

2017 BC MASTERS INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 31 – April 2, 2017, Kamloops

2 More Indoor World Records for Christa

Competing at the Tournament Capital Centre in Kamloops, Christa Bortignon continued her assault on the Masters World Records. For the third time this year, Christa broke the W80-84 Indoor world record in the W80 Long jump and Triple jump. She first broke these records in Toronto at the Canadian Masters Indoor Championships, then in Daegu, South Korea at the World Masters Championships about 10 days ago, and finally last weekend at the BC Masters Indoor Championships. Christa improved the W80 Indoor world record in the Long jump to 3.28m (previous world record was 2.92m) and the Triple jump to 7.42m (previous world record was 6.33m).

Christa also improved her Canadian Indoor record in the Shot put to 6.76m, a record she first broke at the WMA Championship with a put of 6.68m. The mens M70 relay team (Mark Stewart, John Winfield, Francisco Machado and Tom Ukonmaanaho) broke the Canadian Indoor M70 4x200m record with a time of 2:08.88 (old CR was 2:09.98).

Margaret Rhebergen and Suzanne Sharp got 3 BC Masters Indoor records. Margaret broke the W60 60m, 200m and Triple jump records. Suzanne established new indoor records in the W60 800m, 1500m Race walk and 3000m Race walk. Breaking 2 BC Indoor records were Marvin Johnson (M40 200m and 400m), Urith Hayley (W65 60m and 60m Hurdles) and Lynn Thompson M75 (60m Hurdles and Long jump).

Adding one BC Indoor record to their names were: Tom Ukonmaanaho (M70 200m), Karen Shook (W65 200m), Julie Valente (W50 400m), Lynette Baldock (W70 3000m), Johannes Raath (M35 long jump), Roy Turkington (M65 long jump), Sharon Evans (W45 triple jump), Shane Wiebe (M45 shot put), Jeff Byington (M50 1500m race walk), Lori Graham (breaking her own W55 1500m race walk record) and Renate Cheetham (W75 1500m race walk). Deborah Lee also broke her W65 60m hurdles record but Urith gets the new record because she edged Deborah at the finish line.

Besides the M70 relay team, two other 4x200m relay teams broke BC Indoor relay records. The relay team of: Brent Davy, Edwin Liu, Mark Phillips and Steve Colbert broke the M50 record while the relay team of: Julie Valente, Sharon Evans, Sharon Hann and Cindy O'Brien Hugh established a new W45 record.

The BC Masters Indoor Championship was held in conjunction with the Kamloops Track & Field Club's Van Ryswyk Indoor Invitational Meet. As usual the meet was well run and officiated but it was disappointing that more athletes did not attend/support the meet. The athletes had a great time and extend a huge "thank you" to the officials and volunteers.