



MEMBER OF THE MONTH – JANUARY 2021

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How did you hear about Pacifica Runners?

A quick Google search after seeing the banner on Hwy 1

How long have you been a runner?

On and off for 12 years

How did you get into running?

Joining my high school cross country team (to socialize more than run, if I'm being honest) and then later in life I found I truly enjoyed running more when training for something specific.

Do you have a favorite race(s)?

Tough question. Santa Cruz Half Marathon, Avenue of the Giants (such a beautiful flat road race surrounded by giant redwoods), and CIM are the top contenders. I also find smaller local races to be very

special, too. Most of my running used to be in Paradise/Chico, CA so I loved their smaller events (Strides for Diabetes 5k, Chocolate Chase 5k, Almond Bowl relays, etc.)

What are your favorite running trails/routes?

Now that I'm in Pacifica, I love running right out my front door in the Sharp Park neighborhood along the beach. I've been known to stick to road/bike paths in the past, but since moving here I've really been inspired by a lot of other Pacifica Runners to take to the trails! Hazelnut trail is one that I want to keep re-visiting to improve on.

What are your future running goals?

Too many to count. I'd love to improve my 5k time, explore the trails and maybe even sign up for a local trail race - I've been eyeballing the Devil's Slide Half (but am open to recommendations!) I also aim to hit 1000 miles in 2021!

What did you most enjoy about working with Pacifica Runners?

I wish I could say meeting up and running with you all, but... 2020. I have enjoyed virtually checking in with other Pacifica Runners and stalking some of your Strava routes in hopes of running together in the near future.

Any other cool info about yourself?

I'm originally from Minnesota but have been living in Northern California for the past 8 years. I've got a really handsome golden retriever, Ludo, and two cats: Calvin & Hobbes.