

2012 LDR Report
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This was a banner year for Nebraska's LDR Committee. Highlights include sending Bridget Easley of Team Nebraska and Kaci Lickteig of Ndorfz Racing to the USA Women's Olympic Trials Marathon in Houston on January 15. In February David Adams of Team Nebraska made it to the finals at the USA Indoor National Championships 3000 meters. In April David would become only the second native born Nebraskan to break the magical 4:00 barrier running 3:58.44 at the KU Relays. In May Luka Thor of Team Nebraska finished 11th overall at the USA 25K National Championships in Grand Rapids, MI. In June Team Nebraska sent 3 athletes to the USA Olympic Trials in Eugene, OR. David Adams in the Steeplechase, Jared Shuurmans in the Discus, and Aubrey Baxter who would finish 8th overall in the Women's Hammer Throw. Randal Carter represented the Omaha Racers competing in the High Jump. Also in June Luka Thor competed at the USA Half Marathon National Championships in Duluth, MN.

July was the high water mark of the 11 year history of our LDR program. Team Nebraska, with great help from our national office and Nebraska association leadership, hosted the USA Club Track & Field National Championships at Burke Stadium on July 6-7. The Lincoln Running Company Racing Team made their debut as a USATF Competitive Club in a big way qualifying 10 athletes to the games. LaLonde Gordon of Central Park Track Club won the 400 meters in 45:02 on his way to a Bronze Medal at the London Olympic Games. Five Club National Championship records were set including Team Nebraska's Aubrey Baxter tossing the Hammern 63.86 meters. Team Nebraska Men's Team would finish 2nd and Team Nebraska Women's Team 4th. Lincoln Running Company Racing Men's Team finished 4th.

The Nebraska Association LDR meeting was held at Platte River State Park in April. The following Association Championships were/are being conducted for 2012: The Ni-Bthaska-Ke 12K Trail Run, The Lincoln Marathon, The Omaha Corporate Cup 10K, The Big Blue Run 5K, The Swamp Stomp 8K Trail Run, and the Vala's Pumpkin Patch Trail of Terrors 5K (trail run).

Two new, active LDR clubs. LDR memberships at an all time high. Course Certifications too. A USATF National Championships in the books. There's not much else I can hope to achieve as Chair of my beloved LDR Program. And with that this is my final LDR annual report submission.

Giddyup!

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