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OTC All Comers Meets Welcome Kids and Adults

There are four Oregon Track Club All Comers Meets scheduled for the month of July. These events are an excellent way to introduce your child to the sport of track and field.

These popular track and field meets are open to kids of all ages and abilities. Adult athletes are allowed to compete in the age 13 and older group.

All the meets will be held at Springfield High School's Silke Field located at 849 N. 10th Street, Springfield.

The All Comers Meets are on Wednesdays and Thursdays from June through early August. **For kids ages 12 and under — Wednesdays, June 29, July 6, July 27, and August 3. For kids and adults ages 13 and older – Thursdays, June 30, July 7, July 28, and August 4.** [Go here](#) for the meet schedules and other information.

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

The OTC is grateful for the support from the Springfield High School coaching staff and for the use of their track facility. A special thank you to the All Comers sponsors this year: **Dr. Gray Grieve**, Orthodontics; **Jill Mestler**, Windermere Real Estate; and **Cameron McCarthy** Landscape Architecture and Planning.



The OTC All Comers Meets are a long running summer tradition. This 1967 picture is the entire Bates family of kids after competing in the All Comers Meet. Front row, left to right: Cheryl Bates, Jenifer Bates (glasses), Jeanette Bates, and Rodger Bates. Back row, Dad Dale Bates and UO Coach Bill Bowerman who helped with the meets each summer. Today, Jenifer Bates is Jenifer Pleus, the long-time Hayward Field official and clerk. Photo courtesy Jenifer Pleus.

Celebrating 48 Years

Butte to Butte Set for July 4

The OTC is looking forward to celebrating the 48th Annual Aquafina OTC Butte to Butte on Monday, July 4. Packet pickup for the race will be at 5th Street Public Market (in the upstairs atrium, near the Title Nine store) on Saturday, July 2 and Sunday, July 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Participants in the 10K and 4 Mile Walk can board shuttles at 5th and Oak on race morning from 6:25 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. Race results will be posted [here](#) during the event by Eclectic Edge Racing.

Thank you to the Butte to Butte water station partners:

- Eugene Running Company: Donald Street & Fox Hollow
- Run Hub Northwest: Fox Hollow & W. Amazon
- Oregon Track Club Youth: 36th & W. Amazon

- Bushnell University X-Country: 14th & High

Learn more and sign up at buttetobutte.com.



Two 14-Year-Old Winners At the June Run/Walk

The fourth event of the OTC Run/Walk Series was held on June 9 at Island Park in Springfield. Forty-four participants completed the 5K course to Eastgate Woodlands and back in unusually warm, humid conditions.

There were two 14-year-old champions with Ben Kehrein finishing in 17:04 and Madison Zemper-Prill in 18:30. It was also nice to welcome back 86-year-old Jane Dods, a regular on the local racing scene. She is recovered after being hit by a vehicle. Complete results can be viewed [here](#). A video of the start is available [here](#).

There will be no OTC Run/Walk in July as there are many other events occurring such as the Aquafina OTC Butte to Butte, the OTC All Comer Meets, and the World Athletics Championships. Hopefully you will get to enjoy these events and return for the next Run/Walk at Dorris Ranch in Springfield on August 11 at 6:00 p.m. This event will be a 5K course on shaded trails and paths.

All ages and abilities are welcome. Run/Walks are free for OTC members (\$5 for non-members). Registration and bib pick-up begin at 5:00 p.m. at the Tomseth House. It is easy to register online at [this link](#).

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

Coach Robert Johnson Released by the UO

University of Oregon Track and Field and Cross Country Coach Robert Johnson did not have his contract renewed by the university. Johnson's contract expired on June 30.

The university has launched a national search for a new coach. Current Associate Head [Coach Helen Lehman-Winters](#) will serve as interim head coach.

Johnson served as a UO coach for 17 years, seven as a UO assistant coach and ten as head coach. As head coach, Johnson's teams won 14 national titles. Those national titles rank Johnson fourth all-time

among NCAA coaches in track and field and cross country. His teams also won 16 Pac-12 Conference Track and Field titles.

Johnson was named National Coach of the Year 14 times by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).



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USATF National Youth Meet Coming to Hayward Field

The USATF Oregon Association recently announced that the **USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships** are coming to Hayward Field in July 2023. This is the nation's premiere meet for youth ages 7 to 18.

Thousands of the top track and field youth athletes from all parts of the United States will converge on Eugene next summer. These are America's next generation of star athletes. Mark your calendar!



