

Comments after the 2017 NCCWMA/CMA Championships

Wow! All three tracks. Scheduling will be interesting, to say the least. I have a hard time understanding the transit schedules. Even the names, like Zum and Viva, are a mystery to me. When I rode the streetcars with my mother in the 50's from Victoria Park it all seemed so easy. Well, it'll be an interesting dry run for 2020 for the athletes for sure.

Here's my chance to say again, thanks for all your work, I admire your even keel temperament in the face of stress that would be very difficult for me to deal with. I caught the comment from Mike Travers and one from Rob Jerome. I'm not the only one noticing your remarkable skills. From my first conversation with you in July 2005 when after the double holiday of Canada Day and Independence Day you let me run despite having not yet received my entry through the mail, you and the Canadian track community has been welcoming, encouraging, and fun to know. You make me proud of my Toronto roots!

Thanks again so much for your stupendous efforts and achievement in putting on this year's NCCWMA event - and many congratulations on the winning bid for 2019.

Best wishes,
George

Bro, Great job. Loved the pic at the end. Love to give input if you would like. Great event. Great food at athlete event.

Kudos. Lil Sis

Thank you. It was nice meeting you. I had a great time
Nadine

Our paths didn't cross last weekend but I wanted to thank you and congratulate you and your army of volunteers on a great meet. Maybe we'll see you at x-c this fall.

Mike

Terrific event!! Can't wait to come back.

It was awesome. One of the best all-round meets I have been too...

Kudos
Chip

You all did a great job considering you had a very limited time to put it all together. Sherry and I plan to be back in 2019 and again in 2020. We will see you in Spain.

Tom

Just wanted to thank you for yet another great meet. Observing you ping-ponging all over the place, yet staying in control the whole time, I was very impressed. Hope you had time to enjoy a few cervezas, even if you had to wait until after the meet was over.

Please pass on our thanks to the volunteers, and my apologies, and belated thanks, to the high jump officials who had already left by the time I returned from icing an injury.

We were impressed by the caliber of the competition, and by how well you ran things.

Well done,
Deborah

Enjoyed the meet, your team did a great job (especially with the Tennis event going on at the same time), a lot of fun, and a very nice facility.

James

Just wanted to say thank you for organizing a wonderful meet. Everything was well organized and the volunteers were friendly and accommodating. And your communication work was spot-on. Much appreciated and thanks again for putting on a great meet!

Matt

M46 High Jumper

Thanks for putting on the meet this weekend in Toronto. Amazing work on such short notice. I love that track. The mezzanine and causeway are great places from which to watch a track meet.

Thanks again,

Terry

Great meet, amazing officials and volunteers

Pam

Thank you for organizing a great meet. We'll be back in 2019 !

Howard

M70 pole vault , hurdles and sprints

You all did an excellent job. We had a great time. I wish I could thank every official and volunteer personally, as well as fellow athletes who supported me.

We can't wait to come back. It's great having it to look forward to.

Woody

Congrats on winning both bids! Sorry we did not get a chance to meet in Toronto. Every time I had you in sight you were engaged in running the meet. Anyway, it was very well done and I look forward to coming back. This was the first meet in a long time that I walked away from the HJ pit without limping! That's a great sign.

Jim

Your group did a fine fine job hosting the NCCWMA Championships this year. Thanks for taking it on. I for one, like to stay in the dorms so am glad that was an option.

E. Drumright

Evergreen, Colorado

This is great news! Thanks for the good job on 2017 NCCWMA. Toronto was a blast. I'll be back.

Jim

USA M65 Sprinter

Just a note to thank you and all your crew for a great event. Your volunteers were terrific and kept cool throughout.. A classy timing system.

Chris Rush, USATF Adirondack Assoc.

Thanks to you and your team for a great experience.

Doug

I have been to a bunch of these big meets and there are always complaints about the conduct of the meet, officials, etc. I heard ZERO complaints. You and your staff nailed it!

Jim

Just a quick Thank you and applause for a job well done.

The meet flowed seamlessly and from everyone I've spoken to it was much enjoyed.

It must have been good experience for you to prepare for the two big ones coming up in 2019 and 2020.

Well done

Ralph

It was a great meet. Very, very well organized. Great job and I'm coming back.

