

Jill Steele: Thank You

A number of changes are taking place within the UO Track and Field staff with the hiring of Jerry Schumacher as the new head coach. One administrative change is particularly noteworthy. Jill Steele, a person who worked behind the scenes to ensure that officials were taken care of and prepared to run meets efficiently, has not been retained.

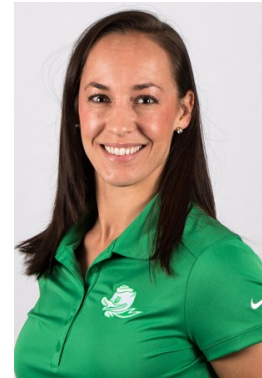
Jill served as Assistant Athletic Director for Track and Field Operations at UO for almost six years and was the UO Director of Track and Field Operations for five years. Recently, she was the Assistant Competition Director for the World Athletics Championships Oregon22.

The Oregon Track Club and the Oregon Track Club Officials Committee would like to thank Jill for her many years of service to the University of Oregon Track and Field and Cross Country program.

The Club especially wants to thank Jill for her courtesy, compassion, and cooperation in working with the individual OTC Hayward Field officials and OTC Officials Committee to ensure world class officiating at Hayward meets.

"It has been the pleasure of a lifetime working with all of you. I leave Oregon after 10.5 years with an incredible database of knowledge garnered from all of you that I hope to be able to put to use. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart; it has been a pleasure," Jill said in a message to Hayward Field Officials and Sports Volunteers.

Good luck Jill. You will be missed.



Grass Roots Grant Applications Due Oct. 31



awarded \$13,100 in Grass Roots Grants.

The Oregon Track Club is currently accepting applications for its Grass Roots Grant program. Grant applications must be received by October 31, 2022 to be considered for the current calendar year.

These annual grants are dedicated to supporting youth and developmental track and field and running organizations throughout the greater Eugene/Springfield area. Last year, the OTC

To be eligible for consideration, organizations must be located within a 25-mile radius of the University of Oregon campus. Preference is given to nonprofit organizations.

Applications are reviewed and funding decisions are made during the month of November. [Go here](#) to access the application form and for important instructions on how to apply for a grant.

Oregon Track Club All

Comers Meets Wrap Up Another Successful Year

With the Oregon Track Club All Comers meets coming to a close for this summer, OTC would like to reflect on all that went into continuing this historic tradition. This year was another successful year filled with smiles, PRs, and good times! The participants were as positive as ever and seemed to have a reinvigorated passion for track and field with the World Championships being in town.

None of the All Comers success would have been possible without the help of the amazing volunteer crew who had to be ultra-flexible this year due to an unforeseen meet location change during the middle of the season.

[Read more about the successful All Comers meets](#)



A future star on the Duck's relay team?

Gordon and Johnson Top the August Run/Walk

The OTC Run/Walk Series returned on August 11 with a warm evening at Dorris Ranch in Springfield. There were 58 individuals who completed the hilly 5K course, ranging in age from four to 80. The participants included Elmira High School cross country runners. All finishers were rewarded with high-tech fabric running shirts, courtesy of sponsor Run Hub Northwest.

The first finisher was Joshua Gordon in 18:36 and the first female finisher was Alyssa Johnson in 23:09. Complete results can be found [here](#). Run/Walk photos can be viewed [here](#).

[Read about the next Run/Walk](#)



The OTC Run/Walk event is for the young and not-so-young.

Sandy Pashkin Inducted Into the USATF NY Hall of Fame

Sandy Pashkin, longtime OTC member and Club volunteer, was recently inducted into the USATF New York Association's Officials Hall of Fame at a ceremony in White Plains, N.Y.

Pashkin, a native of New York, was recognized for her life-long service and dedication to the sport of track and field. She is also



a member of the USATF Masters Hall of Fame.

Pashkin is a USATF Certified Official and has served as an official at Hayward Field for over 25 years. She has officiated meets throughout the United States and in other countries. She was recently selected to the prestigious position of Secretary of the World Track and Field Championships recently held in Eugene.

