



Over The Hill Track Club

Athletes of all ages setting the pace!

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President's Message...

Hello, my name is Rodney C. Wilson and it is a privilege to serve as President of this excellent and longstanding organization. I have been a member, a vice president, a competitor, and a volunteer with this club since 1983. I am looking forward toward working in harmony with all of you for the betterment of physical fitness, sport, and recreation. As noted by achievements of our members over the past 28 years, we are the Premier masters track and field club in the Midwest region. Our membership includes stellar athletes residing in four states: Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky. However, our home base has been and will always be Cleveland, Ohio.

Before I outline concepts that should be explored this year, I would like to acknowledge and pay tribute to the previous five presidents in the following chronological order: Jeffrey Gerson, Geoff Packer, Deborah Yurth-Thomas, Norman Thomas, and Robert Walters. Thank you, because without your spirit, time, and long-suffering commitment, our club would have not continued to be in existence, nor an outstanding club since 1975. Thanks also go to the many supporters who have volunteered their talents, efforts, and expertise (Rex Harvey, Grover Coats, Patrice Thomas, Lawrence Finley, Larry Maniccia, Robert Thomas, Essie Kea, Allen Ray, Joanne Siegel, Dorothy Wilson, and many, many others). I'm truly sorry, if I did not name everyone who has contributed, because that is not my intention to slight anyone.

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I have watched over the years track and field diminish in national scope and prominence, but we have remained steadfast and hearty. Yes there have been bumps along the way, and fences that were or still need to be mended, but we are still here and are still alive. Many clubs real or imagined are no longer around. Long after my term has expired, we will still be here, ready for the next generation of great athletes to take us to heights not yet imagined. We have a good core of officers, a webmaster, coordinators, and volunteers who I believe take great pride into fulfilling their duties.

Therefore, it is my vision and belief that we need to explore the following three themes: Growth, Publicity, and Fundraising / Sponsorship. The latter will be a tremendous challenge, but I believe that creative fundraising, as well as finding a sponsor will go a long way in sustaining the viability and visibility of this club. I have asked Paul Williams and Essie Kea to creatively explore fundraising ideas, but we will also need your ideas and creativity. So please contact them.

Growth and Publicity are reciprocal. The more we publicize what we do and who we are, the more we will grow in numbers. So contact the newspapers, media, and multi media about your accomplishments. The public needs to know that we have Regional, National, and World Class athletes. I have asked Robert Thomas to explore the idea of developing "Developmental Meets" to stimulate local growth and interest. We can have both a local component as well as a traveling squad. Finally, we will continue to need volunteers in making this process transition smoothly, so I will be seeking assistance from everyone in keeping our club and our meets strong.

**Please Plan on Attending the
2003 North Coast Invitational
Meeting!**

**Be prepared to discuss how you can
help to make this club event the best
ever!**

When: Saturday, May 17th, 2003

Where: 5091 Hickory Dr, Lyndhurst, OH

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Directions: Use *Driving Directions* at
www.mapquest.com, or call Jeff Gerson at
(440) 473-0636 for more info.

**Be sure to send in your Club Renewal
Forms and 2003 dues!**

**Send your meet results to Larry
Maniccia so they can be published on
the club website!**

Membership Drive Program

Any current member that signs up three new club members will have their membership dues reimbursed. (NOTE: A current member is fully paid for the year, and a new member excludes former club members from the past three years.) Also, please ensure your renewal forms and fees are sent in early in the year.

e-Mail

Be sure to send your e-mail to Larry Maniccia via www.othtc.org.

The Last Word: Jeff Fisher and Clark Turner still have Over The Hill Uniforms at the Second Sole Store in Lyndhurst, OH.

Also, The June Newsletter will be forthcoming very soon.

Officers

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(We are seeking a weight events coordinator, so if have the talent or desire, please do not hesitate to contact us)

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