

Location Change

Final All Comers Meets Set for August 3 & 4

The last two OTC All Comers Meets for 2022 are scheduled for August 3 and 4. **The location for these two meets has changed from Springfield to the South Eugene High School track located at 400 E. 19th Ave, Eugene.**

The meet schedules remain the same, but the two-mile event on August 4 has been replaced by a 2000m steeplechase with 30" barriers and a 3000m steeplechase with 36" barriers. Also, there will be no discus event. The new venue has no discus cage.

The August 3 meet is for kids ages 12 and under. The August 4 meet is for kids and adults ages 13 and older. All OTC members can participate free. The registration fee for non-member adults is \$5.00. Non-member youth 18 and under pay \$4.00. [Go here](#) to join the OTC.

For more information, visit the [OTC website](#).

The August Run/Walk Set for Dorris Ranch

The next OTC Run/Walk is August 11 at 6:00 p.m. on the shaded trails of Dorris Ranch in Springfield. All ages and paces are welcome.

Registration and bib pickup begin at 5:00 p.m. by the Tomseth House at Dorris Ranch. You can also [register online](#) until 3:00 p.m. on August 11. The event is free for OTC members and \$5 for non-members.

The OTC Run/Walk Series, now in its 12th year, is made possible by our generous sponsors: Bigfoot Beverages, Eclectic Edge Racing, Oakshire Brewing, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, Run Hub Northwest, and Track Town Pizza. The Club greatly appreciates them and encourages everyone to support them.

Butte to Butte Draws 3,000 Participants

The 48th Annual Aquafina OTC Butte to Butte returned to its 4th of July traditional date and was a huge success. With exactly 3,000 registrants participating in the 10K run, 5K run/walk, or 4-mile Mayor's Fitness Walk, the event was lively, festive, and fast.

Smashing the 10K course record by 21 seconds, Ben Blankenship of Eugene took home the win in 29:19. He earned extra prize money by claiming the bonuses for all the timing checkpoints along the route. Amanda Phillips of Hood River claimed the women's title, leading from start to finish, narrowly missing the women's course record, clocking in at 33:38.

Between the 10K and 5K races, twenty-one age group records were broken this year. Complete results can be found at [ButteToButte.com](#).

[Read more about the Butte to Butte](#)

The Ducks Have a New Head Coach

Jerry Schumacher was recently named the new University of Oregon Track and Field and Cross Country head coach. He is a highly successful professional distance running coach and former distance coach at the University of Wisconsin.

Schumacher is the 14th head coach in the history of the Oregon track and field program. He replaces Robert Johnson, who was not retained by the University.

"Jerry Schumacher is a world-class track and field leader with a unique ability to build a dynamic team atmosphere to support a first-class experience for the athletes," Rob Mullens, UO Athletic Director, said in a news release.

For the past 15 years, Schumacher has served as director and head coach of the Nike Bowerman Track Club, one of the nation's foremost running clubs made up of both youth runners and an international-level team.

Schumacher, a native of Wisconsin, and his wife Kathy have four children—Joshua, Makenna, Ryan, and Eric.

The OTC welcomes the entire Schumacher family to Track Town.



Coach Mark Rowland Leaving the OTC Elite



Mark Rowland, who has been the coach of the Oregon Track Club Elite professional training group, will leave the program at the end of August.

Rowland, 59, has led the Eugene-based Nike program since December 2008.

In Rowland's 14 years in Eugene, OTC Elite rosters have included Nick Symmonds, Andrew Wheating, Sally Kipyego, Ben Blankenship, Hassan Mead, Francine Niyonsaba, and Nijel Amos, as well as Ashton Eaton and Brianne Theisen-Eaton, though they were coached by Harry Marra.

Rowland, a native of Great Britain, will become the endurance coach for Athletics Canada on September 1. His duties with Athletics Canada will include coaching endurance athletes out of the West Hub in Victoria, British Columbia, and acting as a coach with the Canadian National Team.