As a Board member of the Oregon Track Club and the Oregon Track Club Masters, Pashkin continues decades of service to the members of the OTC.

Congratulations Sandy!

Indoor Sports Facility Idea is Alive and Well

The idea of an indoor track and field facility has been actively discussed around Eugene and Springfield for several years. The concept received a strong boost a few years ago, when a group of business and community leaders formed a nonprofit corporation focused on planning a multi-use center located in Springfield's Glenwood area, just east of the University of Oregon campus. That project is still alive but has not yet landed a home.



Now, a multi-use, indoor facility proposed on the 53-acre Lane County Fairgrounds could possibly include a track.

[Read more about this project](#)



Oregon Track Club Masters

Masters Excel at Oregon Senior Games

Six OTC Masters athletes competed in the Oregon Senior Games, doing very well in their respective events. The track and field portion of the Games was held at the Oregon State University Whyte Track and Field Center in Corvallis on August 13.

Club member athletes who competed, their marks, and age-group placement:

Jennifer Brennan (W55-59): 800m – 3:03.30 (First)

Trisha Kluge (W60-64): 1500m – 5:58:66 (First); 800m – 2:58.50 (First)

Harvey Lewellen (M90-94): Hammer – 23.25m (First); Shot – 7.59m (First);
Discus – 54.40m (First)

Gyna Walton (W50-54): Javelin – 18.00m (First); Shot – 7.87m (Second);
Discus – 1.96m (Second); Hammer – 21.29m (Third)

Jerry Wojcik (M90-94): Javelin – 10.31m (First); Hammer – 17.49m (Second)

Suzu Wojcik (W80-84): Hammer – 20.32m (First)

The Senior Games is a competition for men and women age 50 years old and over and is the largest multi-sport event in the world for seniors. Track and field is only a part of the Oregon Senior Games, held on August 11-21. Other sports contested include tennis, golf, archery, swimming, softball, cycling, bowling, volleyball, soccer, and more. The top four finishers in each track and field event, or those

Congratulations to our OTC member athletes for a job well done, and best wishes for the Nationals!

Oregon Track Club Masters

Wood and Gates Shine At USATF Masters Championships

OTC Masters Board member Alison Wood won the high jump competition in her age group at the USATF National Masters Outdoor Championships. Another OTC Masters Board member, David Gates, was successful at the meet finishing second in his age group's Pentathlon, second in the pole vault, and third in the 100 meters short hurdles.

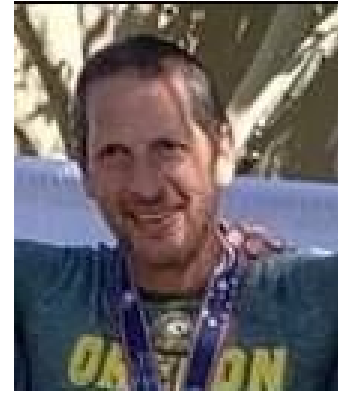
The USATF Masters Championships took place on July 28-31 in Lexington, Kentucky. The meet included athletes in age groups from 25 to 100 years old. Out of 125 teams represented, OTC tied for 44th place scoring 24 points

Wood, W45-49, won her high jump age group with a 1.58m mark, earning eight points for the OTC team.



Alison Wood

Gates, M55-59, took second overall in the Pentathlon with 2,589 points, earning six points for the OTC team. His Pentathlon marks were: 200m – 29.16, 1500m – 6:35.84, Long Jump – 4.33m, Discus – 31.00m, and Javelin – 34.32m



David Gates

Gates finished in second place in the pole vault with a mark of 3.20m, earning another six team points. He also placed third in the 100m short hurdles with a time of 18.79, giving the OTC team four more points.

Full meet results can be found [here](#).

Oregon Track Club Masters

Club Cross Country Championship in December

The USATF Club Cross Country Championships will be held December 10 in San Francisco at Golden Gate Park. If you are interested in competing on an OTC women's team or men's team, please contact Trisha Kluge at tklmt@msn.com or 541-554-6673.

For more information, [go here](#).

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 September and October 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.

