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May the light of love, compassion, and peace from our creator and sustainer fall upon each of you in the new year and in years to come. Let each of us strive to spread the joy and peace that compassionate hearts can bring. Happy New Year.

It's the Annual Rankings!

It was in 1970 that the Ohio Racewalker was spurred to rank the world's racewalkers based on performances of that year. We have done so ever since, and now it is time for the 37th Annual Rankings. In 1972, we added U.S. rankings and in 1979, as a viable program for women was finally emerging, women's rankings, both World and U.S. The men's rankings have always been at 20 and 50 Km. Originally, the women were ranked at 5 and 10 Km. In 1985, we dropped the 5 Km rankings since most international competition was by then almost exclusively at the longer distance and there were few races at 5. In 1999, the Women's Rankings shifted to 20 Km when that became the distance for international competitions. Should there be any significant increase in women's competition at 50 Km, we will gladly add that event to the rankings.

Our rankings are based strictly on the opinion of your editor; arbitrary, but with close attention to the year's entire set of performances for each athlete. All comments and disagreements are welcome, but once in type, there is little likelihood of the rankings being altered. So, here we go.

2006 World 20 Km Rankings–Women

1. Ryta Turava, Belarus
1:26:11 (1) Belarus Champ. 4/15
1:29:22 (1) Sesto San G. 5/2
1:26:27 (1) World Cup 5/13
1:27:08 (1) Euro. Champ. 8/8

2. Oliampida Ivanov, Russia
1:27:16 (2) World Cup

3. Olga Kaniskina, Russia
1:26:02 (1) Adler 2/19
1:28:59 (5) World Cup 5/13
1:32:06 (1) Russian Champ. 6/3
1:28:35 (2) Euro. Champ. 8/8

4. Irina Petrova, Russia
1:26:14 (2) Adler 2/19
1:27:46 (3) World Cup 5/13

5. Dan He, China
1:32:42 (3) Mexico City 3/25
1:28:20 (1) Yangzhou 4/22
1:28:52 (4) World Cup 5/13

6. Hong Liu, China
1:36:34 (7) Mexico City 3/25
1:28:26 (3) Yangzhou 4/22
1:28:59 (6) World Cup 5/13
1:28:58 (1) Xian 10/22

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7. Jane Saville, Australia
1:33:19 (1) Aust. Champ. 2/4
1:32:46 (1) Comon. Games 3/20
1:30:23 (3) Rio Maior 4/1
1:30:39 (1) Sesto San G. 5/2
1:29:05 (7) World Cup 5/13
DNF Geelong 12/2

8. Quiyan Jiang, China
1:33:33 (2) Mexico City 3/25
1:29:23 (4) Yangzhou 4/22
1:29:08 (9) World Cup 5/13

9. Elisa Rigaudo, Italy
1:43:23 (9) Rio Maior 4/1
1:29:37 (10) World Cup 5/13
1:29:11 (1) Leamington 6/17
1:28:37 (3) Euro. Champ. 8/8

10. Claudia Staf, Romania
1:33:27 (1) Mexico City 3/25
1:30:00 (2) Rio Maior 4/1
1:29:59 (2) Sesto San G. 5/2
1:29:46 (11) World Cup 5/13
1:29:27 (5) Euro. Champ. 8/8

Turava, second to Ivanova last year, was undefeated in four fast races and had walk-away wins in both the World Cup and European Championships. . .Ivanova had only one race to our knowledge, but that was a second in the World Cup, good enough to rank her ahead of those who raced more. . .Kaniskina faltered a bit in the World Cup, but had a win over Petrova in Adler, a solid second in the European Championships, and the Russian title. . .The order of finish in the World Cup essentially decided places five through ten. All five had strong supporting races, but nothing that would the order . .Consideration went to Ellen Ginko, Belarus, eighth in the World Cup. But her DQ in the European Championship cost her a ranking. Norway's Kjersti Platzer was fourth in the European raceand had a 1:28:23 at the Nordic Championships in October, but that was not enough to lift her past Staf, who she beat in the Euro race.Staf had a very strong record in the early Challenge races.

2006 Top 50 Performers

1:26:02 Olga Kaniskina, Russian
1:26:11 Ryta Turava, Belarus
1:26:14 Irina Petrova, Russia
1:26:57 Lyudmila Yefimkina, Russia
1:27:26 Olimpiada Ivanova, Russia
1:28:20 Tatyana Kozlova, Russia
1:28:20 Dan He, China
1:28:23 Xiaoling Song, China
1:28:23 Kjersti Platzer, Norway
1:28:25 Hong Liu, China
1:28:37 Elisa Rigaudo, Italy
1:28:51 Alena Zenkova-Nartova, Russia
1:28:55 Jing Jiang, China
1:28:58 Tatyana Sibileva, Russia
1:29:01 Yuliya Voyevodina, Russia
1:29:05 Jane Saville, Australia
1:29:06 Elena Ginko, Belarus
1:29:08 Quiyan Jiang, China
1:29:15 Melanie Seeger, Germany
1:29:27 Claudia Staf, Romania
1:29 31 Marina Smyslova, Russia
1:2946 Tatyana Gudkova, Russia
1:29:49 Lyudmila Arkhipova, Russia
1:29:50 Jingjing Nie, China
1:29:54 Sabine Zimmer, Germany
1:30:02 Shanshan Wang, China
1:30:22 Svetlana Tolstaya, Kazakhstan
1:30 35 Tatsiana Metlevskaya, Belarus
1:30:28 Ines Henriques, Portugal
1:30:31 Sylwia Korzeniowski, Poland

1:30:33 Sniazhana Yurchenko, Belarus
1:30:38 Norica Cimpean, Romania
1:30:41 Vera Santos, Portugal
1:30:41 Yanmin Bai, China
1:30:46 Galina Kolpakova, Russia
1:30:46 Ana Maria Groza, Romania
1:30:47 Yingting Pang, China
1:31:02 Sonata Milusauskaite, Lithuania
1:31:02 Ana Cabecinha, Portugal
1:31:02 Jolanta Kukure, Latvia
1:31:09 Sha Yang, China
1:31:17 Kristina Saltanovic, Lithuania
1:31:18 Natalya Shivireva, Russia
1:31:30 Lihua Sun, China
1:31:40 Yawei Yang, China
1:31:43 Susan Feitor, Portugal
1:31:51 Larisa Yemelyanova, RUssia
1:32:05 Maria Jose Poves, Spain
1:32:06 Mayumi Kaawasaki, Japan
1:32:07 Xue Chai, China

2006 World 20 Km Rankings–Men

1.Francisco Fernandez, Spain
1:20:36 (1) Rio Maior 4/1
1:18:33 (3) Yangzhou 4/22
1:18:31 (1) World Cup 5/13
1:19:09 (1) Euro. Champ. 8/9

2. Ilya Markov, Russia
1:18:18 (2) Yangzhou 4/22
1:20:28 (1) Sesto San. G. 5/2
1:20:41 (2) Rio Maior 4/1

3.Jefferson Perez, Ecuador
1:23:17 (1) Mexico City 3/25
1:26:27 (1) So. Amer. Champ. 4/10
1:19:08 (2) World Cup 5/13

4. Yucheng Han, China
1:16:28 (8) Mexico City 3/25
1:18:35 (4) Yangzhou 4/22
1:19:10 (3) World Cup 5/13
1:19:35 (1) Xian 10/20

5. Hatem Ghoula, Tunisia
1:21:34 (5) Rio Maior
1:22:54 (4) Sesto San. G. 5/2
1:19:36 (4) World Cup 5/13
1:25:02 (2) So. Africa Champ.

