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OUR AUSTRALIAN BRETHREN ARE BRIEFED

Goteborg Tour Report

by Wal Sheppard

The team will be of 76 men and 5 women. Our outstanding "girl" should be KATHY HOLLAND of W.A., with times of 12.5, 26.9, 23.5. Clare McGee will also run well in the 3 km, there is also a 10 km running woman (over 40).

Our men are in great form. It does not seem possible that JOHN GILMOUR, now aged 58, is running better than when he was at his peak in 1961 when he was the commonwealth champion, has joined the 1A and if TOM ROBERTS and TONY BLUE can get away from their surro.

Last week we had an unbeatable 4 x 800 relay. They have all recently broken 2 minutes, Gremme has regained the form he lost by illness, when he was favorite at Toronto. ABLY THOMAS should join Tom to attempt that in the 1,500 again. GEORGE McGrath has given up waiting for his foot trouble to blow away and has recently run two marathons under 3 hours, and will back up John in the 2B division. JACK STEVENS, the 2B victor in Toronto, is now 3A and should again win a title at 40. (Fakes part in the 2B competition.)

Our sprinters are up against those fabulous Yanks, but LLOYD SNELLING, I.B., could gain a place. RUDI HOFSTEE is likely to win the 2A Pentathlon. RON AUST is our best bet for 2A 400M. JOHN FRAZER, our 3A World track Hammet, will get pressed by Germans and Frenchers.

30 competitors have entered from 38 nations, this is the largest track and field gathering ever to be associated (including the Olympics). It will have BIGGER POLITICAL PROBLEMS than the Olympics and, unless Japan or Germany take the next Games, it may go to America and用户体验 better established bodies.

"Toronto was a great experience, I think Goteborg will be magnificent—we will survive the arguments of the Veteran Athlete," July/August, Jack Pennington.

CONTINUATION OF GOTEBOG SHOWDOWN

Meanwhile, in 1977, Fire urged everyone to get travel permits, "just in case." It was an ominous suggestion, since it ran counter to the beliefs of everyone at the Chicago meeting that an Olympic host was a sad, sorry, and hypocritical event. But Fire says it's a "necessary evil." The trip has been and still is the policy of the USMTH that neither the AAU nor its members will pay for the travel permits of U.S. Masters or to bar any athlete over 40 from competition.

If we are to take the travel permit issue, perhaps we should pay heed to the other IAAF rules which might be enforced against. According to IAAF Rule 53, "the following persons are ineligible to take part in competitions under IAAF rules:"

- "Any person who—"
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Background: The Masters originally were only sub-committees of the four standing committees in athletics (Track and Field Men; T&F Women; LDR; Race Walking). In 1975 Masters T&F became a separate standing committee. Thereafter the AAF Chairperson interpreted the change to give Masters T&F jurisdiction over all Masters athletics. This was challeged by the Chairman of the LDR Committee in 1976. A compromise was reached in which all parties agreed to the creation of a separate Masters LDR Committee with the understanding that Masters T&F and Masters LDR could, if they wished to do so, merge in the future.

The purpose of this inquiry is to determine what the Masters would prefer.

1. Against merger: The integrity of the LDR movement is in jeopardy and that the Master's Committee in LDR and its dues (50c) should stay in the LDR program. The program is so extensive that a separate committee is justified.
2. In favor of merger: The Masters Committee in Masters is really a group program (13c), as such, might belong under LDR. There is no need for a separate committee.
3. For merger: Separate committees serve to split the movement, besides many Masters compete in both T&F & LDR and it would be difficult to separate their interests. The dues check off system is easier to maintain and potential sponsors would more likely be ready than with two committees. A unified committee is needed to deal with the IAAF.

Please complete the enclosed mail and return to Richard S. Spanger, 77 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, NY 11217

NAME 
AGE

1. I vote to maintain two separate Masters Committees (T&F & LDR) 
2. I vote to merge the Masters Committees into one committee (Masters Athletics)
3. I vote to have Masters LDR return to the Open LDR Committee

SIGNATURE

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NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

South Africa Highlights

Barry Heymann describes their 3rd Masters Marathon Championship run on May 7: "Our up-country visitors were really treated to the Cape weather in all its aspects—bitter cold, sunshine, rain, wind, in fact, at one stage between Constantia Nek and Hout Bay, the sun was shining, the wind swirling and freezing rain was pelted down, all at the same time."

