

*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.*

## 39th Annual ORW Rankings

In 1970, the Ohio Racewalker ranked the world's 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.

## 2008 World 20 Km Rankings—Men

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Valeriy Borchin, Russia         | 1:20:11 (1) Bieijing 4/20       |
| 1:17:55 (1) Adler 2/24             | 1:19:48 (10) World Cup 5/10     |
| 1:18:21 (2) World Cup 5/10         | 1:19:42 (3) Olympic Games 8/16  |
| 1:19:01 (1) Olympic Games 8/16     | 1:24:02 (3) IAAF Challenge 9/21 |
| 2. Jefferson Perez, Ecuador        | 4. Francisco Fernandez, Spain   |
| 1:23:42 (5) Chihuahua 3/8          | DNF Chihuahua 3/8               |
| 1:21:21 (5) Rio Maior 4/5          | 1:18:15 (1) World Cup 5/10      |
| 1:20:31 (1) Sesto San Giovanni 5/1 | 1:19:48 (2) Krakow 5/24         |
| 1:20:55 (1) CAC 7/5)               | 1:20:32 (7) Olympic Games 8/16  |
| 1:19:15 (2) Olympic Games 8/16     | 1:23:14 (1) IAAF Challenge 9/21 |
| 1:24:35 (3) IAAF Challenge 9/21    |                                 |
| 3. Jared Tallent, Australia        | 5. Hao Wang, China              |
| 1:24:20 (1) Canberra 1/7           | 1:20:34 (4) Chinese Champ. 3/14 |
| 1:19:41 (1) Aust. Champ. 2/23      | 1:20:25 (2) Beijing 4/20        |
| 1:25:40 (9) Chihuahua 3/8          | 1:19:47 (4) Olympic Games 8/16  |

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| 6. Luke Adams, Australia           | 1:21:53 (15) Olympic Games 8/16 |
| 1:20:31 (2) Aust. Champ. 2/23      | DNF IAAF Challenge 9/21         |
| 1:24:20 (8) Chihuahua 3/8          |                                 |
| DNF Beijing 4/20                   |                                 |
| 1:19:15 (7) World Cup 5/10         | 9. Robert Heffernan, Ireland    |
| 1:19:57 (6) Olympic Games 8/16     | 1:23:45 (6) Chihuahua 3/8       |
| 1:26:46 (7) IAAF Challenge 9/21    | 1:19:22 (9) World Cup 5/10      |
|                                    | 1:20:34 (5) Krakow 5/24         |
|                                    | DQ La Coruna 6/7                |
| 7. Ivano Brugnetti, Italy          | 1:20:36 (8) Olympic Games 8/16  |
| 1:20:51 (2) Sesto San Giovanni 5/1 | 1:26:04 (5) IAAF Challenge 9/21 |
| 1:21:19 (16) World Cup 5/10        |                                 |
| DNF Krakow 5/24                    | 10. Juan Manuel Molina, Spain   |
| 1:19:51 (5) Olympic Games 8/16     | 1:23:06 (2) Chihuahua 3/8       |
|                                    | 1:24:32 (3) Santa Eularia 3/15  |
| 8. Eder Sanchez, Mexico            | 1:20:06 (2) Rio Maior 4/5       |
| 1:22:53 (1) Chihuahua 3/8          | 1:19:19 (8) World Cup 5/10      |
| 1:20:57 (3) Beijing 4/20           | 1:20:18 (12) Olympic Games 8/16 |
| 1:18:34 (3) World Cup 5/10         | 1:27:39 (9) IAAF Challenge 9/21 |
| 1:19:34 (1) Krakow 5/24            |                                 |
| 1:30:47 (1) NACAC U23 7/20         |                                 |

Borchin had a decisive win in the Olympic games and with a close second in the World Cup had the best pair of performances in the year's two big competitions, so he is clearly number one... Perez started slowly as he worked into shape, but came through brilliantly in the Olympics... Had Tallent had a better race in the World Cup he would have challenged Perez for the number two slot, but he didn't, and he must settle for third... Fernandez went into the Olympics with a good shot at a number one ranking, but faltered there and can be ranked no higher than fourth... Wang's fourth place finish at the Olympics earns him the fifth spot... Adams was consistent with seventh and sixth place finishes in the major races... Sanchez appeared to be on his way to a much higher ranking with a great World Cup race and a win over Fernandez in a fast Krakow race, but fell apart in the Olympics and did not finish the Challenge race... Still, he ranks ahead of Heffernan who he beat decisively three times before his collapse... Molina narrowly gets the tenth spot over Norway's Erik Tysse and Russia's Ilya Markov with the best performance of the three in the Olympics.

### 2008 Top 50 Performers

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1:16:45 Sergey Morozov, Russia     | 1:19:04 Ilya Markov, Russia      |
| 1:17:55 Valeriy Borchin, Russia    | 1:19:06 Andrey Krivov, Russia    |
| 1:18:15 Francisco Fernandez, Spain | 1:19:11 Erik Tysse, Norway       |
| 1:18:18 Sergey Bakulin, Russia     | 1:19:15 Luke Adams, Australia    |
| 1:18:34 Eder Sanchez, Mexico       | 1:19:15 Jefferson Perez, Ecuador |

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1:19:19 Juan Manuel Molina, Spain                                         | 1:20:59 Luis Lopez, Columbia            |
| 1:19:22 Robert Heffernan, Ireland                                         | 1:21:04 Yafei Chu, China                |
| 1:19:28 Viktor Burayev, Russia                                            | 1:21:06 Gaobo Li, China                 |
| 1:19:41 Jared Tallent, Australia                                          | 1:21:13 Joao Vieira, Portugal           |
| 1:19:41 Hyunsub Kim, Korea                                                | 1:21:15 Andrie Talashka, Belarus        |
| 1:19:45 Zhiping Wang, China                                               | 1:21:17 Jimin Ding, China               |
| 1:19:47 Hao Wang, China                                                   | 1:21:18 Yuki Yamazaki, Japan            |
| 1:19:51 Ivano Brugnetti, Italy                                            | 1:21:19 Lianzuo Gao, China              |
| 1:19:54 Hatem Ghoula, Tunisia                                             | 1:21:24 Matej Toth, Slovak Rep.         |
| 1:20:01 Aleksandr Yargunkin, Russia                                       | 1:21:25 Sergio Vieira, Portugal         |
| 1:20:06 Cladimir Stankin, Russia                                          | 1:21:28 Pyotr Trofimov, Russia          |
| 1:20:16 Ding Chen, China                                                  | 1:21:34 Aleksandr Prokhorov, Russia     |
| 1:20:17 Chil-sung Park, Korea                                             | 1:21:35 Aleksandr Kuzmin, Belarus       |
| 1:20:19 Andre Hohne                                                       | 1:21:39 Wei Yu, China                   |
| 1:20:22 Smitriy Yesipchuk, Russia                                         | 1:21:42 Siarhei Charnon, Belarus        |
| 1:20:26 Faguang Xu, China                                                 | 1:21:42 Jose Alessandro Bagio, Brazil   |
| 1:20:40 Rolando Saquipay, Ecuador                                         | 1:21:45 Jose Jacques Nkouloukidi, Italy |
| 1:20:42 Ivan Trotski, Belarus                                             | 1:21:46 Yucheng Han, China              |
| 1:20:47 Jianbo Li, China                                                  | 1:21:49 Adam Rutter, Australia          |
| 1:20:48 Benjamin Sanches, Spain                                           | 1:21:55 Koichiro Morioka, Japan         |
| (1:16:53 Vladimir Kanaykin, Russia, disqualified, 2 years ineligibility.) |                                         |

