

Annual Meeting - Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 2pm

Mark your calendars! The North Medford Club Annual Meeting & Potluck will take place on Sunday, January 5, 2025 at the Knights of Columbus on Electric Avenue in Fitchburg following the Bob Hersey Memorial 5 Mile Race. The race is set to start at 1pm and the meeting & potluck at 2pm. Enjoy a great race with good food and great people, and start the New Year off right! Check out the rest of our 2025 Winter Series Schedule on the NMC Website.

A Great Time at the NMC Holiday Party

What a wonderful night! In addition to the dancing, the raffles, and of course, the wonderful food, the hall was decked out beautifully for the NMC Holiday Party at Monoosnock Country Club. Adding to the fun was a new game, Holiday Pong. A huge, heartfelt thanks to Deb Fontaine for spearheading this year's Holiday Party, and for all the work she and Marge Gladwin did to prepare for this year's festivities. Thank you also to all those who donated prizes for our raffles. As soon as the pictures are processed, we will post them to the website!

Mill Cities Relay - Highlights

The weather mostly held together for this year's Mill Cities Relay, and NMC had a strong showing, snagging 5 Bricks in team placements. Congratulations to all those who ran, and thanks to all our volunteers out on the course. Thank you to Rebecca Sullivan for all the time and work she put in behind the scenes getting everything ready for our teams. Check out some photos from the relay on our <u>Facebook Page</u>, and add December 7, 2025 to your calendar for next year!

129th Boston Marathon - Waivers

Each year runners from around the world set their sights on Boston, hoping to join the nearly 30,000 runners who race from Hopkinton to Boylston Street. This year the BAA awarded 3 waivers to NMC for the 129th Boston Marathon. As in previous years, NMC will award the waivers at the annual meeting based on member applications. As we begin to streamline this process, we are piloting an <u>online application form on our website</u>. We are directing those interested to apply online, though we will have paper applications available at the annual meeting this year.

Volunteer with NMC at the Boston Marathon

Arguably the largest race in New England, the BAA solicits an army of volunteers to make sure everything runs smoothly all race weekend. This year we have a huge NMC group signed up for volunteering at the Water Stop at the 6-Mile mark in Framingham. You can only sign-up online in a <u>BAA Athlete's Village account</u>. Be sure to use Group Name "North Medford Running Club" and Group Passcode "BM2025" when signing up so you get placed with our group. Please reach out to Rebecca Sullivan if you have any questions (sullivanreb@yahoo.com).

Wild Rover Series

The Wild Rover Race Series will once again be held starting the last Sunday in February on the 23rd. Three races of 3, 4, and 5 miles, held on three consecutive Sundays in Haverhill, Lawrence, and Dracut. The series is offering a club discount to runners who sign up for the entire series: \$18 off the series price of \$128. If you are interested in the discount code, please email George Higgins at georgemoe9@gmail.com. You can also message George on Facebook. Again, this code can only be used if you register for the whole series.

NMC Apparel

If you need some new NMC Apparel, please reach out to Marge at <u>roadrunner_415@yahoo.com</u> and she'll be able to coordinate with you.

NMC Dues - 2025

NMC is now accepting Individual and Family NMC Membership forms for the 2025 calendar year. Please visit our <u>Memberships Page</u> for more information, or join us at the Annual Meeting.

Want to Help?

We currently have two open Board positions - Website Director and Communications Director. If you or someone you know might be a great fit or has some questions, send them our way! Have them reach out to me at musicman2987@gmail.com

~ "Run often. Run long. But never outrun your joy of running" ~ Julie Isphording

Jeremy Zglobicki, NMC President