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B.C. ATHLETICS  
2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TECH MGR ROAD RUNNING REPORT  
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## ROAD RUNNING

A tremendous amount of positive happenings in the sport of Road Running. New events at a variety of distances are being organized in many communities around the Province. Interest in health and fitness has never been higher. Across all the age groups more and more newcomers are being attracted to running with many taking the next step to take part in an organized event. The BCA clubs that organize events are to be congratulated for all the effort they put into organizing their events.

Greater numbers of new runners seem to be entering series events. Many new faces at the Timex series awards. The feedback is very positive from the first timers who have graduated from running socially with friends to entering an event to waiting in anticipation to see how they rank with other runners in their age group in a series.

The sport continues to move ahead and grow.

The Sub Committee of the Road Running Division has met in 2006 and 3 times in January 2007 on the issue of membership and sanctioning. More on this issue will occur when the resolutions are presented.

Thank you to the Road Running Committee and the sub committee for all the time and effort they have put into trying to wade through some difficult issues.

## ROAD RUNNING SERIES IN B.C.

- ❑ NORTH CENTRAL-PRINCE GEORGE
- ❑ INTERIOR – OKANAGAN
- ❑ VANCOUVER ISLAND RUNNING ASSOCIATION
- ❑ VANCOUVER SUN RUN SERIES
- ❑ TIMEX – B.C Road Running Series

## 2006 B.C. ATHLETICS ANNUAL ROAD RUNNER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Senior Female – Lucy Smith – Prairie Inn Harriers Racing Team  
Senior Male – Steve Osaduik – Prairie Inn Harriers Racing Team  
Masters Female – Nancy Tinari – Phoenix Athletics  
Masters Male – Herb Phillips – Prairie Inn Harriers Racing Team

## SANCTIONED EVENTS

- ❖ Day of event revenue in 2006 from Road Running was approximately \$50,000 with host events having retained \$100,000 - \$150,000.
- ❖ More sanctioning data will be available after the fiscal year end March 31, 2007.

### 2006 CANADIAN HALF MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS, May 15, Edmonton

#### Women's Results

1. Lucy Smith      Victoria, BC                      1:14:25

#### Men's Results

1. Steve Osaduik      Nanaimo, BC                      1:07:21

2. Jim Finlayson      Victoria, BC                      1:07:36

4. Scott Simpson      Victoria, BC                      1:08:12

6. Nik Southwell\*      Victoria, BC                      1:09:09

10. Mark Bomba      Caquitlam, BC                      1:12:56

2006 Trans Canada CANADIAN 10KM ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS, October 8, Ottawa. Prize money of \$12,000 was available. Turnout of 116 runners.

### TransCanada National 10K Championships & Run with the Champions 10km

Saturday October 7th, 2006

Ottawa, Ontario 15:30

#### RESULTS LIST - 10km

Pl.	Time	km	#	Name	City	Pl/Tot	Pl/Tot
1	0:29:19.2		101	BAIRU, SIMON	ATHCAN	1/74	1/8
2	0:29:33.9		145	HAYDEN, RYAN	BCATH	2/74	2/8
3	0:29:39.4		143	ZIAK, JERRY	BCATH	3/74	1/8
9	0:31:18.5		144	JOHNSTON, MATT	ATHCAN	9/74	5/16
17	0:33:52.6		135	SMITH, LUCY	ATHCAN	1/46	1/8
37	0:37:10.6		154	SOLYMOSSI, JESSICA	BCATH	8/46	2/9

Technical delegate to the Championship – Jerry Tighe. Conducted technical meeting.

2006 CANADIAN MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS, May 28, Ottawa

Position	Name/Nom	Prov	Result / Résultat	Splits
1.	Charles Bedley	ON	2:27:58	1:12:44 - 1:44:37
2.	Jason Loutitt	AB	2:29:36	1:10:26 - 1:40:52
3.	Richard Cartier	QC	2:31:47	1:14:55 - 1:47:19
4.	Michele Lavoie	QC	2:32:03	1:14:49 - 1:47:18
5.	Louis-Philippe Garnier	QC	2:32:47	1:14:52 - 1:47:20

WOMEN / FEMMES

Position	Name/Nom	Prov	Result / Résultat	Splits
1.	Lioudmila Kortchaguina	ON	2:29:41	1:14:33 - 1:45:48
2.	Tania Jones	ON	1:42:59	1:19:17 - 1:53:43
3.	Nancy Baxendale*	BC	2:56:53	1:25:10 - 2:02:25
4.	Melissa Kalyn	AB	3:15:33	1:32:51 - 2:15:19
5.	Josie Riebe	BC	3:17:56	1:32:43 - 2:14:35

LARGE ROAD RUNNING EVENTS IN B.C.

