

## a) Summary of Activity

### 2011 BC Athletics Masters Awards

The following athletes were chosen as the best in their category during 2011. The Masters winners were honoured at the December, 2011 BC Athletics awards banquet:

Masters Female & Male Track and Field Christa Bortignon (W70) and Andi Aadmi (M75)  
Masters Female & Male Road Running Lenore Montgomery (W80) and Kevin O'Connor (M40)  
Masters Female & Male Cross Country Maureen de St. Croix (W55) and Mark Bomba (M40)

### Masters Events

In addition to all of the usual road running, cross country and T&F events that are open to masters in BC, the following Championships were held:

#### Road Running

5k - BMO St. Patrick's Day 5k March 17th  
8k - Running Room Shaughnessy 8k May 27<sup>th</sup>. Hosted by Lions Gate Road Runners  
10k - Vancouver Sun 10k April 15. Hosted by The Vancouver Sun  
Half Marathon - First Half February 12. Hosted by Pacific Road Runners  
Marathon - Goodlife Fitness Victoria Marathon Oct. 7. Hosted by Victoria Marathon Society

#### Track and Field

Langley June 15-17. Hosted by the Langley Mustangs Track and Field Club.

#### Cross Country

Abbotsford October 27<sup>th</sup>. Hosted by Valley Royals T&F Club

Participation by BC Athletics Masters Members in these championships was:

	2011	2012
5k	44	51
8k	11	44
10k	81	96
Half Mar.	29	78
Marathon	22	28
T&F	103	102
Cross Country	62	56

In the BC Masters T&F Championships, 1 World Record, 6 Canadian and 19 BC Records were set.

### Other Events

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual BC Seniors Games were held on August 21-25 in Burnaby. The track and field portion of the games attracted 233 athletes aged 55 and over. The athletes broke one world record, 6 Canadian records and 13 BC records.

Thanks go to all of the clubs, officials and volunteers that were involved with all of the above events.

BC athletes also competed and did well in the World Masters Indoor Championships held April 3-9 in Jyvaskyla, Finland and in the NCCWMA and Canadian Masters T&F Championships held in Saint John NB August 8-12.

Next year the Canadian Masters T&F Championships will be held in Regina SK July 26-28. Opportunities for travel exist for the World Masters Games August 2-11 in Torino, Italy and the World Masters Athletics Championships October 15-27 in Porto Allegre, Brazil.

## **b) Improvements, Challenges**

In 2012, all Masters members of BCA are also members of Canadian Masters Athletics and can participate fully in all sanctioned local, provincial, national and international masters competitions. Masters members of BCA are able to elect or nominate a director to the board of CMA and participate in the governance of CMA. Jake Madderom is currently the BC CMA director.

## **c) Planned Activities (same as last year)**

Work with the appropriate people and organizations to ensure that the various BC Athletic Masters Championships are scheduled for 2013.

Maintain the BC Athletics Masters records for T&F and Road Running.

Start the process of nominating athletes to the Hall of Fame.

## **d) Key Indicators**

### **Records**

In 2012, BC athletes set 51 new BC Outdoor T&F records, 24 new Canadian records and 4 new World records. BC athletes also set 13 World records, 22 Canadian records and 41 BC records Indoors. Nine road running records were set.

Much thanks goes to Harold Morioka who spent many days compiling the track and field records.

### **Membership**

As of October 19, there were 11 members in the Senior/Masters category and 421 in the Masters 35+. This compares to 479 last year and 360 the year before. One possible reason for the drop in masters membership this year is the \$10 per year increase put in this year to cover CMA membership.

## **e) Major Initiatives**

Work on the BC Athletics Masters Hall of Fame.

## **f) Urgent Matters**

Need some new members to join the Masters Committee. We welcome new members who would like to make a contribution to Masters Athletics in BC.

## **g) Other**

I would like to thank the members of the masters committee (Gerry Dragomir(Secretary), Harold Morioka (vice-chair), Tom Hastie, Bill Hooker, JJ Schmidt, Christa Bortignon, George Reilly and Olga Kotelko for all of their work this year. I would also like to thank Denise Clements for contributing to our meetings as the BCA Board representative.

A long time member of the Masters Committee, George Gluppe, passed away this year. George made many significant contributions to Athletics as an athlete, coach and administrator. He will be missed.

Submitted by Jake Madderom – Chair, Masters Committee