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CLASS OF 1948 SHIPMATE COLUMN

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With this issue, the Moores have shifted domain from Rhode Island back to Alexandria, VA. So, please keep that in mind when communicating. It seems that the summers are shortening. This one was not only short, it was wet, often chilly, and one was certainly not overexposed to direct sunshine.

The now annual Annapolis 10-mile run has become a recurring event, as these things often do. Provide a place and a reason for running from A to B, and eventually, people will show up and actually run. Provide prizes and publicity, and soon, you couldn't stamp it out if you tried. This race has a subset of runners, "The Old Goats", who are the older guys, those at least 20 years out of the Academy. **John Fry** won the senior Old Goat award for the third year, although he shared it with **Ben Moore** last year. See the photo of John with award along with Steve Dietz '82, the actual Old Goat winner. John Fry is an indefatigable runner, and really works at it. As an ex-runner, I tip my cap to him.

The premier 1948 Class Summer Gathering, the now venerable Carolyn and **George Ball** Swim Party at their pool in Alexandria, splashed off on 27 August. Everybody had a good time, and as usual the food was great and the beer was cold. Ball son, Geoff, presided over the grills, cooking mountains of

chicken BBQ. Daughter, Louise, handled most everything else. George says he and Carolyn were left little to do but party. On hand were Rose and **Jim Ahern**, **Patty** and **Tony Duncan**, **Eddie Welch**, **Diana Keenan**, Toni and **John Fry**, Marion and **Don Buhrer**, Ely and **Bill Reed**, Amante and **Roger Carlquist**, Grace and **Bill Harkins**, Libby and **Cab Davis**, Nancy and **Warren Graham**, Dolly and **John Rasmussen**.

Class luncheons for the year resumed on September's second Friday at the current locus, the Army Navy Country Club. Attendees were well fed and toasted and caught up on each other's doings. Subsequent luncheons will be on the second Friday of November, January, March, and May. There was a speaker, the Director of Admissions at the Academy, Capt Karen D. Frye, USN, who held forth to the edification of all hands on how admissions are currently handled. Those who enjoyed the day were, with wives, **Buhrer**, **Fry**, **Deeley**, **Ball**, **Ahern**, **Carruth**, **Cab Davis**, **Borlaug**, **O'Connor**, **Tony Duncan**, **Corley**, **Dyer**, **Harkins** and **Beggs**. Singles were, **Graham**, **Ghormley**, **Morgan**, **George Sullivan**, **Sibert**, **Bill Arnold**, **Welch**, **Andrus**, **Manganaro**, and widows, **Diana Keenan**, and **Rosemary Hogg**.

This column is puny due partially to lack of material, but especially because of my own condition, which can only be characterized as stuck on the binnacle list for reasons presently undetermined. Look for better things next month.