

CHICAGO RACING CIRCUIT



2025 AWARDS PROGRAM



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2025 Recap

The 2025 season featured 15 races throughout the Chicagoland area and showcased a diverse schedule of races, with runners competing on the roads, track, trail, and cross-country courses. The Circuit also featured outstanding performances by numerous teams, as 11 different clubs took home a top 3 award.

We thank our participants for their hard work and dedication that goes into competing on the Chicago Racing Circuit each year. Looking ahead to 2026 we are excited for another eventful year on the Circuit as we welcome new clubs and the Ridge Run 10k. Running since 1979, the Circuit program has provided an incredible opportunity to promote competition, connect local running clubs and continuously push for the highest racing standards. Congratulations on an amazing season and we will see you on race day in 2026!

-Tim Bradley, Executive Director



Thank you to our 2025 races!

March Madness Half Marathon
Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8k
Good Life Race 5k
CARA Lakefront 10 Miler presented by Fleet Feet
Ravenswood 5k
CARA Spring Trail Chase 10K
Bank of America Chicago 13.1
Ricky Byrdsong Race Against Hate 5k

Elmhurst 4 On The 4th
PUMA's Chi-Town Miles
Alpine Races 10 Mile
Hidden Gem Half Marathon
Bank of America Chicago Marathon
Lake Bluff PTO Pumpkin Chase 5k
Fast Track Cross Country Regionals 3mi

Updates for the 2026 Chicago Racing Circuit

- **New Team:** CARA is excited to welcome 3Run2 Run Club to the Chicago Racing Circuit.
- **New Race:** We welcome Ridge Run 10k to the 2026 Circuit, Chicago's oldest neighborhood 10k.



TEAM/CLUB CIRCUIT AWARD WINNERS

Team Medal Table

Teams	DI All Around	DI Men's Open	DI Women's Open	Masters Men	Masters Women	Veteran Men	Veteran Women	Senior Men	Senior Women
DWRunning									
CARA Racing Team									
Xtra Mile Fast Track Fast Track Racing Team									
Evanston Running Club									
Oak Park Runners Club									
Fleet Feet Racing Team x New Balance									
South Chicago Track Club									
	DII All Around	DII Men's Open	DII Women's Open						
CARA Run Crew									
Lake Shore Racing Team									
Dick Pond Racing Team									
Elmhurst									

Team/Club Awards

Division I Categories

All Around Club Category

1. DWRRunning (120)
2. Xtra Mile Fast Track Racing Team (114)
3. Evanston Running Club (111)

Open Club Category - Men

1. South Chicago Track Club (115)
2. Fleet Feet Racing Team X New Balance (112)
3. DWRRunning (111)

Open Club Category - Women

1. DWRRunning (119)
2. CARA Racing Team (118)
3. Fleet Feet x New Balance Racing (109)

Division II Categories

All Around Club Category

1. CARA Run Crew (118)
2. Lake Shore Racing Club (114)
3. Dick Pond Athletic (113)

Open Club Category - Men

1. CARA Run Crew (119)
2. Dick Pond Athletics (110)
3. Lake Shore Racing Club (109)

Open Club Category - Women

1. Lake Shore Racing Club (116)
2. CARA Run Crew (114)
3. Elmhurst Running Club (113)

Age Group Categories

Masters Club Category - Men

1. Xtra Mile Fast Track Racing Team (117)
2. DWRRunning (115)
3. CARA Racing Team (108)

Masters Club Category - Women

1. CARA Racing Team (120)
2. DWRRunning (115)
3. Oak Park Runners Club (106)

Veteran Club Category - Men

1. CARA Racing Team (118)
2. Extra Mile Fast Track Racing Team (115)
3. DWRRunning (114)

Veteran Club Category - Women

1. CARA Racing Team (120)
2. Oak Park Runners Club (117)
3. Evanston Running Club (104)

Senior Club Category - Men

1. Xtra Mile Fast Track Racing Team (117)
2. Evanston Running Club (116)
3. Elmhurst Running Club (113)

Senior Club Category - Women

1. Oak Park Runners Club (120)
2. CARA Racing Team (111)
3. Evanston Running Club (109)

RUNNERS OF THE YEAR



Congrats to our 2025 Runner of the Year Award Recipients!

