

Jake Madderom – Chair

Objective – Grow membership through organizational excellence

Recognition

2014 BC Athletics Masters Awards

The following athletes were chosen as the best in their category during 2014. The Masters winners were honoured at the December 2014 BC Athletics awards banquet:

Female Road Running Master of the Year – Catherine Watkins – age 43

Male Road Running Master of the Year – Mark Bennett – age 53

Female Track Master of the Year – Christa Bortignon – age 77 and Diane Cummins – age 40

Male Track Master of the Year – Tom Dickson – age 61

Female Field Master of the Year – Olga Kotelko – age 95 (now deceased)

Male Field Master of the Year – Dave McDonald – age 60

Female Cross Country – Tina Connelly - Age 44 and Thelma Wright – Age 63

Male Cross Country - Bruce Deacon – Age 48

The 2015 winners will be on the BC Athletics website.

Membership

Since 2013, all Masters members of BCA are also members of Canadian Masters Athletics and can participate fully in all sanctioned local, provincial, national and international masters competitions. Masters members of BCA are able to elect or nominate a director to the board of CMA and participate in the governance of CMA. Jake Madderom is currently the BC CMA director.

Objective – Provide a competitions program with increased opportunities and place more BC Athletes on national teams

Competitions

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 - BlueShore Financial Longest Day Road Race 5k – June 19 – Hosted by Vancouver Thunderbirds

8k – Harriers Pioneer 8k January 11. Hosted by Prairie Inn Harriers

10k – Summerfast 10k July 18. Hosted by Vancouver Falcons Athletic Club

Half Marathon – First Half February 15. Hosted by Pacific Road Runners

Marathon – Goodlife Fitness Victoria Marathon Oct. 11. Hosted by Victoria Marathon Society

Track and Field

Kamloops – February 13-15 BC Masters Indoor Championships. Hosted by Kamloops T&F Club

Langley – June 19-21 BC Masters Outdoor T&F Championships. Hosted by the Langley Mustangs T&F Club.

Cross Country

Nanaimo October 24th . Hosted by Nanaimo T&F Club

Participation by BC Athletics Masters Members in these championships was:

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
5k	44	51	53	56	40
8k	11	44	44	26	35
10k	81	96	98	49	41
Half Mar.	29	78	74	87	71
Marathon	22	28	30	32	31
T&F Outdoor	103	102	128	103	137
T&F Indoor				27?	49
Cross Country	62	56	75	52	31

In the BC Masters Indoor T&F Championships, 9 Canadian and 40 BC Records were set.

Other Events

The 28th annual BC Seniors Games were held August 26-29 in North Vancouver. The track and field portion of the games attracted 220 athletes aged 55 and over. The athletes broke 10 Canadian, 23 BC records and 1 world record.

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

BC athletes also competed and did well in the WMA Outdoor World T&F Championships held August 4-16 in Lyon, France. In Lyon, Christa Bortignon won the most medals for Canada (2 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze).

Future events

Canadian Masters Indoor Championships March 19-20 Toronto

Canadian Masters Outdoor T&F Championships August Toronto

Canadian Cross Country Championships – Kingston, Ontario November, 2016

World Masters T&F Championships in Perth, Australia October 26-November 6, 2016

Planned Initiatives

Work with the appropriate people and organizations to ensure that the various BC Athletic Masters Championships are scheduled for 2016.

Maintain the BC Athletics Masters records for T&F and Road Running.
Continue the process of nominating athletes to the BCA Hall of Fame.

Outcomes of the Initiatives

In 2015, BC athletes set 53 new BC Outdoor T&F records, 23 new Canadian records and 2 new World records. BC athletes also set many World, Canadian and BC Indoor records. Five road running records were set.

Many thanks go to Harold Morioka who spent many days compiling the track and field records.

Other

I would like to thank the members of the masters committee (Gerry Dragomir (Secretary), Harold Morioka (vice-chair), Tom Hastie, Bill Hooker, JJ Schmidt and Christa Bortignon) for all of their work this year. I would also like to thank Jimmy Hinze for contributing to our meetings as the BCA Board representative. Special thanks go to Gerry Dragomir for hosting our meetings.