

January 19-21, 2007

B.C. ATHLETICS
2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
CROSS COUNTRY COORDINATORS REPORT
Jerry Tighe

CROSS COUNTRY

- On December 28, 2006 the Chairperson of the BC Athletics Cross Country Division, Frank Reynolds passed away at age 68. He had a very positive influence on the cross committee and will be sorely missed.
- Meetings were held at the January 2006 BCA AGM, BCA Senior T & F Championships in Abbotsford and at the BCA X-C Championships in Victoria
- The Cross Country division committee is primarily composed of member coaches. Meeting is scheduled this weekend for Sunday, Jan 22 at 9:00 AM.
- It should be noted that trail and mountain running have increased in popularity and the IAAF has a World Mountain Running championship.
- Available on the BCA web site are the BC X-C Championships medallists results from 1949.

2006 BC ATHLETICS ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Juvenile Female – Justine Johnson – Pacific Athletics
Juvenile Male - Mitch Culley – Valley Royals
Junior Female – Rachel Cliff – Vancouver Thunderbirds
Junior Male – Justine Marpole-Bird – Vancouver Thunderbirds
Senior Female – Kirsty Smith - Kajaks
Senior Male – Steve Osaduik – Prairie Inn Harriers Racing Team
Master Female – Maureen de St. Croix – Ocean Athletics
Master Male – Rob Lonergan – Hershey Harriers

2006 CROSS COUNTRY SERIES IN B.C.

Looking at series results it seems that the cross country series continues to grow throughout the province.

Vancouver Island

Lower Mainland

Okanagan

North Central / Prince George

2006 BC CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS – Oct 21 Lambrick Park, Victoria

- The Prairie Inn Harriers organized the 2006 event Oct 21 at Lambrick Park in Victoria. They will host again this year and we are looking forward to crossing the water and going to Vancouver Island.
- Lambrick Park course was on grass fields with some mild hilly sections. Numerous soccer games caused the organizers to have to create many “S” bends to gain the necessary 2000m distance. The Park location next to a community centre and school allowed for plenty of parking.
- Participants numbered near 600 with 100 clubs/schools, spectators throughout the day over 500.
- Prize money of \$3450 was awarded
- Congratulations to the Prairie Inn Harriers and their committee for all the work they did

2006 BC HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

- The 2006 BC high school Cross Country championships were held in Victoria on November 4 in pouring rain and wind.
- 250 runners participated in each of the girls & boys events
- Spectator attendance was approximately 2,000

2006 NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Vancouver and Jericho Park was the location and the host was BC Athletics
- Thank you to all the committee members who assisted with the organizing.
- The Chair of the committee was Jake Madderom, Technical Mgr was Clif Cunningham, Non-Tech Mgr was Greg White.
- With the 2010 Olympic & Paralympic Winter Games coming to Vancouver we would like to take advantage of the media focus on the city and province and host the 2009 & 2010 Canadian Cross Country Championships. There is the potential to gain more media focus for cross country and athletics in general.

CANADIAN CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS, DEC. 2
2006 BRITISH COLUMBIA ATHLETICS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Location: Vancouver, B.C.

JUNIOR WOMEN

ERICA DIGBY	Van Thunderbirds
JESSICA SMITH	NorWesters
CHANTELLE GROENEWOUD	NorWesters
ANGELA SHAW	Valley Royals
GILLIAN WRIGHT	NorWesters
LAURA MITIC	Victoria T & F Club

JUNIOR MEN

MITCHELL CULLEY	Valley Royals
CAM LEVINS	Comox Valley Cougars
JAMES CLARK	Golden Ears Athletics
DAVID KOSTELYK	Valley Royals
CLIFFORD CHILDS	Kelowna T & F Club
BRETT WAKEFIELD	Golden Ears Athletics

SENIOR WOMEN

KIRSTY SMITH	National Triathlon Centre
MARILYN ARSENAULT	Island Road Racers
MEAGHAN MCCOLLUM	Hershey Harriers
NANCY FEDORUK	Pacific Athletics
LYZ GILGUNN	UVIC Vikes

SENIOR MEN

STEVE OSADUIK	Prairie Inn Harriers Racing Team
BRUNO MAZZOTTA	Kamloops T & F Club
MARK BOMBA	Kajaks
MIKE TIGHE	Kajaks
LOGAN BURKE	UVIV Vikes
CARMEN MAZZOTA	Unat

MASTERS

MAUREEN de St. CROIX	Ocean Athletics
HERB PHILLIPS	Prairie Inn Harriers Racing Team
NANCY TINARI	Phoenix Athletics
GWYN WOODSON	Prairie Inn Harriers Racing Team
ART BOILEAU	Hershey Harriers
GORD CHRISTIE	Prairie Inn Harriers Racing Team

JEANIE BEZDAN
MAURICE TARRANT

Ocean Athletics
Prairie Inn Harriers Racing Team

STAFF:

HEAD COACH: Sue Northey
ASST COACH: Rob Connors
ASST COACH: Ashley Weber
MANAGER: Thelma Wright

For a full list of the 2006 Canadian Cross Country results and to view the video:

<http://www.bcathletics.org/main/xcnationals06.htm>

NACAC CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS – Clermont, Florida, March 11, 2006

SENIOR WOMEN 6K

15.	Kristy Smith	CAN	24:26
	Cari Kuzyk	CAN	DNF

SENIOR MEN 8K

12.	Steve Osaduik	CAN	26:49
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2006 WORLD CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS – Fukuoko, Japan

RESULTS

Senior Women's Long Race

77.	Cari Kuzyk	CAN	29:10
93.	Kristy Smith	CAN	30:53

Senior Men's Long Race

92.	Steve Osaduik	CAN	39:01
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Senior Women's Short Race

19.	Malindi Elmore	CAN	13:21
24.	Courtney Babcock	CAN	13:27

Junior Women's Race

57.	Anita Campbell	CAN	22:17
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Team Manager - Thelma Wright

2008 - 2009 BC CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Notices to clubs will go out in the spring asking for Letters of Intent to host. This will be followed by the Bid Package being distributed to potential hosts. By late summer the host for 2008 – 2009 will be announced by the cross country committee. This will give the new organizing committee the opportunity to observe the 2007 championships in Victoria.

CONCLUSION

Thank you to the cross country committee and to the volunteers who took the time to help manage the sport and continue to have cross country grow in stature.