



## The OTC Office Has Moved

The Oregon Track Club office, formerly shared with Tracktown USA, has moved to a new location in the 2350 Oakmont Way building. The office is now in Suite 205 which is across the hall from the second-floor elevator.

The full OTC physical address is 2350 Oakmont Way, Suite 205, Eugene, OR 97401. The office contact information remains the same: [info@oregontrackclub.com](mailto:info@oregontrackclub.com), 541-343-7247, and the mailing address is P.O. Box 11364, Eugene, OR 97440.



The office is not staffed on a regular schedule, so please call if you plan to visit.



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TO THE NEAREST COMPUTER  
AND RENEW YOUR  
OTC MEMBERSHIP!  
GO HERE**

## Oregon22 Launches Youth Engagement Program

Oregon22, the organization planning and managing the World Athletics Track and Field Championships, has launched a new youth engagement program.

*Making Tracks* is a free program developed for K-12 students. It invites all youth to be a part of the history, cultural diversity, global unity, and excitement of the world coming to Oregon for the World Championships.



The program offers an extensive activities library for youth. The activity guides are available for educators, youth program leaders, or parents to use in the classroom or at home. [Go here](#) for more information.

The World Championships are scheduled for Hayward Field on July 15-24, 2022.

# Volunteers Needed For the World Championships

World Athletics Track and Field Championships will be held at Hayward Field on July 15-24, 2022. The meet needs volunteers.

Volunteer registration is now open, [go here](#). Volunteer roles are available across every part of the event. You must be at least 18 years old by the time of the Championships.

This registration does not involve officiating positions. Assignment of officials was handled through a USATF application process that is now closed.

This is the first time the U.S. has hosted the prestigious World Championships. Over 2000 athletes representing more than 200 nations will compete in the meet.



**WORLD ATHLETICS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
OREGON 22**

## OREGON TRACK CLUB HOLIDAY SALE



**2350 OAKMONT WAY - SUITE 205  
DECEMBER 9 2:00 - 7:00 PM**

# OTC Newsletter Team, 42 Years of Combined Service

The Oregon Track Club newsletter team recently gathered for an in-person team lunch (we are all vaccinated). This group writes, edits, re-writes, edits, designs, produces, and distributes the Club's newsletter each month. These team members have a combined total of 42 years of dedicated service to the Club newsletter.

Members of this team have shepherded the Club newsletter from a quarterly publication to a monthly publication; from a black and white publication to a full-color newsletter; from a printed-only publication to email-only distribution. Wonder what is next?

The team wants to thank all the frequent newsletter contributors for their support.



*Seated, left to right: Jennifer Touchette (graphic artist), Bettina Huber (OTC Masters President), Michael Cahn (former OTC Masters President). Standing, left to right: Phil Sutton (newsroom night shift editor), Bill Kelly (former OTC President), and Nathaniel Teich (grammar and punctuation Yoda).*



## Oregon Track Club Masters

## OTCM Holiday Party Scratched

After further consideration of venue and pandemic safety issues, and with the increase in COVID cases during the holidays, it was determined that the OTC Masters Holiday Party will unfortunately need to be canceled.

The event, originally scheduled for Friday, December 10 at the Campbell Community Center this year, has historically been a fun social event with food, music, and a "White Elephant" gift exchange. It is with great hope that the pandemic will be resolved soon, and this traditional fun event will be able to resume in 2022!

## Oregon Track Club Masters

# OTCM Annual Meeting and Dinner Canceled

The OTC Masters Annual Meeting and Dinner, typically held in mid-January, has been canceled due to logistical issues caused by the pandemic. The meeting normally features a guest speaker, awards presentations, election of officers and board members, and a dinner buffet.

Officer and board elections will be conducted electronically in January.

Award certificates, normally presented at the Annual Meeting and Dinner, will be mailed to recipients in 2022. Awards are given for the top ten age-graded marks by OTCM Club members in each of four categories: track events, field events, road races, and race walks. Members have until December 31, 2021 to submit their performance marks for this year's awards. Marks can be submitted online [here](#) or email them to [spashkin66@gmail.com](mailto:spashkin66@gmail.com).

A possible future meeting or social event to honor award recipients is being considered when the pandemic concerns have lessened.

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## Oregon Track Club Masters

# Chasing Excellence: Insights into Joe Vigil

By Don McLean

In thinking about America's top towns for runners, what comes to mind: Eugene or Alamosa, Colorado? Eugene-Springfield has a population of 382,000; Alamosa's population is 9,500. The University of Oregon has more than 20,000 students, while Adams State University, the hub of Alamosa, has less than 3,500 students. Eugene is growing and thriving. Alamosa is poor, with fewer social opportunities, yet survives as a town for runners.

