

**Report to MTF from the
MTF Hall of Fame Committee 2016
Submitted by current Chair: Dr. Mary Trotto**

The following athletes/administrated were nominated to the 2015 Class of Inductees to the MTF Hall of Fame:

There were 85 ballots sent out to the Hall of Fame Committee, 52 ballots were returned, the committee again voted electronically via Survey Monkey. 45 voted on line and 7 voted via email. As a result of the voting the following athletes/administrators are recommended to be inducted into the 2016 Class of the Masters Hall of Fame:

Athletes

1. For the Women:

1. Renee (Henderson) Shepherd 2006 to present

Athlete Accomplishments:

AGE GROUP ATHLETE OF THE YEAR: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012

Renee Set two World Records and 9 American records

World Records:

Currently she holds the following World Records Indoor-60m- W50;

American Records:

Currently She holds the following Indoor American Records: 60m- W40.W45, W50; 200m- W40; W45

Outdoor American Records: 100m-W40 (tied with P.Raschker) 100m. 200m -W45

World Titles: W45 100M-2009; 200M-2009;

National Titles: Renee has won 30 national titles

Indoor 60m: 2007-2016; 200m 2007; 2008; 2010-2012; 2016

400M: 2010, 2016

Outdoor 100m: 2006-2010; 2012,2014; 200m: 2006-2007; 2009;2010;2012

400m 2009; 2012

#1 Ranking: 60m, 100 and 200 W40, W45. W50

For the Men; Athletes:

1. Bill Benson born 1919- Competed Track 1986 to 2016 died 2016

Athletic Accomplishments:

World Championships- 1989 -M65 10K XC team Gold

1999-M80 10K XC team Silver

National Titles: 800m, Mile, 3000m M75 1998 (I)

800, 1500, 5000m M80 2000 (O)

5000m M85 2004 (O)

Mile M85 2006 (i) Single age record

800, Mile M85 2007 (I)

Special Honors: 2014 Athlete of the Year 95+ and Paul Spangler Award recipient

Fifth Ave Mile – Finished 1st in Age group 11 times, and 4 2nd place.

At 80 new record of 7:56.4

At 90 set record of 11:35.6

#1 Ranking Indoor: Mile,1500 1996;800,1500 1999; 800,Mile 2006; 800, Mile, 1500m 2007;

#1 Ranking Outdoor: 800, 1500, mile, 5000m 2000; Mile 2001; Mile, 5000 2004; Mile 2005;

Bill ran road races from 1 mile through 5K and placed 1st in age M65 through M95 (too many races to list all here)

2. **Horace Grant DOB 1/15/1953 competed 1998-present (last time on Ballot)**

Athletic Accomplishments:

World Records: current

M60 800m indoor

M55 800m indoor

World Relay Records:

M60 4x800 outdoor

National Masters Outdoor Titles: 2013, 2008 M60 and M55 800m Olathe, Spokane

National Masters Indoor Titles: 2010, 2008 M60 and M55 800m Boston, Landover

M60 silver medalist Outdoor National Champion 800 Meters

Other National performances

2015, M60 Silver Medal 400, 800 Jacksonville, outdoor

2013, M60 Silver Medal 400m (second to HOF Bill Collins) Olathe, outdoor

2011 M55 Silver Medal 400m indoor Albuquerque

2008, 2006 M55 and M50 Silver Medal 800m indoor Boston

2007 M55 Bronze Medal 400m Orono

2005 M50 Bronze Medal 800m indoor Boise

WMA- NCC Regional Championship Titles -

2008 400M, 800M Clermont, FL

Rankings

Ranked #1 Indoor and/or Outdoors in the M55 800 Meters from 2008-2012

Ranked #1 M60 800 Meters in 2015 USA Indoors and #2 Outdoors

Inducted as an Administrator:

Pete Taylor (nominated as administrator- service to Masters T&F)

Pete is the color commentator and announcer for USATF masters Track and Field Championships. Many say he is the voice of Masters Track and Field.

Announcing: Outdoor Nationals: 1998,2001,2001,2004-2012; 2015,2016

Indoor Nationals: 1996-2004; 2006-2016

World Masters Championships: (one of the announcers)

1995-Buffalo, 1996 NCC WMA regionals Eugene

2000- Indoor Kamloops, Canada

Announced at Regional Meets, Southwerst Regionals, Hartshorne Memorial Mile

In addition to Announcing-

- Pete was the Penn Relay Masters Coordinator 1990's
Currently works with Phil Felton the Masters Coordinator at Penn Relay
- Correspondent for National Masters News – unpaid contributor
Wrote about the Hartshorne Mile and Penn Relays
- Masters Researcher for press releases to Bob Weiner for Indoor and Outdoor Nationals and World Championships. Helps Bob develop the stats for the press releases sent out to highlight top Master Athletes who will be competing at both Nationals and World Championships
- In 2008, Pete received the David Pain Distinguished Service Award for his many contributions to masters T&F.
- Honored numerous times by the president of the Mid-Atlantic chapter of USA Track and Field (Peter was president of the Philadelphia Masters Track Association for about 7 years).
- Since moving to Fairfax, Virginia, in 1993, Peter has received awards from the Potomac Valley Track Club for his assistance with meets offered by that club.