

MASTERS TRACK AND FIELD RECORDS REPORT

During the 2017 season, BC Athletics Masters athletes set 92 BC records (41 Indoor and 51 Outdoor) and tied 3 others (1 Indoor and 2 Outdoor). Included in these records were 33 Canadian records (10 Indoor and 23 Outdoor) and 5 World records (2 Indoor and 3 Outdoor).

Christa Bortignon, who entered her new W80 age group, broke 4 world records in the Indoor long jump (3.28m) and triple jump (7.42m) and the Outdoor long jump (3.29m) and triple jump (7.16m). The fifth world record was by 87 year-old Lenore Montgomery who broke the W85 3000m record (19:58.05).

Christa also broke the most Canadian records (12, 7 Indoor and 5 Outdoor). Dmitry Babenko broke 5 M40 Canadian race walking records (1 Indoor and 4 Outdoor), Margaret Rhebergen broke the W60 Canadian Indoor and Outdoor high jump records, Monica Pomietlarz broke Canadian records in the W55 shot put and discus, Lenore Montgomery added a second Canadian record in the 400m, Lucy Smith broke the W50 Canadian 5000M record with a very fast time (17:22.97), Jeannette Van Den Bulk also had a very fast time while breaking the Canadian W40 400m hurdles record (1:07.45) and Joe Giegerich broke the Canadian M85 pole vault record (1.60m).

Two more outstanding Canadian records were broken by Graham Morfitt in the M50 javelin (63.39m) and by Hardeep Kaur in the W40 hammer throw (50.75m).

Reidar Zapf-Gilje broke the Canadian M65 pentathlon record twice, first at the Norwegian Championship (3812 points) and again at the CMA/NCCWMA Championships (3902 points). These are the two highest points totals during the year and rank Reidar #1 in the world in this event.

Three relay teams also broke Canadian records, one Indoor and two Outdoor (below).

INDOOR 4 x 200M:

M70	2:08.88	Mark Stewart (72), John Winfield(70) Francisco Machado(71), Tom Ukonmaanaho(72)	Kamloops, BC
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OUTDOOR 4 x 400M:

W55	5:18.22	Cindy O'Brien Hugh(58), Elaine Whidden(62) Valerie Scott (62), Linda Ordowski (57)	Langley, BC
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OUTDOOR 4 x 800M:

W55	12:28.43	Linda Ordowski (57), Sharon Hann (57) Debbie Jordan (60), Janette Wood (57)	Surrey, BC
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There were many more excellent BC Masters records broken this year, but too many to list here. Check out the Masters page to view the complete Indoor and Outdoor records lists.

Respectfully submitted,

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