Runners of the Year are selected by the Race Committee through the Circuit scoring process. Chicagoland's top runners are named Runner of the Year in the following categories:

- Overall Male & Female
- Masters Male & Female (ages 40+)
- Veteran Male & Female (ages 50+)
- Senior Male & Female (ages 60+)
- Super Senior Male & Female (ages 70+)
- Non-Binary Champion
- Age-Graded Champion



STEVEN BUGARIN
(SOUTH CHICAGO TRACK CLUB)

Non-Binary Champion



MARIA LINDBERG

Overall Female
Runner Of The Year



MARIA LINDBERG

Masters Female Runner Of The Year



EVANCE STALLEY

Veteran Female Runner Of The Year
(CARA Racing Team)



ANGELICA GUERRERO

Senior Female Runner Of The Year
(Fleet Feet x New Balance Racing Team)



GRACE WASIELEWSKI

Super Senior Runner Of The Year
(Xtra Mile Fast Track Racing Team)



AARON ETIENNE

**Masters Male Runner Of The Year
(South Chicago Track Club)**



TRENT FIFIELD

**Veteran Male Runner Of The Year
(DWRrunning)**



AARON BARNHART

Senior Runner Of The Year



BILL LEINER

**Super Senior Runner Of The Year
(Evanston Running Club)**



SAM LEVON

**Overall Male
Runner Of The Year
(CARA Racing Team)**



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MARIA LINDBERG

Age Graded Champion

INDIVIDUAL CIRCUIT AWARD WINNERS



Congrats to our 2025 Individual Award Recipients!

Runners can earn recognition as Chicagoland's top runners in a variety of CARA Circuit categories which include:

Overall (Top 10 Males and Females)

Age Graded (Top 10 Age-Graded runners)

Age Groups (Top 3 Males & Females Per Age Category)

Clydesdale/Athena - Top 3 Per Category (Male Clydesdale A, Clydesdale B, and Clydesdale C; Female Athena A & Athena B)

Overall, Age-Graded, Clydesdale/Athena Awards

Overall Female

- 1 Maria Lindberg (200)
- 2 Katalin Anstandig (166)
- 3 Ashley Turner (164)
- 4 Maggie Graham (138)
- 5 Brittany Alvarez (133)
- 6 Kristin Dailey (107)
- 7 Evance Stalley (97)
- 8 Megan Leahy (96)
- 9 Brittney Burmester (78)
- 10 Rachel Keele (72)

Overall Male

- 1 Samuel Levon (132)
- 2 Aaron Etienne (126)
- 3 Ivan Yank (124)
- 4 Brendan Thielsen (113)
- 5 JD Barrett (98)
- 6 Dennis Escobar (94)
- 7 Ben Bocher (82)
- 8 Yoon Oh (73)
- 9 Chris Wolf* (60)
- 10 Paul Eliud* (60)

*tie-breaker determined placing

Age Graded

- 1 Maria Lindberg (196)
- 2 Nancy Rollins (194)
- 3 Grace Wasielewski (181)
- 4 Trent Fifeld (148)
- 5 Volker Rose (138)
- 6 Angelica Guerrero (131)
- 7 Aaron Barnhart (124)
- 8 Kristin Dailey (116)
- 9 Ken Schuch (115)
- 10 Ben Bocher (109)

