



# ON TRACK

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## UPCOMING

- Feb. 8 – Truffle Shuffle**  
4 MI / 2MI, Eugene
- Feb. 14 – Couples Classic**  
5K, Eugene
- Feb. 28 – Fall Creek Run-Around**, 20MI/15K/5K, Lowell
- Mar. 14 – Run For The Shamrock**, 10K / 5K, Eugene
- Mar. 21 – Lucky Clover**  
10K / 5K, Springfield
- Mar. 28 – Shotgun Trail Blast**  
25K/15K/10K, Marcola
- Apr. 4 – Rippling River Run**  
5K, Eugene
- Apr. 11 – Oregon Marathon Relay**, Mar. Relay, Eugene
- May 2 – Eugene Marathon 5K**  
5K, Eugene
- May 3 – Eugene Marathon**  
Mar. / Half, Eugene

For these and other races, visit:

- www.goodrace.com
- Willamette Valley Road Runners
- www.wvroadrunners.org
- Oregon Road Runners Club
- www.orrc.net
- Eclectic Edge Racing
- www.eclecticedgeracing.com

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we begin 2009, we can look back at an incredible year. Whether it was track & field, cross country, the Pre Classic, Butte to Butte, fun runs, all-comers meets, or the Olympic Trials, it has been an amazing year for Oregon Track Club members and volunteers. I think we did a great job making Eugene the Track Capital.

There are so many people to thank for their efforts:

Vin Lananna, Greg Erwin, and Dave Taylor for heading up the Eugene 08/Olympic Trials. It was indeed a spectacular event enjoyed by athletes, spectators, and our wonderful volunteers.

Vin Lananna and Dan Steele and their staff for an incredible indoor, outdoor, and cross country season that brought home an NCAA National Championship.

Tom Jordan and the Prefontaine Classic that filled the stands for a fantastic and entertaining afternoon of track and field.

William Wyckoff for putting on a hugely successful Butte to Butte. Geoff Hughes, Bill Brigmon, and the City of Eugene for having Pre's Trail in top condition for the Olympic Trials. Jill Mestler and Liz James for directing the OTC all-comers meets and partnering with the City of Eugene to showcase them during the Trials.

The club also says a huge thank you to Barbara Kousky and Tom Jordan of Northwest Event Management which closed its doors last month. I don't think there has been a track function in Eugene they haven't been involved in since the late 1980s and they supported OTC with many of our administrative functions, becoming our de facto club office. Thanks, Tom and Barbara, for your support and hard work!

Oregon Track Club and OTC Elite welcomes Rob Vermillion to the position of OTC Administrator. Rob and his staff will be assisting OTC with daily operations for the club.

I give special thanks to Coach Frank Gagliano of the OTC Elite program for promoting OTC around the world. Unfortunately

Gags and wife Robbie have left the area to be with family in New York. I want to wish him and his family the best. Replacing Gags will be Mark Rowland, of England, who won a bronze medal in the steeplechase at the 1988 Seoul Olympics. A big welcome to Mark and his family.

2009 will be filled with a full schedule of track and field, including the Pepsi Invitational, UCLA men's dual, the Pac-10 Championships and NCAA Regionals. I look forward to seeing you at Hayward Field this spring for a big-meet season highlighted by the USATF World Trials.

Our annual meeting is scheduled for February 10th in the Pittman Room at the Casanova Center. Plan to attend. (See details below.) Remember to re-new your membership and I wish everyone a Happy New Year!

*Mike Olsen, President*

## OTC ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR FEB. 10

The OTC Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10, in the Pittman Room in the University of Oregon Athletic Department's Casanova Center (2727 Leo Harris Parkway). Parking is available in the Casanova Center lot (off Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway) or in the Moshofsky Center lot (off Leo Harris Parkway, across from the dog park in Alton Baker Park).

There has been a change to the program—the reception honoring Tom Jordan and Barbara Kousky has been postponed.

The evening will begin with dinner at 5:45 p.m. in the Pittman Room.

### Schedule

5:45 p.m. Dinner begins  
(Pittman Room)

6:15 p.m. OTC Annual Meeting begins

### BUSINESS MEMBER PROFILE : WILDISH LAYS FOUNDATION FOR TRACK & FIELD

In 1935, Thomas C. Wildish, his wife Verna, and ten of their children loaded into the family's car and pickup truck and headed for Oregon from their farm in the drought-stricken plains of North Dakota. When the family arrived in Eugene, T.C. Wildish traded his pickup for a dump truck and began hauling sand and gravel. Today it's virtually impossible to go anywhere in our community without passing on, or over, or by something built by Wildish.

