



# Newsletter

## April, 2015



### Recent BSRA news:

Hello, everyone! As usual, the BSRA has been busy since our last newsletter. In January, our executive board traveled to Pittsburgh, PA for the annual NIRCA Winter Conference. While there, the board learned and discussed leadership techniques, budgeting and race management while networking and making friends with members of other clubs from around the country. Our new executives have been making this semester's BSRA experience a great one!

Club had several successful races this semester, including the Sam Costa Half/Quarter Marathon, the first annual Intra-Club Track Meet, and NIRCA Nationals. The Sam Costa took place on March 21st. For the half marathon, Jake Crosley was the top placing male (1:20:37) and Mandy Bode was the fastest female (1:39:41). In the quarter marathon, our first male finisher was David Schwering (49:33). Our lead female in the quarter marathon, Amanda Weaver, earns special recognition for placing 1st and breaking the course record in a blazing 40:35.

On March 28th, The BSRA held its first Intra-Club Track Meet. On that chilly and windy Saturday morning, many club members showed up to the track to race each other in a variety of events including the 1600m, 800m, 400m, 200m 100m, and 4x800m. That night, the BSRA also hosted the first annual Run Club Prom. Members got dressed up (everybody was looking fly) and went out to enjoy a delicious dinner at Outback Steakhouse. After dinner, the club came home and had a small get-together that lasted most of the night.

Our most recent race, NIRCA Nationals, consisted of several members travelling to Bloomington, IN on April 11th to compete in the half marathon. The BSRA displayed some impressive times including 1:23:04 for Nick Nordmann, our top-placing male, and 1:46:08 for Kendra Storz, our fastest female competitor.



The men and women of the BSRA before Run Club Prom





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In other news, the BSRA has set up a Foundation Account with Ball State in order to be able to collect donations and have more financial freedom. For more information, contact President Nick Nordmann at [nrnordmann@bsu.edu](mailto:nrnordmann@bsu.edu).

Finally, we would like to give a big shout-out to our graduating/graduated seniors! Congrats to **Justin Miller** who is currently working for the US Olympic Committee in Colorado Springs, **Matt Terlep** who will be attending graduate school at the University of Indianapolis in the Physical Therapy program, **Jake Crosley** who will be attending graduate school at Ball State University in the Speech-Language Pathology program, **Britany Bowman** who will be attending graduate school at IUPUI in the Physical Therapy program, and **Jeff Zenger** who will be working for Wrightsock in Austin, TX. Congrats, guys!

### Athlete Spotlight: Ryon Herin

Ryon is a freshman who joined the BSRA in the Fall semester. He is a Psychology major and is also minoring in Music. Ryon is one of our most dedicated members and is always at club, rain or shine. He has also proven to be among our hardest working runners. It isn't uncommon to see Ryon out for a run on a Sunday when most people are inside relaxing. This work ethic has really paid off, which is evident by Ryon's excellent finish in his debut half marathon at NIRCA Nationals this month.

Congrats to Ryon for finishing his first year at Ball State, and we hope to keep him around for another three years!



Ryon competing in the Groundhog 7

### Upcoming Events

As we approach the end of the school year, the BSRA is once again hosting our Alumni Weekend. (Last year's was a blast!) The event kicks off on Friday, April 24th with our end of the year banquet. At the banquet, we will celebrate the past year and we will honor our graduating seniors. After the banquet will be a social event which will probably last late into the night. On Saturday morning, current members and alumni will have the opportunity for a classic Concannon's Crawl run. For lunch, there will be a cookout at McCullough Park. Saturday night, there will another social event for alumni and current members to hang out and get to know each other. This is great opportunity for all BSRA members, past or present, to come together and have a great time! Everybody is encouraged to come!

Thanks for reading!