

Throwing Events Subcommittee
Annual Report – 2016
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The focus of attention this year for the Throwing Events Subcommittee has been on:

1. Assisting with the throwing events scheduling and providing implements for the 2016 National Masters Indoor Championships.
2. Assisting with the throwing events scheduling and providing implements for the 2016 National Masters Outdoor Championships.
3. Providing assistance to the Local Organizing Committee for the 2016 USATF National Masters Throws Championships in Lisle, IL.
4. Supplying implements for the following meets:
 - a. East Region Indoor Championships (combined with New England Association Championships)
 - b. Southwest Region Indoor Championships
 - c. 2016 National Masters Indoor Championships
 - d. East Region Outdoor Championships
 - e. Potomac Valley Association Championships
 - f. Mid American Region Indoor Championships (combined with the Colorado Association Championships)
 - g. Rocky Mountain Masters Games
 - h. Potomac Valley Games
 - i. Delaware Throwers Classic
5. Conducting a site visit to assess the suitability of the facilities at the University of Texas at San Antonio for a future USATF Masters Throws Championships; the facility is excellent and will likely host the event in 2018.
6. Identifying potential sites for the 2017 (probably Worcester, MA) and 2018 (probably San Antonio) USATF Masters Throws Championships.

The 2016 USA Masters Throws Championships attracted 74 individual entrants, an excellent turnout considering the large number of major championships held earlier in the season. Sue Hallen and Ruth Welding (with some assistance from USATF Illinois) did a superb job of organizing the two-day event. The Throws Budget will provide a small amount of financial support to bring the meet to a break even point.

To encourage the development of the Ultraweight Pentathlon, the Throws Budget was used this year to partially support a project to create sets of stackable ultraweights that will be housed with the USATF Pacific Association, USATF Pacific Northwest Association, Texas Throwers Club, USATF Florida Association, and Potomac Valley Track Club. The weights were fabricated by students of masters thrower Tom Sputo at the University of Florida in Gainesville. All together, a total of eight new ultraweight sets were fabricated for use in the U.S. at a very reasonable cost of \$675/set.

During the course of the year steps were taken to create throwing statues that will be used for the major throwing awards. Statues were commissioned from a world-renowned Estonian sculptor named Tauno Kangro and will be available for viewing at the Convention in Orlando.

Also during the course of the year there was turnover in several of the membership slots on the Throwing Events Subcommittee. James Griffin replaced Bob Cahners representing the Southeast Region; Carol Finsrud replaced Roger Conboy representing the Southwest Region; George Mathews replaced Georgia Cutler representing the Northwest Region; and Linda Cohn replaced Bob Youngs representing javelin throwers. All of the new members have been quite active in committee deliberations over the course of the year.

The major awards of the Throwing Events Subcommittee were made this year to:

Lad Pataki Award – Carl Wallin
Ken Weinbel Award – Jerry Wojcik
Tom Gage Award – TBD in late November

In the coming year the major agenda items are

1. Selecting sites for future throws championships
2. Promoting additional regional throws championships (currently being held in the East, West, and Pacific Northwest regions)
3. Finalizing the bid document for future throws championships, something that has completely stalled for the past two years, with no additional responses from the National Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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