

BC ATHLETICS
Zone 6 - VANCOUVER ISLAND AND POWELL RIVER
Directors report to AGM, January 23-25th, 2004
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Zone 6 consists of 13 clubs on Vancouver Island and in Powell River: Alberni Valley T&F, Campbell River T&F, Comox Valley Cougars, Cowichan Valley Athletics, Nanaimo T&F, North Island Athletics, Oceanside T&F, Pacific Athletics, Peninsula T&F, Powell River T&F, Prairie Inn Harriers, Victoria International Running Society, and Victoria T&F.

Total membership in Zone 6 is 677 with 376 Junior Development, 35 Juvenile, 27 Junior, 40 Senior and 17 Master athletes aided by 47 coaches and many volunteers.

1) 2003 VIAA Track & Field Series

Date		Location	Host	Mini Clinic
April 13/14	George Dean Memorial T&F Meet	Sidney	Peninsula T&F	Meet Procedures & Etiquette
April 26/27	Bob Dailey Invitational	Port Alberni	Alberni Valley T&F	High Jump
May 03/04	Comox Valley Cougars Invitational	Courtenay	CVACS	Throws
May 10/11	Elwood Wylie Memorial	Nanaimo	Nanaimo T&F	RaceWalk & Steeplechase
May 24/25	Dogwood Invitational	Victoria	Victoria T&F	Pole Vault
June 14/15	Doug Garrioch Invitational	Duncan	CeeVacs	Hurdles & Starts

2) VIAA Cross Country Series – 3 races were held on the island in Fall 2003, with the 4 remaining races to be held in Spring 2004.

Date		Location	Host
Sept. 28	Alberni Xcountry Race	Sproat Lake	Alberni T&F
Oct. 05	Bazett Farms XCountry	Duncan	CVACS
Oct. 19	Bill English XCountry	Nanaimo	Nanaimo T&F

Note: At its Sept. 2003 meeting, the VIAA elected to return to a Fall/Spring format for the Cross Country series.

The great success of the above events is due in large part to the volunteers who organize the meets (the host club) and all the additional volunteers from each club who supervise and officiate at their assigned events at all the meets. Without them there would be no Island Series. Thanks to all for being so dedicated and co-operative.

Especial thanks are due to Brian Foan (Nanaimo T & F), who continues to refine and update his set of points tables for the JD level so that awards can be made for overall performances in the VIAA series.

- 3) **TWO ZONE 6 MEETINGS** were held in Nanaimo in February and September with representatives from a majority of clubs attending. Topics discussed included:
- scheduling of 2003/04 VIAA T&F and Cross Country series
 - 2003/04 mini clinics for coaches & athletes (organized by Tony Dickson)
 - Ongoing discussion of development programs for children ages 6-8
 - 2004 BC Summer Games plans
- 4) **Canadian National Championships** (trials for the Pan Am and World T&F Championships): thanks to all who helped make this meet a success on the weekend of July 18th-20th, in Victoria.
- 5) **Other competitions and clinics:** in addition to the above meets, there were a number of pole vault competitions, road running races, and coaching clinics conducted during the course of the year.
- 6) **Outstanding athletes:** a considerable number of Zone 6 athletes competed very successfully in BC Championship meets, the Western Canada Games, the Canadian Junior and Senior National Championships, the Pan Am Games, the World T&F Championships, and the Masters World Championships. The island was also well represented in provincial, national, and international off-track races.
- 7) **Track Rascals:** this year, both the Peninsula and Nanaimo T&F clubs held successful “track rascals” developmental programs for 6-8 year-olds.

All of the above activities indicate that Athletics in Zone 6 had a great year.

Postscript: Zone 6 is saddened by the January 2004 passing of Bill English, an avid supporter of BC athletics for more than 50 years.