

**Record Breaking Year for BC Racewalking**

Both on the National and International scene BC walkers have been making a big impression. Training and competitions took place around the world and the London Olympics. The list of personal and national records that fell last year is a testament to the level of success by BC walkers, particularly of the Racewalk West group.

**2012 Record Performances**

Athlete	Division	Event	Location	Performance	Record	
					BC	Canada
Inaki Gomez	Senior	20km	Olympics, London	1:20:58	✓	✓
Inaki Gomez	Senior	5000m	Sydney, Aus	0:18:45	✓	✓
Evan Dunfee	Senior	10000m	Coquitlam, BC Championships	39:55.5	✓	
Evan Dunfee	Senior	50km	NYAC, NY, USATF 30km Champs	3:59:58	✓	
Nicola Evangenista	Senior	10000m	Coquitlam, BC Championships	47:16.8	✓	
Nicola Evangenista	Senior	10km	Edmonton, Canadian 20km Champs	0:48:16	✓	
Nicola Evangenista	Senior	20km	Edmonton, Canadian 20km Champs	1:37:32	✓	
Ben Thorne	Junior	10km	Calgary, Canadian Championships	0:40:26	✓	✓
Ben Thorne	Junior	20km	Edmonton, Canadian 20km Champs	1:21:55	✓	✓

On the Island, Katelyn Ramage of Nanaimo also had a very successful year, making Team BC Junior Standard in 5k; she later posted PB performances in the 5 & 10km distances, was selected for the 3rd year to the Canadian-US Dual meet, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in that competition and finishing the year as Canada's #1 Junior female walker.

Elsewhere around the province Race walking continues to be a popular event with numerous competitions being offered for the Jr. Development athletes culminating with 28 athletes competing at the JD Championships in various age classes.

It is hoped that this year's success of the Junior and Senior athletes in this Province will lead to more interest and participation of younger athletes in this event area. In addition, it is also hoped that BC coaches and clubs from around the province will access these athletes and their coaches for clinics and program ideas to further promote Race walking in BC.

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