



Plano Pacers Running Club, Inc. Hall of Fame

The Plano Pacers Running Club was formed in 1978 by the City of Plano Parks and Recreation Department and a group of thirty local runners. The objectives of the Running Club were the promotion and encouragement of healthful jogging and distance running. The objectives were supported by stressing the fun and exhilaration of running and its contribution to physical fitness, weight control and health. The club was directed to stimulate and maintain motivation among runners by increasing communication among runners and prospective runners. The club's plan was to publish a newsletter, hold regular meetings, fun runs, races, running clinics and related programs. The club would also mobilize its influence to promote the development of trails, tracks and running support facilities within the city.

The Plano Pacers Running Club has successfully operated as a family-oriented organization for over three decades. A great number of runners and non-runners have contributed to meeting the objectives defined by the City of Plano and the founding members. Starting in 2009, the club established a Hall of Fame to recognize those individuals who have made significant contributions to the club.

The Plano Pacer Running Club would like to recognize Mike Colvin for his contribution to the club. Mike was president of the club in 1990. He presided over a major management transition for the club. The transition was from a city sponsored organization to an independent non profit organization. In 1990 to reduce liability, the Plano Parks and Recreation Department decided to stop its sponsorship of all outside activities. Mike successfully obtained liability insurance by joining the Road Runners Club of America (RRCA). To minimize the financial burden Mike negotiated a number of agreements with the Parks and Recreation Department. The city wanted to charge an exorbitant sum for the club to use city facilities. Mike was able to negotiate a deal which reduced the cost to one tenth of the initial requested price. In turn, Mike agreed to use the club's race experience to support the city's New Year's Eve race at Plano Centre. With this transition, funding became more critical to the club; Mike worked to build the club's bank account by teaming with race promoters and directors to provide race management services. The club rented their race equipment to raise money. Mike recruited volunteers to work outside races including several Apple Racing events. Two major events that the club worked were the Stride and Ride Biathlon and the Weekend to Wipe out Cancer. Mike also served as Vice President in 1991. It was under Mike's leadership that the highly popular monthly Prediction Run was started. If not for Mike there would be no proud members of the 5 second club!

Through his hard work, expert negotiation and people skills, Mike made significant contributions toward meeting the objectives of The Plano Pacer Running Club. For all the reasons documented in this letter we are happy to name Mike Colvin a member of the Plano Pacers Hall of Fame.

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