As we enter a new year, may joy bless our lives, may compassion fill our hearts, and may peace and understanding spread through all the world.

40th Annual ORW Rankings

In 1970, the Ohio Racewalker ranked the world’s best racewalkers based on performances during that year and we have continued to do so since. So here we go again. In that first year, there were rankings only for men at 20 and 50 Km. In 1972, we added U.S. rankings at the same two distances and in 1979, as a significant, long-needed program for women was finally emerging in the U.S. and other countries, we added women’s rankings. Those original women’s rankings were at 5 and 10 Km. We dropped the 5 Km rankings in 1985 since by that time women’s international competition was almost exclusively at 10 Km. In 1999, the women’s rankings shifted to 20 Km as that became the distance for international competitions. We will gladly add women’s 50 Km rankings when any significant competition emerges at that distance.

These rankings are based strictly on the opinion of your editor, but with close attention to the year’s entire set of performances for each athlete. Performance in major events carries greater weight in molding my opinions. All comments and disagreements are welcomed and may be published but the likelihood of the rankings being altered is very slight.

2010 World 20 Km Rankings—Women

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### 2010 World 20 Km Rankings—Men

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resolved, and their seems to be a legitimate question, we feel compelled to rank him off what he did during the season. That could change. He gets the nod over Kroll, who edged him for third in the World Cup, off impressive races in two IAAF Challenge races, while Kroll managed only sixth in the Euro Championships. Lopez won three of four races with Sanchez to earn seventh. While Chen edged Sanchez at the World Cup, Sanchez beat him at the end of the season. Heffernan’s good race in the Euro Championships gives him the tenth spot over Australia’s Jared Tallent.

**2010 Top 50 Performers**

1. Eder Sanchez, Mexico
2. Matej Toth, Slovakia
3. Yohan Diniz, France
4. Jesus Garcia, Spain
5. Jared Tallent, Australia
6. Tianfeng, China
7. Jesus Angle Garcia, Spain
8. Yuki Yamazaki, Japan
9. Yohann Diniz, France
10. Alex Schwazer, Italy

**2010 World 50 Km Rankings—Men**

1. Matej Toth, Slovak Republic
   3:53:50 (1) World Cup 5/15
2. Yohan Diniz, France
   3:50:37 (1) Toronto 7/25
3. Jesus Garcia, Spain
   3:50:22 (1) World Cup Trials 4/11
4. Gregorz Sudol, Poland
   3:50:24 (1) Toronto 5/30
5. Jared Tallent, Australia
   3:50:22 (1) World Cup 5/15

**2010 U.S. 20 Km Rankings—Women**

1. Maria Michta
   1:43:36 (1) World Cup Trials 4/11
2. Joanne Dow
   1:43:36 (1) US Champ. 6/27
3. Lauren Forgues
   1:43:36 (1) Auburn, Maine 5/23
4. Estrella Silva
   1:43:36 (1) US Champ. 6/27
5. Lauren Forgues
   1:43:36 (1) Auburn, Maine 5/23

There were two major races—the World Cup and the European Championships—and the problems of the World Cup being conducted at high altitude were discussed above. Still we regard that as the most important race of the year and thus our No. 1 slot goes to its winner Matej Toth. The picture would be clearer had Toth opted for the 50 at the Euro meet, but he went for 20 there, finishing only seventh. The next four spots alternate between World Cup and Euro placers. Jesus Garcia, fifth in both gets the seventh spot. In eighth is Yamazaki, who solidified his sixth at the World Cup with an earlier fast race at home. Heffernan, fourth in the Euro meet, has some claim to that spot, but that’s not the way we chose to rank...

**2010 Top Performers**

1. 3:54:30 (1) World Cup Trials 4/11
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No doubt about No. 1. Unbeaten by other U.S. walkers in four races and winner of both the World Cup Trials and the National Championships, Michta is well ahead of the field. ... Dow and Forgues earn the second and third slots off their finish places in the Nationals. ... Login's second in the World Cup Trials earns her fourth spot. ... Close for the next three places, but Gray's fourth place finish, well ahead of Casey and Melville in the Nationals, wins the day....

