

Dennis Edgecombe 2003 Wally Rodd - Male Roadrunner of the Year



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Our Male RoadRunner of the Year is someone who has been on the running scene in the Montague area for some time. The 2003 Wally Rodd Male RoadRunner of the Year is awarded to Dennis Edgecombe.

This year, Dennis has not only dedicated many hours training for races personally, but has also spent countless hours organizing, training and supporting a group of “Joints in Motion” runners from the Montague area. Thanks to progressive training and support from Dennis, this group was very successful with a high completion rate. An obvious sign of this success was when one of the group, Robyn Campbell, who was a first time marathoner, finishing first overall in the female division.

However, perhaps a better sign of Dennis’ influence has been the fact that this group has actually increased in size since completing the goal marathon. The club has made running part of the culture at their workplaces and in the town of Montague itself.

Dennis has also extended this culture to many of his students as well. Dennis has been involved for many years with the school's cross country and track and field programs.

Dennis takes as much



enjoyment from the success of other runners as he does from his own running accomplishments.

Dennis has trained hard as well. He competed in 8 RoadRunner events throughout the season, as well as several events outside the province. This year he focused on marathon training and completed three marathons, the one in PEI in 3:46:45, and one in Burlington Ontario and another in Chicago. Both of these marathons he ran with his daughter, who was also a first time marathoner.

In the nominations that were received for Dennis, he was described as:

A guy with heart,

A role model of effort and determination,

A small town man with a big man "running" heart,

A solid individual and a man who can talk and run well.

Dennis, in the past year, in particular, opened up new challenges, highlights and friendships for runners in the Montague area and is a deserving recipient of the 2003 Wally Rodd Roadrunner of the Year award.

Congratulations Dennis!