Enter Joe I. Vigil, now 92. As a youth, he was raised in Alamosa and was a stellar student, Eagle Scout, and a smallish football defensive lineman for Adams State. Somehow, he survived a game lining up against 300-pound Dan Blocker, "Hoss" on the television show Bonanza. How's that for tough?

For nearly 30 years, Vigil coached 425 collegiate All Americans and guided 19 cross country and track teams to national championships. In 1992, his Adams State men's team swept the first five places in the NCAA Division II Cross Country Championships, still an unduplicated achievement in the NCAA.



Joe Vigil.

[Read the interview with Pat Melgares about Joe Vigil](#)

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## Oregon Track Club Masters

# Meet Opportunities for Masters Athletes

The OTC Masters has compiled a list of track and field meets in December and January that are accepting masters-level athletes. Some of these meets may have qualifying standards and some require pre-approval from the meet director to enter as an "open" or non-collegiate athlete. Please check with the meet director for entry requirements

**December 18:** [Desert Spectacular](#), Mountain Pointe High School, Phoenix, AZ. Meet Coordinator: Clint Santoro, 480-444-8841, [flash.santoro@gmail.com](mailto:flash.santoro@gmail.com).

**January 8:** [USATF Cross Country Championships](#), Mission Bay, San Diego, CA.

# SAVE THE DATE

**The Hayward Classic Meet  
is Coming Back!**

**MAY 7,  
2022**

One of the premier Masters meet in the U.S. returns to Hayward Field after a three year absence.

## *News Update from Oregon22*

*by Jessica Gabriel, Oregon22 Communications Director*

Happy December to the Oregon Track Club membership from the World Athletics Championships Oregon22 team!

As we close out 2021 and approach 2022, we are getting more and more excited for the event – which is starting to feel like it is just around the corner.

With 2,000 athletes from over 200 nations and 1 billion global viewers, it will be the biggest track and field event to ever come to the United States. At the center of it, all will be the spectacular Hayward Field at the University of Oregon, a fitting stage for the best athletes in the world to fight for the right to call themselves World Champions.

There are many ways to get involved with the World Championships – from volunteering, to engaging with *Making Tracks* (our youth engagement program), to experiencing it live, and more.

**[Read the details of how to be involved in Oregon22](#)**



*Jessica Gabriel*

**SENDING EVERYONE A HAND WASHED,  
SOCIALY DISTANCED, FACE COVERED,  
FULLY VACCINATED**

**Happy Holidays!**



## INSIDE TRACKTOWN <sup>USA</sup>

*From the desk of Michael Reilly, TrackTown USA CEO*

TrackTown USA is pleased to welcome three talented professionals to our team, all of whom have a passion for track and field. While each traveled a different road to our community, they are all excited for the upcoming outdoor season.

Welcome Aubrianna "Bri" Lantrip, Event Coordinator; Megan Robertson, Director of Entertainment Experience & Strategic Programs; and Eli Rosen-Duran, Event Coordinator.

Learn more about Bri, Megan, and Eli by reading their biographies:



*Michael Reilly*

**Bri Lantrip**

**Megan Robertson**

**Eli Rosen-Duran**



# SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, May 28, 2022**

**Hayward Field**

*Prefontaine Classic*

## Fees Increase in January

# Eugene Marathon Registration is Open

The **Eugene Marathon** is scheduled for April 29 - May 1. The event includes a marathon, half marathon, 5K, and 1K Duck Dash for kids.

The finish line for all the races will be in the new Hayward Field.

[Go here](#) to sign up. Register now to avoid the price increase scheduled for early January.

The Eugene Marathon and Half Marathon are anticipated to sell out. If you plan on running in these races, register as early as possible to guarantee your bib. When capacity is reached, registration will close.

## Business Members



Runnin' Wild

Jon & Terri Anderson

### Silver



Mike Fanelli

### Bronze



## Events Calendar

Compiled by Wendy Montenegro

### December

- 1-31: **OTC** Membership Drive, new and renewal
- 4: Frozen Trail Runfest, 8:00 a.m., 50K, 25K, 9M, 5K, Eugene
- 5: Oregon Rivalry Relay, Time TBA, 5-person relay, Albany to Eugene
- 8: **OTC** Masters Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Virtual

### January

- 1: First Run, 10:00 a.m., 10K, 5K, Eugene
- 5: **OTC** Board Meeting, 7:00 a.m., Virtual Meeting
- 12: **OTC** Masters Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Virtual Meeting

Meeting

8: **OTC** Board Meeting, 7:00 a.m., Virtual Meeting

9: **OTC** Holiday Sale, 2:00 to 7:00 p.m., OTC

Office

19: Jingle Bells Run, 12:00 p.m., 15K, 5K, Eugene

31: First Run, 11:50 p.m., 10K, 5K, Eugene

*Always confirm event with event host.*

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