**2010 Top 26 Performers (Those under 1:52)**

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**2010 U.S. 50 Km Rankings—Men**

Since there was so little activity at 50 Km, the walkers rank in the same order as the best times, as follows:

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A Few Results (Very Few)

5 K, Belpre, W.V., June 26–1. Richard Shea 30:58 2. Jay Smith 31:04 3. Anda Coiner 31:28 4. Randy Skidmore 32:05 5. Lori Watt 33:17 6. Jim Stouffer 33:46 (25 finishers). We have just become aware of a very active program practically under our nose—the River City Runners and Walkers Club have just become aware of a very active program practically under our nose—the River City Runners and Walkers Club has members in the Parkersburg and Marietta, Ohio (across the river) area. Lots of races and lots of participants, both walkers and runners. No startling times in the walks, which are generally monitored, not judged, but enthusiastic participation.)

5 K, Elizabeth, W.V., July 3–George Welch (56) 29:44

Some Races To Launch The New Year

Sat. Jan. 8 2.8 Miles, Seattle (C)
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Sun. Jan. 15 Indoor 3 Km, St. Louis area (R)
Sun. Jan. 16 10 Miles, Pasadena, Cal., 7:30 am (Y)
Sun. Jan. 23 National USATF 50 Km, Tustin, Cal., 7 am (Y)
Sun. Jan. 30 Masters Indoor 3000 meters, Providence, R.I. (X)
Sun. Jan. 23 National USATF 50 Km, Tustin, Cal. (L)
Sun. Feb. 6 1500 meters and 3 Km, Palm Desert, CA (U)
Sun. Feb. 20 20th Annual Indoor 3 Km Mail Walk, Milford, Conn., 9:30 am (I)
Sat. March 5 John Evans 50 Km, 5 and 20 Km, Houston (G)
Sat. March 12 2.8 Miles, Seattle (C)
1500 meters, Houston (G)
Sun. March 13 20 Km and 5 Km, Huntington Beach, CA (U)
Sat. March 19 1 Mile, Houston (G)

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walking in Europe. The following exploits are included in his letter dated Dec 6: “Late in July I participated for the 20th time in the Nijmegen 4-day march, the huge international walking carnival that had over 40,000 participants. Early in September was my 50th participation in the 4.5 km Lake Kinneret swim, which I have succeeded to complete without any swimming since last year’s event. In November, Shosh and I had our 50th wedding anniversary, and in the same month I was both oldest participant in an Israeli mountain marathon run (in which I walked), as well as the longest actively participating Israeli marathoner, doing my first marathon in 1956. Participation in the Summer in the 7-day, 300 km Schleswig (Germany) to Viborg (Denmark) walk, training in the Swiss Alps, walking about 330 km in four different organized long-distance mountain marches in Austria, walking 65 km around Lake Kinneret and 75 km on my birthday inomer, plus participation in marathon competitions were routine. However, my share of injuries in between these events, coupled with a few recurring summer low-fever flues, was unplanned, but I managed to overcome even these obstacles. Tomorrow, I am getting an award from my sports club for my contribution and success in the last 35 years, and in four days I will be walking in the Belt-Shean Half-Marathon, still with many stitches in the palm of my left hand (from my last fall).” It’s a shame Shaul can’t be more active in his senior years.

South Texas Club Awarded USATF Grant

Our PSJA Independent School District of Pharr, Texas, and our South Texas Walking Club were recognized by the USA Track & Field National Board at last week’s National Convention in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Our school district and club, with the assistance of Dr. Tom Eastler of the University of Maine, U.S. Olympian Tim Seaman, IAAF Level III Judge Gary Westfield, Illinois Race Walk Chair Diane Graham -Henry, Race Walk Author Dave McGovern, National Race Walk Chairman Vince Peters and many others, developed an elementary race walk program that has been very successful in our school.

