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[THE ALMOST 10K - NOVEMBER 4th 2017](#)

The 5th Annual POR Almost 10k is just around the corner. Most of the same stunts are planned, plus some surprises. We can't wait to break the 500 participant mark this year! Last year we hit 300+ registrations, and that has helped over 20 families this year. We need to continue to grow the race to help the growing number of families that are reaching out to us.

One thing that many people don't understand is that there are not many organizations that help families dealing with cancer related issues **directly**. They are focused on research and don't help with basic needs of the family. That is where POR comes in. We **aim to be direct advocates for the families and align ourselves with the financial needs they have**.

We are immediate response and it has really made a lot of difference to those we have helped. **Look through our newsletters, you will see what we have done**.

[So sign up for the race, or make a donation if you can't make it.](#)

POR ambassadors and team organizers will get \$15 off their registration for 5+ team members, and anyone that signs up **a team of 10+ gets their registration reimbursed plus a gift card for free Lululemon shorts or yoga pants!** Setting up teams really helped drive registrations last year and we hope you share your experience with others. This isn't about racing but it is about having fun and creating a community that helps those in need.

Thank you so much for helping us raise money and being a part of something bigger than ourselves. **Nancy Pants always loved the race and being part of something that gave back to people** that had to deal with cancer. If we get 500+ pants off racers I can only imagine how proud she would be!

Thank you from all of us @ POR, here are other events you can join us at:

- [Malibu Triathlon](#) // Sept 16-17 // Zuma Beach, CA // Lots of meerkats both days!
- POR Charity Spin Ride // Oct 21 @ 2:30pm // [SoulCycle Manhattan Beach](#)
- **POR Almost 10K!!!! // Saturday November 4th @ 9am // Calabasas, CA**
- Comedy Night w/ Zoe Rodgers // Weds, Nov 29 // [Westside Comedy Theater](#) // SaMo, CA
- [Ville to Ville Relay Race](#) // April 14th, 2018 // Asheville NC // We are looking for runners to fill out our 2 teams! Tandem running at its finest.

Also, check out past POR newsletters [here!](#)



The graphic is a promotional poster for a race. At the top left is a red square with '5TH ANNUAL' in white. The main title 'PANTS OFF RACING' is in large, bold, multi-colored letters. Below it, in smaller black text, is 'ALMOST 10K/5K & 1 MILE BRISK WALK'. In the center is a colorful, abstract illustration of a runner. To the left of the runner is a calendar grid for November 2017, with '4TH' highlighted. To the right of the runner is a calendar grid for Malibu Creek State Park, with '9 AM START TIME' written below it. At the bottom left is the hashtag '#THECALIFORNIACOMMITMENT'.

Sentry Club Activities

Sometimes it is hard to find the good in situations that we are asked to assist in. Recently we were able to help a family that lost a father to pancreatic cancer a few years ago, and the mom currently has scleroderma. To have this all happen in one family can be brutal and disheartening. That is when it comes as a **big surprise when you meet the family and they are strong as a rock**. It is **powerful to experience a meeting like this**, and gives you a lot of hope for them and others that we assist.

The reason we met was that one of the kids was about to go to college. Callum Lapper will be a freshmen this year and he was preparing as any college kid would. He will be playing club rugby for a team in Santa Barbara, and is nationally ranked at his position. **He was an awesome kid, and was super thankful for the Apple laptop we purchased for him.**

Moments like this aren't really new for POR, but it reminds you that **the little things can really help others**. It was super fun to get to know Callum better through this process. Hopefully he follows up with some meerkats that are in Santa Barbara we know up there. He has a lot of upside, as they would say on ESPN! **The world has a lot of opportunities for all of us**, and I think that after getting to hang out with him he will make the most of it.

We are having a spin ride in honor of his family in Manhattan Beach, CA. It will be held on Saturday Oct. 21st @ 2:30pm. If you want to support the Lapper's and other POR families [sign up now](#).



Strong Faith & Family

Unwavering strength and optimism. Those who knew Rachel Corscadden said those traits defined her battle with breast cancer, right up until her final days.

Rachel Corscadden mother of two boys, Graham (age 7) and Liam (age 3), passed on March 8, 2017 at 32 years old after a breast cancer battle of nearly four years. Her husband, Eric, and friends remember her as a bright, loving person who everyone seemed to know.

