



OTC Annual Dinner Meeting Set for March 1

The annual Oregon Track Club Dinner and Business Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 1 at the First Baptist Church, 3550 Fox Meadow Drive in Eugene. The event will have an option to attend virtually if needed. The meeting kicks off the Club's 64th year of supporting track and field, fitness, and community service.



Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. with dinner being served at 5:30 p.m. The business portion of the event will follow the dinner.

The business meeting will include the election of the Board of Directors, presentation of the 2022 budget, the Reske and Brathwaite Award presentations, updates on the UO track and field program and OTC Elite program, and information on the upcoming Oregon22 World Championships.

All current (2022) OTC adult members are invited to attend the dinner and meeting. An email invitation will be sent out in early February to all current members with details on how and when to RSVP. The keynote speaker will also be announced in the invitation. Space will be limited for those attending in-person. A Zoom meeting link will be emailed to those who indicated they wish to attend virtually.

OTC Run/Walk Series Returns for 12th Season

Oregon Track Club will host the 12th annual Run/Walk Series in 2022. For those new to Oregon Track Club, these are professionally-timed yet fun, low-key events in various locations around Eugene/Springfield. All ages and paces are welcome. Participants with strollers and dogs on leashes can join the fun.

Run/Walk events start at 6:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month from March through October (except July when the OTC All Comers Meets are held). They are free for Oregon Track Club members and \$5 for non-members.

The schedule for 2022 is available on the [Eclectic Edge Racing's website](#). The first Run/Walk is scheduled for March 10 at Alton Baker Park (near the twin shelters). It will be a 5K on the paved bike paths and roads. All current local and state COVID guidelines will be followed. [Go here](#) to register for the event until 3:00 p.m. on race day. Onsite registration begins at 5:00 p.m.

Thank you to our long-time sponsors: Bigfoot Beverages, Eclectic Edge Racing, Oakshire Brewing, RBC Wealth Management, Run Hub Northwest, and Track Town Pizza. Thanks also to the many volunteers who make the Run/Walk Series possible. If you would like to get more involved as a volunteer on the Run/Walk Committee, please contact Celeste Kuta, celestekuta@gmail.com.



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Two Training Clinics For Prospective Officials

Oregon Track Club (OTC) and USATF Oregon are each hosting an orientation clinic for new or prospective track and field officials. These clinics also provide an opportunity for experienced officials to learn a new event.

[Read details about these two February officiating clinics](#)

It is not too late
to renew your
OTC membership

2022

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Hayward Field Schedule is Packed

The schedule of Hayward Field meets and events for 2022 has been updated. The historic venue will be a busy place this year.

February 26: New and Interested Officials Training (Training session for T&F officials)

April 1-2: Hayward Premiere

April 21-23: Oregon Relays & USATF Grand Prix

May 6: Oregon Twilight

May 7: Hayward Classic (Oregon Track Club Masters meet)

May 13-15: Pac 12 Conference Outdoor Championships

May 19-20: 3A, 2A, 1A High School State Championships

May 20-21: 6A, 5A, 4A High School State Championships

May 28: Prefontaine Classic (A World Athletics Wanda Diamond League meet)

June 8-11: NCAA Outdoor Championships

June 16-19: National Scholastic Athletic Foundation High School Outdoor Nationals

June 23-25: USATF U20 Outdoor Championships

June 23-26: USATF National Outdoor Championships

July 15-24: World Athletics Outdoor Championships

Hayward Video Screen Being Installed



The top photo is the new video display screen that is being installed at the north end of Hayward Field. The other photo is a simulation of what the screen will look like. When finished, Hayward will have three video screens. Photos courtesy UO Track & Field.

Out of the Blocks: Thank you for your service

By Kevin Marbury, OTC President

Service is the price you pay for the space you occupy.

A group I belong to has used this saying as a way to remind us of why we do the things we do. That group is one that comes together primarily to support others within our profession. Equally important is what those in the group do for each other. The concept of service is an important one that is often undervalued by those that perform it, but usually not by those who are the beneficiaries of the service. At the same time, it can be frustrating when deeds go unappreciated or unacknowledged.

[Read Kevin's thoughts on community service](#)



Kevin Marbury

SHE FLIES Supports Girls, Women in Sports

SHE FLIES is an initiative under the Sport Oregon Foundation umbrella working to support, engage, and celebrate girls and women in sport across Oregon.



The SHE FLIES program was launched last year and has rolled out [a new website](#) and grant initiative for 2022.

The program is hosting a free virtual event, *SHE FLIES National Girls and Women in Sports Day Panel* on February 3 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. [Go here](#) to register.

Youth Meet Schedule Is Almost Complete

By Lynn Brown, USATF Oregon Secretary

USATF Oregon is developing an aggressive schedule of youth track and field meets for 2022. The schedule is close to being completed.

The current schedule offers meets in April, May, and June plus the Region 13 meet and the USATF National Junior Olympics meet in July. All the meets on the Oregon Association schedule are tentative due to the changing COVID situation.



