

BRENDAN HUTCHINSON

b. 8/28/1943

To say that Brendan Hutchinson, better known to all his friends as “Hutch” or “the Hutch” is a great runner, is an understatement in itself, but also leaves out so many other things that make the man complete.

Besides being a great guy in general, Hutch is also an outdoorsman, hunter, excellent writer and a master in the art of nature photography.



Hutch, who ran a very strong 3:40:12 Boston Marathon in 2008 at the age of 64, did not even start running competitively until the age of 38.

But, that does not mean that he wasn't an athlete. Far from it, Hutch played football, basketball and four years of baseball at Madison High and Pingry School in New Jersey. He then went on to play four years of football and basketball plus two years of Lacrosse and

1 year of baseball at Union College in Schenectady New York.

After college Hutch continued to be heavily involved in team sports. He played rugby from 1966 thru 1980 first for the Cornell University RFC and then the Rome (New York) RFC. Fourteen years of rugby says something about a man's toughness and endurance! Hutch also played two years of semi-pro football with the Ithaca Chiefs plus a year of Industrial League Basketball in Brattleboro Vermont.

The Empire Runners Hall of Fame is of course about running. So as impressive as Hutch's earlier athletic achievements may have been, it has been his running and his commitment to that sport that led to his nomination and induction into the Empire Runners Hall of Fame.

Hutch is one of those rare runners who has demonstrated a very high level of ability in the full spectrum of events ranging from the sprints, to middle-distance and beyond. His remarkable record includes age-graded performances beyond the very difficult to achieve 80% mark including but not limited to:

- 100M 12.93 age 42 80.42%
- 800M 2:12.5 age 44 83.25%
- 1 Mile 4:56 age 44 82.02%
- 3000M 9:58 age 44 80.25%
- 5000M 16:59 age 45 83.48%
- 10K 35:06 age 40 80.94%
- 10 Mile 59:28 age 43 80.07%
- Half Marathon 1:16:29 age 41 81.29%
- Marathon 2:44:24 age 40 77.86%

While all of these records were set while Hutch was in his early to mid forties, he continued to run very well in his fifties and sixties. In fact Hutch just finished his fifth year as a key member of the Empire Runners Super Seniors team – USATF-PA 2008 Champions! In addition, Hutch was 2nd overall Super Senior in the USATF-PA Cross Country Grand Prix. It is hard to imagine a better season than that.

Hutch is planning to help this June in the defense of the Master Men's Lake Tahoe Relay title that he helped capture in 2008.

There is a lot of good running left in the Hutch. Be sure to congratulate him as he passes you on the way up the Gravel Grind in Annadel.

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