6. Nathan Deakes, Australia
1:22:13 (1) Aust. Champ. 2/4
1:19:55 (1) Common. Games. 3/20
1:19:07 (8) Yangzhou 4/22
1:19:37 (5) World Cup 5/13

7. Gaobo Li, China
1:18:17 (1) Yangzhou 4/22
1:19:44 (2) Xian 10/20

8. Victor Burayev, Russia
1:19:27 (1) Adler
1:20:18 (7) World Cup
1:20:12 (4) Euro. Champ. 8/9

9. Sergey Bakulin, Russia
1:19:54 (4) Adler 2/19
1:20:10 (6) World Cup 5/13
1;20:50 (5) Euro. Champ. 8/9

10. Joao Vieira, Portugal
1:23:22 (9) Rio Maior 4/1
1:21:21 (2) Sesto San. G. 5/2
1:20:33 (8) World Champ. 5/13
1:20:09 (3) Euro. Champ. 8/9

Fernandez and Perez have dominated the rankings in recent years, and this was the Spaniard's year with his convincing wins in both the World Cup and European races. He was also ranked first in 2002, second in 2003 and 2005 (to Perez both times) and third in 2004. Markov also gets the nod over Perez despite not competing in the two major races. But he beat Fernandez, as well as Deakes, in Yangzhou, gave the Spaniard a very close race in Rio Maior, and beat Ghoula and Vieira convincingly in two races. Ranked number one in 1998 and 1999, his highest ranking since was third in 2001. . .Perez was disappointed with his loss

at the World Cup but was still an easy pick for the third spot. Ecuador's hero has been out of the top five only once since 1996, with three number ones (1996, 2003, 2005), four number twos, a third, and a fifth. (He didn't compete in 2001. . .The next three are ranked as they finished in the World Cup, although one could make an argument for moving Deakes ahead of Ghoula, who beat him by just one second. . .Li walked only in China, but beat Fernandez, Han, and Deakes in one of those races and was close to Han in the other. . .Burayev moves ahead of Bakulin, having beaten him in two of three races with decisive margins. . .Vieira earns the final spot with his solid races in both the World Cup and European Championships. . .Near misses were Erik Tysse, Norway, with a ninth in the World Cup and sevenths in the Euro. Championmships and a sub-1:20 effort and Russia's Valeriy Borchin, second in the European Championships and winner of the Russian Championships (where none of the other top Russians competed.

2006 Top 50 Performers

1:18:17 Gaobo Li, China
1:18:18 Ilya Markov, Russia
1:18:31 Francisco Fernandez, Spain
1:18:35 Yucheng Han, China
1:18:44 Yafei Chu, China
1:18:45 Jimin Dong, China
1:18:57 Xuejin, Bai, China
1:19:07 Nathan Deakes, Australia
1;19:08 Jefferson Perez, Ecuador
1:19:12 Andrey Talaschko, Russia
1:19:27 Viktor Burayev, Russia
1:19:32 Igor Yerkhin, Russia
1:19:36 Hatem Ghoula, Tunisia
1:19:38 Jianbo Li, China
1;19:38 Erik Tysse, Norway
1:19:51 Stepan Yudin, Russia
1:19:54 Valeriy Bakulin, Russia
1:20:00 Valeriy Borchin, Russia
1:20:05 Zhiping Wang, China
1:20:09 Joao Nieira, Portugal
1:20:11 Sergiy Chernov, Belarus
1:20:15 Chao Sun, China
1:20:23 Dmitiry Yesipchuk, Russia
1:20:34 Nikolai Seredovich, Belarus
1:20:34 Andriy Yurin, Ukraine
(Kevin Eastler was 64th with his 1:22:47)
1:20:39 Cuishi Zou, China
1:20:49 Luke Adams, Australia
1:20:51 Aleksandr Prokhorov, Russia
1:20:52 Daniel Garcia, Mexico
1:20:56 Yong Shi, China
1:20:57 Georgiy Sergeyev, Russia
1:20:59 Zhide Cui, China
1:21:09 Juan Manuel Molina, Spain
1:21:20 Vladimir Kanaykin, Russia
1:21:23 Chengliang Zhao, China
1:21:34 Caohong Yu, China
1:21:35 Jared Tallent, Australia
1:21:38 Alex Schwarzer, Germany
1:21:39 Matej Toth, Slovakia
1:21:42 Aleksey Kronin, Russia
1:21:45 Hyun-Sub Kim, China
1:21:47 Ivano Brugnetti, Italy
1:21:48 Jose Ignacio Diaz, Spain
1:21:48 Ronghua Lu, China
1:21:52 Andre Hohne, Germany
1:22:05 Georgio Rubino, Italy
1:22:08 Sergey Safarov, Russia
1:22:13 Vladimir Parvatkin, Russia
1:22:14 Chil-Sung Park, Korea
1:22:17 Xingde Xu, China

2006 World 50 Km Rankings–Men

1. Denis Nizhgergordov, Russia
3:38:02 (1) World Cup 5/14
DQ European Champ. 8?10

2. Nathan Deakes, Australia
3:42:53 (1) Common. Games 3/24
3:35:47 (10 Aust. Champ. 12/2

3. Yohan Diniz, France
3:41:39 (1) Euro. Champ. 8/10
3:44:59 (4) World Cup 5/13
3:46:34 (5) Euro. Champ. 8/10

4. Trond Nymark, Norway
3:41:30 (2) World Cup 5/14
3:44:17 (4) Euro. Champ. 8/10

5. Yuriy Andronov, Russia
3:42:38 (3) World Cup 5/14
3:42:36 (3) European Champ. 8/10

6. Jesus Garcia, Spain
3:58:35 (3) Mexico City 3/26
3:46:11 (6) World Cup 5/14
3:42:48 (2) Euro. Champ. 8/10
2:42:26 (3) Euro. Champ. 8/10

