

## **2018 BC MASTERS T&F CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 2018 BC Masters Track and Field Championships were hosted by the Langley Mustangs from June 15-17. The masters championships were held in conjunction with the Pacific Invitational Meet at Langley's McLeod Park. The competition was excellent with about 425 entries in the Masters events. The weather conditions were excellent with the temperature reaching 30 degrees on Saturday and Sunday.

There were 15 BC Masters records broken with 4 of these being Canadian records. Another BC record was tied. Monica Pomietlarz broke the listed Canadian record in the high jump (1.38m) and discus (25.97m). However there is a Canadian record pending in the W55 discus. The other Canadian records were in the Race Walks with Dmitry Babenko breaking the M45 3000m race walk record (12:58.99) and Renate Cheetham setting a new standard in the W80 3000m race walk (25:22.03).

Bakhshish Dhillon broke two BC Masters records in the M80 hammer (35.24m) and weight throw (13.56m). Karl Mey also broke two M80 BC records in the 80m hurdles (20.40) and 200m hurdles (42.87). Other BC Masters records were broken by: Tom Ukonmaanaho M70 100m (14.00), Patty Szybunka W60 100m (14.55), David Guss, a new comer to BC, M55 3000m (9:44.20), Olesea Chitul W40 80m hurdles (17.22) and Barrie Dargie M70 steeplechase (9:57.60). Bill Fisher tied the BC M65 pole vault record (2.80m)

Two BC records were broken in the 4x100m relay. The M50 team of Jess Aujla, Rob Smith, Mike Bradecamp and Steve Colbert (49.80), and the W45 team of Tamara Robertson, Cindy O'Brien Hugh, Karen Sieben and Patti Rogers (1:00.09).

The Masters athletes extend a huge 'thank you' to the Langley Mustangs, officials and volunteers for all of their hard work over the three days.