Our USA Track & Field Board has considered this program to be the most innovative method of promoting race walking among children in the USA and has awarded a $50,000 grant to our South Texas Walking Club. The grant is for the purpose of promoting race walking at the elementary school level at all fifteen of our Junior Olympic Regions in the USA.

Our club will soon name a five-member national committee to assist us in administering the grants. Each of the fifteen regional coordinators will then be provided with a list of persons and asked to assist us by appointing a five-member regional committee within their region, including themselves, to work with our national committee and assist in promoting race walking at their elementary schools. All persons interested in being considered for appointment by their regional coordinator are encouraged to contact me as soon as possible at acaieme@sbcglobal.net. $22,500 of the grant will be used to purchase 7500 of Dr. Tom Eastler’s book on teaching children the Art of race walking, “Racewalking! Fun? Alex and Maria Discover Racewalking.” Upon request by the regions committee, each region will receive 500 books and a DVD on Teaching Children Race Walking, prepared by our PSJA I.S.D., and a teacher’s curriculum prepared by the Maine and PSJA I.S.D. elementary school teachers. Officials and judges within each region would be encouraged by the regional committee to teach race walking to their elementary school P.E. coaches so that they in turn can teach race walking to their children in school as is being done at the PSJA I.S.D.

A “Race Walk Instructional Guide for Grade School,” prepared by myself and edited by Diane Graham - Henry and Tim Seaman, will also be provided to each of the fifteen regional committees as a guide on how to promote race walking for their elementary school children.

$25,000 ($1,666 per region) will be available for the regions to use for race walk clinican
travel expenses in the event they do not already have said clinicians in their immediate area.
$2,500 will be used for freight and other national committee expenses.
All books, DVDs, curriculum and Race Walk Instructional Guides will have our
USATF logo imprinted on each and will be owned by the region once issued by the national
committee. Any regional officer, coach or local school district officials within the individual
regions will be allowed access to all material upon request and approval of the regional
committee.
We believe that teaching children the art of race walking at an early age, when peer
pressure is not so great, will increase the chances that more children will continue race
walking through high school, college and eventually the Olympics. We are grateful to our
USATF National Board for having made this grant available for such a worthy cause.
We are confident that we will see good results within one to three years at our
association, regional and National Junior Olympic Championships. Our Junior National
Program, National Race Walking camps and National Championships will see many more
participants within five to five years, our colleges and Olympic center within six to eight
years and greater participation at our Olympic trials within ten years. Race walking will then
share the same large continuous development pipeline other track and field events enjoy
where there are literally thousands who participate from an early age into the college ranks
and beyond as we all desire.

Our USA Track & Field Board, in their wisdom, asked for an innovative program to
move race walking forward and believes ours to be that program by awarding our club this
grant. It has taken three years to create this successful program with the joint efforts of many
and it will take the joint efforts of many for it to be successful on a National scale.
Please consider being a part of our volunteer administrative staff and submit your name to me
as soon as possible for consideration by your regional coordinator as did the following persons
in attendance at the USA TF Convention last week.

Barron Honored As Youth Athlete of the Year

Indianapolis (USATF Press release)- Trevor Barron, of Bethel Park, Penn., has
been named the 2010 Youth Athlete of the Year by USA Track & Field's Youth Committee.
Barron will be honored on Saturday, December 4 at the Jesse Owens Awards and Hall
of Fame Induction Ceremony, held at the Virginia Beach Convention Center in Virginia Beach,
Va. The event is held in conjunction with USA Track & Field's 2010 Annual Meeting.
Five American junior records in one year have helped to make the 18-year-old
the new face of race walking in the United States. "I thank USATF for this award, but even more
so for including race walking as an integral part of its Junior Olympic and youth programs," said Barron. "Without USATF's generous support I would not be race walking at all, let alone
at an international level."