Athena A

- 1 Kristin Bowen 120
- 2 Sarah Buerger 74
- 3 Kyna Lenhof 68

Athena B

- 1 Marilee Summers 119
- 2 Marsha Komosa 99
- 3 Grace Hussar 96

Clydesdale A

- 1 Greg Smith 120
- 2 Lynn Crim 115

Clydesdale B

- 1 Shane Petrelli 120
- 2 John Archer 72

Clydesdale C

- 1 David Dziagwa 90



Male Age Group Awards

Males 14 & Under

- 1 Nico Navarro 59
- 2 Winter Turner 50
- 3 Liam Turnbull 38

Males 20-24

- 1 JD Barrett 91
- 2 Eliud Paul 83

Males 25-29

- 1 Aaron Holzmueller 30
- 2 Shmuel Warshell 14
- 3 Marcus Barksdale 13

Males 30-34

- 1 Dennis Escobar 85
- 2 Brendan Thielsen 76
- 3 Jake Buescher 65

Males 35-39

- 1 Samuel LeVon 118
- 2 Yoon Oh 98
- 3 Kevin Donnelly 69

Males 40-44

- 1 Aaron Etienne 116
- 2 Ivan Yank 110
- 3 Ben Bocher 89

Males 45-49

- 1 Scott Mangum 108
- 2 Patrick Devitt 107
- 3 Ryan Curry 76

Males 50-54

- 1 Trent Fifield 120
- 2 Chris Wolf 115
- 3 Phillip Stalley 104

Males 55-59

- 1 Volker Rose 120
- 2 Walter Martinez 111
- 3 Bob Geiger 106

Males 60-64

- 1 Aaron Barnhart 118
- 2 Ken Schuch 117
- 3 Marc Woodcock 104

Males 65-69

- 1 Brian Sweney 117
- 2 Mark Przbyla 113
- 3 Jay Walsh 95

Males 70-74

- 1 Bill Leiner 120
- 2 Doug Berg 106
- 3 Peter Bender 105

Males 75-79

- 1 Bob Richards 119
- 2 Dale Monroe-Cook 108
- 3 Donald Jensen 101

Males 80-84

- 1 Joe Sehna 75
- 2 James Kubik* 72
- 3 Adrian Malec* 72

*tie-breaker determined placing

Males 85+

- 1 Hank Caldwell 56

Female Age Group Awards

Females 14 & Under

- 1 Skye Turner 51
- 2 Callie Ding 45

Females 15-19

- 1 Sarah Prestes 57
- 2 Gabi Stalley 41

Females 20-24

- 1 Tara Cavanagh 14

Females 25-29

- 1 Jacqueline Colon 89
- 2 Danielle McCormick 13

Females 30-34

- 1 Maggie Graham 90
- 2 Michelle Cantú Garcia 77
- 3 Brittney Burmester 65

Females 35-39

- 1 Katalin Anstandig 116
- 2 Brittany Alvarez 105
- 3 Rachel Keele 77

Females 40-44

- 1 Maria Lindberg 120
- 2 Ashley Turner 113
- 3 Kelly Thielbar 92

Females 45-49

- 1 Megan Leahy 120
- 2 Lorrie Buenrostro 104
- 3 Wendy Curry 100

Females 50-54

- 1 Evance Stalley 120
- 2 Erica Agran 52
- 3 Kyna Lenhof 12

Females 55-59

- 1 Julie Bruns 120
- 2 Geri Bensen 115
- 3 Kristin Otto 71

Females 60-64

- 1 Angelica Guerrero 120
- 2 Angie Dudman 113
- 3 Unsal Ozdogru 107

Females 65-69

- 1 Eileen Dolan 117