VANCOUVER SUN RUN

- 50,747 registered in 2006
- 2<sup>ND</sup> largest timed 10KM in the world
- The Sun Run clinics continue to be popular and are now in 45 locations. They are sold out with over 4000 participants.
- BC Athletics had a booth at the expo and was able to hand out information about the various programs organized by BCA, its members and clubs.
- Contributes a total of \$100,000 to Athletics through Sun Run athlete invitations, Sun Run prize money and to the Harry Jerome International Track Classic.

## RUN FOR THE CURE – Vancouver

- 12,000

## VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

- 12,000
- Event continues to grow with larger numbers in the Half & in the Marathon

## ROYAL VICTORIA MARATHON

- 9,000
- one of the most popular marathon destinations in the World

## VICTORIA TIMES-COLONIST 10KM

- 10,000
- Island's biggest running event
- Contributes financial support to the Victoria International Track & Field meet

## SCOTIABANK VANCOUVER HALF MARATHON

- One of the fastest growing events in B.C.
- Approaching 4,000 runners

## HANEY-HARRISON ROAD RELAY – 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary

- 280 teams of eight runners (2,240) for the 25th annual event
- Largest timed road relay event in Canada
- 350 volunteers
- Appreciation is extended to clubs who managed and supervised the start, exchanges & finish. Alouette Achilles, Kajaks, Lions Gate RR, Pacific RR, Hershey Harriers, Semiahmoo Sunrunners & Vancouver Falcons A.C.
- 2007 event will occur Saturday, November 3rd.
- Since 1996 H2H has generated approximately \$300,000 for BCA programs and initiatives.

The committee worked long and diligently at organizing what can be a complicated task of moving runners and vehicles 100km. New committee members added new life and energy to the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. Thank you to new assistant race director Miranda Reece for her enthusiasm and professional commitment to the project.

BC Athletics is pleased to announce that a portion of the proceeds from the Haney to Harrison Road Relay and 100 km Ultra Event (totalling \$5000.00) will be donated to and shared equally amongst the Food Banks in areas through which the Relay and Ultra Run take place. Maple Ridge, Mission, Agassiz.

The association of Athletics / Running with the Food Banks links directly with the need for nutritious food for a healthy and physically active lifestyle. Providing financial support to the Food Banks means that for each dollar donated the Food Banks can buy \$3.00 worth of food.

Thank you to the Board and Brian McCalder for making this a reality.

## 2006 BCA ROAD RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Lakeside 5km, March 12, Penticton

### Open:

1. Steve Murenbeeld, 15 :49 - Victoria

1. Jessica Solymosi, 18:04 - Vernon

### Masters

1. Mark Bomba 15:02

## 2006 BCA ROAD RUNNING RANKINGS

- The volunteer compiler of the rankings started a new job and has been serving on the BCA Road Running sub committee so there was not time to do the rankings.

## SUN RUN COMMITTEE

- ❖ Attended Sun Run committee meetings
- ❖ Coordinated the elite athlete invitations.

## ROAD RUNNING COURSE MEASUREMENT

- B.C. has increased the number of events that are now certified. 18 events in BC in 2006 are newly certified or have been re-certified.
- The number of active measurers in B.C. has increased

- Events in B.C. are encouraged to have their course measured and certified. The Timex BC Road Running Series courses have been certified and other BC Series are increasingly doing the same. BCA Road Running Championships must be certified.
- Canada's Course measurement web site that could be linked to your club's web site: [www.coursemeasurement.ca](http://www.coursemeasurement.ca)

## RUN CANADA

- The Run Canada committee is an advisory group for Athletics Canada primarily dealing with road running and other running disciplines.
- Sitting on this committee from B.C. Jerry Tighe
- Sanctioning: At the Athletics Canada AGM in Ottawa May 28-29 the Branch presidents all indicated the membership rules of the IAAF were being followed. Namely that athletes competing in sanctioned events were members. Membership policies and rules rest with the Branches.

## CONCLUSION

I would like to thank the BC Athletic Board of Directors and out going Chair Tom Hastie. The staff for their cooperation during the year- Brian McCalder, Margaret "Sam" Collier, Ron Bunting & Thelma Wright.