Barron's re-writing of the record books began on February 7 in Surprise, Ariz., when he
won the men's 20 km Open and USATF 20 km Western Regional Race Walk
Championship in 1:31:51. Barron's performance shattered his own American Junior record of
1:37:49 set at last year's USA 50 km Championships in Santa Fe, Calif.
Barron continued his record-setting ways on April 11, when he set a U.S. Junior
men's 10 km road record Sunday at the 2010 IAAF World Race Walk Cup Trials in
Ronkonkoma, N.Y. Barron set the 10 km road American Junior record when he crossed the
finish line first in 43:05 bettering the previous standard of 43:16 set by Will Van Axen in
1993.

On June 13, Barron walked a 44-second personal best and U.S. Junior Record with
his winning time of 20:06 at the San Diego 5,000m race walk competition at Cuyamaca
College. The previous record of 22:14 was set in 2005 by Zachary Pollinger.

The following month he smashed his own American Junior record (AJR) in the
10,000m race walk, stopping the clock at 41:50.29 to place seventh at the 13th IAAF World
Junior Championships in Moncton, Canada. Barron clipped more than 30 seconds off the
previous AJR of 42:22.79. It was the best finish ever by an American at World Juniors.

Saving the best result for last, Barron posted an eye-popping performance at the
Nordic 20 km Championships in Finland. Barron covered 20 km in a blistering 1:23:49.39,
which is the fastest time by any American since 2007. His performance is the second-fastest
in the world this year and bettered the U.S. Junior record by 18.31. His time was just nine
seconds off the American record and 10 seconds under the Olympic qualifying standard.

"Trevor had an outstanding year, re-writing the race walking record books
together 2010," said USATF Youth Athletics Committee Chair Lionel Leach. "This is the first
time that we have named a race walker Youth Athlete of the Year which goes to show
what an outstanding year he had and the diversity of our youth program."

Trevor gave the following acceptance speech on Dec. 4 in Virginia Beach:

It is a great honor to be here. I'm surprised that a U.S. race walker could win
an award by popular vote! When I heard about it I thought it was a joke. But I'd like to thank
USA Track and Field for all it has given me, including the chance to compete internationally
and to train at the Olympic Training Center.

Most stars in U.S.A. track and field are motivated by medals, scholarships,
recognition, and money. But for a young U.S. race walker these motivators don't work very
well.

Medals? We haven't won any since Curt Clausen in 1999. Often we're just happy not
to finish last. (But I do hope to change that.)

Scholarships? The NCAA does not even recognize race walking, so for someone like
me who wants to attend a major research university, there is no scholarship opportunity.

Recognition? Most of the recognition I get is teasing during my training
walks... although somewhat less now that I go faster than most runners.

And money...money for U.S. race walkers? Are you kidding? We don't even have
shoe sponsors.

So I've had to look elsewhere for my motivation. And I've found it in two places:
the personal growth that comes from pushing for excellence, and the chance to experience
cultures and build friendships all over the world.

Jesse Owens also knew that the best athletes are motivated by something
more important than medals, scholarships, fame, or money. The Olympic Training Center
prominently displays, on a wall of its athlete cafeteria, these words of his: Awards become
tarnished and diplomas fade... What is a gold medal? It is a

The best and most influential athletes are the ones who learn to push harder than
they thought possible, pursuing excellence in whatever they do. The best athletes realize that,
in the long run, tangible things are meaningless but intangible things can last forever. Thank
you very much.

Olympic Trivia

The first Olympic racewalking gold medalist was Great Britain's George Lerner, who
won at 3500 meters in London on July 14, 1980. His teammate, Ernest Webb, was second,
12.4 seconds back. If we count the “unofficial” Olympics held in Athens in 1906, the honor goes to our own George Bonhag who won at 1,500 meters on April 30 in 7:12.6, beating Canada’s Donald Linden by 7.2 seconds. A day later, Hungary’s Gyorgy Szanties won at 3,000 meters in 15:13.2.

