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Motto: "Si se puede", "Run with Bikila"



How I got involved in running: I have been interested in running marathons since I have been in the military. There was a marathon runner named Abebe Bikila, who had won the Olympics in Tokyo in 1964 who was my inspiration. I was amazed by how this person ran and won, even not wearing running shoes. He was a hero to us in Mexico. At the time, I was a professional boxer and a light weight champion, nevertheless I started running. I ran my first marathon in 1997 in Culver City, without any training. Within the next 13 years I would run 75 more marathons, 10 half marathons, and about 40 10Ks and 25 5 Ks.

Favorite places to run: Venice, Santa Monica, Palisades (Inspiration Point at Will Roger State Park), Baldwin Hill, Elysian Park, Griffith Park, Rancho Cienega Park, Playa del Rey, and Brentwood Country Club.

Additional Hobbies: Boxing, soccer, swimming, and reading about sports.

Most satisfying running accomplishments: Running 75 marathons, including 4 marathons completed in May of 2009 (2 within 2 days, finishing 1st in the first one, and 3rd in the second one). Finishing 4th in the 2007 Chicago Marathon in my division. I am also a pace police since 2002 for the Los Angeles Roadrunners.

Summary of most important running events:

1999 LA Marathon in 3:30:28

2002, 2003, 2005, and 2008 Boston Marathon

2004 Sacramento Marathon 3:24:03

2005 San Diego Marathon 3:24:28

2005 Chicago Marathon 3:23:31 (PERSONAL RECORD)

2006 Orange County Marathon (1st in my division)

2009 Las Vegas Marathon (MY 75th MARATHON)

Future running events and costs involved:

01/17/2010 Phoenix, AZ Rock 'n' Roll Marathon -\$125

02/07/2010 Surf City Marathon

02/21/2010 Pasadena, CA Marathon-\$110 (\$90 by 01/10)
03/21/2010 LA Marathon- \$125
04/23/2010 Ragner Relay
05/02/2010 Orange County Maratón
05/08/2010 Palos Verdes Marathon
06/05/2010 Fontana Half Marathon
06/2010 San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Marathon- \$125 (\$115 by 02/01)
06/2010 Seattle Rock 'n' Roll Marathon- \$120 (\$100 by 02/28)
07/25/2010 San Francisco Marathon
10/17/2010 Long Beach Marathon
10/2010 Chicago Marathon
11/2010 Santa Clarita Marathon
11/2010 New York Marathon
11/2010 Malibu Marathon
12/2010 Las Vegas Rock 'n' Roll Marathon- \$135