

Remembering Marg Radcliffe

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Marg Radcliffe began her Masters athletics career at the 1997 New Westminster BC Seniors Games, winning gold in the 100 metres and long jump plus two relay silvers. This launched 29 years of competition across BC, Canada and the world, including meets in the United States, Europe, Asia, Australia, the Caribbean and South America.



Marg Radcliffe

From 1997 to 2025 Marg was a constant presence at the BC Seniors Games, often entering the maximum eight events and nearly always medaling. Highlights included four gold and two silver medals in Surrey in 2001, and six gold medals in Burnaby in 2015.

She competed at numerous BC and Canadian Masters Championships, winning medals at every one, and took part in Canadian championships in cities such as Sherbrooke, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Toronto, Surrey, Richmond and Langley.

Internationally, Marg competed at World Masters Athletics Championships in Gateshead, Brisbane, Brazil, Puerto Rico, Spain, Italy, Sacramento and Kamloops. She earned multiple world medals, including javelin gold in Puerto Rico in 2003, Italy in 2007 and Kamloops in 2010, along with several bronzes between 2001 and 2013.

Javelin was her strongest event. Marg set Canadian records in the W55, W60, W65 and W70 groups, and broke BC javelin records from W55 through W80. Her Canadian W60 record of 34.47 metres, set at age 61, still stands. She liked to say, "I did not know how to throw the javelin, I just threw it."

Marg also excelled in the jumps and sprints. She set Canadian long jump records in the W55 and W60 groups, tied the Canadian W55 high jump record and later broke the W60 high jump record. She also contributed to several Canadian relay records, including the W50 4x100 metre record at age 61 and the W75 4x100 metre record at age 79.

Beyond track and field, Marg played basketball in high school and was a long time softball player, mainly as a catcher. With the Victoria Clippers 35 plus team she won six consecutive Western Canada Masters championships and competed at World Masters Games in Brisbane, Portland, Melbourne and Edmonton.

Marg enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest. She loved everyone.

She made friends everywhere she competed. She met her closest friend, Louise Reed, at the 1997 BC Seniors Games, and the two shared many years of travelling, laughing and dancing.

In 2015 Marg was inducted into the Lake Cowichan Sports Wall of Fame.