### 2008 World 20 Km Rankings--Women

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Olga Kaniskina, Russia          | 6. Olive Loughnane, Ireland     |
| 1:25:11 (1) Adler 2/23             | 1:30:51 (6) Rio Maior 4/5       |
| 1:25:42 (1) World Cup 5/11         | 1:29:17 (6) World Cup 5/11      |
| 1:26:31 (1) Olympic Games 8/21     | 1:31:22 (6) La Coruna 6/7       |
|                                    | 1:27:45 (7) Olympic Games 8/21  |
|                                    | DQ IAAF Challenge 9/21          |
| 2. Kjersti Platzer, Norway         | 7. Tatyana Sibileva, Russia     |
| 1:33:19 (1) Chihuahua 3/9          | 1:26:16 (4) Adler 2/23          |
| 1:29:29 (1) Rio Maior 4/5          | 1:26:29 (1) World Cup 5/11      |
| 1:30:07 (1) Sesto San Giovanni 5/1 |                                 |
| 1:29:38 (1) La Coruna 6/7          | 8. Vera Santos, Portugal        |
| 1:27:07 (2) Olympic Games          | 1:32:23 (1) Lisbon 1/12         |
| 1:31:31 (3) IAAF Challenge 9/21    | 1:31:40 (4) Port. Champ. 3/1    |
|                                    | 1:30:52 (7) Rio Maior 4/5       |
| 3. Elisa Rigaud, Italy             | 1:28:17 (3) World Cup 5/11      |
| 1:32:38 (20) World Cup 5/11        | 1:32:53 (5) Krakow 8/21         |
| 1:30:33 (1) Borgo Valsugana 6/8    | 1:28:14 (10) Olympic Games 8/21 |
| 1:27:12 (3) Olympic Games 8/21     | DNF IAAF Challenge 9/21         |
|                                    |                                 |
| 4. Hong Liu, China                 | 9. Lyudmila Arkhipova, Russia   |
| 1:29:33 (1) Beijing 4/18           | 1:26:16 (5) Adler 2/23          |
| 1:27:17 (4) Olympic Games 8/21     | 1:28:29 (4) World Cup 8/21      |
|                                    |                                 |
| 5. Maria Vasco, Spain              | 10. Ana Cabecinha, Portugal     |
| 1:32:11 (2) Castro Urdiales 2/17   | 1:29:56 (3) Rio Maior 4/5       |
| 1:28:39 (5) World Cup              |                                 |
| 1:27:25 (5) Olympic Games 8/21     |                                 |



1:29:39 (11) World Cup 5/11  
 DNF La Coruna 6/7  
 1:27:54 (9) Olympic Games 9/21

With wins in the two major competitions and the year's fastest time, Kaniskina leaves no doubt about who is number one. . .Likewise, Platzer is clearly second best. With four wins in IAAF Challenge races and second in the Olympics, her let down in the Challenge final can be excused. . .After a very poor World Cup race, Elisa Rigauo was right on Platzer's heels in the Olympics and that earns her the third spot over Liu and Vasco, who were fourth and fifth in the Games. How could we rate Vasco, with fifth place finishes in both the World Cup and Olympics, anywhere but fifth. . .Loughnane was just seventh in the Olympics, but sixth in all her other races, and we rank her sixth. . .Sibileva in seventh and Arkhipova in ninth each had a quick early season race and impressive World Cup races, enough to earn those slots, although they disappeared after the World Cup. . .Santos beat Arkhipova in the World Cup, faded a bit in the Olympics, but still earns the eighth spot. . .Cabecinha is a close pick for tenth over Spain's Beatriz Pascual, sixth in the Olympics but only 25th in the World Cup, and Portugal's Susana Feitor, who won the Portuguese title early in the year and the IAAF Challenge Final late, but was just tenth in the World Cup and did not finish in the Olympics.

### 2008 Top 50 Performers

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1:25:11 Olga Kaniskina, Russia        | 1:29:27 Jane Saville, Australia         |
| 1:25:30 Anisya Kirdyapkina, Russia    | 1:29:28 Mayumi Kawasaki, Japan          |
| 1:25:46 Tatyana Shchmyakina, Russia   | 1:29:31 Susana Feitor, Portugal         |
| 1:26:16 Tatyana Sibileva, Russia      | 1:29:31 Maria Jose Poves, Spain         |
| 1:26:16 Lyudmila Arkhipova, Russia    | 1:29:33 Olga Mikhaylova, Russia         |
| 1:26:34 Tatyana Kalmykova, Russia     | 1:29:33 Yawei Yang, China               |
| 1:27:07 Kjersti Platzer, Norway       | 1:29:35 Elena Ginko, Belarus            |
| 1:27:12 Elisa Rigauo, Italy           | 1:29:38 Mi-Jung Kim, Korea              |
| 1:27:17 Hong Liu, China               | 1:29:30 Yan Shi, China                  |
| 1:27:17 Slena Zenkova-Nartova, Russia | 1:29:40 Sabine Zimmer, Germany          |
| 1:27:23 Jing Jiang, China             | 1:29:44 Yevdokiya Korotkova, Russia     |
| 1:27:25 Maria Vasco, Spain            | 1:29:58 Olga Povalyayeva, Russia        |
| 1:27:27 Vira Zozulya, Ukraine         | 1:30:03 Alena Kosiromitina, Russia      |
| 1:27:43 Yekaterina Yezhova, Russia    | 1:30:08 Melanie Seeger, Germany         |
| 1:27:44 Beatriz Pascual, Spain        | 1:30:11 Yora Sokolova, Russia           |
| 1:27:45 Olive Loughnane, Ireland      | 1:30:26 Sachiko Konishi, Japan          |
| 1:27:46 Ana Cabecinha, Portugal       | 1:30:26 Sonata Milukauskaitė, Lithuania |
| 1:27:54 Athanasia Tsoumeleka, Greece  | 1:30:55 Claudia Stef, Romania           |
| 1:28:10 Larisa Yemelyanova, Russia    | 1:31:03 Kristina Saltanovic, Lithuania  |
| 1:28:14 Vera Santos, Portugal         | 1:31:04 Olga Kirillova, Russia          |
| 1:28:17 Tatyana Gudkova, Russia       | 1:31:06 Inis henriques, Portugal        |
| 1:28:26 Ryta Turava, Belarus          | 1:31:11 Masumi Fuchise, Japan           |
| 1:28:50 Na Shi, China                 | 1:31:16 Slwia Korzeniowska, Poland      |
| 1:28:56 Mixxia Yang, China            | 1:31:26 Janfei Li, China                |
| 1:29:08 Qiuyan Jiang, China           | 1:31:31 Yelena Shumkina, Russia         |