- 2 Eileen Skisak 103
- 3 Ann Farlee 101

Females 70-74

- 1 Grace Wasielewski 120
- 2 Kaori Maeshima 108
- 3 Catherine Saccany 97

Females 75-79

- 1 Nancy Rollins 120
- 2 Isola Metz 113
- 3 Delma Bartelme 64

Females 80-84

- 1 Muriel Odeen 103
- 2 Judy Friedes-Craig 89
- 3 Eileen Malec 76

CARA Racing Award

Acker, Chris
Agran, Erica
Ahn, Jessica
Alansari, Erica
Alansari, Muhammad
Alvarez, Brittany
Anderson, Kristen
Anderson, Megan
Anstandig, Katalin
Aquino, Justin
Archer, John
Awwad, Elise
Barksdale, Marcus
Barnhart, Aaron
Barrett, JD
Bartelme, Delma
Baumgartner, Al
Bender, Peter
Bensen, Geri
Berg, Doug
Birkner, Irving
Blankemeier, Julie
Blashill, Nicholas
Bocher, Ben
Bowen, Kristin
Braesel, Lisa
Breese, Steve
Brinlee, Jim
Brotsky, Fred
Bruns, Julie
Buenrostro, Lorrie
Buerger, Sarah
Buescher, Jake
Bugarin, Steven
Burmester, Brittney
Burton, David
Campbell, Nathan
Cantú Garcia, Michelle
Cassioppi, Jim
Cavanagh, Tara
Chamberlin, Bridget
Chang, Yong
Chen, Weihua
Cira, Frank
Colon, Jacqueline
Contillo, Anthony
Costanza, Tony
Crim, Lynn
Cullinane, Niall
Curry, Ryan
Curry, Wendy
Dabrowski, Adam
Dailey, Kristin
Daum, Rachel
Deegan, Frank
Despain, Elizabeth
Devitt, Patrick
Diamond, James
Dihiansan, Jamie
Ding, Callie
Ding, Erin
Dolan, Eileen
Donnelly, Kevin
Donovan, Edward
Dubin, Tom
Dudman, Angie
Dugal, Kathryn
Dziagwa, David
Easterday, Cole
Einig, Ray
Ekstrom, Jason
Escobar, Dennis
Etienne, Aaron
Farlee, Ann
Fee, Brian
Fifield, Trent
Fitzpatrick, Mike
Flynn, Margaret
Frantz, Nicole
Frederick, Linda
Friedes-craig, Judy
Galvan, Cecelia
Garcia, Arnie
Gareis, Fritz
Geiger, Bob
Gibbons, Drew
Graham, Maggie
Grandt, Melissa
Gray, Colin
Green, Mollie
Groendyke, Richard
Gross, Julie
Gross, Timothy
Guerrero, Angelica
Guibord, Andrew
Hamilton, Amanda
Hans, Lynne
Harvey-Hill, Libby
Hayes, Heather
Henson, August
Himmelberg, Jp
Holmes, Michael
Holzmueller, Aaron
Holzmueller, Keith
Hussar, Grace
Hyun, Juan
Janczy, Chuck
Jensen, Donald
Jeromin, Matthew
Jiang, Yiwen
Jimenez, Byron
Jindrich, Ted
Jones Henry, Windy
Julien, Janet
Jungwirth, Robert
Kalinowski, Callie
Kearney, Gavin
Keele, Rachel
Keleher, Terrence
Kennedy, Nathan
Kenny, Gerard
Kershaw, Kiarri
Kessler, Andrew
Kinsey, Jonathan
Kohl, Steven
Komosa, Marsha
Kornutick, Lauren
Kowalczyk, Pamela
Kravets, Lawrence
Kubik, James

