

## HECLA HALF MARATHON

The Hecla Half Marathon began in 2016 after the first Hecla Triathlon in 2015. The Hecla Triathlon had so many athletes telling us that it had been 20 years since they had been to Hecla or that they had never been to Hecla and couldn't believe that a place like Hecla, with such a maritime feel, existed in Manitoba. At the time, the Triathlon was held at the Marina. While many of the participants stayed at Lakeview Hecla Resort, we couldn't help but wonder how good an event could be if the Lakeview Hecla Resort were to be an integral part of the event.

Lakeview Hecla Resort's response to this opportunity was nothing short of amazing and that was immediately verified by the runners' after the event. The 11:00am start time, pre-race yoga, post race soup, spa, and food are first class and adult beverages are on the house! The awards ceremony is catered by the Lakeview Chef, and every year the Chef takes us on a food adventure that reminds why Hecla is a destination event.

The Inaugural race was held on the weekend after Thanksgiving which was one of their slowest weekends since the Golf course closed for the season. After the success of 2016, the race was given a new priority for Hecla and is now the Primary fundraiser for the Riverton Eagles Minor Hockey Club. Every year the Riverton Eagles provide all the course volunteers. No matter what the weather brings, The Riverton Eagles always give us their best on race day.

The future of The Hecla Half Marathon, while uncertain, is still bright. The event is well attended with loyal, enthusiastic participants, great volunteer support, and the amazing contributions from everyone at the Lakeview Hecla Resort. It has truly been my pleasure to be the Race Director of this event and I want to thank Lakeview Hecla Resort, the Riverton Eagles, MRA, our volunteers, sponsors and most of all, my wife Jeanette for making this event a reality.

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Race Director