Oregon Track Club Masters

Godwin Receives Masters Age Group Grand Prix

Oregon Track Club member Craig Godwin received the individual 2021 USATF Masters National Grand Prix Champion award in the M50-54 age category at the national awards ceremony in December 2021. The Masters Year-End Team and Individual Grand Prix Award Ceremony, held in Tallahassee, Florida, honored winners competing in the USATF Masters Long Distance Running Grand Prix circuit.

To compete in the Grand Prix, masters runners need to be age 40 or older and must participate in a minimum of two of the USA Masters Long Distance Running (LDR) Championships scheduled for the season. Competitors receive points based on their event finish, with the sum of the two best point totals determining Grand Prix circuit awards. A first place finish is worth 100 points.

Craig competed in the USATF National Club Cross Country Championships in Bethlehem, PA (90 points), the USATF National Cross Country Championships in San Diego, CA (100 points), and the USATF Masters 12 Km Championships in Highland, NJ (100 points). On the same day as the awards ceremony, Craig also competed in the USATF National Club Cross Country Championships, which started the 2022 Grand Prix season.



Oregon Track Club Masters

Meet William Wyckoff, Eclectic King of Race Management



By Don McLean

William Wyckoff is the founder and owner of **Eclectic Edge Racing**. William, 57, OTC member, Club Board member, and OTC business partner, is a major force in Pacific Northwest race management, timing, and announcing.

Wyckoff is the race director for the popular Aquafina OTC Butte to Butte.

[*Read the interesting interview with William*](#)

Oregon Track Club Masters

Meet Opportunities for Masters Athletes

OTC Masters has compiled a list of track and field meets in February and March 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.

February 5-6: [National Master Indoor Heptathlon Championships](#), Carthage College, Kenosha, Wisconsin

February 13: [Super Thrower Winter Indoor Meet #2](#)(weight throw & shotput – indoor implements only), Oregon City, Oregon

February 19: [USATF Masters West Region Indoor Track & Field Championships](#), Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona

February 26: [Super Thrower Winter Indoor Meet #3](#)(weight throw & shotput – indoor implements only), Oregon City, Oregon

March 18-20: [USATF Masters Indoor Track & Field Championships](#), The Armory, New York, New York



Making Tracks Invites Youth to Explore and Discover

January marked the expansion of Making Tracks, a youth engagement program from the World Athletics Championships Oregon22. Read below from Alexandra Rudd, our Youth Program and Community Engagement General Manager, as she shares more details on the program and her own journey in the sport. We are so fortunate to have her as part of our local organizing committee! -- Jessica Gabriel, Oregon22 Communications Director

By Alexandra Rudd

As the countdown to the World Athletics Championships Oregon22 continues, a rhythm of excitement begins to beat louder each day within our local organizing committee (LOC), among athletes around the world, and in circles of track and field fans near and far.

[Read Alexandra's comment about youth engagement and Oregon22](#)



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Oregon Track Club Elite Report

OTC Elite's Blankenship Off to Impressive Start

By Curtis Anderson, OTC Elite Press Officer

For Oregon Track Club Elite's Ben Blankenship, this season is all about getting to the starting line.

And the more starts he sees, the better.

That certainly wasn't the case last year when the 2016 Olympian skipped the cross country and indoor circuits to focus on training for the U.S. Olympic Trials on his home turf at Hayward Field.

[Read about Ben's journey back from injury](#)



Photo courtesy of Jake Willard

Business Members



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Events Calendar

Compiled by Wendy Montenegro

February

2: **OTC** Board Meeting, 7:00 a.m., Virtual Meeting
 5: Bristow Trail Runs, 8:00 a.m., 50K, 25K, 10M, 5M, Dexter

March

1: **OTC** Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Eugene
 9: **OTC** Masters Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Virtual

5-6: National Masters Indoor Heptathlon Championships, Kenosha, WI
9: **OTC** Masters Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Virtual Meeting
12: Couples Classic, 9:30 a.m., 5K, Eugene
13: Snow Lover's Loop, 12:00 p.m., 8K, 5K Snowshoe, O'Dell Lake
15: Hayward Field officials meeting, 6:00 p.m., Club Room, Autzen Stadium
19: USATF Oregon New Officials Clinic, 9:00 a.m., McMinnville High School
20: USATF Mid America Region Masters Indoor Track & Field Championships, Colorado Springs, CO
26: **OTC** New & Interested Officials Orientation Clinic, 10:00 a.m., Hayward Field

Meeting
10: **OTC** Run/Walk, 6:00 p.m., 5K, Alton Baker Park
12: Run For The Shamrock, time TBA, 10K, 5K, Eugene
13: Suddenly Sleepy Sleepwalk, 11:00 a.m., 5K, Eugene
17: Lucky Clover, 5:30 p.m., 10K, 5K, Springfield
18-20: USATF Masters Indoor Track & Field Championships, New York, NY

Always confirm event with event host.

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