

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cross Country appreciates run support

TO THE EDITOR:

The Hingham boys and girls cross country teams would like to thank everyone who came out to run this Thanksgiving.

We had an amazing turnout, and it was a great end to the season. We would like to thank Hannaford Supermarkets and the Super Stop & Shop at Lincoln Plaza for donating water as well as Atlantic Bagel for the bagels and cream cheese. These were great post-race snacks!

We would also like to thank our sponsors, Marathon Sports, Hingham Institution for Savings, Saucony, F.S. Messina Enterprises, Tony Bonding/Insurance, Best Chevrolet/Isuzu, Lambert-Nielsen Eye Center, Williams Coal & Oil, Faneuil Kitchen Cabinet, Crow Point Pizzeria, The Beal Family, Hingham Sports Partnership, Ryan Financial, Public Consulting Group, Glenzel-Spatz Agency, Dr. Richard Wolfert, DMD, Andrew Zona Studio, Budget Blinds, Island in the Square, and Vineyard Vines.

We are especially thankful for Bill Monahan who stepped in this year to coordinate with the community and lead the booster club in organizing this race. We have had such great seasons, and know we are so lucky to have such amazing coaches and a supportive booster club. We are looking forward to being able to come back next year and continue to be a part of the growing mass of racers!

Boys and Girls 2006 Cross Country captains:

Tyler Ciovacco, Colton Dwyer, Kelly Ryan, and Tina Meade

Hingham Sports Partnership gets it done – again!

TO THE EDITOR:

For the second time in two years, the Hingham Sports Partnership steps up to aid the fledgling Hingham High School rowing program. Without political wrangling, without cronyism and without

any desire for publicity, the HSP elected Monday night to make a generous donation to support Hingham's High School Rowing Team. The mission of the HSP is "to enhance the athletic programs and facilities for our Hingham student athletes by providing financial support which complements, but does not supplant, the school athletic budget." They have truly fulfilled their mission.

As an interested parent, I have watched the rowing program grow from the fanciful idea of a few energetic students to a fully recognized high school athletic program that is competing successfully against some of the top rowing schools in the region. The rowers have had to bootstrap their efforts since budget constraints at the school department have kept the rowing team from being funded by the school. As a result of their hard work, nearly 50 students will compete for Hingham in the spring in races all over New England. Boats, oars, training equipment and team transportation make this an expensive sport, and miraculously, without school funding, many generous sponsors and parents including the Hingham Sports Partnership, Lincoln Maritime Center and the Hingham High School PTO, have stepped up to help.

A collateral benefit of all the work of the sponsors, the students and the students' families has been the recognition that the program has received from top colleges. Letters of interest for our student athletes have been received from Princeton, Brown, University of Virginia, Duke, Cornell and other schools. As the only high school rowing program in South Shore, the Hingham High School Rowing is creating unprecedented opportunities for our town's kids.

So, I would like to thank the Hingham Sports Partnership and all of the townspeople who continue to support this great entity. Without your contributions and the work of the HSP, unique opportunities for our children, like that which they have helped create for Hingham High School Rowing, would not be possible.

Doug McCaig
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