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'Marathon' Matt Runs And Runs for Charities

THE ATHLETE IN EACH OF US DEFIES THE ODDS. UNFORTUNATELY FOR SOME OF US, IT'S A LIFE OF DREAMS.

It's just plain wishful thinking unless your name is Matt Guzik, because 'Marathon' Matt has defied the odds.

For Guzik, general manager of The Stock Farm Club in Hamilton, Montana defying the odds has been a pet project in recent years...running as many marathons as possible, while raising money for charities. And how about climbing Mount Kilimanjaro for good measure?

Here are his achievements:

- 56 marathons, including three long course Ironman runs
- Covering 27,000 miles in 39 cities, in 17 states, in nine countries on seven continents over a period of almost six years, and
- In doing so, Guzik has raised \$1,250,000 for various charities.

He's worn out 77 pairs of running shoes, had one hernia surgery, four visits to medical tents for IVs, 150 massages, and 90 chiropractic visits.

During his long travels, Matt has obviously had time to do some thinking – and make some most interesting and poignant comparisons (what else is there to do while running 26.2 miles on the day of competition, along with the hundreds more training miles).

In this issue of BoardRoom (page 70), Guzik offers helpful thoughts for other general managers with his article: *"Seven Continental Characteristics Club Leaders and Runners Share To Be Successful."*



Guzik spends his time as The Stock Farm Club's GM, tucked away in the heart of Montana's Bitterroot Valley, on a spread nestled in the hills east of Hamilton, all the better to watch the brilliant sunsets fading behind the western Rockies.

The club, co-founded by president Charles Schwab and Jim Schueler, draws its 275 equity members from all over the country...for the quietness, the solitude and of course, Montana's famous fly fishing waters, the club's 30 miles of backcountry hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, a full service horse ranch with full equestrian services, a tennis and fitness center, and Tom Fazio's 18-hole championship golf course.

Fazio's spread captures attention in front of the massive 27,000-square foot log-hewn clubhouse that took more than 250 carpenters and log craftsmen two years to build.

Stock Farm finds its origins in the 22,000-acre ranch established by the copper baron Marcus Daly in 1888. Daly's ranch earned the reputation as one of the best horse ranches in the country and over the years the bloodline of Daly's racers produced five Kentucky Derby winners.

Guzik found a home as the club's general manager when it opened in May 1999. "It's been just the right place and cultural fit for me," he enthused.

Schwab has been a huge booster of Guzik's fund raising efforts over the years and how it helps The Stock Farm Club embrace the neighboring communities and charities. Another "Shining Light" of a club contributing to the community it lives in. And for Guzik of course, it remains a wonderful place to think and put his thoughts into practice.



And finally...we continue with more introductions of BoardRoom 21 Presidents of the Year...five in this issue: **G. Duncan Lott, III**, commodore, Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, Boca Raton FL; **Doug Mackay**, president, Rosedale Golf Club, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; **Ron Mariello**, president, Ballantyne Country Club, Charlotte, North Carolina; **Alan Platner**, president, Boca Woods Country Club, Boca Raton, FL. **BR**