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Dear BUS Member,

I'm sorry to report the following sad news. We lost two long-time and beloved members of the BUS family with the passing of **Bill Fischer** on May 17 and **Dennis Trott** on June 11. Both succumbed to cancer. Bill was 68 and Dennis was 64.

Born in Wisconsin and raised in Minnesota, Bill Fischer was a law school student when he was drafted into the US Army. He served as a Captain in the Vietnam War. After completing his military service, Bill was not only an active member but also held leadership positions in the Manhattan chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America. His other life experiences were working on a kibbutz and being a published writer. His main occupation was a construction supervisor, assisting with the building of City parks and playgrounds.

For about a 10-year stretch in the 80's and 90's, Bill was a top finisher in many ultras in the Metropolitan area. His ultra pinnacle was being Broadway Ultra Society Grand Prix Champion in 1990. He was a lover of the great outdoors and would participate in many trail ultra events, including a finish at the Western States 100-Miler. Bill's last ultra performance was completing the *Ralph (30-Mile) Run* in 2007 in honor of his fallen friend, **Ralph Balsamo**.

Bill was a BUS Member for about a quarter century but also a very good friend and patron of our organization in many ways. When the *Ted Corbitt 24-Hour* was held in 2008, Bill spearheaded a small group of hardy souls to work the night shift until the wee hours of the morning. Even riddled with cancer, Bill was there again as a volunteer at the *Joe Kleinerman 12-Hour* last June. Besides BUS, Bill also had active roles in the Millrose AA and currently with the Van Cortlandt Track Club. A tree in Van Cortlandt Park was recently planted in Bill's memory.

Our deepest condolences go to Bill's brother and sister, his ex wife, Andrea Eschen and especially to Bill's son, Mateo. Bill and Mateo were best friends besides father and son. The two would share summer outward bound hiking and camping trips together and many baseball games. (Coincidentally, Bill grew up as a Minnesota Twin fan and one of his favorite players, Harmon Killebrew passed away on the same date and within the hour as Bill.) Mateo is still a student at Fordham Prep High School and donations in Bill's name can be made to the following: Fordham Preparatory School, 441 East Fordham Road, Bronx NY 10458.

If you wish, you can read more about Bill at the following site – [caringbridge.org/visit/billfischer42](http://caringbridge.org/visit/billfischer42) The next BUS mailing will feature content on Dennis. I have to admit that I have been down in the dumps the past several weeks. Bill and Dennis were dear and close friends besides BUS Members. But **Guenter Erich** once told me, "Life is for the living". I realize I have to forge on and continue to be who I was.

I do have some very good news to report. On May 15 in New Jersey, **Phil McCarthy** broke the 48-Hour American Record. Phil completed an astonishing 257.34 miles computing to a pace of an 11:12 per mile. Phil broke the existing record by 9 MILES set in 2003. Phil has achieved some great stuff in the past: National 24-Hour Champion, 4<sup>th</sup> Place at the World 24-Hour Championship, 3<sup>rd</sup> place at an Invitational 48-Hour in France, etc. But this performance tops them all. **Mike Oliva** and Mike Arnstein honored Phil with a gathering in Manhattan and presented an engraved pendant for his outstanding achievement. Multi-day celebrities, such as **Dan Brannen** and **Trishul Cherns** spoke about the history of the 48-Hour and where Phil ranks in multi-day lore. It was a grand evening.

Two weeks after his American Record, Phil ran the *NY Pioneer Memorial (3-day) 100-Mile* and WON with a time of a 14:00:19. The women winner was **Hanna Ben Shoan** with a composite time of 17:52:11. Hanna has excelled at all ultra distances especially from 50 miles to 24 hours. I'm sure one day a multi-day will be in her future.

At the coinciding *Queens 50K*, Jodi Kartes-Heino copped the women title as a preparation run for the upcoming *Vermont 100-Mile*. The overall race was won by **Byron Lane**. Byron has been the Metropolitan ultra star of the past decade by winning 7 New York Ultra Running Grand Prix Titles. He also has won dozens of ultra events. More wins than anybody in Metropolitan history and that list includes **Ted Corbitt**, **Bill DeVoe** and **Stu Mittleman**. Some of Byron's highlights was a victory at the *Ted Corbitt 24-Hour* in 2008, and then a month later being crowned the National 24-Hour Champion. And Byron still continues to compete at a high level.

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A month ago, you should have received an application to the next BUS event – *The Pajama (6-Hour) Run* to be on Saturday, July 30 at Astoria Park in Queens. This BUS production will be no ordinary ultra event. Firstly, it will start at 6PM SHARP and will conclude at Midnight. And instead of the run of the mill race tee shirt, you will receive instead a pair of imprinted pajama bottoms. Probably with no drawstrings. I heard several BUS Members may be into kink or suicidal. Another feature will be the surroundings. You will be traversing a 1.27-mile loop (with 2 inclines) with illuminating portraits of the New York City Skyline, the East River and the RFK and Hells Gate Bridges as your neighbors.