However, the first walking race at the Olympics was held in the 1904 St. Louis Olympics as part of the All-Around event, a 10-event competition held on a single day, which was also a National AAU Championship event until some time around 1960. The ten events were 100 yard dash, 120 yard high hurdles, 880 yard walk, 1 Mile run, long jump (then broad jump), high jump, pole vault, shot put, hammer throw, and 56-lb. weight throw. In the Athens Olympics Tom Kiely compiled 6036 points to beat Adam Gurnin of the U.S. Who had 5807. In the process, Kiely and John Holloway, also of Great Britain, walked 3:59 for fast-time honors. So these two were actually the first racewalkers across the line in Olympic competition.

LOOKING BACK

45 Years Ago (From the Dec. 1965 ORW)–Jack Blackburn won the annual Ft. Thomas, Kenton to Cincinnati Thanksgiving Day 6 Mile (short) in 43:13 with Chuck Newell beating Wayne Yarcho for second. . . Canadian Bert Life, age 56, won the Coney Island (Brooklyn) 10 ½ mile handicap in 1:39:44 as Ron Daniel captured fast-time honors in 1:26:38. . . Subscription rate was $1.20 per year, which means the cost of a stamp must have still been at perhaps 7 cents.

40 Years Ago (From the Dec. 1970 ORW)–The Ohio Racewalker gave its 1970 Dr. John H. Blackburn Award to Goetz Klopfer for his 2:34:20 20-mile effort. The award was given annually for the outstanding single performance in U.S. racewalking during the year. . . John Knifton won the Asbury Park, N.J. 10 miler in 1:19:12. . . The ORW’s First Annual World Rankings were topped by East Germans Peter Frenkel at 20 and Christoph Hohne at 50 Km. Following Frenkel were East Germany’s Hans-Georg Reimann and Soviet Vladimir Golubchiky. The next two at 50 were Veniamin Soldatenko, USSR, and Burkhard Leutschke, East Germany. We had no U.S. rankings that year.

35 Years Ago (From the Dec. 1975 ORW)–In the ORW rankings, Mexico’s Daniel Bautista led countryman Domingo Cohn in the 20, with Karl-Heinz Stadtmueller, East Germany in third. West Germany’s Bernd Kannenberg led Soviets Veniamin Soldatenko and Yevgeniy Lyungin at 50. Top three in the U.S. rankings were Larry Young, Todd Scully, and Jerry Brown, and Young, Augie Hirt, and John Knifton at 50. Not until four years later was there enough participation by women in racewalking to justify rankings for them. Sad.

30 Years Ago (From the Dec. 1980 ORW)–Bautista again led the ORW World 20 Km rankings and his compatriot Raul Gonzalez topped the 50. Following Bautista were Maurizio Damilano, Italy and Yfot Fotsenschuk, USSR. In the 50, Dietmar Miesch and Hartwig Gauder, both of East Germany, were second and third. In the U.S. rankings, Marco Evoniuk and Jim Heiring were one-two at 20 and Carl Schueler and Evoniuk topped the 50. On the lady’s side, Australia’s Sue Cook stood atop both the 5 and 10 Km rankings. (Women’s 20 Km races were still years in the future.) Sue Brodock of the U.S. was second at 5 and ninth at 10. Sweden’s Ann Jansson ranked second in the 10. Brodock topped the U.S. rankings at both distances, ahead of Susan Leirs and Jeanne Bocci, respectively. Subscription rate was now $4.00 per year for Second Class delivery, or $6.00 if one wanted First Class Mail.


Women’s World 10 Km rankings were headed by Hang Yan, China; Ping Guan, China; and Olga Kristop, USSR. Top U.S. women were Maryanne Torrellas (now Daniel), Teresa Vaill (still going strong), and Debbi Lawrence. In the Men’s 20 Km, World Rankings were topped by Jose Marin, Spain; Maurizio Damilano, Italy, and Viktor Mustovik, USSR. Hartwig Gauder, East Germany; Andrie Perlov, USSR; and Erling Anderson, Norway were the 50 Km leaders. The U.S. rankings saw Tim Lewis, Marco Evoniuk, and Jim Heiring ranked one-two-three at 20, and Carl Schueler, Evoniuk, and Randy Mimm taking the top three spots at 50.