OSU Approves Funds For Track & Field Upgrades

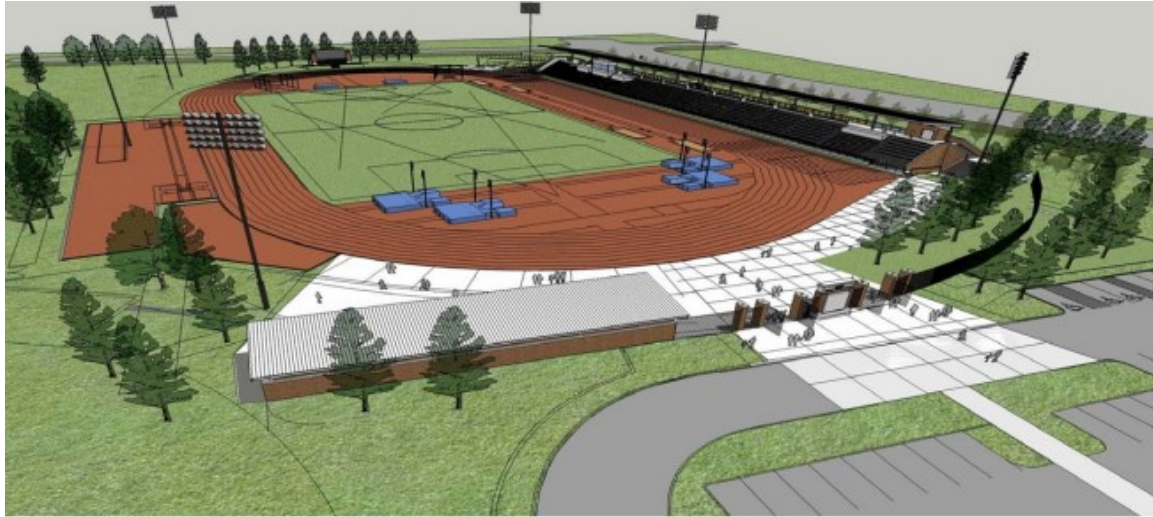
The Oregon State University Board of Trustees recently approved \$7.3 million to upgrade OSU's [Whyte Track and Field Center](#) in Corvallis.

The centerpiece of the project will be a partially covered grandstand that will offer seating for 1,200, plus restrooms, and a press box.

Additional upgrades include paving the current gravel parking lot located at the west end of the facility and professional landscaping.

The estimated completion date for the project is February or March of 2023, just in time for the start of the outdoor track and field season.

[Read more about the Whyte Center upgrade](#)



An artist's rendering of the upgraded Whyte Track & Field Center at Oregon State University. The new grandstand is on the right. Note the new paved parking lot in the lower right corner of the rendering.



Oregon Track Club Masters

Masters Can Compete In the OTC All Comers Meets

A reminder that Masters level athletes can compete in the OTC All Comers Meets this summer. A variety of track events and field events are available.

Anyone 25 or older can compete as a Masters athlete. The All Comers Meets for ages 13 and older are on Thursday evenings from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m., July 7, 28, and August 4 at Springfield High School. [Go here](#) to download the meet schedule.

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Local Track & Field Options For Masters Athletes

By Trisha Kluge

If you are a post-collegiate athlete and you want to compete in the sport of track and field, you need to seek out meets that offer events for Masters. Aside from the OTC All Comers Meets for a few weeks in the summer, and the OTC Hayward Classic, what meets are available?

Jen Brennen, age 55, wanted more opportunities to test her 800 and 1500 meter fitness without going to New York City (USATF Masters Indoor Championships last March), Kentucky (USATF Masters Outdoor Championships this month), or Finland (World Masters Championships). Fortunately, Jen has been able to race in Gresham (Portland Masters Track Club meets), Eugene (Lane Community College meet), Junction City (Family All Comers Meet), McMinnville (Linfield University meet), and will compete in Corvallis at the Oregon Senior games this August.

Track meets differ from road races, in that multiple events are going on, and volunteers with certain skill sets (officials) are required. Therefore, the folks who go to the trouble to put on track and field meets need HUGE kudos for their time and effort!

There seems to be, maybe I'm being hopeful, a surge of all-ages track meets with smaller competition event schedules which are drawing more people into the sport.

By the time this newsletter is published, several local Masters athletes will be on their way to Tampere, Finland, and then to Kentucky. For those of us who prefer to stay close to home, we still have a growing number of track and field options. Masters meet opportunities are usually listed each month in this newsletter.

Oregon Track Club Masters

Roger Robinson Revisited

By Don McLean

Roger Robinson, a young 83, is back with a new book *Running Throughout Time*. Many have said his prior book, *When Running Made History*, may be one of the best running books you will ever read. His latest book (\$18.95 on Amazon) may top that. It covers the running scene since 1095 B.C., replete with great stories, busting myths, and introducing new heroes and heroines.

My 2019 interview with Roger about his previous book can be downloaded [here](#).

A runner since 1954, Roger continues to race on two surgically repaired knees, named Russell and Mark. Sequestered and bored in New Zealand during the pandemic, he set these New Zealand 80 to 84 age group records: 8:30 mile, 15:48.04 3K; 26:14.34 5K; 57:06 10K; and 2:01.22 in the half marathon. All in the 85 percentile of his age group, territory thee and me will never be.