Everyone in the BUS community should participate in this event even if you are inactive, a walker, a volunteer or a space cadet. I have promo other BUS events to be like a “reunion”. The upcoming ultra could be a graduation without the cap and gown and especially the tassel. I should inform that the Pajama Run may be the last BUS event for awhile. That’s why it was scheduled. Another opportunity for us ultra lunatics to get together and “at night”. I did alert the authorities and the casting director of *True Blood*.

I realize the event was announced with no notice and you already have a full summer schedule. But I hope you will consider being part of the pageantry. If you have not entered yet and want to be guaranteed pajamas, contact me right of way by e-mail or phone to make sure your name is in the pajama pot. Please be advised that post entries may be shut out of this special BUS item. So please apply sooner than later.

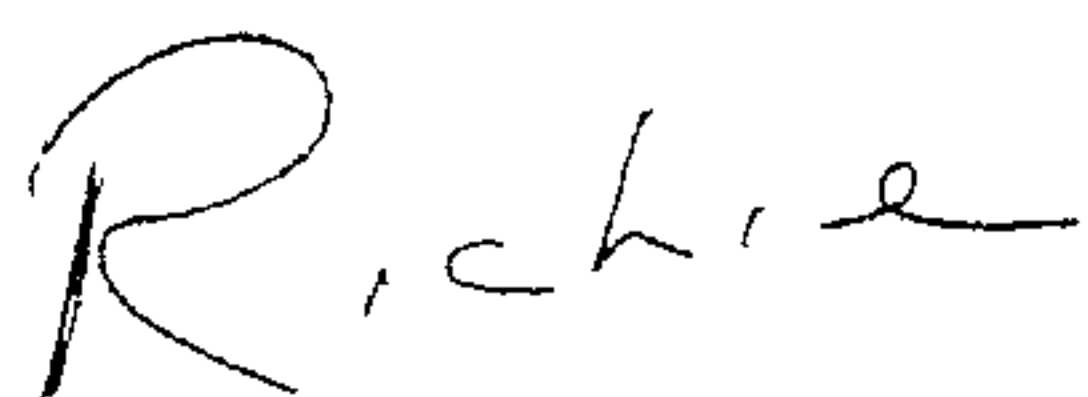
Our next mailing should be in early August. It will include race applications for other Metropolitan ultras in the fall. One will be the *Greater Long Island Running Club 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday – 6 Hour* on Sunday, October 16. Hopefully, the other will be the *Staten Island 6-Hour* in September. But I have not received a confirmation on the race status. The next mailing should have more definitive information.

I would like to pay tribute to special person of our association. She is **Pattie Lynch** and has been the BUS Administrative Assistant for the past several years and a great help especially with the distributions of the BUS Mailings. But I realize many of you were perplexed with the last mailing and I apologize. At the time, I was away in places like Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin without a computer at my disposal. I wrote the mailing and faxed it to Pattie from a local proprietor. But the fax equipment may not have been the latest technology. I think the transmission came from an Etch A Sketch. Usually Pattie and I would proofread the mailing draft, but I did not have the luxury at that time. I was in an area without cell phone service. Hence, there were a few typos not caught. Such as “souse” instead of “spouse” and “state” instead of “stage” in referring to the Pioneer 100. Naturally, I received several e-mails from our clever membership. Like, “why would I want to be around another drunk in the house”. I guess I know where to get AA information for the future. Another Member inquired “if BUS was a planning a coup in acquiring all these states and was wondering if a junta was next on the horizon”. I’ll try to be more careful next time or write the mailing in Esperanto.

I have constantly mentioned how the Sri Chinmoy Marathon Team is the multi-day extraordinaire of the sport and they still continue to shine. I visited the previous *Sri Chinmoy 6 & 10 Day Races* on several occasions. This time I also observed the event behind the scenes and was greatly impressed with the organizational set-up from every detail. Naturally, I was impressed with the performances by all the competitors. My favorite was a 67-year woman who did 500 miles in the 10-Day. Her name was Pratishruti Khisamoutdinova. I would like to see the kids in the Scripps National Spelling Bee spell that name..... or even use it in a sentence. The Sri Chinmoy group is currently coordinating the *Self-Transcendence 3100-Mile Race* in Jamaica Estates. It started on June 12, and the leader has already completed over 2600 miles and the exciting finish may be this Friday or Saturday. Call the Sri Chinmoy Marathon Team at 718-297-2556 for more details. It’s definitely worth seeing.

I hope to see you on the evening of the 30<sup>th</sup>. I think you all will have fun. Remember, e-mail or call if you are still planning to participate to reserve your pajamas. In the meantime, take care and be well.

cheers,



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