

2016 Masters Invitational Program Report

2016 Millrose Games

The Southwest Sprinters Women's 4x400 was victorious, in the 40+, 4:18.86, over Mass Velocity, 4:30.02, and Athena Track Club, 4:31.40. CPTC - New Balance was 4th in 4:40.69, and Bella N Motion was 5th, 4:48.05.

In the 50+ division, it was the We Are Athletics Racing team, winning in a close race, 5:01.22, over Northport Running Club, 5:01.83, followed by Philadelphia Masters 50+ A, 5:18.59, Philadelphia Masters B, 5:40.11, and Prospect Park Track Club, 5:41.37.

In the Men's 4x400 Meter Relay, the 40+ division results were unavailable.

In the 50+ division, Southwest Sprinters ran away from Greater Philadelphia, 3:39.88, to 3:46.84, followed by Mass Velocity TC, 3:50.32, and Shore AC, 4:20.32.

In the 60+ division, the Syracuse Chargers won, 4:18.70, over Mass Velocity, 4:24.17, followed by Shore AC, 4:30.09, Mass Velocity B, 4:38.11, and CPTC - New Balance, in 4:52.22.

Indoor Nationals (Portland, OR)

In the Masters Women's 1500M, Sonja Friend-Uhl (Atlanta Track Club) went to the front, and led wire to wire. (She won in 4:56.89)

Jennifer St. Jean ((Westchester Track Club) ran a strong race, finishing 2nd in 5:12.38.

She was followed by Chris Gentile, Jane's Elite, 5:25.68, Alice Kassens, Athena TC, 5:27.79, and Tania Fischer, Jane's Elite, 5:30.51.

In the Masters Men's 200M, the competitors took advantage of the World Class facility. Antwon Dussett, Southwest Sprinters, won with a time of 22.66, 2nd was Gavin Thorne, SoCal Track Club, 24.39, who held off Johnny Speed, 24.44, and Peter Haack, 24.49.

Carolina Club Challenges

The Carolina Club Challenge was a first year event in the Masters Invitational Program. The Meet Director offered one night accommodations for the Athletes.

In the Men's 800M, Kyle Lanier, TNT International, was first in 2:15.71, over teammate, and twin brother, Kareem Lanier, in 2:18.32.

In the Women's 1500M, Angee Henry, SoCal Track Club, won in 5:10.25, followed by Alice Kassens, Athena TC, 5:26.12, and Jill Vollweiler, SoCal Track Club in 5:39.34.

In the Masters Women's 200M, Angee Henry, SoCal Track Club, won in 25.27, over Toccata Murphy, Carolinas TC, 2nd in 28.53, and W-50 Competitor, Susan Lloyd, of Mass Velocity, 33.85.

This event will not be held in 2017 because the track facility will be resurfaced. We hope to bolster interest in this event for 2018. It will feature both a sprint and a distance event for both Masters Men and Women, respectively.

MASTERS HISTORY MADE AT OLYMPIC TRIALS

By Mark Cleary, Masters Invitation Director

The Masters Olympic Trials 1500 Meter events made history on Sunday, July 3rd, 2016. The Women's Field was won by Kris Paaso (Age 45) of Menlo Park, CA, Strava Track Club, with a time of 4:36.34, over Jennifer St Jean (Age 44) of Darien, CT, Westchester Track Club, who finished second with a strong kick in 4:43.06. The other 10 Women in the field ran between 4:44.23 and 5:01.99, and are as follows:

Grace Padilla	SoCal Roadrunners	4:44.23
Renee Tolan	unattached	4:44.90
Amory Salem	Cambridge Sports Union	4:45.37
Janet McDevitt	Club Northwest	4:51.82
Sylvia Mosqueda	Team Mosqueda Elite	4:53.66
Christy Peterson	Philadelphia Masters	4:55.05
Kimberley Chula-Maguire	Ronald McDonald House	4:56.53
Tania Fischer	The Janes Elite Racing	4:56.87
Chris Gentile	The Janes Elite Racing	4:57.79
Donna Mille-Honarvar	SoCal TC	5:01.99

The Men's race produced a (M50-54) American Record, with Brad Barton (Age 50) of Orem, UT, smashing his own record of 4:04, running 4:01.77 and finishing third overall, after leading the first half of the race. The eventual winner was Neville Davey (Age 45) of Sacramento, CA, West Valley Track Club, 3:57.67, over Randy Wasinger (Age 40) of Kansas City, KS, Kansas City Smoke, 3:58.30. The rest of the field was tightly packed with Peter Brady (Age 44) of Jersey City, NJ, Central Park Track Club - New Balance, (4:03.06), holding off John Gardiner (Age 44) of Rancho Santa Margarita, CA, Cal Coast Track Club, (4:03.41) and Mark Williams (Age 43) of Blairstown, NJ, Garmin Runners, (4:03.69). The other six competitors finished between 4:05.35 and 4:15.48, and are as follows:

Jon Keillor	T C Running CO	4:05.35
Jerome Vermeulen	Cal Coast TC	4:06.12
Lance Elliott	Run MN	4:06.17
Christian Cushing-Murray.	Cal Coast TC	4:07.15
Christian Blondin	Greater Boston Track Club	4:08.83
Andrew Duncan	unattached	4:15.48

Fans of Hayward Field and Track Town USA really were cheering loudly for these athletes. Mark Cleary, Masters Invitation Director stated, "I think we accomplished the goal of running the fastest, and deepest Masters 1500M races in history, not just in the US, but anywhere."

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Cleary, Masters Invitational Program