(For the U.S. Joanne Dow was 95th with 1:34:15, Teresa Vaill 129th with 1:36:19, and Susan Armenta 171st with 1:39:02)

### 2008 World 50 Km Rankings

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Alex Schwazer, Italy<br>3:54:10 (1) Italian Champ. 3/2<br>3:37:04 (2) World Cup 5/11<br>3:37:09 (1) Olympic Games 8/22 | 6. Erik Tysse, Norway<br>3:45:08 (5) Olympic Games 8/22                                                                     |
| 2. Denis Nizhegorodov, Russia<br>3:34:14 (1) World Cup 5/11<br>3:40:14 (3) Olympic Games 8/22                             | 7. Yuki Yamazaki, Japan<br>3:41:55 (1) Japanese Champ. 4/13<br>3:45:47 (7) Olympic Games 8/22<br>3:41:29 (1) Takamata 10/26 |
| 3. Jared Tallent, Australia<br>3:39:27 (2) Olympic Games 8/22                                                             | 8. Trond Nymark, Norway<br>3:44:59 (3) World Cup 5/11<br>DNF Olympic Games 8/22                                             |
| 4. Horacio Nava, Mexico<br>3:47:55 (5) World Cup<br>3:45:21 (6) Olympic Games 8/22                                        | 9. Rafal Fedaczynski, Poland<br>3:46:51 (8) Olympic Games 8/22                                                              |
| 5. Jesus Garcia, Spain<br>3:55:13 (2) Chihuahua 3/9<br>3:52:31 (14) World Cup 5/11<br>3:44:08 (4) Olympic Games 8/22      | 10. Mikel Odriozola, Spain<br>3:47:30 (4) World Cup 5/11<br>3:51:30 (13) Olympic Games 8/22                                 |

Schwazer won the biggest race, the Olympic Games, and had a second in the other major race to win the top spot. . .Nizhegorodov's impressive win in the World Cup gives him the nod over Olympic silver medalist Tallent for second place. . .Nava had the most consistent record, after Schwazer and Nizhegorodov, in the two big races and deserves a fourth place ranking. . .The great veteran Garcia recovered nicely from a sub-par showing in the World Cup to take fourth in Beijing. . .Tysse's only race at the distance was solid to earn him sixth place. . .Yamazaki had two very fast domestic races to support his seventh place Olympic finish. . .Trond Nymark dropped out of the Olympic race, but his solid third in the World Cup earns him mention ahead of Fedaczynski, the eighth place Olympic finisher. . .Odriozola earns tenth ahead of Olympic ninth and tenth place finishers Grzegorz Sudol, Poland and Luke Adams, Australia, off his good World Cup performance, although he faltered in Beijing.

### 2008 Top Performers

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 3:34:14 Denis Nizhegorodov, Russia | 3:46:55 Chengliang Zhao, China       |
| 3:37:04 Alex Schwazer, Italy       | 3:47:30 Mikel Odriozola, Spain       |
| 3:38:08 Egor Irokhin, Russia       | 3:47:45 Luke Adams, Australia        |
| 3:39:27 Jared Tallent, Australia   | 3:48:17 Antonio Pereira, Portugal    |
| 3:41:09 Yuki Yamazaki, Japan       | 3:48:17 Peter Korok, Slovak Rep.     |
| 3:44:08 Jesus Angel Garcia, Spain  | 3:48:29 Sergey Kirdyapkin, Russia    |
| 3:44:59 Trond Nymark, Norway       | 3:49:03 Andre Hohne, Germany         |
| 3:45:08 Erik Tysse, Norway         | 3:49:17 Yuriy Chesnokov, Russia      |
| 3:45:13 Tianfeng Si, China         | 3:49:21 Marco De Luca, Italy         |
| 3:45:21 Horacio Nava, Mexico       | 3:49:30 Donatas Skarnulis, Lithuania |
| 3:45:47 Grzegorz Sudol, Poland     | 3:49:33 Takayuki Tanli, Japan        |
| 3:46:51 Rafal Fedaczynski, Poland  | 3:49:50 Ingus Janevics, Latvia       |

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 3:50:11 Ken Akashi, Japan            | 3:52:50 Nikolay Malykhin, Russia     |
| 3:50:30 Oleksiy Kazanin, Ukraine     | 3:53:42 Daniel Garcia, Mexico        |
| 3:51:16 Mario Ivan Flores, Mexico    | 3:54:18 Diego Cafagna, Italy         |
| 3:51:20 Jose Alejandro Cambil, Spain | 3:54:18 Jianguo Zhao, China          |
| 3:51:29 Jesus Sanchez, Mexico        | 3:54:25 Faguang Xu, China            |
| 3:52:09 Artur Brzozowski, Poland     | 3:54:37 Tadas Suskevicius, Lithuania |
| 3:52:12 Jianbo Li, China             | 3:54:52 Chao Sun, China              |
| 3:52:18 Chaohong Yu, China           | 3:54:58 Andrey Trofimov, Russia      |
| 3:52:25 Jarkko Kinnunen, Finland     | 3:55:04 Xuejin Bai, China            |
| 3:52:35 Joao Vieira, Portugal        | 3:55:09 Andrei Stepanchuk, Belarus   |
| 3:52:37 Yusuke Yachi, Japan          | 3:55:16 Oleksiy Shelest, Ukraine     |
| 3:52:38 Igors Kazakevics, Latvia     | 3:55:19 Antti Kempas, Finland        |
| 3:52:41 Tim Berrett, Canada          | 3:55:30 Chris Frickson, Australia    |

(For the U.S. Philip Dunn was 100th with 4:05:10 and Matt Boyles 145th with 4:14:30.)