Five of the fourteen chapters in the new book are about women and running, perhaps the best of them is about the first Olympic distance race for women in the 1928 Olympic 800m. It was a great race. No one was hurt. But there were no more distance races for women until 1960. Men had raced the marathon since the first modern Olympics in 1896. The first-ever Olympic marathon for women was in 1984. Odd since my experience shows women are tougher than guys.

[Read the interview with Roger](#)



Roger Robinson celebrates his 10K race at the 2022 National Senior Games.

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 July and August 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 noncollegiate athlete. Please check with the meet director for entry requirements. Information for most of these meets can be found on the [Direct Athletics](#) website.

June 29 – Jul 10: [WMA Outdoor Championships](#), Tampere, Finland

July 1 – 2: [2022 USATF National Club Track & Field Championships](#), Monmouth University, West Long Branch, New Jersey

July 7: [OTC All Comers Meet](#) 4:30 p.m., Springfield High School

July 15: [Super Throwing Track Club Outdoor Meet #2](#) for Hammer, Javelin, & Shot, Clackamas Community College, Oregon City, Oregon

July 23 – 24: [2022 USA National Masters Throws Championships](#), Northeastern University, Dedham, Massachusetts

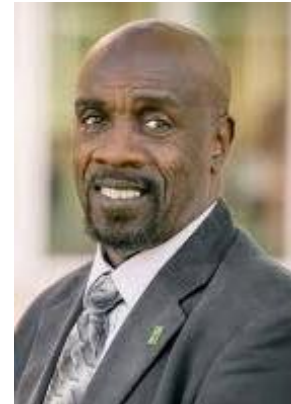
[View the full calendar](#)

Out of the Blocks: Hayward Magic on Display

By Kevin Marbury, OTC President

Happy July! At the time you read this month’s newsletter, this year’s phenomenal track season here in Eugene will still be in full swing. And if you’ve been able to attend any of the myriad events at the new Hayward Field, you’ve already witnessed some phenomenal performances.

At the Hayward Classic, we witnessed 95-year-old OTC member Colleen Milliman set still another world record in the mile at 13.46.13! At this year’s Prefontaine Classic, we saw five new Pre Classic records set, highlighted by Michael Norman’s blistering 43.60 in the men’s 400m. Ok, so when I say “highlighted by,” maybe my bias for the sprints is showing here since the other four Pre Classic races were at distances ranging from 1500 to 5000m and you know I don’t run anything over 400m!



Kevin Marbury

[Read Kevin’s comments volunteers and more](#)



Four Nights of Primetime Video

NBC Planning 43 Hours of World Championship Coverage

NBC Sports will utilize NBC, Peacock, USA Network, CNBC, and NBC Sports digital platforms to provide extensive coverage of the World Athletics Outdoor Track and Field Championships being held at Hayward Field on July 15-24.

NBC holds the exclusive broadcast rights to the event in the United States.

In total, NBC Sports will present 43 hours of television coverage plus extensive streaming coverage throughout the ten-day championship meet, including four nights of live primetime weekend coverage (July 16-17, July 23-24) and four days of live afternoon weekend coverage (July 16-17, July 23-24) on the NBC television broadcast network.

[Go here](#) to read the company's full coverage plans for the meet.

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Events Calendar

Compiled by Wendy Montenegro

July

- 1-2: USATF National Club Track & Field Championships, West Long Branch, NJ
- 3: Harrisburg Firecracker 5K, 9 a.m., 5K, Kids Run, Harrisburg
- 4: Aquafina **OTC** Butte to Butte, 8:00 a.m., 10K, 5K, 4M walk, Eugene
- 6: **OTC** Board Meeting, 7:00 a.m., Kidsports Eugene
- 6: **OTC** All Comers Meet, 4:30 p.m., Springfield High School
- 7: **OTC** All Comers Meet, 4:30 p.m., Springfield High School
- 7-10: USATF Region 13 Junior Olympic Championship Meet, Richland, WA
- 13: **OTC** Masters Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Virtual Meeting
- 15-24: World Athletics Championships Oregon22, Hayward Field
- 25-31: USATF National Junior Olympics Meet, Sacramento, CA
- 27: **OTC** All Comers Meet, 4:30 p.m., Springfield High School

- 28: **OTC** All Comers Meet, 4:30 p.m., Springfield High School
- 28-31: USATF Masters Outdoor Championships, Lexington, KY

August

- 3: **OTC** Board Meeting, no board meeting this month
- 3: **OTC** All Comers Meet, 4:30 p.m., Springfield High School
- 4: **OTC** All Comers Meet, 4:30 p.m., Springfield High School
- 10: **OTC** Masters Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Virtual Meeting
- 11: **OTC** Monthly Run/Walk, 6:00 p.m., 5K, Dorris Ranch Park, 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.

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