7. Mikel Odriozola, Spain
3:53:04 (1) Span. Champ. 2/19

8. Roman Magdziarczyck, Poland
3:45:47 (5) World Cup
3:47:37 (6) Euro. Champ.

9. Horacio Nava, Mexico
3:59:47 (4) Mexico City 3/26
3:48:22 (7) World Cup 5/14

10. Chengliang Zhao, China
3:49:29 (8) World Cup 5/14
3:47:42 (4) Xian 10:23

Nizhegorodov, the 2004 Olympic gold medalist and ranked number that year, came back this year with a very convincing win in the World Cup and ranks number one despite his DQ in the European race. . .Deakes chose the 20 at the World Cup but his strong solo effort in the Commonwealth Games and even stronger solo effort in bettering the World Record certainly merit a number two ranking. . .Diniz was as convincing as Nizhegorodov in winning the European title, beating many of the same athletes. . .Nymark and Andronov traded victories over one another in the two major races, but Nymark was ahead in the more important one. . .Garcia's strong race in the European Championships moves him ahead of his World Cup conquerors, Odriozola and Magdziarcxyck, who both faltered a bit in the second race. . .Seventh and eighth in the World Cup earn Nava and Zhao the final two spots. . .The unlucky loser was Italy's Marco DeLuca, ninth in the World Cup and seventh in the European Championships

2006 Top 50 Performers

3:35:47 Nathan Deakes, Australia
3:38:02 Denis Nizhegorodov, Russia
3:41:10 Jianguo Zhao, China
3:41:30 Trond Nymark, Norway
3:41:39 Yohan Diniz , France
3:42:38 Yuriy Andronov, Russia
3:42:48 Jesus Angel Garcia, Spain
3:43:02 Jianbo Li, China
3:43:38 Yuki Yamazaki, Japan
3:43:58 Chaohong Yu, China
3:44:59 Mikel Odriozola, Spain
3:45:47 Roman Magdziarczyk, Poland
3:45:52 Shucai Zing, China
3:45:57 Vladimir Kanaykin, Russia
3:47:23 Takayuki Tanii, Japan
3:47:32 Chingliang Zhao, China
3:48:08 Marko DeLuca, Italy
3:48:22 Horacio Nava, Mexico
3:49:36 Alatan Gadasu, China
3:50:24 Grzegorz Sudol, Poland
3:51:16 Peter Korcok, Slovakia
3:51:32 Jose Alejandro Cambil, Spain
3:52:06 Tianfeng Si, China
3:53:19 Duane Australia
3:54:05 Sergey Yerokhin, Russia
3:54:16 Claudio Erasmo Vargas, Mexico
3:54:31 Andrey Stepanchuk, Belarus
3:54:37 Erik Tysse, Norway
3:54:44 Kamil Kalka, Poland
3:55:)8 Jared Tallent, Australia
3:55:12 Juan Manuel Molina, Spain
3:55:19 Yusuke Yachi, Japan

3:55:22 Diego Dafagna, Italy
3:55:24 Nikolay Matyukhin, Russia
3:55:43 Donatas Skarnulis, Lithuania
3:55:48 Mario Avellaneda, Spain
3:55:55 Eddy Riva, France
3:56:15 Fredrik Svensson, Sweden
3:5632 Ingus Jnevics, Latvia
3:56:37 Andre Hohne, Germany
3:56:46 David Boulanger, France
3:56:54 Jarkko Kinnunen, Finland
3:57:24 Rafal Fedaczynski, Poland
3:57:59 Denis Langlois, France
3:58:05 Tony Sargisson, New Zealand
3:58:10 Pedro Martins, Portugal
3:58:22 Christpher Erickson, Australia
3:58:25 Omar Zepeda, Mexico
3:58:39 Antonio Pereira, Portugal
3:58:42 Yuriy Chesnokov, Russia

2006 U.S. 20 Km Rankings–Women

1. Joanne Dow
1:34:47 (1) Hauppage 4/9
1:36:14 (34) World Cup 5/13
1:35:21 (1) USATF 6/24

2.Teresa Vaill
1:35:41 (2) Hauppage 4/9
1:35:46 (32) World Cup 5/13
1:39:25 (2) USATF 6/24
1:37:30 (1) Hauppage 10/22

3. Jolene Moore
1:37:23 (1) Chula Vista 1/15
1:37:07 (3) Hauppage 4/0
1:40:08 (49) World Cup 5/13
1:40:32 (4) USATF 6/24

4. Sam Cohen
1:42:56 (6) Hauppage 4/9
1:36:39 (1) Kenosha 5/21
1:40:30 (3) USATF 6/24

5. Amber Antonia
1:38:05 (4) Hauppage 4/9
DNF World Cup 5/13

6. Deborah Huberty
1:41:34 (5) Hauppage 4/9
1:49:23 (65) World Cup 5/13
DNF USATF 6/24

7. Maria Michta
1:43:42 (8) Hauppage 4/9
1:47:53 (5) USATF 6/24
1:50:38 (2) Hauppage 10/22

8. Solomiya Login
1:46:28 (9) Hauppage 4/9
1:50:05 (6) USATF 6/24

9. Loretta Schuellein
1:44:34 (2) Clermont 2/12
DNF USATF 6/24

10. Margaret Ditchburn
1:50:00 (10) Hauppage 4/9

The two masters ladies continue to prevail over youth, Dow getting the nod with her National title and 2-1 record versus Vaill. . .Cohen edged Moore at the National title race and had the faster time, but Moore beat her decisively in the World Cup qualifier and had the better overall record. . .Antonia had a short season, but her good performance in the World Cup Trial earn her the fifth spot. . .The remaining placings seem obvious, Ditchburn earning the tenth spot by beating Laura Feller by 8 seconds in her only race.

2006 Top 15 Performers

1:34:47 Joanne Dow
1:35:41 Teresa Vaill
1:36:59 Sam Cohen
1:37:07 Jolene Moore
1:38:05 Amber Antonia
1:41:34 Deborah Huberty
1:43:42 Maria Michta
1:44:34 Loretta Schuellein

1:46:38 Solomiya Login
1:50:00 Margaret Ditchburn
1:50:08 Laura Feller
1:50:12 Carolyn Kealty
1:55:45 Susan Randall
1:55:59 Ali Bahr
1:58:48 Tiffany Belongia

2006 U.S. 20 Km Rankings–Men

1. Kevin Eastler
1:25:15 (1) Hauppage 4.9
1:22:47 (21) World Cup 5/13
1:25:10 (1) USATF 6/25

2. John Nunn
1:24:28 Hunt. Beach 3/12
1:25:30 (2) Hauppage 4/9
1:33:29 (71) World Cup 5/13
1:27:17 (2) USATF 6/24

3. Tim Seaman
1:37:33 (1) Chula Vista 1/15
1:27:26 (3) Hauppage 4/9
1:31:01 (69) World Cup 5/13
1:29:57 (3) USATF 6/25

4. Matt Boyles
1:31:01 (4) Hauppage 4/9
1:32:29 (74) World Cup 5/13
1:31:21 (4) USATF 6/25

5. Benjamin Shorey
1:32:17 (5) Hauppage
1:32:20 (73) World Cup 5/13
1:34:17 (5) USATF 6/25

6. Ray Sharp
1:34:59 (6) USATF 6/25

7. Michael Tarantino
1:40:50 (13) Hauppage 4/9
1:33:34 (1) Dayton 5/7
1:36:40 (7) USATF 6/25
1:36:05 (1) Empire State Games 7/29

