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## Hayward Classic Set for May 7

The 37th Edition of the OTC Masters Hayward Classic is coming this Saturday, May 7, to Hayward Field! The meet features some of the top Masters athletes from Oregon, the United States, and beyond.

The meet is open to women and men ages 25 and older competing in five-year age groups. Sixteen different events will be contested with several athletes attempting national and even world age-group records.

There is an opportunity for individuals, companies, or organizations to sponsor individual events. Email [otc.masters@gmail.com](mailto:otc.masters@gmail.com) for sponsorship information.

There is no admission fee to watch the meet. The meet schedule and additional information are available [here](#).



*All Ages & Abilities Welcomed*

## OTC All Comers Meets Start June 29

The Oregon Track Club All Comers Meets begin June 29. These meets are a Eugene/Springfield summer tradition.

The eight community meets this year are open to all ages, and kids are especially encouraged to enter. All abilities are welcome.

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 held on Wednesdays and Thursdays from June through early August. **For those 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.**



[Read about registration](#)

## Enjoy the OTC Run/Walk Series



*Kris Pearce and Oliver Pearce (in the stroller) had fun at the OTC Run/Walk.*

The second OTC Run/Walk of the 2022 series was held at Alton Baker Park on April 14. After many cycles of rain/sun/rain that day, the rain finally stopped in time for the 6:00 p.m. start.

The dampness was conducive to some fast times with Peter Stice winning the 5K race in 16:18. Collette Richter was the female winner in the 5K with a time of 17:26. Impressive times were also run by local 13-year-old runners: Benjamin Kehrein ran 16:45 for second overall, and Gemma Tolputt was the second female at 19:08. In the 10K race, John Marx was first overall in a time of 41:20, and Mary Rebella was the first female in 49:11. Full results are listed [here](#).

[Read about the May Run/Walk event](#)

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## OTC Pre's Trail Run Will Offer Prize Money

For the first time, the historic OTC Pre's Trail Run will feature prize money to the top three male and female finishers! Prize money award categories are: 1st place \$200, 2nd place \$100, and 3rd place \$50. Awards will also be given to top finishers in each age group. All current OTC members will receive a special gift during packet pick-up.

The popular Eugene/Springfield event kicks off the Prefontaine Classic weekend on Thursday, May 26, with the starting gun going off at 6:30 p.m. The course will be on Pre's Trail starting in Alton Baker Park.

Online registration is now open [here](#). Both runners and walkers are invited to participate.

The pre-registration fee is only \$30 with day-of-race registration at \$35. The fee includes an exclusive Nike Dri-fit Pre's Trail Run T-shirt. The first 200 registered runners will receive a Pre Pint glass courtesy of The Paddock Bar and Grill. Packet pickup will be at the Nike Eugene store on May 25 from 4-7 p.m.

Pre's Trail is a four-mile bark trail named after the legendary University of Oregon and Olympic runner Steve Prefontaine. The trail is a Eugene Historic Landmark. This memorial run was first held in 1975, a few months after Prefontaine's death.



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## Pre Classic Youth Meet Is a Hayward Opportunity

Boys and girls ages 7 to 14 will have an opportunity to compete in a youth meet at Hayward Field prior to the [OTC/Nike Prefontaine Classic](#) on Saturday, May 28.

Participants will be able to compete in these events: 100m, 800m, long jump, and a turbo javelin throw. The athletes will compete in the following age groups: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, and 13-14. Two free general admission tickets to watch the world's greatest athletes compete at the Prefontaine Classic and a specially designed medal will be provided to each participant.



Registration is required, and the number of participants in each event is limited. [Go here to register.](#) There is no registration fee.

## The Butte to Butte is Just Two Months Away

We are just two months away from this year's Aquafina OTC Butte to Butte event, happening on Monday, July 4, 2022. The Butte to Butte is an Oregon Track Club fundraiser, with proceeds directly benefiting the Club's community programs. Register online at [buttetobutte.com](http://buttetobutte.com).

If you are not able to participate as a runner or walker, the event needs race-day volunteers. Most volunteer positions are less than three hours; please visit the event website to sign up. Thank you for your commitment and support!

Here are the current course records in the 10K and the 5K events. The times to beat in the 10K are 33:12, set by Alexi Pappas (F-24) in 2014, and 29:40, set by Joe Bosshard (M-26) in 2016. The course records in the 5K are 16:00, set by Elvin Kibet (F-26) in 2016, and 14:34, set by Damion Flores (M-25) in 2016.



*Matilda (Bib# 2400) and Mike Peixoto (Bib# 2401) are just two of the many runners and walkers who will be enjoying the Aquafina OTC Butte to Butte on July 4.*



## Wear OTC



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## Steve Prefontaine Named To the Collegiate Hall of Fame

Oregon track and field icon Steve Prefontaine will be inducted into the new Collegiate Athlete Hall of Fame for cross country and track and field athletes. The induction ceremony is scheduled for June 6 at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts in Eugene.

Prefontaine, along with 29 other former college stars, will be honored as the first class inducted into the new Hall of Fame.

