

The Mid-America Region held two Championship meets in 2016. The Indoor meet was held in February at the United States Air Force Academy at its indoor facility. The outdoor championship was held in August at the Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO track facility . Both drew close to 150 competitors. The meets were successful because of the work of organizers Jim Weed, Sue Norton, Tim Edwards, George Soule and Christel Donley. We had outstanding officials supplied by the Colorado Association USATF, a number of whom officiated at the USATF Olympic trials. The competition at both meets was excellent with a world record set in the 70-74 age group by Art Parry at 3.35 meters at the outdoor meet (Note: because the University was unwilling to put the pole vault pit outdoors the pole vault was held indoors). Art was awarded the age graded pole vault award. The Above the Bar pole vault club helps to run the pole vault and the meet then allows high school vaulters to compete. As a result we had over 50 vaulters at the meet. We are beginning to see other Association beginning to hold Association Championships, generally coordinating with youth meets. The most active is the Missouri Valley Association, led by Larry Staton of the Shocker track club who held both indoor and outdoor meets plus a number of all comers meets. We continue to hold our championship in Colorado as we have not learned of any Association that is interested and has facilities that can actually handle all of the masters events in a one day meet.

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