8. Allen James
1:37:24 (2) Toronto 5/18
1:33:42 (1) Welland 10/1

9. Charles Collier
1:34:29 (7) Hauppage 4/9
DNF USATF 6/25

10. Theron Kissinger
1:35:41 (8) Hauppage 4/9
1:39:05 (8) USATF 6/25

The first five are quite obvious. With the order of finish the same in the World Cup Trials and National title race, how else can I rank them. . .Ray Sharp's sixth in the National race in his only outing at the distance earns him sixth ahead of Mike Tarantino who had a solid season after a slow start in the World Cup trial. . .Allen James did not compete in any U.S. races but had two good races in Canada. . .Collier beat Kissinger in the Trial race, and although he did not finish at the national, Kissinger's race there was not strong enough to displace him.. . Matt DeWitt, who had a fast race in May, missed his chance for a spot in the rankings when he finished nearly four minutes back of Kissinger in the National race.

2006 Top 22 Performers

1:22:47 Kevin Eastler
1:24:28 John Nunn
1:27:26 Tim Seaman
1:31:01 Matt Boyles
1:32:17 Benjamin Shorey
1:33:34 Michael Tarantino
1:33:42 Allen James
1:33:54 Matt DeWitt
1:34:29 Charles Collier
1:34:56 Ray Sharp

Eileen Terrell (47) 31:44 **10 Km (Track), Broomfield, Col., May 26**--1. Mike Blancharad 55:35 2. Scott Richards (51) 60:01 2. Marianne Martino (50) 63:32 **20 Km, same place**--1. Patty Gehrke 2:04:52 **National Youth Road Racewalk Championships, Salt Lake City, May 26**--Boy's 10 Km--1. Luke Dalebout (17), Utah 53:13 2. Jake Dalebout (17), Utah 53:46 **20 Km, San Diego, June 9**--1. Tim Seaman and Curt Clausen 1:29:52 (enroute to 30 Km workout) 3. Dave Doherty 1:46:18 **Crown Valley Senior Olympics 5 Km, Los Angeles, June 10:** 1. Donna Cunningham (54) 28:41.3 2. Yoko Eichel (54) 28:43.3 3. Carol Bertino (54) 31:33.2 4. Jolene Steigerwalt (55) 31:38.1 Men--1. Bob Nyman (62) 31;06.4 2. Carl Acosta (67) 31:08.1 3. Leon Glazman (66) 33:33.6 **1500 meters, same place**--1. Yoko Eichel 8:24.3 2. Jolene Steigerwalt 8:58.3 Men--1. Jesus Orendain (59) 8:18.5 2. Carl Acosta 9:22 3. Leon Glazman 9:35.5 4. Lloyd McGuire (69) 9:36.7 5. Stuart Ray (59) 9:39.3 **10 Km, Pasadena, June 17**--1. Donna Cunningham 60:41.6 2. Sloan Sziros 62:54 3. Carl Acosta 63:11 4. Jolene Steigerwalt 63:37 **5 Km, same place**--1. Joe Nieroski 25:35.8 2. Pedro Santoni (43) 27:21 3. Jack Bray (68) 27:26 4. Margaret Govea 28:10 5. Bob Nyman (62) 31:04 6. Helen Hoover (49) 31:10 **20 Km, Palo Alto, Cal., May 6** (Had first three only in last month's issue)--1. Sean Albert 1:26:24 2. Curt Clausen 1:29:46 3. Tim Seaman 1:33:33 4. Mark Green (45+) 1:44:45 5. Shoja Torabian (50+) 1:54:40 6. Eric Poulsen (45+) 1:56:06 7. David Crabb (55+) 2:00:38 8. Bill Penner (50+) 2:10:05 9. Susan Mears (45+) 2:24:01 **5 Km, same place**--1. Bekka Marrs (13-15) 30:01 **5 Km, Kentfield, Cal., May 27**--1. Marco Evoniuk (40+) 24:21 2. Joe Berendt (45+) 27:05 3. Shoja Torabian 27:25 4. Jack Bray (65+) 27:38 5. Brenda Carpino (50+) 29:09 6. Keith McConnell (55+) 29:27 7. Bob Rose (45+) 31:18 8. Doris Cassels (60+) 31:20 9. Stu Kinney (60+) 31:31 10. Shirley Dockstader (65+) 32:08 (23 finishers) **Pacific Assn. Youth 5 Km, May 27**--1. Robyn Stevens 24:58.0 **1500 meters, same place**--1. Shoja Torabian 7:29 2. Keith McConnell 8:16 3. Paula Mendell 8:56 4. kevin Killingsworth 9:00 5. Dawn MKay 9:11 (17 finishers) **1 Hour, Kentfield, June 10**--1. Eric Poulsen (49) 11,285 meters 2. Jack Bray (68) 10617 3. Brenda Carpino 9696 4. Doris Cassels 9355 5. Bob Rose 9251 6. Shirley Dockstader 9189 7. Ann Lee 9158 8. Marge Garnero 9158 9. Lisa Kekuewa 9012 10. Ross Burnett 8997 **Pacific Assn. 5 Km, June 16**--1. Joe Berendt (45) 27:02.37 2. Bill Penner 30:05 3. Dick Petruzzi 30:19 **Vancouver, B.C. International 20 Km, May 13**--1. Tim Berrett 1:26:57 (21:10, 41:56, 64:31) 2. Karen Foan 1:41:15 (24:17, 49:28, 1:14:48) 3. Holly Gehrke 1:41:22 (24:49, 49:29, 1:14:36) 4. Kim Cathro 1:44:28 5. Stan Chraminski 2:01:11 6 Jeff Hoyem 2:06:11 DNF--Blair Miller (22:40, 45:41, 1:09:22) and Gerry Dragomir (1:23:21 at 15) **Art Keay Memorial, Toronto, May 27:** Women's 10 Km--1. Marina Crivello (21) 50:06 2. martine Rainville 53:40 3. Nanci Sweaxzey (45) 57:44 4. Janet Comi (47), US 59:31 5. Jeanette Wineland, US 63:39 6. june-Marie Provost (67) 63:49 Men's 10 Km--1. Gordon Mosher 44:18 2. Jean-Sebastian Beaucage 44:41 3. Jocelyn Ruest 46:09 4. Rod Craig (43), US 49:15 5. Buy Paquin (45) 57:54 6. Paul Tucknott 58:09 7. Don Ramsden (54) 58:30 8. Ross Barranco (49), US 59:21--Beaucage and Ruest went on to do 20 Km in 1:29:21 and 1:33:51, respectively. **Canadian National 20k, June 24: Women**--1. Karen Foan 1:41:08 2. Holly Gehrke 1:43:15 3. Marina Crivello 1:47:04 4. Margie McNeely 1:55:07 **Men**--1. Tim Berrett 1:23:46 2. Blair Miller 1:30:44 3. Jocelyn Ruest 1:35:48 4. Jeffrey Hoyem 2:02:16 DQ--Arutro Huerta and Jean Beaucage; DNF--Gordon Mosher

