

## Carolina T&F Club Wins Team Title

### **Hosner, McBarnette Set WRs at Southeastern Meet**

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The longest continuously-held masters meet in the country, apart from the Nationals, the Southeastern Masters Meet had its 36th edition on May 5-7 at Wallace Wade Stadium at Duke University, Durham, N.C. The meet also hosted the USATF Southeast Regional Masters Championships and drew 280 entrants.

A little light rain fell on Friday, when the weight pentathlon and regular pentathlons were held, along with a few other events.

Mike Brown, M45 and M50 javelin world record holder, commented, "It was a very good meet. Great fellowship. We thought we'd have a washout with rains the day before, but just as the Red Sea parted for Moses, the clouds parted for the masters and it was perfect."

The warm weather did not seem to bother John Hosner, Blackburg, Va., who set an M80 world record in the mile, beating the old record by 18 seconds with a 7:33.55. In the same event, Lesley Chaplin-Swann, McDonough, Ga., made a gallant effort to set a W45 U.S. mile record, but came up a few seconds short with a 5:12.48.

Bruce McBarnette, Sterling, Va., tied the M45 world record of 2.00/6-6 3/4 by Asko Pesonen, of Finland, set in 1988.

Lillian Snaden, W75, Florence, S.C., increased her own U.S. record of 7.82/25-8 in the 12-lb. weight to 8.02/26-3 3/4, and established a record for the 20# superweight with a 4.96/16-3 1/4.

Mary Roman, Norwalk, Conn., set a W70 national record in the 25# superweight with a 5.77/18-11. Snaden holds the present record at 5.61/18-4 3/4 set in 2000.

The Fred Hardy awards of \$500 each went to McBarnette, 48, for the best age-graded field performance (98.0%), and to Oscar Peyton, 53, Accokeek, Md., for the best track performance of 23.30 (98.2%) in the 200.

Other cash awards were presented as follows: Maxwell Hamlyn Award (\$100) for the best age-graded mile went to Chaplin-Swann, 48, 90.93%, who edged out Charlie Rose, 73, Mooresville, N.C., who ran a 5:54.62, by 0.03%. The Bob Boal Award (\$100) for the best age-graded steeplechase went to Hillen von Maltzahn, 57, Troy, N.Y., for an 8:34.45 (92.4%), her first time over 90% and a European record.

In addition to cash, the following special awards were presented (all can be won once only in five-year age groups): Phil Raschker Award (best age-graded performance in the 100 and 200 races by a female) went to Regina Richardson, 41, Clayton, N.C. (100, 77.3%, and 200, 83.4%), who also won the pentathlon.

Ervin Mitchell Award (best age-graded performance in the 100 and 200 by a male) went to Roger Pierce, 61, Essex, Mass., (100, 92.5%, and 200, 92.1%).

The Nolan Fowler Award (best age-graded hammer throw) went to Mike Valle, 65, Hillsborough, N.C., 38.82, (70.9%).

The Bernice Holland Award (best combined performance by a female in the throws) went to Roman.

The Ed Barron Award (outstanding contribution to masters track and field) went to Don and Marian Lein, of Pittsboro, N.C., president and secretary, respectively, of the SEM U.S. Masters Association. Marian also does all of the awards at the meet, and when it gets to be late in the afternoon on Saturday, she is one busy woman since everyone has a plane to catch.

In the Southeast Regional team competition, 46 teams competed, with the championship going to the Carolina T&F Club, based in Charlotte, N.C.

Second place came down to the last events, the 20K and 10K racewalks on Sunday morning, when the rain reappeared. Carolina Godiva (an LDR club) edged out Florida Athletic Club by two points. Godiva went into these last two events with a slim, three-point lead and FAC's club president, Bob Fine, 74, did his best, winning the 10K walk for three points.

However, Godiva's Andy Briggs, 74, came in second in the 10K for two points, and Godiva held on to take second place.

At the awards banquet, it was announced that the meet's 36-year old name would be changed in 2007 to the Bob Boal Masters Track & Field Meet in memory of the meet founder and Hall of Fame Masters athlete. Marjie Boal (Bob's daughter) was present to accept a framed application for the 2007 meet.