I hope everyone has recovered from a very busy track & field season, because we’re already in the middle of the cross-country season. Springfield Country Club is again the site of the University of Oregon’s two big home meets, The Bill Dellinger Invitational (Oct. 2) and the NCAA Regional Meet Oct. 17. Check out the OTC or U of O web sites for all the details. Plan to attend and if you want to volunteer to help, call Mike Vermillion @ 541-517-2390 or me, Mike Olsen, @ 541-954-0314.

My thanks to Jill Mestler and Liz James and their crew of volunteers for putting on a great All-Comers series this summer. We had large crowds and enthusiastic participants. For the first time in memory we had to cancel one night of competition because the temperature was 106 degrees at meet time.

Our Marketing & Media, and Membership committees have been focused on improving some of the workings of OTC. We are looking at brand standards and graphic guidelines for our name and logos, which we never have had to regulate before. We plan to expand benefits for members and streamline our web site to be user-friendly with additional links to the track world. We want to add more OTC fun runs, some training opportunities, more discounts for some events, and involvement with the Eugene Marathon. It’s a work in progress by many people with great ideas.

Last month at the Arts and Technology Academy at Jefferson School, a new track was dedicated to honor OTC’s Margaret Johnson Bailes. She is the only student of Eugene’s District 4J schools to win a gold medal at the Olympics. The track was partially funded by a grant from Nike. The school district and OTC organized the dedication, with OTC funding a permanent sign about Margaret’s career.

Again I would like to thank all the members and volunteers who give so much time supporting OTC and all of our functions. It wouldn’t happen without your support.

– Mike Olsen,
President, Oregon Track Club

FRIENDS OF RIDGELINE

A key element in the long-term vision for our community is a public corridor of walking trails, open spaces, and natural areas along the southern fringe of Eugene. This Ridgeline Corridor is planned to extend from Hendricks Park and Mt. Pisgah in the east to the West Eugene Wetlands and Fern Ridge Reservoir in the west.

Over the last several years there has been significant activity along the Ridgeline Corridor, from acquisitions to trail improvements and planning processes. The Eugene Parks Foundation, in cooperation with the City of Eugene, will host a meeting of Friends of the Ridgeline Oct. 14 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hilyard Center, 2580 Hilyard St. in Eugene. Our agenda will address the following questions:

- What are the main results of a recently completed planning process for the South Hills portion of the Ridgeline Corridor?
- What is the current state of planning for the recently acquired Arlie extension that connects the Ridgeline Corridor to LCC, and how can you become involved?
- How close are we to realizing a publicly-owned Ridgeline Corridor, and where are acquisitions still needed to complete the corridor as envisioned?

Come to the meeting and find out answers to these questions and more. Speakers will include Jeff Krueger of LCOG; Philip Richardson, Neil Bjorklund and Lorna Baldwin from the City of Eugene, and John Winquist of the Eugene Parks Foundation. Find out how you can become involved in and influence the formation of a new citizens’ group we are calling Friends of the Ridgeline.

For more information contact Art Farley of the Eugene Parks Foundation at 683-1186.

– John Winquist
REMEMBERING MARV

Marv Rexius ran until the last week of his life yet lost his year-long battle with brain cancer on Aug. 24 at the age of 72.

A Eugene native, he ran in more than 20 marathons including New York and Boston and twice ran under 3 hours (when he was in his 50s)!

Years ago, he widened the one-time animal trail along the Amazon Creek in South Eugene, added cedar bark chips, and created the well-used Rexius Trail. Rexius Inc, of which he was Chairman of the Board, has continued to maintain the trail. A long-time supporter of the Oregon Track Club, Marv will be missed.

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Business memberships are $100 per year, include a family membership, and also include:
• Business listing in the Prefontaine Classic program
• Listing in OTC newsletters
• Listing and link on the OTC website
• Listing in OTC Membership Roster, sent to all OTC members

Applications for business memberships are available at www.oregontrackclub.org.

HOLD THIS DATE!

Saturday, July 3, 2010. That’s the date for the 36th edition of the Prefontaine Classic, and the first year as a member of the prestigious Diamond League of international meets.

Thanks to World Cup soccer, a window in July opened up for the Pre, assuring (hopefully) great weather on a holiday weekend. What won’t change is having the best athletes in the world compete at Pre.

The final rankings by All-Athletics.com places the Prefontaine Classic as the fifth-best one-day competition in the world in 2009. Our goal is to be even better in 2010.

Tickets will go on sale in early March, so check the preclassic.com website as that date approaches.

– Tom Jordan, Meet Director, Prefontaine Classic
ALL-COMERS SEASON A SUCCESS

The 2009 KEZI-9 All Comers season was a great success, serving hundreds of local youth and adult track and field fans each week for five weeks. Highlights of the season include: the meet's return to Hayward Field, several World Championships qualifying attempts, a Masters age group record in the mile, and countless heats of the youth 100 meters.

