

## BC Senior Games Track and Field Report

Despite a number of challenges leading up to the 2008 Senior Games, our organization, the Prince George Track and Field Club can only describe the final outcome as an overwhelming success.

The protocol, though quite deep in it's requirements, nonetheless worked well to the end, and all parties of the local organizing committee executed their jobs well, and most of the requests by the Track and Field were met in a timely manner.

Track and Field is a broad program of ages, genders, and specific events in most event areas. Consequently scheduling of events can be rather difficult, and in the end we decided to go with the schedule as published in the Track and Field Rules. This worked out very well as there were a number of low entries and no shows. However this is not to suggest that we did not have a full program.

Perhaps it was the warm sunny weather that bestowed itself on us the day prior to the opening of the meet. From the first event to the final good bye's, enthusiasm, sportsmanship and camaraderie ruled the day. Throughout the entire program of three days our organizers, officials, equipment personnel, student helpers, and athletes in general, were showered with compliments, congratulatory comments and in general a very, 'its great to be here and what a great event this is', attitude.

A number of High School Classes, day care and kindergarten groups came to the venue to cheer on the Seniors as they competed in their many events. This certainly was a bonus, and should be a great eye opener that Seniors lives can be as lively, full and enjoyable as any age.

Lunches were delivered in a timely manner, however we found that special ordered lunches such as vegetarian, and diabetic were not among them. This is a matter that should not have been overlooked. However the Track and Field Club operated a concession throughout and when ever and wherever possible we accommodated those athletes without charge to meet their requirements.

All officials and helpers were treated to a fine lunch each day compliments of our organization.

The Medal presentations were this year and as in 2002 the biggest challenge. There are far too many medals to be presented in Track and Field (near 900 in total) to be able to accommodate each and every event being presented on the podium. Near 5 hours in total must be allowed within the 3 days to accommodate this, and as a consequence it interferes with on track events, people to be presented competing in an event at the time of presentation, other Games events such as the Friday banquet, departure travel arrangements etc. This is one area that should be addressed prior to the Richmond fixture.

As I write this report several days following the event e mails phone calls etc., are still being received from throughout the Province as to the success of the Track and Field Venue.

On behalf of our organization I would like to thank the local committee and all those involved with the many areas of organization for a job well done in all areas. It was an absolute pleasure to work with you all and I trust all involved with the games feel likewise.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Masich', written over the word 'Respectfully'.

Tom Masich

President- Prince George Track and Field Club