### 2008 U.S. 20 Km Rankings—Men

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Kevin Eastler<br>1:27:07 (1) U.S. Trials 7/5<br>1:28:44 (43) Olympic Games 8/16                                                                                      | 6. Michael Tarantino<br>1:34:47 (5) Eugene 3/30<br>1:32:04 (79) World Cup 5/11<br>1:38:01 (11) U.S. Trials 7/5e |
| 2. Matt Boyles<br>1:28:19 (2) U.S. Trials 7/5                                                                                                                           | 7. Allen James<br>1:32:13 (6) U.S. Trials 7/5                                                                   |
| 3. Patrick Stroupe<br>1:30:30 (1) Eugene 3/30<br>1:41:34 (98) World Cup 5/11<br>1:29:17 (3) U.S. Trials 7/5                                                             | 8. Ben Shorey<br>1:33:16 (7) U.S. Trials 7/5                                                                    |
| 4. John Nunn<br>1:30:51 (2) Eugene 3/30<br>1:37:38 (2) Huntington Beach 3/16<br>1:31:47 (78) World Cup 5/11<br>1:26:22 (7) La Coruna 6/8<br>1:30:25 (4) U.S. Trials 7/5 | 9. Philip Dunn<br>1:34:29 (10) Huntington Beach 3/16<br>1:33:52 (8) U.S. Trials 7/5                             |
| 5. Tim Seaman<br>1:32:49 (3) Eugene 3/30<br>1:38:11 (92) World Cup 5/11<br>1:34:08 (16) La Coruna 6/8<br>1:30:25 (5) U.S. Trials 7/5<br>1:53:58 (2) Welland, Ont. 9/14  | 10. Charles Collier<br>DQ Eugene 3/30<br>1:35:06 (9) U.S. Trials 7/5                                            |

Well, the way things turn out my rankings match the finish order of the U.S. National Championships and Olympic Trials, with the exception of Mike Tarantino, only eleventh there, occupying the sixth spot off his good performances at the World Cup Trials and the World Cup.

### 2008 Top 16 Performances

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1:26:22 John Nunn         | 1:34:23 Stephen Quirke   |
| 1:27:07 Kevin Eastler     | 1:34:29 Philip Dunn      |
| 1:28:19 Matt Boyles       | 1:34:47 Chris Tegtmeyer  |
| 1:29:13 Patrick Stroupe   | 1:35:09 Charles Collier  |
| 1:31:35 Tim Seaman        | 1:36:28 Jared Swehosky   |
| 1:32:04 Michael Tarantino | 1:36:07 Theron Kissinger |
| 1:32:13 Allen James       | 1:41:46 Rich Luettchau   |
| 1:33:16 Ben Shorey        | 1:42:41 Dave McGovern    |

### 2008 U.S. 20 Km Rankings—Women

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| 1. Joanne Dow<br>1:38:37 (2) Eugene 3/30<br>1:35:10 (1) U.S. Trials 7/5<br>1:34:15 (31) Olympic Games 8/21                                 | 6. Stephanie Casey<br>1:41:48 (5) Eugene 3/30<br>1:49:42 (75) World Cup 5/11<br>1:43:50 (6) Olympic Trials 7/5        |
| 2. Teresa Vail<br>1:36:14 (1) Eugene 3/30<br>1:36:34 (2) Olympic Trials 7/5                                                                | 7. Maria Michta<br>1:45:09 (7) Eugene 3/30<br>1:45:02 (6) World Cup 5/11<br>1:47:44 (8) Olympic Trials 7/5            |
| 3. Susan Armenta<br>1:39:02 (3) Eugene 3/30<br>1:45:42 (13) Chihuahua 3/8<br>1:40:39 (56) World Cup 5/11<br>1:42:11 (3) Olympic Trials 7/5 | 8. Solomiya Login<br>1:45:42 (8) Eugene 3/30<br>1:44:08 (7) Olympic Trials 7/5                                        |
| 4. Sam Cohen<br>1:40:53 (4) Eugene 3/30<br>DQ World Cup 5/11<br>1:47:35 (2) Kenosha 5/18<br>1:42:32 (3) Olympic Trials 7/5                 | 9. Loretta Schuellein<br>1:46:54 (10) Eugene 3/30<br>1:45:20 (1) Nat. Masters 4/27<br>1:49:03 (11) Olympic Trials 7/5 |
| 5. Jolene Moore<br>1:42:04 (6) Eugene 6/30<br>1:45:32 (63) World Cup 5/11<br>1:42:37 (5) Olympic Trials 7/5                                | 10. Carolyn Kealty<br>1:51:00 (2) Nat. Masters 4/27<br>1:48:39 (10) Olympic Trials 7/5                                |

Dow and Vail split their two head-to-heads, but Joanne won the more important one and then recorded the year's fastest time in the Olympics. . . Armenta and Cohen were three and four in both the World Cup and Olympic Trials and are obviously three and four here. . . Moore and Casey traded places between the two Trials, but Jolene beat Stephanie at the World Cup and in the more important Olympic Trials (and National title race). . . Michta and Login were in a similar situation, but although Solomiya beat Maria in the Olympic Trials, Maria's performance in the World Cup, where she was the second U.S. walker gives her the edge. . . Another hairline decision for ninth and tenth. Kealty had the upper hand in the Olympic Trials, but Loretta had a decent race in the World Cup Trials and beat Carolyn quite handily in the National Masters meet. . . Close was Lauren Forgues, who was ninth in the World Cup Trial, ahead of Schuellein, but then did not finish the Olympic Trial.



## Top 18 Performers

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1:34:15 Joanne Dow         | 1:45:46 Lauren Forgues         |
| 1:36:34 Teresa Vaill       | 1:45:57 Sara Standley-Gonzales |
| 1:39:02 Susan Armenta      | 1:47:34 Susan Randall          |
| 1:40:53 Sam Cohen          | 1:48:39 Carolyn Kealty         |
| 1:41:48 Stephanie Casey    | 1:49:52 Margaret Ditchburn     |
| 1:42:04 Jolene Moore       | 1:50:33 Kelly Wong             |
| 1:44:08 Solomiya Login     | 1:52:06 Kristen Mullaney       |
| 1:45:02 Maria Michta       | 1:51:52 Christina Peters       |
| 1:45:20 Loretta Schuellein | 1:52:37 Lisa Marie Vellucci    |

