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**24-HOUR RELAY: FINAL UPDATE**

Saturday and Sunday, August 20th and 21st at Fitch High, Groton. Report between 9 and 9:45 A.M. Relay will start promptly at 10 A.M. **YOU MUST START AT THIS TIME.** Let's review the relay's two main purposes: First is the hope that this lengthy and difficult event will strengthen and improve the Club's unity. The grand old institution has grown a bit impersonal over the years and all should agree that a shot in the arm wouldn't hurt at all. The possible relay combinations are still up in the air; it could be broken down into women, masters, open or perhaps New London area, Groton area, Norwich area, and finally just a most equitable split of talent.

The relay's second purpose is the raising of funds for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Pledge sheets are available from Club officers. Please make a sincere effort to raise funds for this worthy local organization. BB/BS is providing publicity for the event; they will be visiting us on that weekend at Fitch High; and they will also provide us with orange drink, compliments of McDonald's Restaurants.

It must be emphasized that Club members are not required to raise funds or solicit pledges. Your participation is still greatly desired to foster Club unity. Also be aware that the only participation requirement is that you start at 10 A.M. It is fully realized that few may go the entire 24 hour period. Many will drop out long before that. The key is to participate; perhaps raise funds, and have fun with your Club members.

For those planning to go the entire time span the following items may be useful: sleeping bag and/or cot, change of uniform, towels, prepared food; i. e. spaghetti, cookies, cake, drinks (no fires will be allowed.) hat, jacket and long pants, vaseline, a book, blanket.

Fitch High has a 400 meter track; 4 laps or 1600 meters will be run each time. This equates to only 30 feet short of a mile. Close enough wouldn't you say?

Ten-person teams will be assembled between 9 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. All will run, even if it comes down to fielding a two-person team. Just think of the pledges you could raise per mile!

The key to this whole event is to make the committment. This function was approved at the January meeting by over 30 members. Now it is time to free that weekend: cancel that other race; the visit to the in-laws; the date with your girlfriend or boyfriend.

**THIS FORM MUST BE PRESENTED WITH SIGNATURE ON SAT. AUGUST 20TH**

I hereby release the Mohegan Strider Association, its officers, R. E. Fitch High School, the Town of Groton, and any other persons or organizations from any claim, damage, or injury resulting from my participation in or travelling to and from the Mohegan Strider Association's 24-Hour Relay on Saturday, August 20th and Sunday, August 21st, 1977.

Signature

Parent's Signature

(if under 18)

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NORWICH ROSE ARTS RACE

This year's race is being considered the finest effort ever for the Rose Arts Committee over an eleven year period. A significant reason has got to be the input of two Mohegans during the planning of this year's event. Club President Jack Curran and Secretary Bob Carbray offered many constructive ideas as they represented The Club in its first year as an associate sponsor of the Rose Arts Race.

History once again was made for The Club when Kathy Glenney, Pammy McMerriman, and Cheryl Thayer won the first women's title ever for the Mohegan Striders. The Club's youngsters performed as well in the persons of Sean Bennett and Tim MacDonald. While Jim Rowan paced a great seniors group including John Martin, Chris Glenney, "Tag", the Hulls, Ray Roberge, and Lou Free among others.

The open championship was more than adequately protected for the fourth consecutive year as Wayne, Amby, and Julio netted 16 points. Amby has been on all four victorious teams. A much closer team battle was waged on the informal regional level. New London/Waterford scored a narrow 90 point victory over Groton/Ledyard's 91 points and Norwich/Uncasville's 93 points. It stacked up like this:

90	NL/Wtfrd:	Burfoot, Rodrigues, Butler, Driscoll, Law	6-7-10-31-36
91	Grt/Led:	Jacob, Senick, Kelley, Ewers, Blanker	3-11-16-28-33
93	Nor/Unc:	Smith, MacMahon, Portelance, Huntington, McMerriman	

Norwich/Uncasville had all its men in before the other teams fourth men but it <sup>did</sup> not have the up-front strength to take all the marbles. New London should be a wing-ding. NL/Wtfrd is now 2 for 2. They must be the Red Sox of the running world.

One last, very important commendation goes to the Club's own Al Morrison. Just a splendid job is what his running commentary is. Al is a very interested and knowledgeable fan of the jogger/runner and really can capture the attention of a spectator crowd as he highlights an individual finisher's credentials and/or background.

THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER PRIOR TO THE  
CLUB'S BIG CHALLENGE

We voted it upon ourselves; now is the time  
to act upon our deed

HELP THE BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS ON AUGUST 20TH AND 21ST AT THE

24-hour relay