

Ricky Cox, Ed Swiatocha among Texas Road Racing Hall of Fame selections

Two Dallas-Fort Worth well-known runners, Ricky Cox and Ed Swiatocha, are two of the recent selections for the Texas Road Racing Hall of Fame. Cox is a three-time winner of the Cowtown Marathon (1982, '83, '86), and an Olympic Trials qualifier in '84. He began and conducts the weekly Trinity 5000 Summer Series in Fort Worth. Swiatocha is a two-time winner of the White Rock Marathon (1985 and '86) and also won Cowtown ('87) among his achievements. He also qualified for the Olympic Trials in '88.

Cox also owns a finish line company and times several area races. Swiatocha, who works for Luke's Locker, helps at finish lines, and has coached hundreds of runners.

Others selected to the Hall of Fame are Seymour Liebermann; Tom and Mary Anne McBrayer; Dan Green; and Dorothy Doolittle.

Liebermann is credited with inventing jogging and starting the Junior Olympics. The Memorial jogging trail is named for him.

The McBrayers, of Houston, are long-time race directors and race committee chairs. Tom issues USATF-RRCA certifications for Texas road races.

Green is a longtime Woodlands High School cross country coach who led teams to 30 district titles, 25 region titles and 13 state championships.

Doolittle coached high school in the early '70s, and also at Missouri, Stanford and Tennessee. She's retired and living near San Antonio.

The selection committee also picked the Beach to Bay Marathon Relay as a Hall of Fame race.