

Bradley Keefe

Bradley has been a fixture in the Winnipeg road running community for over 20 years. He started on February 1, 1999 (and has logged every km since!) when his parents' involvement in recreational running inspired him to give it a try. He did 3 km on each of the first two days (fitting that he repeated day one on Groundhog Day), and then increased to 6 km on day 3 and by week's end, he ran 21 km. He ran his first marathon at age 18, and a series of them after, all in the 3:45 to 3:02 range. As he trained harder and faster, his times came down. He views his greatest achievement as his PR in the marathon of 2:32 at the Twin Cities Marathon in 2014. He had traveled to the race with Brian and Darolyn Walker, as Darolyn was also entered in the 10 miler. Bradley got a complimentary entry because his qualifying time was fast enough and so he transferred the entry he had paid for to Brian Walker, who paced him through the first 2/3 of the race. It was special because it was his fastest time ever, and he was there with his close friends and his wife and 3 kids.

Bradley is a crazy consistent racer. He has never dropped out of a race, and has done marathons in 2:34, 2:36, 2:37, 2:38 and 2:39 in addition to that PR. His 2nd slowest marathon in his prime years was a 2:43 (2:44 was slowest) in the 2016 Manitoba Marathon, but that was fast enough for first place! He did some event (full, half, relay) in the Manitoba Marathon every year from 1999 – 2016. He placed many times in the top 6 in the half marathon, including a 3rd place. His best times have been 15:17 for 5 km, 32:15 for 10 km and 1:13:29 for the half marathon, also in 2016, in January in California. He is proud of having won the Islendigadagurinn 10 mile race 3 times, with a best time of 54:17 in around 2012.

A memorable event for Bradley was running Boston the year after the bombing and running 2:37, with all of his kids cheering him on.

Bradley occasionally has the nightmare we all have that we are late for the start of a race. It actually happened to him once, when he and Brian Walker got to the start line 7 minutes after the other runners had left. They managed to catch the leader 7 miles into that half marathon, though. Not all nightmares end badly.

Bradley went on a trip in Wisconsin with his wife one time and told her he was going out for a run. He didn't tell her that he was going to run 27 miles, and that it would take him over 3 hours. She became concerned when he did not return after an hour. He had no phone or other means of being located and panic ensued. Again, all was well that ended well, and he and Randi are still married!

In February, 2021, Bradley surpassed the 100,000 km mark in the running he has logged since 1999. How can you tell that he is an accountant?