

23rd ANNUAL
SMOKY MOUNTAIN
MARATHON

TOWNSEND
TENNESSEE
FEBRUARY 24, 1996

KTC SWEEPS SMOKY MOUNTAIN MARATHON

Materna, Morton-Elkins outrun out-of-staters for crowns

Sherman Ames, race director

The 23rd annual gathering of the Smoky Mountain Marathon tribe took place Saturday, February 24th in Townsend, Tennessee. Members from 20 of the United States and one from Ontario, Canada convened for a celebration of fitness, tenacity, courage - and a chance to visit with each other, to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

Conviviality reigned as early arrivals picked up race packets Friday evening at the Valley View Lodge race headquarters, then treated themselves to a pasta dinner catered by Richard Estes and his Mill House Restaurant staff. Late evening snacks and beverages, courtesy of the Knoxville Track Club, gave evening celebrants an opportunity to enjoy the 70 degree temperature and starry skies on the balconies of the Valley View, as they visited with each other and anticipated the next day's run.

Cranked and RRRReady to rumble, members began the journey at 8:30 a.m., to sunny, crisp skies. Noel Case of the Citizens Bank of Blount county waited for the Star Spangled Banner to end, then fired the starter's pistol. By the end of the day, many stories and legends would be added to the history of the Smoky Mountain Marathon. Men with names like Materna, Caiola, Block, Dockery and O'Donnell battling through miles and miles of road, with Patrick Materna of Belmont college in Nashville leading all to the finish line. A woman named Marsha Morton-Elkins, running the marathon for her first time, racing head to head through the last miles with Jodi Buck, running her second, and winning by only a minute.

Joyous tears of happiness fell at the finish line as personal bests were achieved by many competitors; first time marathoners - present in record numbers - reveled in their ability to run so far and so fast; veteran runners marveled at their ability to run a difficult 26.2 mile course - on a rapidly warming day - faster than they had ever done in their lives.

Support for the runners? Over ninety people - more than one volunteer for each two marathoners; the Amateur Radio Club of Knoxville, Blount Memorial Hospital Wellness Center, the Blount County Rescue Squad and the Sheriff's Department all provided services. Enthusiasm reigned at water stops, and a sighting of the King himself at Graceland put a somewhat surreal edge to an already memorable day, GU from the Runners Market, fruits, cookies and even Little Debbie cakes helped runners stay nourished along the way.

Postrace showers courtesy of the Townsend Elementary School, salad and soup from the Olive Garden and a table full of snacks, Coca-Cola, and Miller beer all ensured that runners and their supporters left, clean and tired, but not hungry. An enthusiastic and vocal awards ceremony put a final stamp on an outstanding day as contingents from Michigan and Indiana complimented themselves and each other - in addition to those from Tennessee and other states - as the winners were announced:

As tribal members gathered their belongings and went their separate ways, they left behind a race director grateful for enthusiastic volunteers and the runners who appreciate them. Thanks.

Marathon, 8K Results

Male

Overall: Patrick Materna 2:44.36; Jeff Caiola 2:46.38; Charles Block 2:48.49; **Masters:** Bill Kemp 3:04.10; **Grand Masters:** Daryl Keltz 3:08.18; **19-under:** Robert Block 3:22.06; **20-24:** James Dockery 2:50.17; Brendan O'Donnell 2:51.18; Jonathan Larrabee 3:51.53; **25-29:** Robert Burnside 2:59.39; Nathan Keller 3:49.39; John Baker 4:14.37; **30-34:** Kerry Lancaster 2:55.11; Mark Silience 2:53.16; Ed Masta 2:56.08; **35-39:** Anthony Span 3:03.28; Chris O'Rourke 3:07.49; Steve Wilcox 3:12.31; **40-44:** Stephen James 3:09.17; Rick Morrow 3:13.24; Steve Randolph 3:15.54; **45-49:** Stephen Gales 3:09.25; Gary Sperl 3:19.50; Mark Marchant 3:21.40; **50-54:** Phil Cutrara 3:15.01; Royce Sayer 3:16.46; Charles Morton 3:19.22; **55-59:** Johan Visser 3:45.48; Charles Raper 3:53.00; David Holder 4:18.47; **60-99:** Kenneth Burns 3:27.30; Kent Mitchell 3:37.20; Jim Woodring 3:40.57. **Clydesdale:** Tim Clooster 3:45.57; Gayland Johnson 3:51.54; John McFall 4:19.44.

Female

Overall: Marsha Morton-Elkins 3:16.40; **Masters:** Jane Herron 4:05.24; **Grand Masters:** Joyce Hodges Hite 4:09.05; **20-24:** Tobilyn Toler 4:27.35; Alice Fletcher 4:32.34; Rebecca Owings 4:33.14; **25-29:** Melanie Trentham 3:46.53; Susan Madix 3:48.18; Susan Allen 3:58.52; **30-34:** Nancy Johnson 3:35.10; Ann Gere 3:38.07; Ann Marie Mortenson 3:54.11; **35-39:** Katherine McCrea 3:47.59; Patti Minton 3:52.59; Cynthia Kennedy 4:32.27; **40-44:** Susan Dennard 4:15.30; Janet Butler 4:27.58; Ronda Stone 4:38.34; **45-49:** Elen Cannon 4:07.33; Marie Tedesco 5:02.10; **50-99:** Janice Hicks 4:10.25; Helen Reed 4:47.30; Carolyn Defoso 4:51.32. **Clydesdale:** Jennifer Bownas 4:43.18.