"Harry Andrews, ageless 'Uncle Harry' to everyone in the athletic world, won the trophy for the 'Oldest competitor to finish.' Just contemplating the idea of negotiating a mountainous 42.195 km run at the age of 75 years is commendable. Actually completing the course is admirable beyond words. Harry, once again, we salute you—the three cheers given you by the soccer teams at the finish was an echo of all our thoughts for your effort. Three cheers, also, to organizer Leo Bennett, and everyone else who had anything to do with making our Masters Marathon the success it was. The only suggestion I think can be found for improvement next year is better weather."

Results of Western Province Masters Marathon

Group A (40-44)
1. M. Pretorius 36:30 (1st)
2. J. Jordaan 36:42 (2nd)
3. M. Ferreira 36:41 (3rd)
Group B (45-49)
1. P. O'Brien 2:45:16 (1st)
2. H. Gazoaeke 2:45:20 (2nd)
3. A. Frick 2:45:27 (3rd)
Group C (50-54)
1. J. Good 3:38:25 (1st)
2. W. Truter 3:38:26 (2nd)
3. A. Lewis 3:45:16 (3rd)
Group D (55-59)
1. B. Breuer 4:30:24 (1st)
2. A. Kruger 4:30:26 (2nd)
3. H. Andrews 4:30:35 (3rd)

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FINLAND WILL HOST RUNNERS AND JOGGERS IN SEPTEMBER

We just heard about a symposium on various aspects of running and jogging to be held in Turku on September 17. Topics will include muscle histology/physiology, cardiovascular/pulmonary development, orthopedic/pediatric ailments and remedial treatment, high altitude training/blood packing and psychological aspects of running/jogging. Following the symposium, some of the famous sports and state-sponsored health centers in Turku, Helsinki and Rovaniemimi will be toured. Participation may be included in fun runs, orienteering, and locally-sponsored races.
Contact Sports Travel International for further details on the September 17-26 tour.

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VALLEY RUNNERS SET WORLD MARK

The age 49-49 Masters runners representing the San Fernando Valley Track Club set a world four-mile relay mark and won all three relays they entered to win team honors at the Don Palmer Memorial Track Relays at UC Irvine. The seven-relay celebrity featured over-age-30 runners from throughout the Southland.

The Lazlo Tabors-coached foursome of Hank Nortiek, van Nuyse, Dwayne Thomas, van Nuyse and Harry Thomas, won the Southern California Master Striders by 3.9 seconds (19:52.54) to establish a world record for over-40 runners in the weekend event.

The quartet of Valencia's Ed Bell (31-44), van Nuyse, A. Shaeber, K. Klubschmidt (3:31:20), and Paulito (50-02:1.0) won the distance relay in 1:14:47 and capped a 100-meter winner in the two-mile event.

The club's age 50-59 tandem was edged by the Seniors Track Club in the distance medley relay with Paolino's Wilbur Buchman (2:12:1.80), Tacoa's Earl Rippke (2:38), La Dosti (3:47), and Osa Olanos (3:27.3), carrying the baton to a 1:23:32 silver trophy.

June 1, 1977, Van Nuyse Valley News

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION FOR THE WORLD MASTERS TRACK AND FIELD ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I
NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1:
The name of this Association shall be the World Masters Track and Field Association.

Section 2:
The purpose of the Association shall be to organize and operate a World Masters Athletic Association, to sponsor international masters athletic competition, to authenticate world masters records, and to promote physical fitness while fostering international fellowship, understanding, and cooperation.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1:
Membership in the Association shall be open to all who are interested in the programs and purposes of the World Masters Track and Field Association regardless of age, sex, race, color or creed (Civil Rights Act, Title 7). All Board and committee meetings shall be open to any interested member.

Section 2:
There shall be the following types of members:

a. General Members shall pay annual dues of $25.00 and shall have the right to vote on matters submitted to them by the Executive Council and the election of officers providing the member is physically present at the General Meeting to be held in conjunction with each World Championship.

b. Sustaining Members shall pay annual dues of $100.00 and shall have the same rights as the General Members and shall receive the annual roster of members.

c. Donor Members shall pay annual dues of $500.00 and shall have the same rights as the General Members, shall receive the annual roster of members, unless request to the contrary shall be listed in the World Championship Program.

d. Patron Members shall pay annual dues of $1,000.00 and shall have the same rights as the General Members, shall receive the annual roster of members, unless request to the contrary shall be listed in the World Championship Program, and shall have an event in the World Championship named in their honor.