Wildish has four main operating companies – Sand and Gravel, Construction, Paving and Building – which have laid underground utilities, poured foundations and driveways, surfaced community streets, smoothed out our highway system, and built our bridges. Wildish has also built many civic landmarks, including the Eugene airport, LTD's downtown bus station, and the expanded Autzen Stadium. Current and recently completed projects include site work at RiverBend Hospital, reconfiguring the street system around the new federal courthouse, Jefferson Middle School's Track, the Bob Straub

Parkway, LTD's EMX transit way and replacing bridges at the Goshen I-5 interchange.

Wildish has been a longtime business member and supporter of the Oregon Track Club. In 1986 the company reconfigured the Hayward Field Track oval from 440 yards to 400 meters and also renovated the infield. More recently, they have been involved in Pre's Trail improvements. In preparation for the 2008 Olympic Trials they completed the asphalt project at the south end of the track giving it a "clean" look for fans and athletes. Jim Wildish, company president, said "We were pleased to be a sponsor of the Olympic Trials and to help improve Hayward Field for the event. What a tremendous success it was and a great time for everyone who participated. There is no place like Track Town, USA!"

OTC thanks the Wildish companies for all their efforts to promote track and field. Today the fourth generation of the Wildish family is involved in the business that began with a single truck, grew into a multifaceted construction firm, and has made our community a better place to live in more ways than one.

### THANKS TO OTC BUSINESS MEMBERS!

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ABD Insurance & Financial Services  
Ameriprise Financial  
Brown Contracting, Inc.  
Byrke O. Beller MD, LLC  
Cambria Sportswear  
Cameron McCarthy Gilbert & Scheibe  
Capper's Frames & Prints, Inc.  
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City of Eugene  
Committed Partners for Youth  
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Lane County Oregon  
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Gill Athletics  
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Gorilla Capital  
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& Sherlock, P.C.  
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& Finan. Service  
KEZI, Inc.  
Lane County  
Laurie L. Clark - Family Law Attorney  
Leahy, Van Vactor & Cox, LLP  
Let's Move Fitness, LCC  
Lile/Eugene Moving & Storage  
Locklear Leatherworks LLC  
Market of Choice  
Mike Fanelli  
National Fire Fighter  
OBEC Consulting Engineers  
Olson & Morris  
On Track  
Oregon Research Institute  
Pacific Benefit Planners  
Pacific Continental Bank  
Pacific Headwear

Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Eugene  
Piney Run Capital, LLC  
Postal Pharmacy  
Prichard Partners, Inc.  
Quantum Recruiter's, Inc.  
Random Lengths  
Rexius  
Runnin' Wild  
Sightline, LLC  
Slocum Orthopedics, PC  
Smith & Crakes Insurance  
SportHill  
Springfield Chamber of Commerce  
Sterling Savings Bank  
The Carpet Company  
The Erwin Martin Rexius Group at Smith Barney  
The Eugene Marathon  
The Hatton Home Team - Bend Real Estate, Inc.  
The Inner Sunset Group  
The Innovative Print Group, Inc.  
The Nike Store  
Timber Products Company  
Todd Bosworth Smith Barney  
Trips, Inc.  
Trisha Kluge, LMT  
Tyree Oil, Inc.  
University of Oregon Bookstore  
Valley River Inn  
Wildish Land Company  
World Wheelchair Sports  
*Applications for business memberships are  
available at [www.oregontrackclub.org](http://www.oregontrackclub.org).*

## STATE OF OREGON

For Track Town, USA, 2008 was a year that will never be forgotten. We celebrated amazing moments on the track and on the cross-country course and these moments would not have been possible without the many contributions of OTC members.

It has been wonderful to see so many members of the OTC faithfully cheering for our athletes, getting up early on weekends to officiate, and dedicating countless hours to advancing the sport of track and field with grassroots programs. Your presence at competitions, at the NCAA cross country championship viewing party in the EMU to celebrate with our teams, and the many other places you show your support means a great deal to our student-athletes and staff. Many of you have chosen to stop by the office or call me; we appreciate you keeping in touch and hope that you will take part in the Track Town Halls when they resume in this quarter. Thank you for your support and making an amazing year like 2008 possible.

As exciting as 2008 was, we look forward to another great year in 2009 with a line-up of events that is unmatched in the country. Building on the momentum of this fall's success, the Ducks are back on the track for the indoor season and preparing for an outdoor season centered on exciting meets at Hayward Field.

