

# Devens 2019 Series Recap

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On May 28<sup>th</sup> the latest edition of the North Medford Club Devens 5K Race Series came to an end with the traditional last race followed by awards and a pizza party. The series has become a tradition that allows and encourages members to chart their progress heading into the summer race season. Looking over the results that is generally true for the majority of the runners who ran at least four of the races despite some evenings with high winds and chilly conditions.

First off, we need to acknowledge the contributions of the volunteers who came each week and made the races safe. Dave Duval, timer and scorer extraordinaire, Larry Morris who mans the turnaround point known affectionately as Larry's Corner, Thomas Stracqualursi whose last name I can neither spell or pronounce, Marge Gladwin who brings it all together by filling in all the details that we would otherwise miss all while completing the course herself, George Higgins who brought and set up the club's tent most weeks, no easy task, Lori Roy who ably assisted Dave at the finish and helped keep the finishing times accurate, Julie and Rebecca who helped out various weeks, and last and most humbly myself who volunteers in hopes of maintaining bragging rights as most volunteer points leader.

To qualify for awards runners must have participated in a minimum of five races.

The following are this year's award winners:

- Fastest Male - Sean O'Sullivan 20:36
- Fastest Female - Amy Potter 23:15
- Most improved Male - Kevin Fallon 3:39 faster than his 2<sup>nd</sup> slowest time
- Most improved Female - Molly Reid 3:03 improvement over her time
- Runners Who Participated in all 9 Races-  
Joe DiMucci, Amy Fallon, Kevin Fallon, Peter Orni, Marge Gladwin and Charlie Salmond.
- Honorable Mention goes to these runners who only missed one race:  
Rick Hersey, Elizabeth Manney, Sean O'Sullivan, Phil McGaw
- Runners who ran their fastest times of the series during the handicap race:  
Molly Reid, Dave Bellew, Lisa Carrescia, Evelyn Dolan, Elizabeth Manney, Mike O'Hara, Peter Orni, Amy Potter
- Handicap race closest to their estimated time:  
Phil McGaw -:09 secs  
Charlie Salmond +:05 secs

Thanks to all who participated, and we will see you next year and hope other club members will join us.