

a) Summary of Activity**2010 BC Athletics Masters Awards**

The following athletes were chosen as the best in their category during 2010. The Masters winners were honoured at the January, 2011 BC Athletics awards banquet:

Masters Female & Male Track and Field Olga Kotelko (W90) and John Hawkins (M60)

Masters Female & Male Road Running Gwen McFarlan (W75) and Herb Phillips (M70) & Maurice Tarrant (M80)

Masters Female & Male Cross Country Maureen de St. Croix (W55) and Colin Dignum (M40)

Masters Events

In addition to all of the usual road running, cross country and T&F events that are open to masters in BC, the following Championships were held:

Road Running

5k - Dave Reed Spring Classic March 26. Hosted by VFAC

8k - Saanichton Prairie Inn Pioneer 8k January 9. Hosted by the Prairie Inn Harriers

10k - Vancouver Sun 10k April 17. Hosted by The Vancouver Sun

Half Marathon - Sunshine Coast April Fool's Half Marathon and Relay April 3. Hosted by Sunshine Coast Athletics

Marathon - Goodlife Fitness Victoria Marathon Oct. 9. Hosted by Victoria Marathon Society

Track and Field

Langley June 17-19. Hosted by the Langley Mustangs Track and Field Club.

Cross Country

Aldergrove October 29th. Hosted by Ocean Athletics

Participation by BC Athletics Members (40+) in these championships was:

5k	44
8k	11
10k	81
Half Mar.	29
Marathon	22
T&F	103
Cross Country	62

In the BC Masters T&F Championships, 5 Canadian and 12 BC Records were set.

Other Events

The 2011 Canadian Masters Indoor Track and Field Championships were held on March 19-20, at the Tournament Capital Centre in Kamloops. The meet was hosted by the Kamloops Track and Field Club. This was the first time that the Indoor Championships have been held outside of Ontario. One hundred and forty-nine athletes registered for the meet with 101 from BC. Seven world records and 19 Canadian records were set during the meet. BC Athletes set 72 new BC Masters Indoor track and field records.

The 24th annual BC Seniors Games were held on August 16-20. The T&F portion of the games were held in Trail. More than 170 athletes registered for the games and over 150 competed. One world record, 14 Canadian records and 22 BC records were set.

Thanks go to all of the clubs, officials and volunteers that were involved with all of the above events.

Just over 200 Canadian Masters athletes competed in the 19th biennial WMA World Masters Championships in Sacramento, California from July 6 to July 17. Sixty-seven BC athletes participated, 15 of those combined to win 19 gold, 6 silver and 12 bronze medals.

b) Improvements, Challenges

At the last BCA AGM, the membership approved a resolution raising the Masters membership fee by \$10 should Canadian Masters Athletics (CMA) and Athletics Canada reach an agreement for dual membership. That agreement was recently signed by AC, CMA and most (if not all) provincial associations, including BC Athletics. In 2012, Masters members of BCA can participate fully in all sanctioned local, provincial, national and international masters competitions. Masters members of BCA will also be able to elect or nominate a director to the board of CMA and participate in the governance of CMA.

At the last Congress, the IAAF changed the Masters Age to 35+ for non-stadia events, bringing the age for all masters events to 35+. The change is effective November 1, 2011, but should not significantly affect road running in BC. We have very few sanctioned road races limited to Masters members. Awards are generally given to the overall winners and to the winners in 5 year age categories. Athletes that wish to compete for senior team positions and in senior championships still need to take out a senior membership.

c) Planned Activities (same as last year)

Work with the appropriate people and organizations to ensure that the various BC Athletic Masters Championships are scheduled for 2012.

Maintain the BC Athletics Masters records for T&F and Road Running.

Create the selection criteria for the inclusion of Masters Athletes within the BC Athletics Hall of Fame. Start the process of nominating athletes to the Hall of Fame.

d) Key Indicators

Records

In 2011, BC athletes set 65 new BC Outdoor T&F records, 34 new Canadian records and 1 new World record. Four road running records were set.

Much thanks goes to Harold Morioka who spent many days compiling the track and field records.

Membership

As of October 19, there were 20 Masters 35-39 and 459 Masters 40+ registered. This total of 479 was up from the 360 registered last year.

e) Major Initiatives

Work on the BC Athletics Masters Hall of Fame.

f) Urgent Matters

Need some new members to join the Masters Committee. We welcome new members who would like to make a contribution to Masters Athletics in BC.

g) Other

I would like to thank the members of the masters committee (Gerry Dragomir (Secretary), Harold Morioka (vice-chair), Valerie Jenkinson, George Gluppe, Tom Hastie, Bill Hooker, and Olga Kotelko for all of their work this year. I would also like to thank Denise Clements for contributing to our meetings as the BCA Board representative.

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