The first chance to see the 2009 team at home will be the Oregon Preview on March 21. On April 4, Oregon hosts Indiana, Kansas State, and Utah State in the exciting, team-scored Pepsi Invitational. The Men of Oregon host the UCLA Bruins on April 18 in a dramatic and intense dual meet and the Ducks will need the support of the home crowd as they write the next chapter of this storied rivalry. The Oregon Relays presented by Oregon Community Credit Union will feature some of the nation's best professional, collegiate, and high school athletes, April 24-25. Take a Kid to the Meet Night, featuring the middle-school mile, a Kids' Half-Lapper and other children's activities, will be the Oregon Twilight on May 9. The Twilight will follow the first day of competition of the Pac-10 Heptathlon/Decathlon Championships, which will conclude on Sunday.

On May 16-17, the Pac-10 Championships return to Hayward Field as the Men of Oregon look to defend their team title for the second consecutive year and the women return after their best

## UO TRACK AND FIELD 2009 SCHEDULE

Feb 6-7 ..... New Balance Collegiate Invitational  
 Feb 14 ..... Husky Classic  
 Feb 27-28 ..... Mountain Pacific Championships  
 Mar 7 ..... Husky Last Chance Qualifier  
 Mar 7 ..... Iowa State Qualifier  
 Mar 7 ..... Notre Dame Last Chance Qualifier  
 Mar 13-14 ..... NCAA Indoor Championships  
**Mar 21 ..... Oregon Preview**  
 Mar 25-26 ..... Big Green in the Desert Heptathlon/Decathlon  
 Mar 27-28 ..... Stanford Invitational  
**Apr 4 ..... Pepsi Team Invitational Indiana, Kansas State**

Pac-10 finish in 15 years. Mark your calendars for the 3rd Track & Field Homecoming on Saturday, May 16, after the first day of Pac-10 competition.

The road to the NCAA Championships will run through Track Town as teams from around the west come to the NCAA West Region Championships, May 29-30. The Ducks will need the support of the home crowd to advance as many individuals and relays to the NCAA Championships as possible.

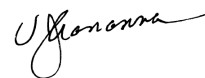
Two and a half weeks after the Prefontaine Classic on June 7, America's top athletes return for the U.S. Trials for the World Championships. University of Oregon season ticket holders have the first opportunity to retain their seats for the U.S. Trials. Season ticket renewals or new purchases are available now at GoDucks.com or 1-800-WEBFOOT. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Oregon Athletics Ticket Office at 1-800-WEBFOOT.

Hosting so many of the nation's top meets is vital to building upon our unique community identity as Track Town, USA. This identity is a source of pride for the whole community – from the young child taking her first steps on the Hayward Field track to the Olympic hopeful training to achieve his athletic dreams.

We have a great opportunity to capitalize on the excitement in and interest for the 2008 Olympic Trials to continue building our identity. This year, I encourage you to introduce someone new to your love of the sport... bring a child to Take A Kid to the Meet night or invite a neighbor to the Pac-10 Championships. Together we can create a positive, enthusiastic atmosphere for the 2009 season and build toward the future events at Hayward Field – the 2010 NCAA Championships, the 2011 Trials for the World Championships, and in 2012, the Olympic Trials.

Thank you again for all your support. I look forward to seeing you at the track this spring!

Sincerely,



Vin Lananna, Associate Athletic Director,  
University of Oregon

Apr 15-16..... Azusa-Pacific Heptathlon/Decathlon  
 Apr 17-19..... Mt. SAC Relays  
**Apr 18 ..... UCLA**  
**Apr 24-25 ..... Oregon Relays**  
 May 2..... Cardinal Invitational  
**May 9..... Oregon Twilight**  
**May 9-10 ..... Pac-10 Heptathlon/Decathlon**  
**May 16-17 ..... Pac-10 Championships**  
**May 29-30 ..... NCAA West Regional**  
 Jun 10-13..... NCAA Championships

*For complete & updated information, please visit [www.goducks.com](http://www.goducks.com).*

### NORTHWEST EVENT MANAGEMENT: LOOKING AHEAD

After 21 years, Barbara Kousky and Tom Jordan have closed the doors at Northwest Event Management. However, that doesn't mean they are fading away into the sunset (besides, who has seen a sunset recently?).

Barbara will still be officiating at UO meets, and can be reached at the former NEM number, 687-1989. Her email remains the same: bktrack@nwevent.com.

Tom will continue the meet directorship of the Prefontaine

Classic, and he can be reached at 517-5450. His email remains tjordan@nwevent.com.