A Coos Bay native, Prefontaine won five Pac-8 Conference titles and seven NCAA titles while competing for the Ducks. He broke his own or other American records 14 times before his death in 1975.

The Hall of Fame ceremony will be free and open to the public. [Go here](#) to read the University news release.

Plans for a permanent hall location for the Hall of Fame are being pursued.



## OTC Helped Sponsor The Oregon Sports Summit

The fifth edition of the Oregon Sports Summit, presented by the Eugene, Cascades & Coast Sports Commission, was held on April 7 at the Valley River Inn, Eugene, with over 90 in attendance. Oregon Track Club was an event sponsor, and OTC members Jill Mestler and William Wyckoff were Summit speakers.

The annual summit welcomed sports event planners, leaders of sports organizations, sports venue and facility operators, vendors, and others from the Oregon sports community for a full-day conference meant to educate, support, and inspire event planners to achieve success. The event offered a variety of breakout sessions covering topics such as Risk Management, Event Medical, Strategies to Maximize Participant Experience, Event Sustainability, and more.

Mestler and Wyckoff presented a breakout session entitled “Event Planning Core Concepts” which highlighted core topics of event management – volunteers, marketing, and event logistical planning. A helpful Q&A exchange followed the session.

[Read more about the Summit](#)



*Tom Jordan and Bettina Huber offer OTC information to a Sports Summit attendee.*



*William Wyckoff and Jill Mestler presented a program on Event Planning at the Sports Summit.*

## OTC Runner's Map

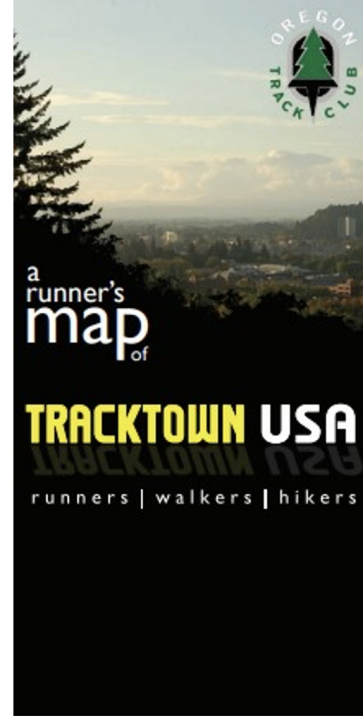


# Updated and Reprinted

The Oregon Track Club has updated and printed an additional 40,000 copies of the *Runner's Map of TrackTown USA*. The map shows runners, walkers, and hikers a variety of trails and paths around the Eugene/Springfield area. The routes have different distances and degrees of difficulty.

The maps are available on the [OTC website](#) and will be available at various distribution points yet to be determined.

Thanks to Calvin Brawner for creating the first map. Janet and Tom Heinonen and Chelsea Oda also contributed to the development of the map.



## Oregon Track Club Masters

### OTC Masters Hosts Reception for the UO Team

OTC Masters held its annual reception for the UO Track

& Field Team after the Hayward Premier meet on a beautiful day at Hayward Field. The reception continued a long-standing tradition of OTCM showing its support of the UO team by hosting a reception for its athletes after a Hayward Field meet. Courtesy of OTCM, the UO athletes enjoyed pizza, fruit, drinks, and cookies in the plaza in front of the stadium tower and Hayward Hall.

Special thanks to Trisha Kluge for organizing the reception and to other OTCM Board members for helping serve the UO team at this much-loved event.



*OTC Masters treated the UO team to pizza after a recent meet at Hayward Field.*

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## ***Oregon Track Club Masters***

# **Paul Slovic: Running Pioneer, Bowerman Shoe Tester**

*By Don McLean*

Paul Slovic, 84, always whip-smart, was first a passionate basketball player, constantly shooting hoops in the driveway with the neighbor kids, even in the brutal midwestern winters near his boyhood homes in Minnesota and Illinois.

His shooting skills made him a high school starter and got him an athletic scholarship at DePaul University in Chicago. When he later received an offer of admission as a transfer student to Stanford University, he didn't pass up that shot. Although the basketball coach at Stanford took a pass on Paul, he dazzled as a scholar. He scored a bachelor's degree, then a PhD in Psychology at the University of Michigan.

Slovic accepted a job offer at the Oregon Research Institute in Eugene. He started the job in April 1964 and is now with another institute, Decision Research. He is also a Professor of Psychology at the University of Oregon. Paul, father to Scott, Steve, Lauren, and Dan, was married to Roz Slovic for 62 years. Sadly, Roz passed away earlier this year.

Motivated by the Bowerman-inspired joggers he saw in the streets of Eugene, Paul started running in June 1964 and today continues his daily runs, albeit often slowed to a fast walk.



*Paul Slovic with an early pair of Nike shoes he tested for Bill Bowerman. They are now in the Nike archive.*

[\*\*Read about Paul testing Bowerman's new running shoes\*\*](#)

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## ***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 May and June 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.

