

Professional Runners Set to Compete for Credit Union SACTOWN Run's \$12,000 Prize Purse

Returning champion Jane Kibii and top American runners from across the country headline the 2018 SACTOWN 10-Mile race

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The eighth annual Credit Union SACTOWN Run will host a strong field of professional athletes on Sunday, April 8 as the USA Track & Field Pacific Association's 10-Mile Championships return to Sacramento.

The SACTOWN 10-mile race begins at 8:40 a.m. on Sunday, preceded by the UC Davis Children's Hospital Miracle Mile at 7:30 a.m. and the 5k run at 8:00 a.m. The event, put on by the Sacramento Running Association and sponsored by California and Nevada credit unions, draws runners of all ages and abilities to help raise money for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

"The Sacramento Running Association is committed to bringing world class running to the Sacramento sporting landscape and the Credit Union SACTOWN Run is a key event in helping us fulfill our mission," Sacramento Running Association Executive Director Scott Abbott said.

The professional field for the 10-mile race includes defending champion **Jane Kibii**, who has won the SACTOWN 10-Mile race four times in the event's seven-year history (2012, 2015, 2016, 2017). Kibii, who ran 55:50 to take the title at last year's SACTOWN Run, will be challenged by a number of fast women on Sunday, including Sacramento-area's own **Lauren Totten** and Mammoth Lakes' **Margo Malone**. Totten was runner-up at the 2017 SACTOWN Run, finishing in 58:05 and with another year of gained fitness, will look to close the gap on Kibii. Malone, who holds a 10,000-meter personal best of 32:29.89, will be making her 10-mile debut on Sunday.

"The SACTOWN 10-Miler is not only a race close to my heart and in my hometown, but also one of my favorite races every year," said Totten. "It's a great spring season opener and the SACTOWN course is fast and really pretty. I can't wait to toe the line on Sunday!"

The men's race is set to feature 2:12 marathoner **Matt Llano** along with HOKA ONE ONE Northern Arizona Elite teammate **Craig Lutz** and local runner **Brendan Gregg**. Llano and Lutz will race their first SACTOWN Run on Sunday, while Gregg returns for his third year with the fastest 10-mile personal best time of the field (48:06). **George Alex** from Phoenix, Arizona will

be making his 10-mile debut on Sunday as well and with a personal best half-marathon time of 1:02:54, looks to be another favorite for the win and \$2,000 first place prize. Full professional athlete fields can be found below.

In addition to the individual competition, the SACTOWN 10-Mile Run, as part of the Pacific Association 10-Mile Championship, will feature a competitive team division. The HOKA Aggie men's team and SRA Elite women's team both return to defend their 2017 titles. The Aggies will be led by **Sergio Reyes** and **Jameson Mora** and will be challenged by strong teams from the Pacific Association, including the West Valley Track Club. The SRA Elite women's team will be led by Totten and **Alycia Cridebring** and are expected to be challenged by the Impala Racing Team.

Race results will be available at www.runsactown.org, with live race updates from [@runSRA_CIM](https://twitter.com/runSRA_CIM) via twitter and live finish line coverage from the [Sacramento Running Association's Facebook page](#).

Registration is still available online at www.runsactown.org and at packet pickup and on race day. The Miracle Mile is free to kids 12 and under until April 6 and then \$10 at packet pickup and on race day.

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals is an affiliation of children's hospitals throughout the country. Children's Miracle Network Hospitals treat more than 17 million patients each year, including 98 percent of all children needing heart or lung transplants and 88 percent of all children with cancer. Each year these non-profit hospitals provide state-of-the-art care, cutting edge research and preventative health education.

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The Sacramento Running Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to finding ways to encourage people of all ages and abilities to run. The SRA is committed to developing new, quality running events that appeal to a broad variety of runners.

Other SRA events include the recently completed Super Sunday Run, the Gold Country Half on June 10, the Capital Cross Challenge on September 29, the Run the Parkway on November 4 and the 36th annual California International Marathon on December 2.

2018 Credit Union SACTOWN 10-Mile Professional Field**MEN**

BIB #	NAME	CITY	AGE	10 Mile PR	½ MARATHON PR
2	Matt Llano	Flagstaff, AZ	29	49:39	1:01:47
4	George Alex	Phoenix, AZ	28	N/A	1:02:54
6	Brendan Gregg	Davis, CA	28	48:06	1:02:55
8	Craig Lutz	Santa Barbara, CA	25	N/A	1:04:18
10	Sid Vaughn	Boulder, CO	23	N/A	1:04:03
12	Nico Montanez	Mammoth Lakes, CA	23	48:53	1:04:29
14	Sergio Reyes	Palmdale, CA	36	48:27	1:03:17
16	Jameson Mora	Paso Robles, CA	34	48:52	1:04:57
18	Stephen Kersh	Flagstaff, AZ	26	51:38	1:04:37
20	Seth Totten	Santa Barbara, CA	26	51:00	1:07:03
22	Brian Glassey	Alamosa, CO	27	52:54	N/A