Section 3:
a. All dues are due and payable January 1 of each year on an annual basis, and are delinquent April 1. After proper notification by the membership chairman, members shall be deemed delinquent and forfeit their membership. A forfeited membership may be reinstated by payment of the current year's dues.

b. There shall be no reduction in the annual dues because of a shortened year of membership.

ARTICLE III
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1:
The executive power of the Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors. It shall have charge of the affairs and funds, and power to perform all acts and functions in accordance with the Constitution of the Association.

Section 2:
The voting members of the Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the Association, the president, the chairman of the public relations, the immediate past president, the executive secretary, any other members of the Executive Council, and one additional member from each country affiliated with the Association. This latter group of representatives are to be selected by the country they represent in any manner that country so deems correct.

Section 3:
Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors, with the exception of the Country Representatives, shall be filled by appointment with the President with the approval of the Executive Council, except the Office of the President which shall be filled by the Vice-president. The above-mentioned Country Representatives shall have any vacancy filled by the country from which the vacancy occurred.

Section 4:
Fifteen members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
ARTICLE IV
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1: The Executive Council shall consist of the elected officers, the executive secretary, the parliamentarian, the chairman of public relations, and ten representatives (no more than two from one country and elected by the total membership of the General Meeting).

Section 2: The Executive Council shall exercise all powers of the Board of Directors between meetings of the Board with any actions taken by the Council to be ratified at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Meetings of the Executive Council shall be held upon call of the President, Vice-president, or any three members of the Council, with notice to all members at least one month prior to the meeting.

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ARTICLE V
OFFICERS

Section 1: a. The elected officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer.
   b. The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the President. He shall serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Council.
   c. The Chairman of Public Relations shall be appointed by the President. He shall serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Council.

Section 2: The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Council, and shall serve at the discretion of the Council with salary approved by the Council.

Section 3: Nominations.
   a. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two members appointed by the President with the approval of the Board and three nominated from the floor and elected by plurality vote at the General Meeting.
   b. Officer Candidates:
   c. The Nominating Committee shall nominate only one candidate for each office. The list of names on the membership at least six months prior to the General Meeting. Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor at the time of the election of officers, with the prior consent of the nominee.

Section 3: Election. The officers shall be elected by secret ballot of the general body of the Association, at a majority of one. In the case of two candidates, and if no nominee receives a majority, then the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped from the voting and another vote taken. Such procedure shall continue until the candidate receives a majority of the votes.

Section 4: Terms.
   a. All officers shall be elected to serve for a term of two years and shall be eligible for re-election for a second consecutive term to the same office. An officer may only hold one office at a given time.
   b. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President. Any such resignation shall take effect upon acceptance by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: The President shall serve as the chief executive officer; he shall have the authority to convene the Executive Council; he shall preside at all meetings of said Council and the Board of Directors; he shall appoint all committee chairmen, and shall be a member of all committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee. The President shall only vote to break a tie.

Section 2: The Vice-president shall assist the President and assume the duties of the President in his absence, at his request, or if the position is unable to carry out his duties due to poor health, resignation, impeachment or death.

ARTICLE XI
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June 17, 1977
Section 1: The Executive Office shall be open from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Section 2: Meetings of the Council shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month.

Section 3: The Chairman of Public Relations shall be responsible for all news releases from the Association to all news media.

ARTICLE VII
GENERAL MEETING

A meeting of the membership shall be held during the weekend prior to the World Championshio at the city where the Championships are being held and at a time designated by the Executive Council. Notice concerning the meeting will be included in the membership with the entry forms for the meet.

ARTICLE VIII
REGIONAL COUNCILS

Each continent may have a Regional Council to promote Masters competition within each region. Regional Championships may be awarded on dates not conflicting with the World Championships. Each Regional Council shall be autonomous and can establish its own Constitution providing it compiles with the World Masters Track and Field Association's aims and purposes.

ARTICLE IX
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ARTICLE X
IMPEACHMENT

Any five members of the Executive Council or ten members of the Board of Directors can start impeachment proceedings against any officer or member of the Board by notifying the Secretary in writing, with a copy being sent to the party charged. If the charges are made more than one year from the start of the World Championships, the party charged shall have thirty days to respond to them. The Secretary shall then send the charge and the response to all members of the Board who will then have twenty days from the date of mailing to submit his vote to the Secretary, who shall then tabulate the results and advise all members of the Board within three weeks.