CARA Racing Award

Kumar, Ganesh	Prestes, Sarah	Turner, Ashley
Leahy, Megan	Przybyla, Mark	Turner, Guy
Leiner, Bill	Puyol, Jose	Turner, Skye
Lenhof, Kyna	Ramirez Wiener, Sebastian	Turner, Winter
Levine, Steven	Ramos, Florence	Vargas, Rafael
Levon, Samuel	Reggans, Julian	Vigsnes, Rich
Lindberg, Maria	Richards, Bob	Villano, John
Longino, Matt	Riordan, Ray	Viramontes, Carlos
Maeshima, Kaori	Roeges, Joseph	Walsh, Jay
Malec, Adrian	Rojas, Ergen	Warren, Judith
Malec, Eileen	Rollins, Carle	Warshell, Shmuel
Mangum, Scott	Rollins, Nancy	Warzala, Lawton
Martinez, Walter	Rose, Volker	Wasielewski, Grace
McCormick, Danielle	Ruiz, Adam	Watt, Douglas
McCue, Beth	Ryan, Ann	Wdziekonska, Adrianna
McGough, James	Sabacinski, Stephanie	Wilcohen, Dave
McGovern, Barb	Saccany, Catherine	Wolf, Chris
Metz, Isola	Sajdak, Kevin	Woodcock, Marc
Millan, Patrick	Sanchez, Zack	Yank, Ivan
Monroe-Cook, Dale	Scheibel, Kevin	Yuan, Yijun
Munoz, Axel	Schenkelberg, Doug	Zappen, Rich
Murphy, David	Schaub, David	Zimmerman, Peter
Naqui, Anando	Schuch, Ken	
Navarro, Nico	Sehnal, Joe	
Nugent, Tom	Shikora, Shabbir	
Odeen, Muriel	Sieffert, David	
O'Donohue, John	Simpson, Jane	
Oh, Yoon	Skisak, Eileen	
Otto, Kristin	Skrzypczynski, Peter	
Ozdogru, Unsal	Smith, Greg	
Park, Lena	Stalley, Evance	
Paul, Eliud	Stalley, Gabi	
Pearson, Doug	Stalley, Phillip	
Petrelli, Shane	Summer, Rick	
Pettitt, Dan	Summers, Marilee	
Phadke, Jeevan	Sweney, Brian	
Phaneuf, Ann Marie	Thielbar, Kelly	
Pollock, Scott	Thielsen, Brendan	
Prestes, Brian	Turnbull, Liam	

RACE OF THE YEAR

HIDDEN GEM HALF MARATHON

HIDDEN GEM HALF MARATHON 2025 RACE OF THE YEAR!

Winning race of the year for 2025 is the Hidden Gem Half Marathon!

The Hidden Gem continues to strike an amazing balance between a big race and a hometown community feel. Hidden Gem has now won the Circuit Race of the year three out of the last four years. The volunteers create a special atmosphere, and the event is always very well organized. The continued success of this race is a testament to the Flossmoor, Illinois community and the incredible organizing team they have built.

CARA is proud to support and congratulate the Hidden Gem Half Marathon on their third win for Race of the Year!

A group of runners participating in a marathon, with a red banner reading "START THE GEM" in the background. The runners are wearing various athletic gear, including tank tops and shorts, and are running on a paved road. The scene is set outdoors with trees and a clear sky in the background.

START THE GEM



H O F
hall of fame

Q & A

Get to know our 2025 Hall of Fame inductees!

Runners are inducted into the Hall of Fame through long-standing success in the Chicago Racing Circuit. Each year award winners are given five points for a 1st place finish in their Age Group or Clydesdale/Athena categories. Three points are awarded for a second-place finish, and one point for a third-place finish. Once a runner has earned 30 total points they are inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to our 2025 inductees Bill Leiner and Gregory Smith!

WELCOME TO THE HALL OF FAME

BILL LEINER

OF EVANSTON RUNNING CLUB



Tell us about your running journey! How did you start running?

I always had some speed and liked running fast. In grade school I represented my school in the city track & field championship. In middle school the gym teacher/track coach drafted me to run the quarter mile. In high school and college, I focused on other sports and ran a little but was not a serious competitive runner. I started running as an adult at age 59 for fitness and before long I started racing 5Ks and eventually longer races.

How long have you been involved in the Chicago Racing Circuit?

I learned about the circuit in 2012 and ran one circuit race. I also started training with the Evanston running club and have been a regular on the circuit every year since 2013. So 12 years of racing excluding the Covid year.

What is your favorite part about the Circuit competition?

Going to races with my teammates and getting to know many of the amazing runners in Chicago.

What does running mean to you?

It's become a habit and part of my identity. I enjoy running by myself but also the friendships and bonding with other runners. It's been an important way to maintain my health and quality of life.

Describe your most memorable Circuit race experience.