Each week more than 60 volunteers helped make the meets possible. A big thank you to the following people (In no particular order): Cathie Twomey-Bellamy, Bob Newland, Mike Olsen, Catherine Calbreath, Tom Heinonen, Janet Heinonen, Jerry Jackson, Erin Regali, Rob Scoggin, Yoshino Scoggin, Ken Scoggin, Kanna Scoggin, Jim Settelmeyer, Joyce Settelmeyer, Sam Settelmeyer, Teagan Settelmeyer, Terry Setchko, Brian Leeson, Larry Callaway, Dave O'Brien, Sheryl Kelly, Dave Wilkins, Dick Lamster, Dave Mattoon, Dave Coleman, Virginia Fast, Margie James, Debbie Canter, Dixie Cole, Joe Canale, Sukumaran Appalasamy, Celeste Kuta, Aaron Lamb, Jim Peterson, JuneAnn Locklear, Constance Locklear, Barb Hazen, Bob Livak, Kevin Lamb, Johnny Faerber, Geoff Thurner, K.C. Gillespie, John Gillespie, Charlie Fleishman, Jeff Hoskins, Dan West and members of Raising the Bar Pole Vault Club, Darrel Wilson, Lauren Graebner, Jamie Cox, Rick Mestler, CaraMia Mestler, Jackson Mestler, Vincent Mestler, Kelly Walk, Rich Walk and Albertsons community volunteers, Rita Radostitz, Hannah Radostitz, Sabella Radostitz, Aggie Picard, Sandra Natchitz, Lance Deal and members of the UO throws team, members of the Cottage Grove track team, plus many volunteers representing Track City Track Club and Emerald Valley Track Club, and countless others.

Thank you, volunteers!
– Jill Mestler (meet director) and Liz James (volunteer coordinator)

FINISHLYNX TIMERS NEEDED

Over the last 20 years I have spent many enjoyable hours up in the Crows’ Nest at Hayward field helping to operate the automatic timing system for the U of O track & field meets as well as for the State HS Championships, Hayward Field Classic and other events.

Since both Glenn Fortune (the other Finishlynx operator) and I now have our Medicare cards it’s time to start training our replacements. This is your chance to contribute to the Oregon Track Club and the U of O while having fun and creating memorable experiences. The time commitment is substantial but the rewards are great and the sense of accomplishment is unbeatable.

Here’s what we’re looking for: Someone who is relatively computer savvy, really enjoys track & field and is willing to commit to, and be able to, attend most of the U of O meets every year. We have two fully functioning systems so you will be able to get lots of hands-on training as the “back-up” timer before you’re put in the position of being the official timer. The system is very forgiving and has lots of built-in corrections when mistakes are made. There is currently a significant amount of set-up and teardown time required before and after each meet but we’re working on systems that will shorten that commitment.

What we are looking for right now is a level of potential interest from people – we need more than one person so don’t hesitate – who would like to spend significant time at Hayward and fill a position that is crucial to the smooth operation of the meets. Once you know more about the details of how things work you can decide whether this is the right thing for you.

Anyone interested should contact me, John Teising, at John@obpinc.com or call during business hours at 342-6277.

THANKS!
– John Teising, Finishlynx Timer

Descinda, Emily, Chelsea and Jordan placed 1st in their age group at the 4x100 Relay during the All-Comers Meets this summer.
The McKenzie Valley community now has a completed track! The polyurethane track surface was installed and striped after Labor Day, in time for a McKenzie Community Track and Field (MCTF) “Open House” last month for the community to celebrate and begin using the track. UO, OTC and OTC Elite coaches and athletes joined in the festivities.

The Aaron and Marie Jones Field is located 1/4-mile east of the McKenzie Schools on Blue River Drive. The facility includes the track, soccer fields and wetlands, all open to the community, school and visiting athletes. MCTF anticipates being able to host a number of track events this coming year and would welcome volunteers who would be willing to assist. It has been suggested that there be set times for walking and jogging so individuals can have group support; we welcome your ideas and suggestions!

The track has a great pedigree. It was designed to NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) standards by Cameron-McCarthy-Gilbert & Scheibe, Landscape Architects, who have designed a number of tracks including the redesign of the U of O’s Hayward Field. Eugene Sand & Gravel was the major contractor, and they have built a number of tracks including the redesigned Hayward Field. The “frosting” on the track is a 10 mm dual durometer, full-pour polyurethane surface (BSS 1000) developed by Beynon Enterprises. The surface was being installed by Atlas Tracks, Inc. The red rubber surface granules are embedded in an environmentally friendly polyurethane to create a shock-absorbing surface that is recognized by the IAAF (International Amateur Athletic Federation) as the premier track surface for training and performance. The Atlas BSS 1000 is one of the finest surfaces available and is highly attractive to elite athletes; the rest of us will enjoy the resilient surface, a level and safe setting for walking and jogging. The bottom line is that the McKenzie Valley has a facility that enhances our community.

In May of 2010 the infield grass and the native landscaping outside of the track will be established, and the formal dedication of the track will occur surrounding the District School Track Meet which will be held at the Aaron and Marie Jones Field. If you missed our September Open House, we hope you’ll join us in May.

– George A. Letchworth, Ph.D., McKenzie Community Track and Field

Open for business: The Aaron and Marie Jones Field is ready for runners and walkers.