Oregon Track Club Masters

Meet Opportunities for Masters Athletes

Compiled by Tom Pattee

OTC Masters has compiled a list of cross country and track and field meets scheduled for August and September that are accepting masters-level athletes. Some of these meets may have qualifying standards and some require pre-approval from the meet director to enter as an "open" or non-collegiate athlete. Please check with the meet director for entry requirements. Information for most of these meets can be found on the [Direct Athletics](#) website.

Aug 5: [Super Throwing Track Club Outdoor Meet #3](#) for Hammer, Javelin, and Discus, Clackamas Community College, Oregon City, Oregon

Aug 13: [Oregon Senior Games](#), Oregon State University Whyte Track and Field Center, Corvallis, Oregon

Aug 19: [Super Throwing Track Club Outdoor Meet #4](#) for Hammer, Javelin, and Shot, Clackamas Community College, Oregon City, Oregon

Aug 27-28: [National Masters Outdoor Combined Events Championships](#) Lindenwood University, St. Charles, Missouri

Sept 18: [2022 USATF Masters 12 km Championships](#) Highlands, New Jersey.

Out of the Blocks: Summertime is Here!

By Kevin Marbury, OTC President

Happy August!

Summertime is here! I find inspiration and comfort in the lyrics of music, particularly more of the “old school” variety. While my interpretation of “old school” may be different from your version, I believe some songs are timeless in both their message and the feelings they evoke. One of my favorite songs is *Summer* by the group War. The lyrics include the following refrain and chorus: *...In Atlantic City or out in Malibu or anywhere between, I'm telling you when you feel those balmy breezes on your face, summertime is the best time anyplace. Cause it's summer, summertime is here; yes it's summer, my time of year...*



Kevin Marbury

Summertime in Eugene/Springfield is among the best I have experienced in my life and that includes my many travels to places all around the world. The combination of long and sunny days, low humidity, and the variety of outdoor activities provides the perfect settings to get outside and create a new rhythm for your life—a perfect time to find the “balmy breezes” the song refers to.

[Read more of Kevin's thoughts on summer](#)

Oregon 22 Heritage Trail Honors Legacy Athletes

The Oregon22 Heritage Trail was created to honor 22 of the state's most iconic track and field athletes and coaches.

A plaque to honor each of the individuals has been placed in a special location important to that athlete and community. The Oregon22 organization, Travel Lane County, and the Museum of World Athletics collaborated to create the Heritage Trail.

Read more about the project [here](#).

The Heritage Trail 22 are:

Blair LaBounty, Kelly Deal, Lance Dellinger, Bill Eaton, Ashton Flanagan, Shalane Fosbury, Dick Gilbert, A.C. Hawkins, Martin Hill, Ralph Huntley, Joni Kelly, Dan

Kerrigan, H.W. Johnson Bailes, Margaret Johnson, Dave O'Brien, Dan Mutola, Maria Peters, Annette Smithson, Forrest Symmonds, Nick Theisen-Eaton, Brianne Twomey Bellamy, Cathie Wilkins, Mac





Photograph courtesy Bettina Huber.

Telling our OTC Story at the Eugene Airport

The OTC recently unveiled a new Oregon Track Club display at the Eugene Airport. This permanent display, located in the baggage claim area, is a snapshot of the Club's history from its founding in 1958 to the present day. It captures the essence of the Club, including youth, community, masters, and elite programs.

The photographs and text boxes throughout the display describe and show Oregon Track Club's evolution and influence on Eugene becoming "Track Town." The display uses salvaged wood and other memorabilia from the Hayward Field renovation to construct the display.

Eugene Marathon Registration is Open

The 2023 Eugene Marathon is now accepting registrations for the Marathon (26.2 miles), Half Marathon (13.1 miles), 5K (3.1 miles), and the Kids Duck Dash (Approx. 109 yards). The Marathon and Half Marathon will be held on April 30 while the 5K and Duck Dash are on April 29.