From Other Continents

Dublin, Ireland Grand Prix, June 16, Men's 50 Km:--1. Mike Trautman, Germany 3:51:38 (46:59, 1:22:47, 2:19:20, 3:04:35 3:51:38) 2. Denis Franke, Germany 4:06:41 3. Benjamin Leroy, Belgium 4:16:39 (8 finishers, 2 DQs, 5 DNF) **Women's 20 Km**--1. Susan Feitor, Portugal 1:28:06 (44:14) 2. Gillian O'Sullivan, Ireland 1:30:35 (44:40) 3. Jane Saville, Australia 1:31:20

(44:40) 4. Olive Loughnane, Ireland 1:34:54 5. Anne Haaland Simonson, Norway 1:36:16 6. Francisca Martinez, Mexico 1:37:19 7. Ileana Salvador, Sweden 1:40:53 8. Niobe Menendez, England 1:41:37 (17 finishers, 1 DQ) **Men's 20 Km**--1. Nathan Deakes, Australia 1:18:14 (38:51) 2. Robert Heffernan, Ireland 1:23:29 3. Augusta Cardoso, Portugal 1:23:48 4. Gregorz Sudol, Poland 1:24:39 5. Roman Magdziarcsyk, Poland 1:25:15 6. Andre Hohne, Germany 1:25:35 7. Andy Penn, England 1:28:18 8. Miak Berger, Germany 1:28:27 9. Steve Holier, England 1:29:27 10. Steve Partington, Isle of Man 1:29:52 (20 finishers, 1 DQ, 1 DNF **20 Km, Boavisto, Portugal, June 2**--1. Augusto Cardoso 1:26:05 2. Joao Vieira 1:28:36 3. Jorge Costa 1:29:00 4. Acacio Diogo 1:29:38 5. Jose Urbano 1:30:59 **Women's 10 Km, same place**--1. Susana Feitor 47:19 2. Ines Henriques 48:50 **Women's 3 Km, Vila Real St. Antonio, Portugal, June 3**--1. Susan Feitor 12:08.30 (National record) 2. Sofia Avoila 13:17.69 3. Isilda Goncalves 13:21.55 **Men's 5 Km, same place**--1. Joao Vieira 19:11.53 2. Jorg Costa 20:25.81 3. Sergio Vieira 20:31 **20 Km, Turku, Finland, June 3**--1. Alejandro Lopez, Mexico 1:20:59 2. David Christian Berdeja, Mex. 1:21:20 3. Marco Giungi, Italy 1:22:20 (Born in Finland, Giungi has dual Italian-Finnish citizenship, lives in Finland with his grandparents, but competes for Italy. He won the Italian 50 in March.) 4. Jiri Malysa, Czech Rep. 1:26:46 5. Jani Lehtinen 1:29:50 6. Antti Kempas 1:30:02 **Women's 20 Km, same place**--1. Lisa Barbieri, Italy 1:35:19 2. Outi Sillanpaa 1:37:57 3. Francesca Balloni, Italy 1:38:28 4. Heidi Lindewall 1:40:16 **Women's 3 Km, Milan, Italy, June 6**--1. Erica Alfridi 11:57.80 2. Elisabetta Perrone 11:58.17 3. Olimpiada Ivanova, Russia 11:59.25 4. Elisa Riguado 12:39 **Eisenhutttenstadt, Germany Grand Prix, June 9: Women's 20 Km**--1. Kjersti Platzer, Norway 1:29:54 2. Melanie Seeger, Germany 1:332:15 3. Maria Urbanik-Rosza, Romania 1:34:51 4. Andrea Meloni, ? 1:35:05 **Men's 20 Km**--1. Andreas Erm, Germany 1:19:32 2. Alejandro Lopez, Mexico 1:20:49 3. Hatem Ghoula, Algeria 1:21:41 4. David Christian Berdeja, Mexico 1:22:13 5. Andre Hohne, Germany 1:22:49 **La Coruna, Spain Grand Prix, June 9: Men's 20 Km**--1. David Marques, Spain 1:22:54 2. Vladimir Andreev, Russia 1:23:08 3. Jesus Garcia, Spain 1:23:34 4. Jose David Dominquez, Spain 1:25:01 5. Silviu Casandra, Romania 1:25:08 6. Alejandro, Cambril, Spain 1:25:37 7. Francisco Martin Diaz, Spain 1:26:05 8. Jose Gonzalez, Spain 1:26:11 9. Partick Ennemoser, Italy 1:27:10 **Women's 20 Km**--1. Olimpiada Ivanova, Russia 1:31:22 2. Elisa Riguardo, Italy 1:33:08 3. Eva Perez, Spain 1:33:35 4. Teresa Linares, Spain 1:33:37 5. Jane Saville, Australia 1:33:55 6. Rosa Mantecon, Spain 1:37:37 7. Vanessa EEspinmosa, Spain 1:39:30 8. Carolina Jimenez, Spain 1:39:56 **10 Km, Krakow, Poland, June 9**--1. Francixco Fernandez, Spain 38:00 2. Robert Korzeniowski 38:02 3. Arthur Meleskavich, Belarus 38:04 4. Nathan Deakes, Australia 38:10 5. Ilya Markov, Russia 38:40 6. Denis Langlois, France 39:02 7. Robert Heffernan, Ireland 39:20+ 8. Bernardo Segura, Mexico 39:30+ (evidently not retired to politics) **5 Km, Biala Podlaska, Poland June 2**--1. Ilya Markov, Russia 18:46.96 2. Robert Korzeniowski 18:50.14 3. Robert Heffernan, Ireland 19:07.90 4. Tomasz Lipiec 19:33.58 5. Grzegorz Sudol 19:42.32 6. Roman Magdziarcxyk 20:06.58 **Women's 3 Km, sameplace**--1. Joanna Baj 12:56.74 2. Sylwia Korzeniowska 13:13.16 **5 Km, Bydgoszcz, Poland, June 16**--1. Robert Korzeniowski 18:44.35 2. Jiri Malysa, Czech. Rep. 18:47.10 3. yevgeniy Misyulya, Belarus 19:08.55 4. Tomasz Lipiec 19:11.85 5. Beniamin Kucinski 19:46.21 6. Stanislaw 20:04.26 4. Margaret Govea 28:10 5. Bob Nyman (62) 31:04 6. Helen Hoover (49) 31:10 **Women's 10 Km, Biala Podlaska, Poland, June 16**--1. Joanna Baj 46:24 2. Sylwia Korzeniowska 46:59 **Men's 5 Km, same place**--1. Andrey Makarov, Belarus 19:41 **20 Km, Lordag, April 28**--1. Jacob Sorenson 1:27:14 2. Birger Falt, Sweden 1:27:53 **Women's 20 Km, same place**--1. Monica Svensson 1:39:37 **50 Km, Taranaki, N.Z., June 16**--1. Craig Barrett 3:48:04 **15 Km, same place**--1. Gary Little (59) 1:13:12 **Chinese Championships, Dandong, April 13-15: Men's 20 Km**--1. Zewen Li 1:21:10 2. Xiaodong He 1:21:15 3. Pei Chuang 1:21:57 4. Ping Wu 1:22:04 5. Yongjian Yang 1:22:05 6. Hongsheng Zhou 1:22:05 7. Liansheng Bai 1:22:05 8. Guoping Yu 1:22:05 9. Mingcai Li

