

2016 Combined Events Repot

The 2016 Indoor Combined Events Championship, heptathlon, was contested on January 30-31 at Carthage College in Kenosha, WI. This was the 20th anniversary of the event and meet director Jeff Watry provided all the competitors with commemorative t-shirts and hurdle gateboards. There were 38 competitors signed up and 37 started the competition. W40 Erika Pierce broke her own AR with a score of 4547 points.

The Indoor Pentathlon was in Albuquerque, NM on March 4 with 59 athletes registered. Rachel Guest W40 set an American Record with 3737 points. Other notable scores were W55 Vicki Fox 3151, W80 Irene Obera 3064, M55 James McCrimmon 3589 and M40 Jeferson Souza with 3762 points. The highly anticipated battle and probable AR between M60's David Ortman, Doug Osland and Larry Vollmer never occurred, much to my disappointment.

The Outdoor Pentathlon was held in Grand Rapids on July 14 with 83 registered competitors. There were 59 men and 24 women. This was the largest combined event field in recent memory.

The Outdoor Combined Events Championship was in Shoreline WA over two days on August 6-7. A Canadian W60 decathlon record was recorded by Nola Hendrie. Jeff Watry, co-chair of the Masters Combined Events and a 2016 inductee into the Masters Hall of Fame, was presented his HOF induction plaque in a Sunday afternoon ceremony. Congratulations, Jeff!

The 2017 Indoor Combined Events Championship will be at Carthage College in Kenosha, WI on January 28-29 while the Outdoor Championship will be at Slippery Rock University on June 24 – 25.

Steps have been initiated to form a combined events committee with individuals from around the country. More to come as the committee is developed.

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