WOMEN

BIB #	NAME	CITY	AGE	10 Mile PR	½ MARATHON PR
1	Jane Kibii	KENYA	33	53:21	1:10:25
3	Lauren Totten	Santa Barbara, CA	27	56:33	1:12:01
5	Margo Malone	Mammoth Lakes, CA	24	N/A	1:18:02
7	Mara Olsen	San Francisco, CA	25	54:18	1:13:03
9	Alycia Cridebring	Sacramento, CA	26	N/A	N/A
11	Lauren Masterson	Alamosa, CO	26	N/A	1:15:43
13	Lindsay Tollefson	Mammoth Lakes, CA	32	58:35	1:16:49
15	Allison Gonzales	Arroyo Grande, CA	27	59:24	1:18:55
17	Jonah Weeks	Davis, CA	27	59:29	1:19:51
19	Molly Friel	Fresno, CA	50	1:00:44	1:17:56

2018 SACTOWN Run Continues Partnership with CU4Kids

Run includes 10-mile, 5k and one-mile courses as part of a national effort to raise over \$600,000 for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. - The Credit Union SACTOWN Run, set for Sunday, April 8th, features the 8th running of the SACTOWN 10-Mile race and includes a 5k, the UC Davis Children's Hospital Miracle Mile, and the Homemade-Half Challenge.

Organized by the Sacramento Running Association (SRA) and sponsored by California and Nevada credit unions, the SACTOWN events raise money for Children's Miracle Network (CMN) Hospitals, including Sacramento's UC Davis Children's Hospital.

"We're excited to celebrate our seventh anniversary with the Sacramento Running Association in hosting such a wonderful and meaningful event," said Diana Dykstra, president and CEO of the California and Nevada Credit Union Leagues. "Thanks to credit unions and businesses in California and Nevada, together we have raised more than \$1.5 million over the past seven years to benefit Children's Miracle Network Hospitals throughout both states."

Each year the SACTOWN Run spotlights a UC Davis Children's Hospital patient story, in conjunction with the celebration of the money raised for the CMN Hospitals. The 2018 SACTOWN patient story is that of eight-month-old Brooklyn Payne.

UC Davis alumni Mark and Melanie Payne's daughter Brooklyn was born July 18, 2017 at only 25 weeks, weighing 1 pound, 4 ounces. "She was so vulnerable," said dad, Mark. Brooklyn had her first surgery at 2 months – a Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA) ligation to close a hole in her heart, followed by two eye surgeries. The Payne's spent months in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at UC Davis Children's Hospital.

Today, Brooklyn is grabbing and giggling; scooting and smiling. She is developmentally on track. "It's a miracle she's here and doing so well," says Mark. "It's unbelievable, really. UC Davis Children's Hospital will always be part of our story."

The SACTOWN Run mirrors the event's east coast sister race, the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile Run, held in Washington, D.C. on the same day. Last year the two

events, along with the international Freedom Run, raised a combined \$580,485 for CMN Hospitals nationwide, with nearly \$200,000 from the 2017 SACTOWN Run going to regional hospitals.

The Credit Union SACTOWN Run's main event, the 10-mile race, takes runners on a tour of Sacramento's most memorable landmarks. The race starts and finishes in front of the California State Capitol building, taking runners on a two-loop course over the Tower Bridge into West Sacramento Bridge District, past Raley Field, around the Ziggurat and back to Capitol Mall. The 2018 race once again serves as the USA Track & Field Pacific Association's 10-Mile Championships, featuring top local runners as well as professional athletes from across the country.

"The 10-mile course was built to allow for great spectator engagement by allowing spectators, as well as the 5k and one-mile finishers, a chance to watch some of the world's best distance runners in action in the 10-mile championship event," said Sacramento Running Association Executive Director Scott Abbott. "As Sacramento's only local non-profit organization committed to the sport of running, the SRA is proud to put on the Credit Union SACTOWN run as part of such a magnanimous cause spearheaded by the philanthropic efforts of the Credit Unions for Kids."

In addition to the 10-mile run, the event features a 5k and the UC Davis Children's Hospital Miracle Mile, a fun one-mile event open to participants of all ages. The 5k race includes the Credit Union and Political Animal Team competition, with the lowest combined time for all three team members determining the winners. Racers can also sign-up for the Homemade Half Challenge, which combines both the 5k and 10 Mile races.

SACTOWN Run Details

Registration is still open at www.runsactown.org

Race Start Times

Sunday, April 8th

7:30 a.m. - UC Davis Children's Hospital Miracle Mile

8:00 a.m. - SACTOWN 5k

8:40 a.m. - SACTOWN 10-mile

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