Tom suggests OTC members check out the revamped Pre Classic website at preclassic.com.

Thanks to everyone who has helped over the years with the 11 major championships, the Butte to Butte, Pre Classic, and Olympic Trials. It's been a great run!

*Barbara Kousky and Tom Jordan*

### GRASSROOTS GRANTS TO TRACK CITY CLASSIC, BETHEL, SHELDON

The Oregon Track Club and Grassroots Grant Committee is pleased to announce the award recipients for the 2009 Grassroots Grants:

**Track City Track Club:** Award will be used to reinvigorate the Track City International Classic, serving large numbers of local and regional youth and showcasing the club's ability to put on a successful and exciting meet.

**Bethel Elementary and Middle School Track Program:** Award will help West Eugene's low-income students participate in track and field. This is an area of Eugene the committee felt could use some promotion of the sport. The grant money allotted to this program would directly benefit the youth of West Eugene, helping cover participation, uniform and transportation costs.

Last year, over half the program's 485 participants received some sort of participation fee scholarship or waiver.

**Sheldon High School Track Program:** Award will help with the completion of their field event areas, replace damaged hurdles and javelins and cover additional equipment needs necessary for practice and competition (starting blocks, carrying carts, etc). Sheldon hosts many meets serving a variety of youth throughout the season (relays, duals, quads, middle school meets, districts). In addition, the facility is widely used by the community, serving all ages during all seasons.

The grant money will be used to upgrade the facility which receives a great deal of wear year round.

2010 Grassroots Grants Applications are available online at [www.oregontrackclub.org](http://www.oregontrackclub.org) in June and are due prior to August 31, 2009.

*Liz James*

### OFFICIALS SELECTED FOR USATF CHAMPIONSHIP

The Oregon Track Club is privileged to host the 2009 USATF National Track and Field Championship (World Trials) in June. During the USATF annual meeting held in December the 144 officials and alternates who will be working the meet were selected.

Oregon Track Officials are well represented with 21 selected to work. This is an increase from last year. Four of our officials were chosen for leadership roles.

Nine of our officials have worked national championships outside of Eugene. Some have worked five or six national championships over the course of their officiating careers. One of our officials, Dennis Davis, has officiated for more than 50 years. He has worked three Olympic Trials, numerous national championships, and hundreds of high school and college meets.

The following officials selected for the 2009 USATF championships are a representative cross-section of our group:

- Wade Bell – Assistant Head Clerk of Course
- Don Nau – Alternate on the Clerk of Course crew
- Dave O'Brien – Women's Head Discus Official

- Terry Trammell – Finish Line Official
- Nan Dove and Richard Kallunki – Alternates to the Finish Line crew
- Georgia Cutler and Dan Heyerly – Hammer Officials.
- Bill Kelly – Head Women's High Jump Official
- Jim Long – High Jump Official
- Michael Speer – Alternate on the Inspector of Implements crew
- Bettina Huber – Javelin Official
- Ishmael Acosta, Jim Bean, and Carol McLatchie – Marshals
- Michael Nease – Pole Vault Official
- Marie VerMeer – Race Walk Official
- Dennis Davis – Shot Put Official
- Robert Latham – Head Umpire
- Jim McLatchie – Umpire
- Greg Simdars – Wind Gauge Official

*– Dennis Olafson, Coordinator of Oregon Officials*

**OREGON TRACK CLUB**

**2009 Membership**

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_

Note: All Junior Memberships purchased at the 2008 All-Comer Meets are valid through May 31, 2009. For any other membership category, if you join the club after October 1, 2008, your membership is valid through 12/31/2009

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS FOR COUPLE/FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS:**

Spouse's/Partner's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Children at \$5.00 each (includes a junior t-shirt)**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

**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-Comer 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)

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_



**OTC MERCHANDISE**

T-shirts, hats and pins are available. See our website for complete details. [www.oregontrackclub.org](http://www.oregontrackclub.org)

**MERCHANT DISCOUNTS**

See our website for area discounts available to members. [www.oregontrackclub.org](http://www.oregontrackclub.org)

**DONATIONS**

I would like to make a donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Butte to Butte
- Pre's Trail Maintenance
- All-Comer Meets
- Track & Field Officiating
- Road Races
- Other \_\_\_\_\_



Annual Roster: The Club publishes an annual roster for its members. If you do not wish any or all of the following information to be published, please circle the information which you want **omitted**:    Name    Address    Day Phone    Evening Phone    Email

Questions? E-mail: [Info@OregonTrackClub.org](mailto:Info@OregonTrackClub.org)

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