A BRONZE MEDAL FOR ARNIE

It's a national honor to compete and qualify in our Olympic Trials. To survive the Olympic heats and compete in the finals, is achieving world acclaim. But to earn an Olympic medal, gold, silver or bronze, is an honor that comes to few men.

Arnie Robinson did it all to win a bronze medal for the U.S., with a 26' 4¾" leap. Robinson, the only member of SDTC to win a berth on the U.S. Olympic team, showed excellent form in one of his all time best performances.

Our most hearty congratulations to Arnie.

Presidents Message by Bill Stock

Would you care to enjoy the company of a 19 year old Swedish runner in your home for a month? Bertil James Anderson will be coming to San Diego in November for a six month stay to train and compete for SDTC. Bertil runs the 400 meters, and at :48 should be a welcome addition to our team. It is felt that a month with six different families would give Bertil a fair cross-section of American life and also these families could share the pleasure of this pleasant young man's presence. An invitation for a reciprocal visit to Sweden by a SDTC junior athlete has been extended. Anyone interested in providing housing, Please contact me @ 277-3544 as soon as possible, as it will have to be on a first come basis.

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING ACTION

The dues for family memberships have been increased from $12 to $15 per year. A new age group dues category has been established. The 30-39 age group dues will be $10. INFLATION EVEN HITS TRACK CLUBS.

A committee will be appointed to evaluate the entire dues structure.

Mr. Tom Korner, a retired newspaper man, (Jack Korner's father) graciously volunteered to serve on our publicity/P.R. committee. It was felt by the board that his professional touch would be a tremendous asset.

At the annual AAU convention, the SDTC will submit a bid for several National events. These will be the Marathon and a second long distance event, plus the U.S. Masters Track & Field Championships. If the Seniors Track Club does not bid for the Masters cross country championships, we will do so.

Reception for Dr. Richard Hill, New head track coach for California State University at San Diego (San Diego State)

A welcoming reception for Dr. Richard Hill, who has assumed the duties as head track and field mentor for Cal State San Diego, will be held Sunday, October 22, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the social hall in the Cal State/S.D. Home Economics Building. The social hall is northeast of the gym, near the Social Science Bldg. The easiest way to find the hall is to enter the campus on 55th St., and follow the special direction signs.

We hope as many persons as possible will be on hand to greet Dr. Hill, who has already been most helpful to the Track Club.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION AAU ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER, October 5, 1972

The annual award dinner of this Association will be held at the Town & Country Hotel, October 5th, at 6:00 p.m., for the social hour, and 7:00 p.m. for dinner.

This is the one time in the year we all get together to give our athletes, in all sports, recognition for their exceptional performance record. Let's show them we're proud of their accomplishments. We're assured that the speeches will be short, and the food good. The price is $5.00 per cover.

For reservations, contact the AAU Office, at 488-5453, as soon as possible.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Our new bylaws call for two members of the seven man nominating committee to be nominated by the general membership. This committee will then nominate candidates to be elected to the Board of Directors in December.

Nominate two club members, not now on the Board of Directors, who will be willing to serve on this nominating committee and return the ballot to Bill Gookin, 5946 Wenrich Dr., San Diego, Ca. 92120.

Name ___________________________  Name ___________________________
Masters' European Reflections, by David Pain

After two years of effort to
on a one-month tour of European
Australian teams, plus making
sceptics there that we реально
objectively a project which came
should happen, assume it was the
concur. Since everyone involved,
individuals, did cooperate on a
from that standpoint that the
were short-term objectives
Tourist, scoring personal bests,
most part were readily achieved,

More subtle, and less expect-
memories of the trip for all of
English garden party complete
meeting our British hosts, and
planted in our honor by none
ning of six bath tubs, which were
communal basis with 250 dirty
brooder as each successive sweaty
rush, to see our fastidious August
full with fresh water.

Arriving in London Gatwick
out what you are going to do with
can get them into the hotel.

Observing the personal agony
400m hurdles, floundered badly
sustaining from this event.

The delightful comradery at the Crystal Palace Stadium pub, where vet athletes of many nationalities
were drinking and singing together led by the vociferous Canadian team...The antics of a crazy Welshman,
Elwyn Davies(former London hobby) of Toronto, (down from 225 to 175 pounds) who was more of a court jester
than an athlete, and who armed with a four-foot inflatable "Chiquita" banana had London office girls
virtually falling out of the windows with his manipulations of the banana.

The amazement in seeing a just-turned forty-year-old Englishman split away from his opponents in the
1500; who was 60.0 and 2:00 at the 400 and 800m; with a final 3:59.3 for by far the best metric mile obser-
veill Masters competition.

The reflection on the course of a Graham Parnell, full of confidence, in fighting-cock condi-
ton, while leading the cross-country took a wrong turn and failed to finish; fell on the second water
jump of the 3000m steeplechase and dropped out, as he did in the World Veterans Marathon in Koln after lead-
ing...following a collision with a bike or other obstruction and knowing few mourned his demise.

Recalling that even those in the seats of power, such as an U.S. Senator, achieve perhaps more personal
satisfaction from a distant fourth place and a slap on the back with a "well done, Alan", than they do from
accomplishing some major political coupes.

Watching a consummate beautifully and naturally coordinated runner,
47-year-old Bill Fitzgerald, meet challenges in each city
where we competed, come off the last turn and stave off defeat on challenges
by far younger runners, yet meeting defeat in our last competition at 1500
in Koln, and in so doing, running his finest race and setting a new U.S. Mas-
ters record at 4:10.4...Observing the sportsmanship of a Bill Cookin, who,
just shy of 40 by 5 days, hung to Arthur Walsham of England in the marathon
for 26 miles, and then stopped at the stadium so as not to tarnish the Eng-
lishman's victory, a race which Bill could have won and in which, if official,
he would have bettered 2:25...Contending with the loss of 202 pieces
of luggage...how can you lose an entire baggage car full of luggage, com-
plete with one-half dozen vaulting poles?...slightly hysterical athletes
who will willingly subject themselves to the torture of slogging 26 miles
385 yards through the cold rain, but who cannot walk up four flights of
stairs in a German family hotel sans elevator; making room assignments and
then being advised that "He snores...smokes...etc."...Contending with ob-
durate German meet officials committed to putting Division II and III ath-
letes against Division I, in the finals of the 5000 and 10,000m (won in 14:
43.8 and 30:52.8 respectively), and trying to explain that a basic concept
of Masters competition is to segregate the Divisions due to fundamental
differences in ability.

Suffering through a head cold the day the terrible news came from Munich
about the senseless terrorist killings, and then being advised by our Swe-
dish host that the Mayor was considering cancelling our games as a result.
The personal loss of running beasts in the 1500, 800, and 5000m,
and the seemingly moment of joy, when in finishing a distant third, one's
dughters, who have cheered you on, support your spent, exhausted, sweaty
face, and loyally proclaim your victory. You cherish your hard-won bronze
medal and see your name in the scoreboard lights...and above all, knowing
your efforts, and those of a dedicated wife, have been well-spent, opening
new avenues of the good life to others and demonstrating convincingly with
your team, that growing older can be beautiful, fun, and meaningful.

John LaFerty and Bill Stock run through the beautiful deer park in Copenhagen in a 9 mile cross country
race./ Louise Stock

Win McFadden soars for an excellent long jump mark. This
gave Win 2nd place in the Crystal Palace Track & Field
Meet/Bill Stock