Gary

I personally thank you for all your efforts in making it top-notch weekend for all the athletes, officials, volunteers and university staff. I'm looking forward to 2019, which I know be even more extensive and timewise...the calendar will be more friendly LOL!!

What you are able to do in such a short window speaks volumes and you should be proud.

Thanks for your commitment, dedication and boundless energy!

Daryl

Great meet. Had lots of fun and everything went smoothly.

Urith

What a fabulous meet you put on.... thank you so much. Love ya buddy. Can't wait for next one

Roger and Diane

Loved meeting people from other countries and provinces. I think the meet was a success and will compete if it is just one or both. Once again I thank all of the volunteers and yourself for the amazing work you have done for the meet and the past many years.

Patty

Just wanted to thank you for the terrific job you did on both meets these last 2 weekends.

Although I didn't make it to the Ontarios (an injury) I was there on Sat. & Sun. for the Can/NCCWMA's and it all looked extremely well-run and very successful. Maybe the best of all was meeting so many more athletes and consolidating friendships with my 'western' race walker buddies. It was also really nice to finally meet John Seto (since I'm a real fan of Masters Rankings).

Kris

Congratulations to Doug Shaggy Smith and the organizing committee and volunteers for putting on such a well run event. It was a fantastic weekend.

Liz

Thank you to you and all the other organizers and volunteers who put on the fantastic meet last week. It was my very first Master's competition and it was so much fun! The facilities were top notch and the volunteers, officials and participants were friendly and so helpful.

I'm so glad I've taken up track in my old age.

I look forward to attending many more events in the future. I know that the 2019 NCCWMA and 2020 World's in Toronto will both be incredible events and I hope I will be able to attend.

Breta

Re: Medals,

Yes, I did get them both thanks. They are also the nicest medals I have ever received!

Peter

I wanted to drop you and the team a quick note of thanks for the splendid meet you put on this past weekend. Most of the master's events I have attended have been very disorganized but this was by far the most well-run event I've had the pleasure of competing in.

Looking forward to 2020. Thanks again.

Mark

First of all, the NCCWMA Toronto meet was fantastic!! I thought the officials and administration were appropriately laid back but helpful, and did a super job while treating the athletes with respect.

Thank you for a job well done!

Jeff

What a great meet! It was my first time competing outside the U.S. and I must say you set the bar high!
Officiating and volunteers - First class
Website/Information on the meet - First class
Track facility - First class
Organization of the meet - First class
I will be looking for reasons to get back to Canada and compete.
Joe

You and your crew of officials and volunteers did a great job with the meet! As a track official and race director myself, I know of the difficulties of putting on events and can appreciate all of the efforts that were made on behalf of the athletes! Even the on campus housing worked out perfectly. I'm looking forward to coming back up again soon for the Canadian Masters indoor meet and 2019 and 2020.
Thanks for everything!
Phil

I wanted to send a note of many thanks and gratitude for the outstanding, exemplary, and fun NCCWMA meet you and everyone associated with Canadian Masters Athletics ran this past weekend. Everyone from T&F athletes to volunteers enjoyed the whole weekend despite the intermittent downpours. We couldn't ask for better meet. I look forward to the big one coming in 2020 and I know that that one will be run just as well. The hospitality and friendliness of everyone made for a great and successful weekend.

One last important note. Kudos needs to be given to the fellow in charge of the medals. The reason is that when I came to collect my medal for the 100m that I won, I indicated that when I run I represent the name of fallen (KIA) USA service member in the Medals of Honor program and ask that an extra medal be donated in honor of that fallen service member's family should I win a medal. I then send the medal to MedalsofHonor.org to be then sent to the family. After listening to me explain the program, without hesitation he graciously donated an extra gold medal understanding fully the cause and worth of the program, since he was a former service member. I appreciate his kindness and I'm sure the family will as well.

Again, thanks for the great meet and "Lets go Rangers!"
Michael

Thank you so much. I really appreciate the work you did to put the meet on. I had a great time and so did my sister. My mother had competed in this meet back in the early 90's and I have her medals from it. My sister went and watched her compete. It was very nostalgic for both of us to be competing in the same meet together that my mom had competed in. She was a very good masters thrower and our first coach.

We are looking forward to returning in 2020.
Thanks again for everything,
Linn
P.S. You had some very good officials at this meet.