Abby Zane
2015 - Ryan Ford        Abby Zane
2016 - Andrew Dodson    Abby Zane
2017 - Cameron Cox      Rachel Jones
2018 - Nick Ceci        Abbey Weitenbeck
Congratulation to the 430 HTC members who scored points in the 34th edition of the Huntsville Track Club Grand Prix. The top 10% of individuals in each of six divisions were awarded achievement awards sponsored by Fleet Feet at the clubs annual Awards Dinner Meeting. The 430 in the six divisions is the largest number to ever score Grand Prix points.
Complete Grand Prix rules are in the *HTC Handbook* and on the HTC website.

Final 2018 HTC Grand Prix results are published on the HTC website and were also published in the November/December, 2018, issue #242 of the *HTC NEWS*, the clubs newsletter. The winners of the 6 division for all 34 years follow:

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