[Go here](#) to register.

The full and half Marathon participants will finish the last 200 meters on the Hayward Field track.

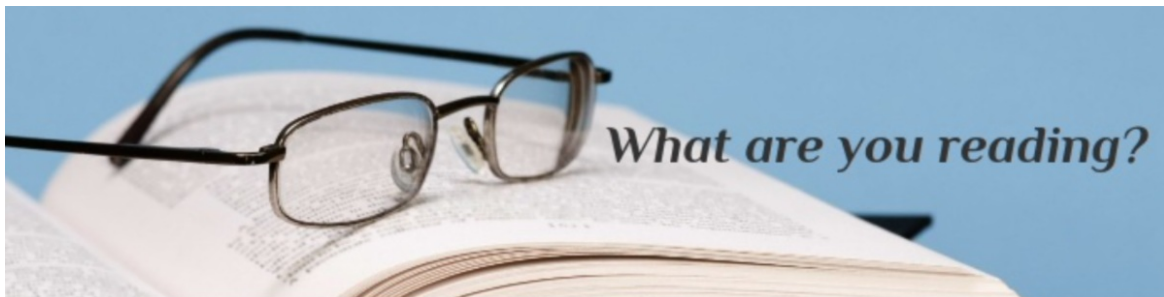
The Oregon Track Club is proud to be one of the longtime sponsors of the Eugene Marathon.





OTC members **Molly Wildman** and **Michael Jackson** visited Pu'uhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park in Hawaii. The park is a United States National Historical Park located on the west coast of the island. Michael proudly wears his OTC shirt while visiting the island. Molly is the OTC Club treasurer.

Send us your "Where in the World" photo with YOU in it. Tell us who is in the photo, the location, and other details that might be of interest. If possible, wear your OTC branded gear in the picture. Send your photo to: Phil Sutton, phils@peak.org.



Oregon Running Legend Steve Prefontaine

By Paul Clerici, The History Press, 144 pages.

A review by Don McLean

Yes, another Pre opus, and a good one. The book offers details about Prefontaine we devotees never knew. Excellent forwards are included by Bill Dellinger and Pat Tyson, Pre's trailer roomie and UO teammate. Now 48 years since Pre's demise, Eugene, Coos Bay, and its sister city, Choshi, Japan have updated and enhanced memorials to Pre. Because Pre was so bold, successful, and compelling, and because his early death was so reckless and sad, we grieve for him still.



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Events Calendar

Compiled by Wendy Montenegro

August

- No OTC Board Meeting or OTC Masters Board Meeting in August
- 3: OTC All Comer Meet, 4:30 p.m., South Eugene High School
- 4: OTC All Comer Meet, 4:30 p.m., South Eugene High School
- 6: Michael Bryson 5K Shuffle, 5K,
- 11: OTC Monthly Run/Walk, 6:00 p.m., 5K, Springfield
- 13: Scandia Run, 7:45 a.m., 10K, 5K, Walk, Junction City
- 20: Carry The Torch, 10:15 a.m., 5K XC, Springfield

Always confirm event with event host.

September

- 7: OTC Board Meeting, 7:00 a.m., Kidsports Eugene
- 8: OTC Monthly Run/Walk, 6:00 p.m., 5K, Pre's Trail
- 10: Waltherville Waddle, time TBD, 5K, Waltherville
- 11: Flea Flee, 1:00 p.m., 5K, Eugene
- 14: OTC Masters Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Virtual Meeting
- 17: Junction City Mile, 9:00 a.m., 1M, Junction City
- 18: USATF Oregon Association Annual Meeting, Noon, Virtual Meeting
- 18: Walk/Run Like MADD, time TBD, 5K, Eugene
- 25: Save The Bee, time TBD, 5K, Fern Ridge Reservoir
- 25: Run With A Cop, 1:00 p.m., 5K, Springfield

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