“She was super fun, always knew how to make you laugh and lighten up the conversation, especially after being sick. People would get nervous about talking about it, the cancer and the diagnosis and the prognosis, and she would always lighten the mood,” a close friend said.

Rachel Corscadden was **diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer at age 28 while 22 weeks pregnant with her younger son** and began chemotherapy treatments immediately. Liam, who she called her “miracle baby,” now wants to be a police officer or a firefighter like his father. Eric Corscadden said he still recalls the joy of his second child’s birth, in the midst of chemo treatments and uncertainty.

Through her family and friends support and her own faith, Rachel Corscadden **kept up her fight against breast cancer until the end.** “Her goal in hospice was to get kicked out of hospice. That was her attitude. She was going to fight till the end for

those children and her husband,” a close friend said.

But she made it clear that, through her faith, she would win no matter the outcome. By the support and love given to her sweet boys, **we continue Rachel's love and legacy for her family.**

POR was fortunate to connect with the family and send some gifts for the boys. Although we have never met, it is hard to not feel for the young family. Also, **even though we focus on pancreatic cancer we do lend a hand with any serious disease.** It is more about helping and supporting families in difficult times than it is about anything else. Below is a picture of Rachel's boys holding a few toys POR sent to them.



Hamburger Mary's: August 9, 2017

Hamburger Mary's proved once again to be THE place to party in WeHo! Amazing she-men cupping balls and calling out your number makes everyone want a cheeseburger, nes pas...? They even allow under-age winners (**Faye Amato**) and Lincoln Log Masters (**Jon Kelly**) to scoop up some tasty prizes...if you follow THEIR rules. Next time be there!

All said, thanks to Hamburger Mary's, they helped **Pants Off Racing bring in more than \$3,500 to help families**. This was perfect timing as a few families have been referred to us. If you haven't been yet, come out next year and see what this scene is all about. You may even win something!



Movie Night at [South Coast Botanic Gardens](#)

On Friday July 28th, **POR was proud to help sponsor Movie Night at South Bay Botanic Garden**. Around 1,000 garden lovers, movie fans and star gazers gathered to enjoy the amazing weather, gorgeous gardens and Moana!! We got to help at the star gazing booth, with lots of little Moana's stopping by to craft. As well as all the Moana's running around, we had a good showing of Meerkats and kittens.

There were **20+ friends of POR that made it out to the event and enjoy the gardens**.

Not many made it through the movie, but Milo Trifunovic did! Next time you're in the South Bay area, stop by the Garden and check them out! **Once the rose garden renovations are finished we will have 2 plaques in honor of Luby Stankovic and Young Kim.** It's gonna be a great place for the families to come and honor their loved ones, or just get away from LA's busy atmosphere. Thanks to all who attended! We can't wait till next year!





Lululemon Seawheeze Half Marathon in Vancouver

Travel and racing are 2 of our favorite activities. Just a couple weeks ago we trekked to Vancouver for some exploration and running! **Pronk got to explore the beauty of the Pacific Northwestern for a whole week, going on runs and hikes through beautiful Vancouver and Whistler**, while the rest of us only had a few days to spare. We started out the trip by going to about three Lululemon stores in the span of 8 hours. It's crazy how much Lululemon gear there is everywhere, but we were all happy to get some goodies to bring back home! We even were able to tour the Lululemon headquarters with some of the Lulu peeps we knew from LA that were in town to race, too.

We biked the famous Vancouver seawall, which started in downtown and took us around Stanley Park. The next day was the Seawheeze half marathon. 11,000 racers came out to run a loop around the the city. Pat and Priya ran both sautéed the course, even if Pat was announced as James Bernard at the finish line! James lent his running registration to Pat since he wasn't able to make the trip #gojamesgo. Lululemon did an amazing job at making the race a lot of fun. **The course was stunning to begin with, and there was great energy along the way**, with the Vancouver firefighters and police officers spraying runners with water, people in costumes kayaking, a spin class in session on a bridge, and more. They gave away tons of **free goodies, like Saje products and cool sunglasses**, and a brunch box. This isn't a race to be missed, do it next year if you can!!

Of course, we ate a ton afterwards and consumed several beverages, **in true POR fashion, and even met up with people from Electric Flight Crew**. We got to see Cold War Kids and Young the Giant at the afterparty festival. Such a great weekend, we're ready for next year!!