Male

Overall: Paul Marmaro 24:56; Bob Dickie 25:10; Allen Etheridge 25:21; **Masters:** Jerry McClanahan 28:03; **Grand Masters:** Johnny Sinks 30:27; **19-under:** Alan Horton 28:36; Dennis Marquardt 30:22; Jesse Pritchard 30:22; **20-24:** Larry Miller 29:25; Brett Michell 31:58; Steve Gillam 35:54; **25-29:** David Adkisson 29:43; Brian McGowan 30:16; David Peterson 30:43; **30-34:** John Young 25:57; Ron Manis 28:49; Kenny Hines 29:36; **35-39:** Greg Johnson 26:52; Adam Goldweber 29:02; Greg Hoslor 32:42; **40-44:** Phil Gates 30:02; Terry Strawser 30:42; Richard Tyner 33:01; **45-49:** Glen Farr 29:33; Jody Hinds 32:41; Larry Mize 33:23; **50-54:** John Conant 31:32; Bryan Stevenson 31:41; Charles Adkins 34:25; **55-59:** Charles Bressler 33:52; Jerry Thress 35:43; Harry Harper 36:05; **60-99:** Paul Barrette 35:39; Chuck Boston 35:40; Stu Eichel 35:58; **Clydesdale:** Des O'Neill 35:26; Jeff Ailshie 35:10; Bill Lane 35:46.

Female

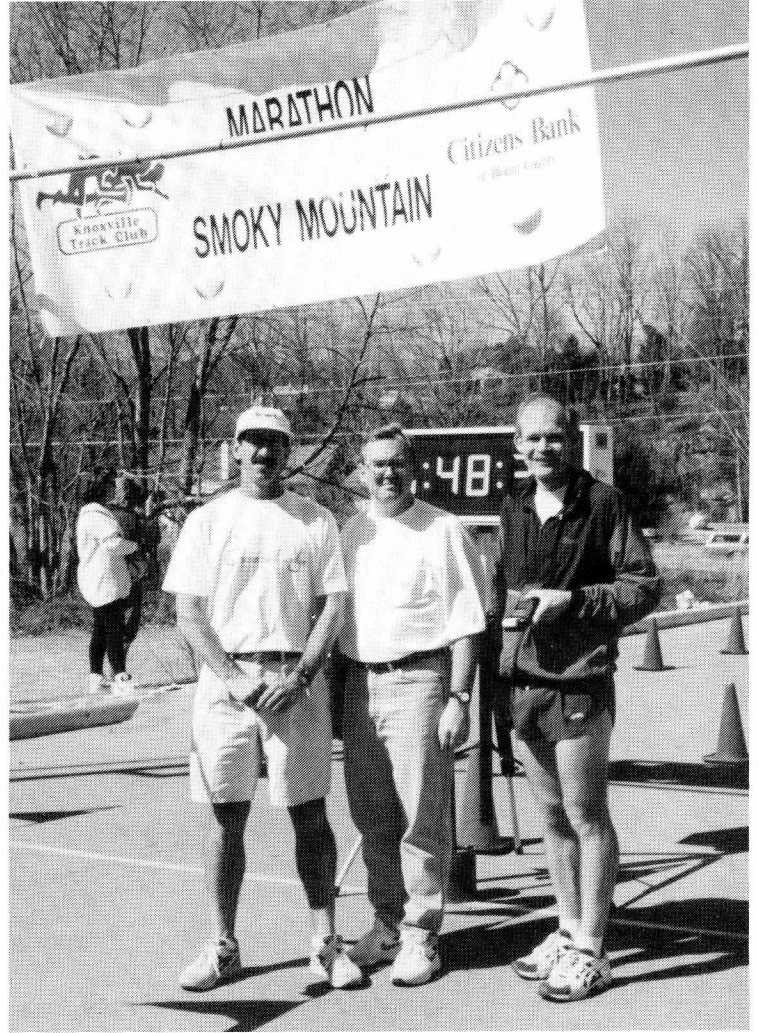
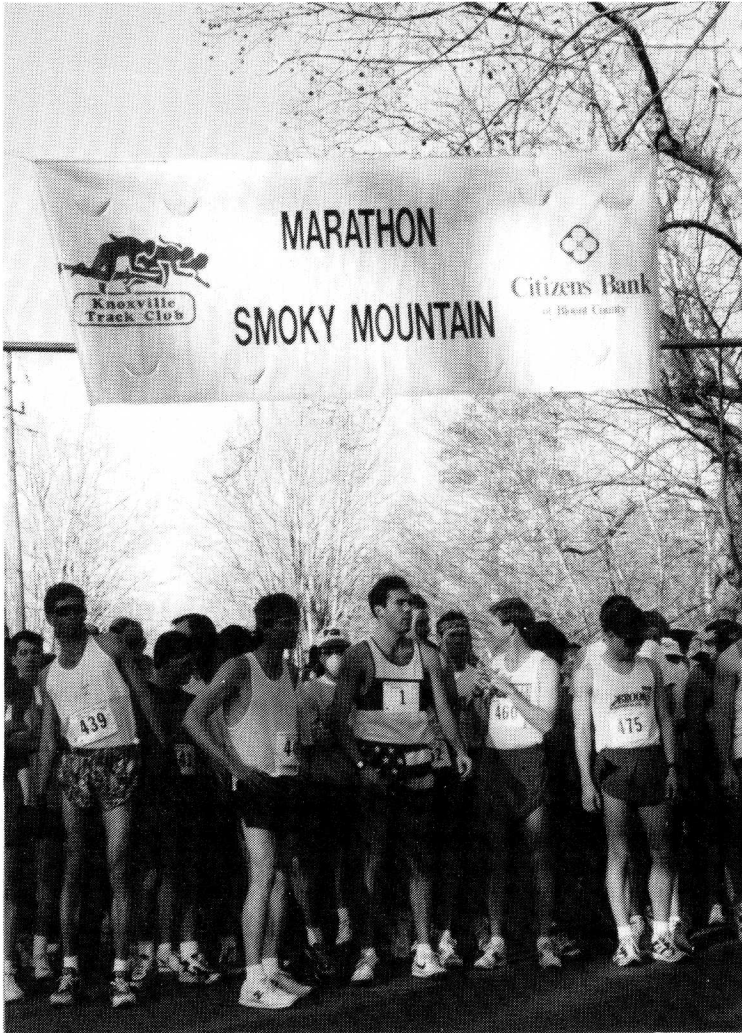
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Valley View