MARKETING, MEDIA & MEMBERSHIP

The Marketing & Media and Membership committees have been meeting the past several months to look at ways to improve their effectiveness and to develop new programs that will allow OTC to better meet the needs of existing members and be appealing to prospective new members. An example of such a program is offering coaching opportunities to both runners and walkers. We are talking with area coaches to firm up details. Be watching the newsletter and the OTC website for more information.

We are working on updating the OTC website and hopefully will have some exciting news to share in the future. It is our hope that we will be able to accept payment online for membership renewals and new memberships. In addition we plan to provide an online payment answer for people wanting to buy OTC merchandise.

With the long term success of Oregon Track Club to include the successful hosting of the 2012 Olympic Trials, we feel it important to protect the integrity of the OTC brand. With this in mind we are working on developing a comprehensive brand standards document. This document would provide consistency to the use and application of the Oregon Track Club logo and provide visual identity to the organization in the many areas of track and field where it is involved as the leader or partner with other groups, institutions, corporations, clubs and organizations.

Specific to the membership efforts we are striving to be more effective in reaching out to individuals, families and businesses. We are working on a new brochure and application form that will detail all the many benefits (both current and new) of belonging to OTC. We are all excited about helping grow OTC’s membership and expanding the reservoir of talent of the club.

– Jim Williams, Chair, OTC Marketing & Media Committee
OREGON TRACK CLUB

2010 Membership Renewal ____ New ____

Note: All Junior Memberships purchased at the 2010 All-Comer Meets are valid through May 31, 2011. For any other membership category, if you join the club after September 21, 2009, your membership is valid through 12/31/2010

First Name ___________________________ Last Name ___________________________

Mailing Address ____________________________________________________________

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ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS FOR COUPLE/FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS:

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Child’s Name_______________________________________________ Birthdate______________

Additional Children at $5.00 each (includes a junior t-shirt at the All Comers Meets)

Child’s Name_______________________________________________ Birthdate______________

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Regular Open to persons age 19 and over and their families. Benefits include quarterly newsletter, discounts on OTC events and at area merchants, directory, annual (pizza) dinner and program.

☐ Individual ($25) ☐ Couple/Family with up to two children 18 & under ($35)

Masters Open to persons ages 30 or over and their families. Regular member benefits plus Masters monthly newsletter, meetings, and socials.

☐ Individual ($30) ☐ Couple/Family with up to two children 18 & under ($45)

Juniors Open to persons ages 18 and under. Benefits include free entry and a t-shirt at the Oregon Track Club All-Comers Meets.

☐ Individual ($20)

Business Benefits include: free family membership (check a box above); Business listing in the Prefontaine Classic Program, the OTC Newsletters, Membership Directory and on the OTC website with a link to your business.

☐ ($100)

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Questions? E-mail: Info@OregonTrackClub.org

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See our website for area discounts available to members. www.oregontrackclub.org

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MARGARET JOHNSON BAILES DEDICATES NEW TRACK

The following is a portion of the speech delivered by Janet Heinonen at the Margaret Johnson Bailes Track Dedication on Sept. 25 at ATA Jefferson School, Eugene.

OUR FINEST

It's fortunate that children at play are oblivious to the context of their times. Otherwise, we might not be here today.

As a 9-year-old girl in 1960, Margaret Johnson Bailes didn't know that competitive sports for women were generally discouraged, that women were barely a sideshow in the Olympics and were judged incapable of running anything other longer than 200 meters in the Games. Or that in her own town, there was no organization for sports-minded girls like the EBAA, the Eugene Boys’ Athletic Association.

She didn't know that boys who could run like the wind would win not only races but college scholarships and be honored by their towns while girls had no such prospects.

But Margaret knew that she loved to run – and fortunately the 100 and 200 meters suited her just fine.

If young women were discouraged by society from exploring their athletic talents at that time, Margaret was fortunate to live in a town with enough people whose love for track & field overrode some of society's restrictions. From the grade school track meets sponsored by the Eugene Active 20-30 Club to the Oregon Track Club's summer all-comers meets, young Margaret found plenty of opportunities to race.

She was fortunate to come under the guidance of Wendy Jerome, a young P.E. and sports psychology student at the University of Oregon who started her own girls’ track club, the Cinder-ellas, based in the Bethel area. Along the way Margaret would also run for the Central Lane YMCA Track Club, the Oregon Track Club, Wilson and Jefferson Junior High Schools, Churchill High School and the United States Olympic Team.

Margaret quickly made a name for herself.

It didn't take long for Frances Dicksen at Wilson Junior High to figure out that no matter how slow she was on the 4 x 100 meter relay, her team would NEVER lose because Margaret was on it. And South Eugene High's Sara Neill soon figured out that no matter how fast she and her teammates were, they would NEVER be able to beat Churchill's relay team with Margaret on it.

Her competitors knew her pure speed. And by her high school years, the clock was confirming what they knew. Clayton Steinke, timing the 100 at a high school meet, figured he must have made a mistake because he was looking at a world record on his watch.

Margaret Johnson Bailes as honorary starter for a race on a newly dedicated track.