## 2008 U.S. 50 Km Rankings

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Philip Dunn<br>4:12:55 (1) US Champ 2/9<br>4:05:10 (40) World Cup 5/12<br>4:08:32 (39) Olympic Games 8/22 | 5. Ray Sharp<br>4:49:24 (5) US Champ. 2/9<br>4:42:03 (66) World Cup 5/12 |
| 2. Matt Boyles<br>4:14:30 (2) US Champ. 2/9<br>DNF World Cup 5/1                                             | 6. Marco Evoniuk<br>4:53:39 (6) US Champ. 2/9                            |
| 3. Ben Shorey<br>4:27:14 (3) US Champ. 2/9<br>4:18:46 (56) World Cup 5/12                                    | 7. Theron Kissinger<br>5:04:18 (7) US Champ. 2/9                         |
| 4. Stephen Quirke<br>4:27:15 (4) US Champ. 2-9<br>4:22:16 (58) World Cup 45/12                               | 8. Ian Whately<br>5:04:07 (2) Houston 1/6                                |
|                                                                                                              | 9. John Soucheck<br>5:10:22 (8) US Champ. 2/9                            |
|                                                                                                              | 10. Mark Green<br>5:13:22 (9) US Champ. 2/0                              |

### Others:

5:17:50 Curt Clausen  
5:20:33 Albert Medina  
5:33:32 Max Walker  
5:43:51 Juan Yanes

## Some Results

**5 Km, New York City, Dec. 7**—1. Jorge Torrelba (56) 27:21 2. Lina Cruz (18) 27:31 3. Rafael Marin (43) 27:36 4. Erin Taylor 27:47 5. Bruce Logan (43) 29:09 6. Bill Vayo (42) 29:21 7. Alexis Davidson (53) 29:28 8. David Lee (53) 31:45 9. Suzie Vassallo (49) 31:49 10. Louannes Pennesi (53) 31:53 11. Joanne Freund (56) 32:08 12. Crosby Tillman (15) 33:01 (29 finishers. 1 DNF) **5 Km, New York City, Dec. 14**—1. Solomiya Login 26:02 2. Dan Serianni (18) 27:12 3. Lina Cruz (18) 27:14 3. Erin Taylor 27:25 5. Rafael Marin 27:32 6. Bruce Logan 29:10 6. Bill Vayo 29:15 8. Alexis Davidson 29:50 9. Michael Korol (50) 29:59 10. Dan Ping He (17) 30:14 11. Jorge Torrelba 30:31 12. Alice Tan 31:00 13. Suzie Vassallo 31:05 14. David Lee 31:17 15. Connie Chang (14) 31:47 16. Louannes Pennesi 31:52 17. Joanne Freund

32:26 (32 finishers) **1 Hour, Virginia Beach, Va., Nov. 22**—1. Tom Gerhardt (57) 9,672 meters 2. Hartley Dewey (61) 9,657 3. William Lipford (56) 8,567 4. Steve Durrant (69) 8,089 (6 finishers) **Women**—1. Paula Graham (46) 8,558 (5 finishers) **2.8 Miles, Seattle, Nov. 1**—1. Bob Novak (59) 27:27 2. Stan Chraminski (60) 27:27

**Australian 50 Km Championship, Melbourne, Dec. 13**—1. Chris Erickson 3:55:30 2. Duane Cousins 4:00:34 3. Andrew Jamieson (62) 4:23:16 (Men's Age 60-64 World Record! Jared Tallent went for 30 Km in 2:06:33, never planning to do the full 50 since he is already on the Aussie World Championship team for 2009. Nathan Deakes did not compete, still recovering from his torn hamstring, but as defending World Champion, has a wild card into the 2009 event, meaning the Aussies can send four. Luke Adams has a qualifier with his 3:47 for 10th place in the Olympics.) **20 Km, same place**—1. Adam Rutter 1:23:48 2. Ian Rayson 1:29:16 3. Brendon Reading (Junior) 1:33:07 **Women's 20 Km, same place**—1. Claire Tallent 1:35:20 I presume, the former Claire Wood) 2. Jillian Hosking 1:41:02 **Australian Schools Championships, Canberra, Nov. 30-Dec. 7: Boys 16 5 Km**—1. Dane Bird-Smith 22:30.32 2. Scat Fitzsimons 23:15.03 **Boys 17 5 Km**—1. Daniel Lord 23:18.84 **Girl's 16 4 Km**—1. Paige Hooper 24:55.79 **Boys 14 3000 meters**—1. Brad Aiton 14:05.12 2. Samuel Dib 14:09.96 3. Lewis Clark 14:35.73 **Boys 15 5000**—1. Blake Steele 14:06.38 2. Bradley Simpson 14:20.95 **Girls 14 3000**—1. Amy Burren 14:44.19 2. Breanne Goschnick 15:06.78 3. Tiffany D'Agnone 15:07.45 **Girls 15 3000**—1. Kristic Goznic 14:48.31 2. Rachel Tallent 15:03.16 3. Darcy Gilroy 15:05.98 **Boys 15 1500 meters**—1. Jesse Osborne 7:04.51 2. Jacob Dib 7:13.84 3. Benjamin Tesch 7:14.60 **Girls 15 1500**—1. Amy Bettiol 7:02.32 2. Amelia Finnegan 7:09.01 3. Rachel Barker 7:13.85

**10 Km, Granollers, Spain, Dec. 7**—Francisco Fernandez 41:07 2. Jared Tallent, Australia 41:13 Erik Tysse, Norway 41:19 4. Juan Manuel Molina 41:30 5. Benjamin Sanchez 41:49 6. Robert Heffernan, Ireland 41:57 7. Ilya Markov, Russia 42:11 **Women**—1. Sabine Zimmer, Germany 21:51 2. Kjersti Platzer, Norway 22:11 **12 Hours of Malaysia, Dec. 17**—1. Alexander Vandenhoeck, Belgium 94 Km in 11:58:36 2. Thevndray Rananjuloo, Malaysia 91 Km in 11:58:15 3. John Sanono Thesbe, Ghana 19 Km in 11:58:32 There's a close race after 12 hours. There were 263 starters with more than 200 carrying on for 12 hours) **Women**—1. Chik Ho Kwok, Hong Kong 83 Km in 11:56:17 2. So Kit-Sum, Hong Kong 74 Km in 11:59:21. Of 175 starters, about 140 went for 12 hours.

