

# Corey Gibson



*Cory finishing the Ottawa to Kingston Relay*

In 1980 Corey Gibson met with fellow U. of T. Track Club members Jack Friel and Roz Fulwell to commiserate about the lack of respect shown to distance runners in the club, and to plan the founding of a new club that would be for regular adult road runners, that would treat men and women equally, and that would have a strong social component. The result was The Longboat Roadrunners. Corey was the driving force behind the new club, and served as its 2nd president. He was the race director of the Island Race, that

in those days was held in the spring. And of course he was a really good runner as can be seen by these performances from the early years of the club:

8km	27:02
10km	33:23
15km	51:14
20km	1:11:34
Half marathon	1:19:51
25km	1:26:28
30km	1:51:00
Marathon	2:35:01

One of the proudest moments of our club in the early years was our victory over the Queen's University runners in the Ottawa to Kingston Relay in which 10 runners ran 12-mile legs along the course of the Rideau Canal. Corey was our anchor runner and he had to fend off the challenge of our opponents' best runner, a national champion. Corey finished 2 minutes ahead of him, giving our team a one-second-per-mile win.

Corey met his wife Debbie Filek in the club and they moved to Michigan so that she could practice Pediatric medicine there. As a runner, executive, organizer and teammate he left an indelible impression on our Club.

By Bert de Vries



*Cory being hoisted by his team mates after the finish of the Ottawa to Kingston relay.*