Alice Li Mei Tan 32:47 11. John Kosa (49) 32:51 12. Yi Deng (18) 32:56 (27 finishers) **High School 1500 meters, New York City, Dec. 2**–1. Sh Dai Jing 8:12.9 2. Marissa Conroy 8:15.08 3. Kelly McCann 8:18 4. Shequit Henery 8:19 5. Amy Cha 8:22 6. Natasha Plotkin 8:22 (23 finishers) **5 Km, New York City, Dec. 17**–1. Solomiya Login 25:36 2. Olga Cheremsky 25:51 3. Lisa Marie Vellucci 26:22 4. Erin Taylor 26:40 5. Bill Vayo (42) 27:00 6. Diana Rado 27:08 7. Pamela Alva 27:29 8. Cathy Davis 28:28 9. Shawn Fredericks (53) 29:14 10. David Lee (51) 29:50 11. Pat Motschwiller (49) 30:31 12. Alice Tan 30:35 13. Gina Dai (16) 32:33 14. Amy Cha (15) 31:33 15. Robert McMullen (59) 31:34 16. Nina Yang (16) 31:36 17. Kelly McCann 31:38 18. John Gersh (59) 31:14 19. Morgan Giles 32:21 20. Hanna Littman (15) 32:26 21. Huili Zhu (16) 32:31 22. John Kosa 32:37 23. Yi Deng 32:44 (42 finishers) **5 Km, Wheatridge, Col., Sept. 17**–1. Mike Blanchard (45) 26::50 2. Marianne Martino (56) 29:40 3. Barbara Amador (56) 30:45 5. Daryl Meyers (63) 30:52 **5 Km, Denver, Oct. 28**–1. Dan Pierce (50) 29:13 2. Daryl Meyers 31:41 **5 Km, Littleton, Col., Nov. 5**–1. Daryl Meyers 30:55 **5 Km, Boulder, Col., Nov. 12**–1. Carl Schueler (50) 27:57 (Hey Carl. Your're only 50, so you should be ripe for another World Cup team. Hold that pace for another nine 5s and you might be on the team.) 2. Dan Pierce 29:13 3. Marianne Martino 30:25 4. Scott Richards (56) 31:18 5. Barb Amador 31:50 6. Sherrie Gossert (54) 31:31 7. Debby Van Orden (46) 31:50 (Another World Cup vet. Staging a comeback with hubby Carl?) 8. Dana Yoerg 31:50 9. Sally Richards (54) 33:18 10. Mary Gilbert (57) 33:54 (19 finishers) **5 Km, Brighton, Col., Nov. 18**–1. Dan Pierce 28:54 2. Daryl Meyers 29:50 3. Sherrie Gossert 30:54 4. Mary Gilbert 33:16 **1 Hour, Pasadena, Cal., Sept. 30**–1. Pedro Santoni (49) 10,673 meters 2. Bob Nyman (67) 9084 3. Carl Acosta (72) 9047 (8 finishers) Women–1. Donna Cunningham (59) 9422 2. Shirley Capps (71) 8415 (8 finishers) **1 Hour, Pasadena., Nov. 5**–1. Chris Rael (47) 10,680 meters 2. Rick Campbell (60) 10,214 3. Ray Billig (49) 9441 4. Carl Acosta 9171 (8 finishers) Women–1. Donna Cunningham 9852 2. Carol Bertino (59) 8879 3. Shirley Capps 8333 4. Nancy Alexander (66) 8217 (11 finishers) **1 Hour, Pasadena, Dec. 10**–1. Rick Campbell 10,159 2. Alan Ede (67) 9361 3.Carl Acosta 9195 (7 finishers) Women–1. Donna Cunningham 9703 2. Jolene Steigerwalt (63) 9223 3. Roberta Hatfield (65) 8273 4. Nancy Alexander 8226 (11 finishers) **5 Km, Kentfield, Cal., Nov. 6**–1. Joe Berendt 28:50 2. Jack Bray 29:35 3. Jim Beckett 30:15 4. Nicki Goldman 30:27 6. Karen Stoyanowski 31:25 7. Louise Walters 31:59 8. Desmond Canning 32:38 (23 finishers) **1 Hour, Kentfield, Cal., Nov. 12**–1. Joe Anderson 8539 meters (7 finishers) **2.8 Miles, Seattle, Nov. 11**–1. Steve DiBernardo (54) 24:39 2. Bob Novak (57) 26:24 3. Stan Chraminski (59) 26;24 4. Bart Kale (50) 26:57 5. Ann Tuberg (46) 27:40 (11 finishers)

Asian Championships, Dec. 7: Women's 20 Km–1. Hong Lu, China 1:32:19 2. Ryoko Sakakura, Japan 1:33:2119 3. Dan He, China 1:33:29 4. Svetlana Tolstaya, Kazakhstan 1:37:05 4. Kim Me-Jeong, Korea 1:37:38 6. Otgontuul Volooj, Mongolia 1:45:51 (This may be the first time an actual Mongolian walker's name has ever appeared in the ORW. But long-time readers will remember the letters from the mysterious TS Gombojab in Outer Mongolia that Australia's Bob Steadman used to pass on to the ORW) **Men's 20 Km**–1. Yucheng Han, China 1:21:41 2. Kim Hysun-Suh, Korea 1:23:12 3. Koichiro Morioka, Japan 1:23:17 4. Yuki Ayamazuki, Japan 1:26:00 5. Rustam Kuvatov, Kaz. 1:27:16 6. Mohammed Mabrook, Qatar 1:27:34 7. Waleed Ahmed, Qatar 1:37:22 **20 Km,Melbourne, Aust., Dec. 20**–Brenda Riley 1:57:39 (world record for 65 and over, breaking old mark by 9 minutes) **10 Km, same place**–Andrew Jamieson 22:53, breaking the World age 60 mark of New Zealand's Gary Little. **Australian All-Schools Meet, Sydney, Dec. 7-9**: **Boys Under 17 5 Km**–1. Brook Keys 22:15:13 2. Sean Fitzsimmons 23:41 3. Kyle Malone 23:56 **Boys Under 18 5 Km**–1. Daniel