## Venues For Your Racewalking Pleasure

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| Fri. Jan. 2' | 1 Mile, Pharr, Texas (O)                                   |
| Sat. Jan. 3  | 5 Km, Pharr, Texas, 8 am (O)                               |
|              | Indoor 1 Mile, 3000 meters, Boston (X)                     |
| Sun. Jan. 4  | Indoor 1500 and 3000 meters, New York City (G)             |
| Sat. Jan. 10 | 2.8 Miles, Seattle (C))                                    |
| Sun. Jan. 11 | 50 Km, Houston, Texas (I.)                                 |
|              | Marathon and Half Marathon, Mobile, Alabama (P)            |
|              | 1 Mile, Hanover, N.H. (X)                                  |
| Fri. Jan. 16 | Indoor 3000 meters, Cedarville, Ohio ((M)                  |
| Sat. Jan. 17 | High School 1 Mile, Cedarville (M)                         |
| Sun. Jan. 18 | Roscoe Bowl 10 Mile and 5 Km, Pasadena, Cal., 7:30 am ((Y) |
|              | Indoor 3000 meters, Boston (X)                             |
| Fri. Jan. 30 | Indoor 3000 meters, Findlay, Ohio (M)                      |
|              | Millrose Games Indoor 1 Mile, New York City                |

Sat. Feb. 7 H.S. Indoor 1 Mile. Cedarville, Ohio (M)  
 Sat. Feb. 14 2.8 Miles Seattle (C)  
 Sun. Feb. 15 Ohio USATF Indoor 3000 meters, Ada, Ohio (M)  
**USATF National 50 Km, Santee, Cal. (D)**  
 Sun. Feb. 22 New England Indoor 3000 meters, Boston (X)

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#### Racewalking's Bob Fine Killed In Accident

Reno, Nevada, Dec. 11 (USATF news release)--Longtime USA Track and Field volunteer and contributor Bob Fine of Delray Beach, Fla. Was struck and killed by a car while running at 5:45 am, police confirmed Wednesday morning. Fine, 77, was in Reno to attend USATF's Annual Meeting. His contributions to USATF and the sport are countless. A member of the Masters Track & Field Hall of Fame, he was an avid racewalker who served USATF in numerous capacities. A retired attorney, Fine had served as chair of the Masters T&F, Masters Law and Legislation, and Masters Racewalk Committees. He had at various times been Southeastern Masters chair, Masters Long Distance Running Vice Chair, the North American Racewalk Chair, and a member of the Masters Hall of Fame Committee. A past president of USATF's Florida Association, Fine attended 38 of the last 39 Annual Meetings.

In addition to his USATF volunteerism, Fine was one of the founders of World Masters Athletics and served as the first national chair of the organization. He also had previously been WMA's North American Chair, Stadia Chair, and the organization's executive vice president. He is survived by his wife, Gloria, and four children.

#### Some memories of Bob:

From Elliott Denman: I have known Bob and his family for over half a century. His Mom and Dad were secretary and treasurer of the N.Y. Pioneer Club and did so much work behind the scenes helping this great club. . . The Pioneers were an incredible force for democracy in our sport at a time when the leading (and richest) club in NYC didn't believe in such a thing. . . Bob was a terrific runner at this time and had starred in track and cross country at Syracuse U. He never lost his passion for distance running and the sport as a whole. By the 1960s,

Bob became one of the true founders of the entire Masters sports movement, first in the USA and then far beyond. I well remember those first Masters Sports Association meets organized by Bob at Randall's Island. Until then, older folks had no other option than to run in Open AAU meets and be totally routed by the young guys. . . Later on, Bob moved over to racewalking and extended his passion so well here, too. I remember chasing him through Brooklyn in the years when the NYC Marathon had an official Racewalk Division. Bob moved from NYC to Florida and continued doing all the great things he'd done in NYC. He was still winning medals in his division and doing it to the final, fateful strides. Bob, you were a unique and truly incredible guy who we will all miss so much. A final cheer to Mr. Bob Fine, one of our all-time great people.

From Cliff Elkins: I had known Bob for more than 15 years in a relationship that included six World Masters competitions, being in the same age group and working closely within the USATF structure. . . I first met Bob, when at a local Phoenix race, I noted some dude who was really racewalking during warm up--this was and is a rarity in our area. The first thing he did is come over to me during a warmup and tell me to lean forward from the ankles, then during the race proceeded to kick my butt. In Barbados, during the 10 Km, Bob was DQ'd due to a cow coming on to the course and causing him to break stride and get his third card. But, Bob being Bob, did not go after the cow but stayed and pushed me on for a USA victory in the 10 Km. In a WMA regional meet in Leon, Mexico, Bob was a leader in resolving some difficult issues and as always taking care of the U.S. interests. In Australia, during the 20 Km, Bob was in difficulty and just before falling (which led to eight stitches in an emergency room), he made sure I would finish to safeguard USA team points in the age group. I miss you "old fellow". I have lost friend and competitor who showed me the way to handle international competition and a role model even though you were only five days older than me.

From Vince Peters: Bob and I had arrived here in Reno at the same time and chatted while waiting for the shuttle to take us from the airport to the hotel. The Huntsman Games bid was foremost on his mind. Bob and I worked together at several Florida events over the years. And I truly appreciated his help with this year's 50 Km Olympic Trials in Miami. Yet, we had our times, especially when our opinions on something--or anything--differed. I will remember Bob Fine as always being supportive of racewalking. And fanatically so for the master men's and women's programs. He and the energy and dedication he brought to racewalking will be greatly missed. Please remember him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Your editor: I never met Bob that I recall, so I knew him only through correspondence and the footprints of all he did for our sport and for masters in particular. He was not beyond criticizing me for casual remarks in these pages that, at least to him, denigrated the integrity of the masters movement and the abilities of the masters athletes. But, when he would call for help, perhaps on addresses or some sort of data, which I was able to supply, his thank you notes were so obviously sent in genuine gratitude and appreciation. As others have noted, his loss will leave a void as we seek to advance the status of our sport.



## Teaching Racewalking at the Elementary School Level

by A.C. Jaime

Our South Texas Walking Club, with the cooperation of our PSJA Independent School District, friends and local businesses, has purchased twenty-six hundred of the new children's racewalking book "Racewalking! Fun? Alex and Maria Discover Racewalking" by Dr. Tom Eastler. We have loaned those books to our PSJA ISD Elementary Schools so that they may start teaching racewalking to all their 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. An instructional racewalking video using only our eight to fifteen year old club members was made by our senior club members with the assistance of the PSJA ISD's professional staff. That video has also been made available to the teachers along with the recommend North American Racewalk Institute Teacher's Curriculum developed by Dr. Tom Eastler and staff. The PSJA ISD has been instructed to allow their 3rd grade teachers to use the books and video in class for two days before sharing them with the 4th grade teachers who are also to use them for two days before passing them along to the 5th grade teachers. The teachers have been instructed to allow their students to take the books home one night to share with their parents. The physical education teachers will then be ready to practice and teach the art of racewalking with the students for the remaining of the three to six week trial period. The Edinburg ISD has also agreed to start the same racewalking program at their Elementary Schools for a period of six weeks. Talks are underway with several other school districts that have expressed a desire to start the same program. We have furthermore communicated with Ruben Hinojosa, our Congressman, who has advised us that there is a possibility that the "Reading Is Fundamental" organization may approve our book for free distribution throughout the U.S.A. in public libraries and schools. Our success to date has been possible because of the cooperation of many, to numerous to mention, including those that have made not one, but many trips to our part of Texas to assist us in one way or another. We are forever grateful, and offer our assistance to any one that desires to start a program such as ours in their community. The books may be purchased for \$6.95 at <http://www.dragonfeatherbooks.com/racewalkbookorder.html>. The DVD may be obtained for \$3.00 plus \$5.00 shipping charge from Treviños Digital at 1101 N. Cage Ste. C-5 Pharr, Texas 78577. Please call me at 956-821-6659 if you have any questions.