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**2000 M STEEPLECHASE**
- Douglas Deuchler [men 2A]
- Charles Hill
- Hailey Ribe [men 1A]
- Webb Comstock [men 3A]
- Mike Davis [men 4A]
- Sarah Smith [men 5A]

**Super Sprint**
- Roland Ananda [men 2A]
- Roy Zou [men 4A]
- Ramon Macias [men 5A]
- Bohdan Czyzak
- Tanya Disrotz
- Robert Puglisi
- John Smith
- Saver Higbee
- Richard Breen

**Super 10K**
- Jane Dix
- Marc Beckler
- Katrin Boos [men 4B]
- Brian Kane
- Double Jump
- Phil Cooper [men 4A]
- Anthony Nasrallah [men 4A]
- Larry Flory [men 4E]
- John Davis [men 4B]
- Neil King [men 4A]
- Orla Gillett [men 3B]
- Jim Minam [men 3A]
- Michael Morse [men 4B]
- Brian Clan
- High Jump
- Ed Zelz [men 2A]
- Phil Hallen [men 4A]
- A. Brown [men 4A]

**CANIBUS WILL HOST PACIFIC GAMES**

The third two-day mini-Olympics with a full track and field program (except for 200 and 50 km walks, the pentathlon, decathlon, and marathon) is scheduled for December 3-4 of this year. (We have no regrets in inclusion of Masters events; so we shall assume that they are not part of the program.)

The 2000 and more spectators are expected to enjoy the new multi-million-dollar Bruce Stadium, with games to begin each day at 2 p.m. Ticket prices for reserved seats in the covered stands will run $1 to $9, with unreserved standing room going for $3.50.

The 1993 program of this event was held in Tokyo, while Toronto was the site in 1973. Canberra, the capital city of Australia, is located between Sydney and Melbourne in the gentle foothills of the Australian Alps. The totally-planned city, designed by American architect Walter Burley Griffin, was surveyed in the 1920s and has become one of the most populous and most beautiful cities in the world.

If you should decide to visit Canberra for the Games in December, you will find lots of sunshine with weather that would be considerably less than individual fares... so let us know if you wish to be entertained.

You could return to the Hawaiian Marathon in Honolulu on December 11.
INTERESTED IN A MARDI GRAS MEET IN FEBRUARY?

The newly-formed Masters Division of the Baton Rouge Track Club is contemplating hosting an outdoor meet in Mardi Gras country next February and is soliciting response. The following is a letter from Dr. M.H. Williams outlining the idea. Please fill in the questionnaire and return to USMTT. We will compile results and forward same.

Word has come from Trinidad-Tobago from Dr. Al Bobb that their Masters Program is also interested in promoting a Mardi Gras Meet. So you might like to include comments on one or the other meet plus information as to the length of time you would be able to allow for the excursion plus how many people would be involved.

Baton Rouge Track Club
Masters Division

"We notice that most of the outdoor meets are held between the May to August season and during the Winter, track meets are driven indoors. We are in a near-tropical climate where we train outdoors the year round.

"We would like to make our contribution to the track schedule with an outdoor track meet during the Mardi Gras Festivities in February. This would give you an opportunity to compete on one of the nation's fastest tartan tracks—the Bernie Moore Track Stadium at Louisiana State University plus dormitory housing a few steps from the stadium at a nominal fee.

"You will be able to see the world-famous Mardi Gras and dance in the streets of New Orleans ... The cajun and creole dishes may help you run a little faster.

"Let us know how you feel about an outdoor winter track meet in the balmy breezes of Louisiana. Please return the questionnaire below."

PLEASE RETURN TO: HELEN L. PAIN, BOX 7823, SAN DIEGO, CA 92107

NAME

CLUB NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY ____________ STATE ____________ ZIP ____________

PHONE ____________ AREA CODE ____________

CHECK ONE: WE ARE ____ ARE NOT ____ INTERESTED IN A WINTER TRACK MEET NEXT FEBRUARY

IF NOT, GIVE REASON: ____________________________________________

CHECK ONE: WE WOULD BE TRAVELING BY AIR ____ AUTO ____ BUS ____ OTHER ________

CHECK ONE: WE PREFER STAYING AT A DORM ____ MOTEL ____ OTHER ________

CHECK ONE: WE ARE ____ ARE NOT ____ INTERESTED IN SEEING THE MARDI GRAS FESTIVAL IN NEW ORLEANS.

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY _____ MEMBERS OF OUR TRACK TEAM WHO WOULD BE COMING TO THE WINTER TRACK MEET.

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