My first age group win was the Waterfall Glen Xtreme 10 in 2015 so that is memorable. Also winning my age group in some bigger races like the Shamrock Shuffle and Soldier Field 10 Mile.

What advice would you offer to a new runner or someone who wants to start running?

Read and learn about running and gradually build up your fitness and capacity to avoid injury. Join a club or group. Running with other people may be more rewarding than you think.

Any dedications you want to give?

Thanks to the Evanston Running Club, CARA and all the volunteers who make the circuit possible.

Tell us about your running journey! How did you start running?

After playing football in college, I decided that I needed to take up an ongoing physical activity to keep from becoming an overweight ex-football player. I had done some sprinting for football and for other sports, so I decided to start running a mile or two after work each night. I loved the feeling of running and improving my physical condition, so I have continued running for over 50 years!

How long have you been involved in the Chicago Racing Circuit?

My first CARA races were over 20 years ago. I participated in the CARA circuit on and off until 2016. From then until now I participated each year except for when I was injured. And I plan to continue to participate even after being inducted into the Hall of Fame!

What is your favorite part about the Circuit competition?

Taking part in top notch races, getting to know the other runners and experiencing the friendly competition that brings out the best in all of us.

What does running mean to you?

Running is a major part of my life. Every day I can feel the significant health benefits that running provides to me. It is great to utilize running to overcome challenges and experience the ongoing stress relief that it provides.

Describe your most memorable Circuit race experience.

It is difficult to pick one, but I would say the 2025 Chi Town Miles race. After that race I knew that I had achieved my long-term goal of entry into the CARA Hall of Fame.

What advice would you offer to a new runner or someone who wants to start running?

Depending on your age and physical condition you may want to utilize a run/walk strategy initially. Modify the length of the run and walk segments and increase the running segments as your physical condition improves. Get some good advice from an experienced runner. Do not do too much too soon, stick to the process, be consistent and you will wind up loving it!

Any dedications you want to give?

I want to thank my wife Pam for understanding my passion for running, for supporting me and attending some of my races. Thanks also to my three kids for their encouragement, particularly my son Greg who has also participated in some CARA races. CARA is a great organization, and the other runners encourage me during every race!



2026 CHICAGO RACING CIRCUIT BY CARA

- Sunday, March 15 - March Madness Half Marathon (Cary)**
- Sunday, March 22 - Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K (Chicago)**
- Sunday, April 12 - CARA Lakefront 10 Miler presented by Fleet Feet (Chicago)**
- Sunday, April 26 - Good Life Race 5K (Oak Park)**
- Sunday, May 17 - CARA Spring Trail Chase 10K (Lemont)**
- Monday, May 25 - Ridge Run 10K (Chicago)**
- Sunday, June 7 - Bank of America Chicago 13.1 (Chicago)**
- Sunday, June 21 - Ricky Byrdsong Race Against Hate 5K (Evanston)**
- Saturday, July 4 - Elmhurst Running Club 4 on the 4th (Elmhurst)**
- Saturday, July 18 - Chi-Town Miles 1-Mile (Chicago)**
- Sunday, August 16 - Alpine races 10 Mile (Lake Zurich)**
- Saturday, September 12 - Hidden Gem Half Marathon (Flossmoor)**
- Sunday, October 11 - Bank of America Chicago Marathon (Chicago)**
- Saturday, October 24 - Lake Bluff PTO Pumpkin Chase 5K (Lake Bluff)**
- Sunday, November 8 - Fast Track Cross Country 3 Mile (Schaumburg)**



CHICAGO RACING CIRCUIT 2026 CLUBS



Black Chicago Runners



CARA Racing Team



CARA Run Crew



DWRrunning



Elmhurst Running Club



Evanston Running Club



Fleet Feet x New Balance Racing Team



Gold Coast Run Club



Lake Shore Racing Club



Los Lobos



Nameless Track Club



Naperville Running Company Track Club



Oak Park Runners Club



Oiselle Volée



South Chicago Track Club



Venados



Windrunners Chicago



Xtra Mile Fast Track Racing Team



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