## From Heel To Toe

**Russian ace Skurygin dies.** Russian racewalkers German Skurygin, age 46, died in late November. The cause of death has not been reported, but his trainer Leonid Vakhrušev said that his heart stopped. Not unusual in the case of death. Skurygin won the 1999 World Championship at 50 Km after a long, but undistinguished career in which he had received a top ten world ranking only once. Any suspicions of his sudden emergence in 1999 (he was also fifth in the World Cup race earlier that year) were validated later when it was announced that elevated hormone levels in his blood suggested doping. He was stripped of his 1999 gold medal and suspended for two years. A positive result from the U.S. standpoint was that his disqualification moved Curt Clausen to the bronze medal spot, our only World Championship racewalking medal. Skurygin returned in 2002, finishing second in the World Cup and in 2003 won the European Cup 50 Km and pushed Robert Korzeniowski to a World Record (3:36:03) in the World Championships, finishing just 39 seconds back. He finished fourth in the World Cup 50 in 2004 in his last appearance in a major race. **Key race dates.** The U.S.

National 50 Km will be held in Santee, California on February 9. It will also be a World Cup qualifier. Pan Am Cup 20 Km Trials, men and women, are scheduled for Pharr, Texas on March 29. The National 20 Km and World Cup Trials for men and women are in Eugene, Oregon on June 27-28. **Maynard honored.** Racewalking competitor, official, and judge, Lori Maynard, who died just over a year ago (see Nov. 2007 ORW), was inducted into the National Officials Hall of Fame at the USATF annual meeting earlier this month in Reno. She was recognized for her work in racewalking and in track and field in general where she is remembered with great respect and affection. **McGovern clinics:** Looking to upgrade your racewalking abilities? Dave McGovern has announced a 2009 schedule for his excellent World Class Racewalking Clinics. Dates, sites, and contacts are: Jan. 30-Feb. 1, Mesa, Arizona, Kathy Franczek, 602-909-8069, [domotor@cox.net](mailto:domotor@cox.net); Feb. 13-15, Santa Cruz, Aruba, Juan Gomes, 297-567-0695, [jgomes@gmail.com](mailto:jgomes@gmail.com); March 6-8—Williamsburg, Virginia, Cindy Steger, 757-258-9128, [fb2usa@aol.com](mailto:fb2usa@aol.com); March 27-29, Memphis, Tennessee, Sherry Rogers, 901-351-6219, [Pandas39@hotmail.com](mailto:Pandas39@hotmail.com); April 3-5, Austin, Texas, Pamela Fron, 512-335-1920, [Pfron@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Pfron@sbcglobal.net); May 1-3, Cambridge, Mass., Kathy Burton, [kburtonjones@comcast.net](mailto:kburtonjones@comcast.net); July 24-26, Indianapolis, Indiana, David Harriman, 317-679-1403, [david.harriman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:david.harriman@sbcglobal.net); September 18-20, Louisville, Kentucky, Linda Laurel, 502-553-8051, [cupatca5@mac.com](mailto:cupatca5@mac.com); November 7-9, Albuquerque, N.M., Lenzy Krozinsky, 505-250-2282, [lennykro@aol.com](mailto:lennykro@aol.com); and November 17-22, National Training Center, Clermont, Florida, Dave McGovern, <http://racewalking.org/clinics.htm>, [razvwocker@aol.com](mailto:razvwocker@aol.com). **Judging clinic.** An IAAF Level I Judging Clinic will be held in Pharr, Texas, March 27-29, the weekend of the World Cup 20 Km Trials. Level III Judge Ron Daniel will conduct the clinic. You can find criteria for attending and application forms at Dave McGovern's web site [www.racewalking.org/level1\\_criteria.doc](http://www.racewalking.org/level1_criteria.doc). **Salonen honored.** Finnish racewalker Reima Salonen was among eleven athletes given the Pro Urheilun or Pro Sports Award by Finland's Ministry of Education and Sports for their outstanding contribution to athletics during their careers. He is the first racewalker to have been so honored. Salonen was the first Finnish racewalker to have won a gold medal in elite international competition when he took the European 50 Km Championship in Greece in 1981. He also has a World Championship bronze and Olympic and World Championship fourth place finishes. He won 26 Finnish national championships at varying distances. (Since Salonen's time, two other Finnish walkers have won World Championships—Valentin Kononen in the men's 50 in 1995 and Sari Essayah in the women's 10 Km in 1993.) Salonen has been a commercial fisherman most of his working life in coastal southwestern Finland and has served as a city council member in the small town where he has lived.

## LOOKING BACK

**45 Years Ago** (From the September-October 1963 Race Walker edited by Chris McCarthy, from which we have been culling material for the last 3 months since Chris didn't actually publish the issue until the end of the year, and at that it was nearly the last breath of his brilliant publication, which he began in Feb. 1961.)—At the National AAU Convention, the walking Committee officially changed the name of the sport in this country from just walking to race walking (with racewalking—one word—now preferred by many, including the Ohio Racewalker). Chris had always called his publication the Race Walker, drawing from the British, I presume, where that terminology goes way back. . . Ron Laird easily won a 50 Km race in California in 4:46:28 with Mike Brodic second in 5:01:08 and Ed Glander third in 5:07:09.



**40 years Ago** (from the December 1968 ORW)—Chuck Newell, unheard of for 6 months, came striding out of limbo to win our annual New Year's Eve Handicap, held this time on the road course at Worthington H.S.. Since it was easier to go four full laps rather than worrying about different start and finish lines, particularly in the dark, the usual 6 miler became 6 miles/536 yards. Given an 8-minute start on the cold (8 F), windy (wind chill well below zero) night, Newell easily held off stalwarts Jack Blackburn and Jack Mortland as he recorded a 55:30. Blackburn took fast time honors by 5 seconds in 49:30, escaping Mortland down the final hill. . . Gerry Willwerth won the National Junior 35 Km in Columbia, Missouri in 3:36:14. (For the non-old-timers among you, junior in those days still designated races for those who had never won a national title—junior or senior—having nothing to do with age. Don't ask me why the term "novice" wasn't used for these events, but, regardless of that, there were no age groups—at either end of the spectrum—in those long-ago days.)