20 Years ago (From the Dec. 1990 ORW)–Gary Null, at age 45, won New York City races at 1 Mile (6:51) and 10 Km (48:55) . . . Australia’s Kerry Saxby topped the ORW World Rankings at 20 Km, followed by Soviets Nadezhda Ryaskina and Olga Kardopoltseva. Top three in the U.S. were Debbi Lawrence, Lynn Weik, and Teresa Vaill. . . At 20 Km, Pavol Blazek, Czech.; Daniel Plaza, Spain; and Ernest Canto, Mexico led the World Rankings, with Tim Lewis, Doug Fournier, and Steve Piccinovsky out front in the U.S. The 50 Km Rankings saw Andrei Perlov, USSR; Bernd Gummelt, Germany; and Simon Baker, Australia leading the World, and Tim Lewis, Marco Evoniuk, and Eugene Kitts atop the U.S. Rankings. . . By this time, the ORW cost $6.00 a year for those willing to wait for Second Class Delivery and $8.00 for First Class Mail.

15 Years Ago (From the Dec. 1995 ORW)–Henn Nelson turned in a good late season 20 Km on the track in Alexandria, Virginia, beating Gary Morgan 1:27:07 to 1:27:38 (also a good performance). Ian Whatley was third in 1:33:31. . . Yariv Pomeranz won a 50 Km at the same time in 4:22:33. . . Russia’s Yelena Nikonenyeva led the World 10 Km rankings, ahead of Elisabeta Perrone, Italy and Irina Stankina, Russia. Michelle Rohl, Teresa Vaill, and Debbi Lawrence took the first three spots in the U.S. rankings. At 20 Km, the World Rankings saw Michelle Didoni, Italy, Zewen Li, China; and Mikhail Schennikov, Russia leading the way, and the U.S. rankings were topped by Allen James, Henn Nelson, and Gary Morgan. At 50, it was Valentin Kononen, Finland; Giovanni Perricelli, Italy; and Robert Korzeniowski, Poland in the World Rankings, and James, Andrzei Chylinski, and Jonathan Matthews in the U.S. Rankings. . . We had dispensed with Second Class Mail since less than half our subscribers were asking for it, and the First Class Rate was $10.00 per year.

10 Years Ago (From the Dec. 2000 ORW)–With his double victory at the Melbourne Olympics, Poland’s Robert Korzeniowski earned the No. 1 World Ranking at both 20 and 50 Km. Following him were Mexico’s Noe Hernandez and Russia’s Vladimir Andreyev at 20, and Latvia’s Aigars Fadesjews and Mexico’s Joel Sanchez at 50. The Women’s World 20 Km Rankings were led by Liping Wang, China; Kjerstii Platten, Norway, and Hongyu Liu, China. In the U.S. Rankings, Michelle Rohl earned the No. 1 spot at 20, followed by Yueling Chen and Debbi Lawrence. The Men’s 20 Km found Tim Seaman, Curt Clausen, and Andrew Hermann taking the first three spots at 20, with Clausen, Hermann, and Philip Dunn leading the way at 50. . . The subscription rate had risen to $12.00 per year, where it still stands.

5 Years Ago (From the Dec. 2005 ORW)–National 1 Hour races were won by Jolene Moore, who covered 12,523 meters and Allen James (12,842) . . . Russia’s Olimpiya Ivanova topped the World 20 Km Rankings, followed by Belarus’ Irya Turava and Portugal’s Susana Feiter. On the Men’s side, Jefferson Perez, Ecuador led Francisco Fernandez, Spain and Nathan Deakes, Australia. No. 1 at 50 was Russia’s Sergey Kirdyapkin, followed by Aleksy Voevodin, Russia and Alex Schwazer, Italy. In the U.S., the first three women at 20 were Teresa Vaill, Amber Antonina, and Joanne Dow. On the Men’s side it was Tim Seaman, John Nunn, and Ben Storey at 20, and Curt Clausen, Philip Dunn, and Ray Sharp at 50.