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8:30 a.m., Only 26.2 Miles to Go

Race Director Sherman Ames
with Citizen's Bank Manager Noel Case
and KTC's President Brint Adams



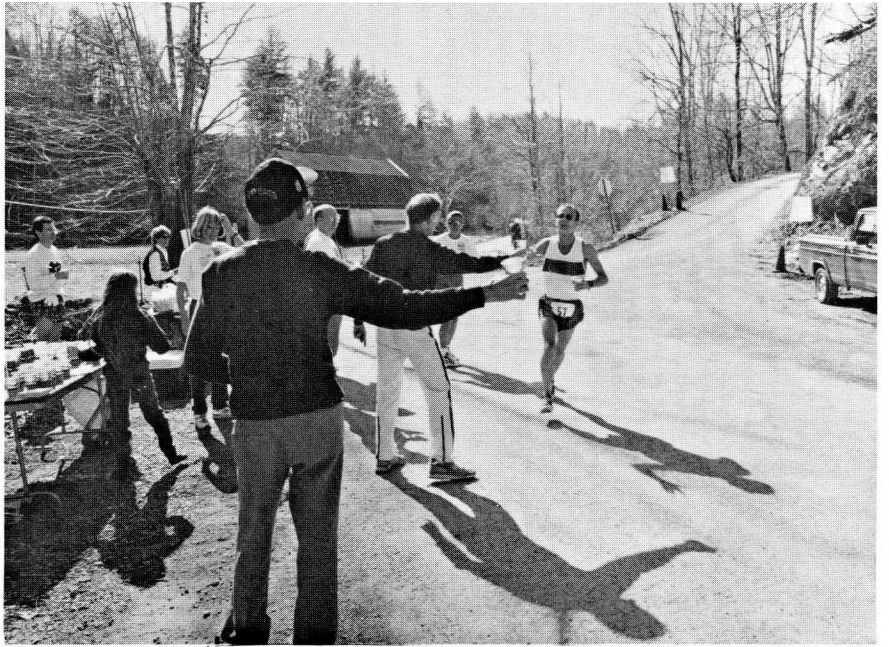
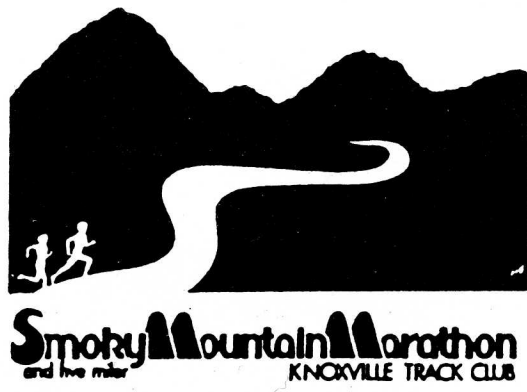
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James Dockery, Jeff Caiola, &
Patrick Materna
Battle for the Lead at Mile 20



Mark Sillence
Waters Down at Graceland.



Who needs shoes?
Not H. B. Reed, 72 years old.



Patrick Materna Wins it All

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