May 1: [USATF Oregon Association 5K Race Walk Championships](#) and [Jim Bean Memorial 1500 Developmental Race Walk](#) and Race Walk Clinic, Rex Putnam High School Track, Milwaukie, Oregon

May 1 - 3: [USATF 1 Mile Virtual Challenge](#)

May 4 - 15: [USATF Half Marathon Virtual Challenge](#)

May 7: [Hayward Classic](#), Hayward Field, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon

May 7: [Linfield Open](#), Linfield University, McMinnville, Oregon

May 11 - 17: [National Senior Games](#), Ansin Sports Complex, Miramar, Florida

May 21: [USATF Masters 1 Mile Championships](#), Rochester, New York

[Read about the June meets](#)

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## OTC Needs Your Volunteer Support

*By John Truax, OTC Senior Vice President*

Oregon Track Club has started a new chapter. Over the last three years, the Club has put a renewed focus on growth through adding new programs, new faces on the Board, retail sales and merchandising, and a greater focus on our community.

It's encouraging to see these efforts bring new energy and excitement to the Club. We hope to continue to grow membership and involvement, not only by adding new programs, but also through taking a fresh look at some of our beloved traditional events to make them more engaging and draw greater participation.

With all eyes on Eugene, track and field season offers fresh opportunities to highlight OTC's visibility locally, as well as with the track and field and running community worldwide.

[Read about volunteer support](#)



## Track and Field is the Most Inclusive Sport



A note from Jessica Gabriel, Oregon22 Communications Director: We crested the milestone of 100 days to go to the World Athletics Championships last month, and the pace of work for the local organizing committee has increased accordingly. It's always nice to know what drives the members of our team during these busy times, so I asked our Communications Manager Ashley Conklin to share some of his story.

In a little over two months, the Eugene-Springfield area will be the focus of the sporting world with the World Athletics Championships Oregon22 kicking off July 15 and running through July 24 at the reimagined Hayward Field at the University of Oregon. It's definitely an exciting time to be part of the track and field scene in the Eugene-Springfield area, and as one of the many people on the local organizing committee help to pull off this event, it's a time of nervousness, excitement, trepidation, and flat-out glee that we're hosting the World Athletics Championships on U.S. soil for the first time.

I remember watching the first World Championships in 1983 on TV as a teenager. This was a remarkable thing to me, seeing a global sporting event solely dedicated to track and field. This was not the Olympics; it was even better because it was all track and field, all the time. And what a showcase that first Championships was with the U.S. sprinting dominance of Carl Lewis and Calvin Smith and Mary Decker's double triumph of winning the 1,500 meters and the 3,000 meters.

[Read the rest of Ashley's comments](#)

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## Events Calendar

Compiled by Wendy Montenegro



## May

1: Eugene Marathon & Half Marathon, 7:00 a.m., Eugene  
1-3: Better Together, Women and Sport Leadership Summit, VIRTUAL  
4: **OTC** Board Meeting, 7:00 a.m., Kidsports, Eugene  
6: Oregon Twilight, Hayward Field  
7: **OTC** Hayward Classic, Hayward Field  
11: **OTC** Masters Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Virtual Meeting  
12: **OTC** Run/Walk, 6:00 p.m., 5K Eugene  
13-15: Pac 12 Conference Championships, Hayward Field  
14: Veneta Celebration Run, 9:00 a.m., 10K, 5K, 1K Veneta  
15: Bark In The Park, 8:30 a.m., 10K, 5K, 2K, Eugene  
19-20: 1A, 2A, 3A High School State Championships, Hayward Field  
20-21: 4A, 5A, 6A High School State Championships, Hayward Field  
25-28: NCAA West Preliminary, Fayetteville, AR  
26: **OTC** Pre's Trail Run, Time TBA, 5K, Alton Baker Park  
26: Oregon Middle School Championship, Corvallis High School  
26: Prefontaine Classic Youth Meet, Hayward Field. See article in this newsletter  
27-28: **OTC**/Nike Prefontaine Classic, Hayward Field  
28: Ridgeline Ramble, 8:15 a.m., 20K, 10K, Eugene  
30: Miles On Memorial, 9:00 a.m., 15K, 10K, 5K, Relay, Eugene

## June

1: **OTC** Board Meeting, 7:00 a.m., Kidsports, Eugene  
4: USATF Oregon Association Masters Championship, Sam Barlow High School, Gresham  
6: Collegiate Athlete Hall of Fame Ceremony, Hult Center, Eugene  
8: **OTC** Masters Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Virtual Meeting  
8-11: NCAA Outdoor Championships, Hayward Field  
9: **OTC** Run/Walk, 6:00 p.m., 5K Eugene  
12: My Breast Friends, 10:00 a.m., 5K, Eugene  
16-19: National High School Outdoor Championships, Hayward Field  
18: McKenzie River Trail Run, 7:00 a.m., 50K, McKenzie Bridge  
18: Silvan Ridge Twilight, 6:00 p.m., 5K, Silvan Ridge Winery  
18: Peace Run, 9:00 a.m., 10K, 5K, Springfield  
18: Father's Day Prost Race, TBA, 8K, Springfield  
23-26: USATF Outdoor Championships, Hayward Field  
29-30: **OTC** All Comers Meets, Springfield High School

*Always confirm event with event host.*

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