**35 Years Ago** (From the December 1973 ORW)—In a late season dual with Canada held in Colorado, the U.S. took 1-2 in the 20 and 2-3-4 in the 50 to win the meet. Carl Swift prevailed at 20 in 1:42:23 with Jim Bean second and Roman Olszewski (Can.) third. Ron Kulik and John Kelly filled out the U.S. side in fourth and seventh. Canadian Pat Farrelly captured the 50 in 4:50:45, followed by Dan O'Connor, just over a minute back. Augie Hirt and Bob Bowman were third and fourth. . . In results from hither, thither, and you, we reported that Freddy Flyer won a 10 Km in Hither, Outer Mongolia in 38:24, Chief Bent Knee a 10-yard affair in Thither, Pago Pago with 11.2, and Slip Slider the 3 Km in Yon, Greenland in 11:57. Guess we needed to fill some space.

**30 Years Ago** (From the December 1978 ORW)—The National 35 Km was held in San Antonio in conjunction with the National Convention and Neal Pyke blitzed a 1:51:02, leaving Canada's Marcel Jobin better than 5 minutes back. Jim Heiring also broke 2 hours and Tom Dooley just missed. Marco Evoniuk and Bob Henderson rounded out the top six. . . In San Francisco, Henderson won 30 yards beyond 8 miles in a 1 Hour race. . . We sadly reported the murder of Olympian Jim Hewson (1956 20 Km), who was slain while tending a lift bridge in Buffalo. Elliott Denman, a Melbourne teammate of Jim, had written a very poignant column about his friend Jim for the *Ashbury Park Press*, which we repeated.

**25 Years Ago** (From the December 1983 ORW)—In our 13th Annual World Rankings, Joseph Pribilinec, Czechoslovakia; Ernesto Canto, Mexico; and Anatoliy Solomin, USSR, took the top three spots at 20 Km. The 50 saw Ron Weigel, GDR; Jose Marin, Spain; and Raul Gonzales, Mexico on top. Canada's Guillaume Leblanc was 10th in the 20. Women were ranked for the sixth time, with Olga Yarutkina, USSR; Siv Gustavsson, Sweden; and Sue Cook leading at 5 Km and Yong Ju Xu, China; Natalia Sharipova, USSR; and Cook at 10. Top three in the U.S. rankings were: 10 Km—Jim Heiring, Marco Evoniuk, and Dan O'Connor; 50 Km—Evoniuk, Heiring, O'Connor; 5 Km—Maryanne Torrellas, Susan Liers-Westerfield, and Sam Miller, and 10 Km—Torrellas, Miller, and Teresa Vaill. (Yes, the same Vaill ranked second at 20 this year.)

**20 years ago** (From the December 1988 ORW)—Pribilinec, the Olympic winner, led the ORW World 20 Km rankings again, followed by Ronald Weigel (GDR) and Maurizio Damilano (Italy). Leading the women's 10 Km rankings was Svetlana Karbukina, USSR. Her countrywomen Yelena Nikolayeva and Natalia Spirodonov were second and third. In the 50, the top three were Vyatcheslav Ivanenko, USSR; Weigel; and Hartwig Gauder, GDR. . . In the U.S. rankings, Gary Morgan, Tim Lewis, and Jim Heiring led the way at 20; Carl Schueler,

Marco Evoniuk, and Andy Kaestner at 50; and Debbi Lawrence, Maryanne Torrellas, and Teresa Vaill at 10. . . Mexico won the Pan-Amu Cup for men and Canada the women's version. The November races were held in Argentina. In the women's race, Canada's Ann Peel won in 46:23 for 10 Km. She was supported by Janice McCafrey (46:45) and Alison Baker (47:17) in fourth and fifth. Mexico's Graciela Mendoza beat Debbi Lawrence for second. Carlos Mercenario (1:24:00) and Martin Bermudez (4:03:20) were easy winners in the men's races. Mercenario was followed by Ernesto Canto (Mex.), Guillaume Leblanc, Can.), and Tim Lewis. The Mexicans swept the 50 with Arturo Bravo and Victor Sanchez in second and third. Paul Wick was the first U.S. finisher in fifth (4:21:36).

**15 Years Ago** (From the December 1993 ORW)—Jonathan Matthews bettered the American record for 1 Hour, covering 14,058 meters on the Foothills College track in California. He bettered Allen James' old record by 42 meters, after passing the 10 Km mark in 42:54. . . China's Mingcai Li did 50 Km in 3:49:17 in Beijing in September.

**10 Years Ago** (From the December 1998 ORW)—Italian women were one and three in the ORW Annual World Rankings for the women's 10 Km. Anna Rita Sidoti and Erica Alfridi bracketed second place Nadezhda Ryashkina, Russia. The U.S. rankings saw Joanne Dow, Michelle Rohl, and Debbi Lawrence in the first three spots. The top three in the World 20 Km Rankings were Ilya Markov, Russia; Jefferson Perez, Ecuador; and Aigars Fadejevs, Latvia. Robert Korzeniowski, Poland; Miguel Rodriguez, Mexico; and Valentin Kononen, Finland were atop the 50. Tops in the U.S. were Curt Clausen, Andrew Hermann, and Tim Seaman at 20, and, in different order, Clausen, Seaman, and Hermann at 50. . . Chinese athletes swept the Asian Games racewalks—Hongyu Liu in 43:57.28 for the women's 10; Guohui Yu in 1:20:25 for the men's 20; and Yinhang in 3:59:27 for 50. . . The Australian 50 Km was won by Dion Russell in 3:47:34.

**5 Years Ago** (From the December 2003 ORW)—The World Rankings saw Yelena Nikolayeva, Russia; Gillian O'Sullivan, Ireland, and Valentina Tsybulskaya, Belarus leading the women at 20 Km; Jefferson Perez, Ecuador, Francisco Fernandez, Spain, and Roman Rasskazov, Russia topping the men's 20 Km; and Robert Korzeniowski, Poland, German Skurygin, Russia, and Andreas Erm, Germany the top three at 50. The U.S. rankings were led by Michelle Rohl, Joanne Dow, and Teresa Vaill at 20; Kevin Eastler, Tim Seaman, and John Nunn at 20; and Curt Clausen, Philip Dunn, and Sean Albert at 50. . . World Military titles went to Elena Nikolayeva, Russian in 22:11.69 for 5 Km and Alessandro Gandellini, Italy in 39:29.45 for 10 Km. Danielle Kirk was seventh in the women's race and John Nunn tenth in the men's race. . . Nathan Deakes won the Australian 50 Km in 3:39:43 leaving New Zealand's Craig Barrett 11 minutes behind.

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Happy and Prosperous New Year  
Filled With Rewarding Efforts in  
Your Racing and Training.*