Trail's Edge Camp

Contributed by a Meerkat working @ the University of Michigan Hospital

Four years ago I reached out to Pants Off Racing in hopes of helping with a cause I knew very little about, because I respected and looked up to what the Amato's were creating with POR. The **passion, drive and love that P.O.R. has for everything they do**, along with everyone they help, **is contagious**. Since then I have learned so much from them and every single person that has crossed my path along the way. I've applied as many of those lessons as I could to helping out another nonprofit that has been very much a part of my everyday life for almost 7 years now.

Trail's Edge Camp (T.E.C.) is a weeklong summer camp for children who are ventilator-dependent. Campers enjoy a week of adventure that is full of friendship, independence, and life. It's a place where kids meet others that face the same daily challenges that they do, where they are not different, **where the word "can" replaces "can't", and where the impossible can become reality**. T.E.C. is undoubtedly an amazing week of fun for the campers, but it also provides parents with a much-needed respite from the difficult tasks of being full time caregivers. In most cases, it is the only break they get in the course of a year.

In the last four years **I have not only felt overwhelmingly welcomed into the P.O.R.**

family, but I've also been able to bring all that they have inspired within me back to another amazing cause. I can't help but say Thank You and I'm excited to continue being humbled on a daily basis by every amazing family, survivor, child, volunteer and friend that both of these nonprofits bring into my life.

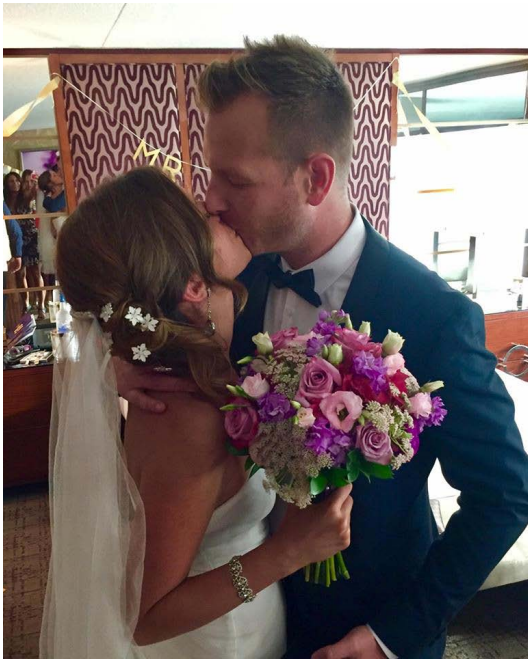
Check our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) out!

For more information on this program reach out to Matt Baginski @ baginskimatt@gmail.com



Marko and Marija

Marko Stankovic is one the key members to the POR board team. It is with great delay, but much happiness, that we announce that **he married his beautiful bride Marija on June 17, 2017** in the city of lights, Las Vegas. The two met in Los Angeles in November 2016 while Marija was visiting from Serbia to be her best friend's maid-of-honor. **Cupid**



worked his magic from the start, and shortly after the two began their life together in the United States. M&M are settling in and enjoying newlywed bliss in Venice.

Gratitude = [Autumn Leaves Project](#)

Gratitude: the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

The Autumn Leaves Project based in Cartersville, GA chose POR to donate \$5,000 to continue our mission of helping those in need. **They are a growing foundation and are lead by Butch Walker.** He's a musician with deep roots in the Nashville scene, and had his father pass from pancreatic cancer. He now is working on his own foundation and helping others with the same mission.

We are thrilled and very fortunate to be chosen for this gift, and so thankful to the Autumn Leaves Project. We can't wait to work more with them and see how we can grow the awareness of this disease and what programs are out there for those looking for treatment.



The Bearded Bros

So we have some new friends that are super amazing beach volleyball pros. **Stars on the AVP tour, Maddison and Riley McKibbin,** have teamed up to help support POR. **They donated time** to tutor those that are interested in learning how to play beach volleyball as one of our auction items for our event at Hamburger Mary's. **This item went for more than \$300** and could be more once we get a complete set of participants!

Fortunately Meerkat Manor is a block from where they played the last AVP tour, in Manhattan (Meerkattan) Beach. The brothers were playing their first tournament together since May. Riley has been recovering from a broken hand. It was great getting down to the tournament to see them play live and watch as their friends and family rowdily cheered them on! **They took 9th place and Riley looked really good as the tournament progressed.** Looking forward to seeing how they play with some more time together.



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