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

Oct 10-12: [Huntsman World Senior Games](#), Snow Canyon High School, St. George, Utah.

Oct 22: [2022 USATF Masters 5 km Cross Country Championships](#) Boulder, Colorado.

Oct 23: [USATF West Region / Pacific Assoc Masters Track & Field](#)

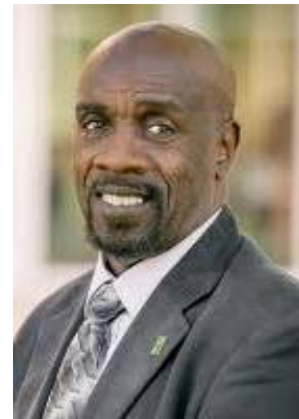
Out of the Blocks: Still here... (well, sort of)

By Kevin Marbury, OTC President

Happy September!

So, if you read my last newsletter article, it may have sounded like I was riding off into the sunset as I entered the retirement phase of life. While the retirement part is true, I plan on appreciating sunsets more so than riding off into one. Besides, does anyone know what happens to people that attempt that ride?!?!

So far, the biggest benefit of retiring is gaining more freedom from the structure of life being regulated by a clock or calendar. I will admit it has been nice going to bed or getting up to start the day when I want to, real nice. Having an extended visit with family has also been a blessing, particularly since I have lived across the country over the past ten years, so visits often seemed "rushed." However, my calendar is not completely "free and clear" because there are still things I am interested in doing, including working with the Oregon Track Club (OTC).



Kevin Marbury

[Read about the OTC retreat](#)



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Pat Tyson: Pride and Grit

By Don McLean



Pat Tyson, 72, like most of us, was average or worse in sports. In the 9th grade, he opted for a track and field class. By semester's end, he ran a 2:12 half-mile. At Lincoln High School in Tacoma, WA, he was coached by the legendary Dan Watson. Tyson finished seventh in the state cross country finals in his senior year. Notwithstanding scholarship temptations from many colleges, pals Watson and Bill Dellinger arranged a walk-on admission for Tyson to the University of Oregon. He raced in three UO NCAA National Cross Country Championships.

Just after Oregon won the NCAA cross country team title in 1971 in Knoxville, Tennessee, Tyson received a call from Steve Prefontaine. "Would you be interested in being my roommate in my 36 foot trailer?", Prefontaine asked. More about Pre and the

trailer below.

Hardly a child basking in wealth, without a cushy scholarship, how did you survive and succeed at UO? Bill Dellinger's magic?

I survived mostly by my pride, my grit, and my non-quitter mentality! I also had a total belief in the Oregon system created by coaches Bowerman and Dellinger. I eventually was given an athletic scholarship that paid my tuition.

[Read more of the interview with Pat](#)

The Rogue Marathon Set for October 15

The Rogue Marathon, half marathon, and 10K races are set for October 15. The marathon starts at Emigrant Lake south of Ashland, Oregon and finishes in Medford. The half marathon starts in Talent, Oregon and finishes in Medford. The 10K is run entirely in Medford.

For information and registration, [go here](#).

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Events Calendar

Compiled by Wendy Montenegro

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: Walterville Waddle, time TBD, 5K, Walterville
- 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
- 18: 2022 USATF Masters 12 km Championships, Highlands, New Jersey
- 25: Save The Bee, time TBD, 5K, Fern Ridge Reservoir
- 25: Run with A Cop, 1:00 p.m., 5K, Springfield

October

- 5: **OTC** Board Meeting, 7:00 a.m., Kidsports Eugene
- 8: Run for Your Life, 3:00 p.m., 5K, Eugene
- 12: **OTC** Masters Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Virtual Meeting
- 13: **OTC** Monthly Run/Walk, 6:00 p.m., 5K, Alton Baker Park
- 15: Rogue Marathon, half marathon, 10K, Medford
- 21: Run with The Duck, time TBA, 5K, Eugene
- 23: On Track for Success, 9:30 a.m., 5K, Eugene
- 31: **OTC** Grass Roots Grant submission deadline

Always confirm event with event host.

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