

CANADIAN MASTERS INDOOR T&F CHAMPIONSHIPS

Six BC Masters athletes travelled to Toronto this past weekend to compete in the Canadian Masters Indoor Track and Field Championships at York University. It was only a small group of BC athletes but they did extremely well. The meet attracted over 200 athletes, mostly from Ontario. The Greyhounds Masters T&F Club women's team won 19 Gold medals and despite having only a 3-member team, won the Women's Team Title with 149 points. The University of Toronto TC finished second among the 31 women teams, with 127 points.

Christa Bortignon and Deborah Lee won all of their events. Christa, who is 79, won 6 Gold medals and if she duplicates her performances next year, her 60m, long jump and triple jump results will be new world records in the W80 age group. Deborah won 7 Gold medals and set a new Canadian record in the W65 50m hurdles. Six of her 7 results were new meet records. Rachel Fouladi won 6 Gold and 2 Silver medals and set a new Canadian record in the W45 50m hurdles.

Three BC men competed in this meet. David Dickey, another Greyhounds Masters member, won 4 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. Adding David's points, the 4-member Greyhounds Masters Club finished 3rd overall among the 54 clubs that competed. Mark Pinkard, a Kajacks member, won 3 Gold and 1 Bronze medals in the M55 age group. Competing unattached, Dmitry Babenko won the M40 1500m Race Walk with a time which was less than 1 second of his Canadian record.