Coleman 22:07.83 2. Kyle Bryant 22:59.25 3. Brendan Reading 23:25 **Girls Under 17 5 Km**-----1. Melissa Hayes 23:55.30 2. Steph Stigwood 26:02 **Girls Under 18 5 Km**–1. Jessica Rothwell 24:24.34 2. Nicole Fagan 25:35 3. Lauren Drennan 25:48

Lace Your Walking Boots; Put On Those Racing Suits

Sun. Jan. 7	50, 20, and 5 Km, Houston (L)
Sat. Jan. 13	10 Km, Paramount, Cal., 8 am (Y)
Sun. Jan. 14	Marathon, Mobile, Ala., 7:30 am (K)
	National USATF Indoor Women's 1 Mile and Men's 3 Km, East Coast site to be announced. (D)
Sat. Jan. 20	Collegiate Indoor 3 Km Invitational (Men and Women), U. Of Rhode Island, 11:15 am (BB)
Sun. Jan. 21	Rose Bowl 10 Mile and Richard Oliver Memorial 5 Km, Pasadena, Cal. (Y)
Sat. Jan. 27	Indoor 3 Km, Marshall, Missouri (AA)
Sun. Jan. 28	5 Km, Denver, 10 am (H)
	National USATF 50 Km, Chula Vista, Cal., 8 am (D) (also 10 and 20 Km races)
Sun. Feb. 4	5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H)
Sun. Feb. 11	5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H)
Sat. Feb. 17	Indoor 3 Km, Columbia, Missouri (AA)
Sun. Feb. 18	5 and 10 Km, Los Angeles (R)
	5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H)
Sun. Feb. 25	Indoor 3 Km, Colorado Springs (H)
Sat. March 3	Henry Laskau 5 Km, Coconut Creek, FL (N)
Sun. March 4	Los Angeles Marathon (R)
Sun. March 11	5 Km, Palo Alto, Cal., 8:30 am (J)
Sun. March 18	5 and 20 Km, Hungington Beach, Cal., 7 am (R)
	Indoor 3 Km Mall Walk, Milford, Conn., 9:30 am (B)

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From Heel To Toe

Awards. Racewalking awards made through the USATF Racewalking Committee for 2006 were: Ron Zinn Awards to the outstanding U.S. racewalkers for the year went to Kevin Eastler and Joanne Dow. The awards are given in honor of Captain Ron Zinn who won 15 U.S. titles in the early '60s and finished sixth in the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo. He was killed in action in Vietnam in the summer of 1965. Mike Riban Award for the Outstanding Contributor: Don DeNoon. The award honors Mike Riban of the Green & Gold AC in Chicago, a tireless competitor, coach, race organizer, and administrator of the sport for many years in the mid to late part of the last century. Award to the Outstanding USATF Association: Indiana. Henry Laskau Awards to the Outstanding Junior walkers: Mike Kaxmierczak and Katy Hayes. Henry Laskau was the first racewalker named to the U.S. Track and Field Hall of Fame. He won 47 U.S. titles from 1947 to 1957 and contunued as a coach and promoter of the sport for many years after that. Master Race Walker of the Year Awards: Janet Higbie and Ray Sharp. . .**Standards.** Qualifying standards for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials in racewalking are: Women's 20 Km–1:48, Men's 20Km–1:36, Men's 50 Km–4:45. Qualifying for the 50 started on Sept. 1, 2006. Qualifying for both 20 Km events begins on January 1, 2007. Standards for competing in the 2007 World Championships and 2008 Olympics are: Women's 20 Km– A Standard 1:33:00, B Standard 1:38:00. Men's 20 Km–A Standard 1:23:00, B Standard–1:24:30. Men's 50 Km–A Standard 4:00:00, B Standard 4:07:00. These times can be achieved in an IAAF approved event anytime between Sept. 1, 2006 and July 23, 2008 for the Olympics. . .**The Ladany log.** Shaul Ladany, 1972 Israeli Olympian, who won four U.S. titles at 75 Km and one at 100 Km while residing here in the '60s and '70s and has won many European ultra-distance walks, including the famed London-to-Brighton, always has an interesting Christmas letter as he continues to mix professorial duties with a peripatetic walking schedule. Here is what he has written this year: ""The year began with my terminal Sabbatical, which actually started in October 2005. Initially, I spent four- and one-half months in Melbourne at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization as an unpaid visitor working on my own research projects. (He is in industrial engineering.) Therefore, when Shosh arrived for a 6-week visit, I was able to join her for a two-week Australian plus four-week New Zealand sightseeing tour. The highlights–from my personal point of view–were the climb up Ayers Rock and the completion of the 3-day Kepler's Trail non-stop in 11 hours. In mid-February, I spent a week at the University of California-Irvine, where in the past I taught for a term, and I continued to England where after a week of professional engagement, I was a guest of Jill and Dave Green.

Jill planned an extensive long-distance training schedule, which included walks along the River Thames, once to Windsor, and once to Anne Sayer's (the first British Lady Centurion) home, completing twice the Wendover Gap walks, a 100 km worlout along the Grantham Canal from Grantham to Nottingham and back (starting at 11 pm in freezing weather), and a 60-mile route around the Isle of Wright on a typical British rainy day. It was a great experience. In March for three weeks, I was at home, as I was the chairman of the Israeli Industrial engineering Conference held at that time. Prior to the Conference, Jill and Dave were our guests, and we participated in the annual around Lake Tiberias 65-km walk that I took over its organization from Judge Braaz about 15 years ago. At the end of March, I completed my 70 Km birthday kilometer-per-year walk in Omer, and the same night flew to the USA to continue my Sabbatical. For seven weeks, I stayed with Ron Laird in Ashtabula, Ohio, except for a short Passover stay with my cousins in Toronto. I managed to complete the modeling sections for three new papers. In Ashtabula, the training was great. Toward the end of my stay there Ron (and his family and friends) organized a a publicized 100 mile walk event, and my intensive training helped me to set a 21:45:34 Centurion world-record for those over 70. Toward the last 10 miles I was dead tired from the effort (it was only a little over 2 hours slower than my 1973 winning result), but I managed to finish even though my body was uncontrollably bending and curling forward. *(See also June and July ORWs for more on Shaul's Ashtabula exploits.)* The Ashtabula period was an excellent training for my sixth consecutive four-day, 300 Km Paris-Brussels walk, which this time was almost like a piece of cake. At home after that, the various chores waiting for me to be dealt with have not disappeared, and even now toward the end of the year, not all of them have been completed. The rest of the summer was routine: 500 Km in 12 days for Luxemburg in Germany to Viborg in Switzerland; the four-day Njmegen March in Holland (three days of which were cancelled due to health), a conference in Germany, followed by three different multiple-day long distance walks in Austria." Just a typical year in the life of Shaul. I wonder if Shaul knows how many miles of kilometers he has walked in his career and if anyone can claim more. . .

LOOKING BACK

40 Years Ago (From the December 1966 ORW)--.Jack Blackburn won the annual Ft. Thomas, Ky. To Cincinnati 6 miler (billed as 6, but probably closer to 5 ½) in 43:13, with Chuck Newell beating Wayne Yarcho for second. . .Canadian Bert Life, age 56, won the Coney Island 10 Mile Handicap (actually 10 -- courses were often something other than the nice round figures given them in those days) in 1:39:44. Ron Daniel took fast time honors in 1:26:38. . .Annual subscription rate for the ORW was $1.20.

35 Years Ago (From the December 1971 ORW)–The *Ohio Racewalker* gave its annual Dr. John H. Blackburn Award to Larry Young for his 18:07:12 100-mile effort, which was achieved on a 220-yard indoor track because of torrential rains that flooded the outdoor track in Columbia, Mo. The award was given for several years for the single outstanding performance in racewalking during the year, as determined solely by the editor. It was abandoned a few years later for various reasons, as were the ORW Style prizes that used to ber presented at all National races. . .The second annual ORW World Rankings were topped by Soviet walkers–Nikolai Smaga at 20 and Veniamin Soldatenko at 50. Gerhard Spreling, East Germany, and Paul Nihill, Great Britain followed at 20 and Peter Selzer and Christoph Hohne, both East Germany, at 50.

25 Years Ago (From the December 1981 ORW)–In the annual ORW World Rankings, Ernesto Canto, Mexico; Roland Weiser, East Germany; and Maurizio Damilano, Italy were ranked 1-2-3 at 20. The 50 saw Raul Gonzales, Mexico, and Hartwig Gauder and Uwe Dunkel, East Germany, in the top three spots. Women's rankings were led by Siv Gustavsson, Sweden at 5 Km and Ann Jansson, Sweden, at 10. Alexandra Deverenskaya, USSR, and Sue Cook, Australia, were second at 5 and 10 respectively. Susan Liers-Westerfield led U.S. rankings at both distances and was ranked third in the world at 10. Vicki Jones and Bonnie Dillon were second and third in the U.S. at 5, and Dillon and Jeanne Bocci second and third at 10. The U.S. men's rankings saw Todd Scully, Jim Heiring, and Marco Evoniuk leading at 20 , and Evoniuk, Vincent O'Sullivan, and Heiring at 50. There were 11 U.S. walkers under 4:40 at 50.

20 Years Ago (From the December 1986 ORW)–The ORW Rankings saw Josef Prbilinec, Czechoslavakia; Damilano, and Gauder on top at 20, and Gauder, Vyatschlav Ivanenko and Valeir Suntsov, both USSR, ranked 1-2-3 at 50. The women's 10 was topped by Kerry Saxby, Australia; Ping Guan, China; and Yougjiy Xu, China. Teresa Vaill, Debbi Lawrence, and Lynn Weik topped the U.S. Rankigns at 10; Tim Lews, Carl Schueler, and Ray Shapr at 20; and Eonviuk, Dan O'Connor, and Eugene Kitts at 50. In the 20, 24 U.S. men were under 1:35.

15 Years Ago (From the December 1991 ORW) –Alina Ivanova, USSR; Irina Stankova, USSR; and Graciela Mendoza, Mexico were atop our Women's World Rankings at 10 Km. Lawrence, Weik, and Victoria Herazo led the U.S. women. At 20, the World Rankings saw Mikhail Schennikov, USSR; Damilano, and Yevgeniy Misyula, USSR, and at 50 it was Carlos Mercenario, Mexico; Andrei Perlov, USR; and Aleksandr Potashev, USSR. In U.S. Rankings, Tim Lewis, Allen James, and Gary Morgan were 1-2-3 at 20, and Schueler, Evoniuk, and Herm Nelson at 50. Evoniuk topped his season with a 4:04:46 on Dec. 15 in San Francisco, beating both Nelson (4:05:33) and Schueler (4:06:21). . .Canada's Tim Berrett did a 3:21:30 in the New York City Marathon.

10 Years Ago (From the December 1996 ORW)–A late-arriving result had France's Thierry Toutain breaking the World Record for 50 Km back in September with a 3:40:57.9 on the track in Haricourt. He was 40.5 seconds under Raul Gonzales' old record. . .The first three in our World rankings were: Women's 10 Km–Yelena Nikolayeva, Russia; Elisabetta Perrone, Italy; and Yan Wang, China. Men's 20–Jefferson Perez, Ecuador; Ilya Markov, Russia; and Bernardo Segura, Mexico. 50 Km–RObert Korzeniowski, Poland; Mikhail Schennikov, Russia; and Valentin Massana, Spain. U.S. rankings were: 10 Km–Michelle Rohl; Debbi Lawrence; and Victoria Herazo. 20 Km–Curt Clausen, Tim Seaman, and Allen James. 50 Km–James, Andrzej Chylinski, and Andrew Herrman.

5 Years Ago (From the December 2001 ORW)–Russia's Oliampiada Ivanova took the number spot in the ORW's World rankings at 20, followed by Elisabetta Perrone of Italy and Valentinay Tsybulskaya of Belarus. The men's World rankings; 20 Km–Roman Rasskazov, Viktor Byrayev, and Ilya Markov, all Russia. 50 Km–Robert Korzeniowski, Poland; Jesus Garcia, Spain; and Engar Hernandez, Mexico. U.S. rankings: Women's 20–Micheller Rohl, Amber Antonia, and Jill Zenner. Men's 20–Curt Clausen, Tim Seaman, and Sean Albert. Men's 50–Clausen, Philip, and Seaman.

Olympians Galore. Top: From left: Shaul Ladany, Israel Olympic team 1972; Rudy Haluza, U.S. Olympic team 1960 and 1968 (fourth in the 20 in '68); and Larry Young, U.S. double bronze medalist at 50 in 1968 and 1972. Photo probably taken around 1970. Maybe someone can identify exact date. **Bottom:** Photo taken at World Veterans meet in Buffalo, 1955. **Back**: from left: John Kelly, Irish Olympian, but long-time U.S. competitor; Ron Laird, U.S. team 1960, 1964, 1968, and 1976, twice bronze medalist in World Cup 20 Km; and Bob Mimm, U.S. team 1960. Bottom, from left: Bruce MacDonald, U.S. team 1956, 1960, and 1964; Elliott Denman, U.S. team 1956; and Henry Laskau, U.S. team 1949, 1952, and 1956.