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As we enter a new year, may joy bless our lives, may love and compassion fill our hearts, and may peace, tolerance, and understanding spread across the nations.

ORW World and U.S. Rankings

Here we go with the 42nd annual Ohio Racewalker rankings. Yes, 42nd even though, in a typical ORW blunder we labeled last year's ranking as the 40th (for the second year in a row.) That correction made, let us proceed.

It was late in 1970 that I received a letter (no e-mail then) from Bob Bowman that, surprisingly, *Track & Field News* had seen the light and was adding the 20 and 50 Km racewalks to their annual World Rankings for track and field events. Bob was asking me, along with Colin Young in England, to assist him in coming up with rankings for the racewalks. T&FN's panel of experts had little knowledge of, and probably little interest in these events. Colin and I both accepted the invitation, and through our consensus, we gave the "bible" of track and field what it wanted. And we continue to do so, with Ireland's Pierce O'Callaghan replacing Colin in 2002.

I decided in that first year that I may as well publish the rankings that I had sent Bob, which were slightly different than the consensus, in this humble newsletter, then in it's sixth year. And, I have continued to do so. In 1972 I added U.S. Rankings and in 1979 Women's Rankings, both world and U.S. Prior to 1979, it was not the ORW that was being sexist, but the racewalking world itself. We supported women's racewalking in our pages and included women's events in the Ohio Track Club's annual Distance Carnival, but there simply was not sufficient activity to justify any attempt at rankings prior to 1979. The first Women's rankings were at 5 and 10 Km. After 1985, we ranked only the 10 Km as international competitive at that distance proliferated and significant activity at 5 Km waned. In 1999, the Women's rankings shifted to 20 Km when that became the distance for international competitions. Someday we hope there will be sufficient competition at 50 to add that

The ORW rankings are based strictly on the opinion of your editor; arbitrary, but with close attention to the year's entire performance for each athlete. All gripes are accepted, but once in type, the rankings are most unlikely to change. So here we go.

2005 World 20 Km Rankings--Women

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| 1. Olga Kaniskina, Russia | 2. Hong Liu, China |
| 1:28:35 (1) Rio Maior 4/9 | 1:29:29 (1) Lugano 3/20 |
| 1:29:32 (1) Sesto San Giovanni 5/1 | 1:27:17 (1) Taicang 4/22 |
| 1:29:42 (1) World Championship 8/31 | 1:39:00 (4) London 5/30 |
| | 1:29:44 (1) Dublin 6/26 |
| | 1:30:00 (2) World Championships (8/31) |

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3. Anisya Kiryapkina, Russia
1:25:09 (2) Sochi 2/26
1:30:41 (2) Euro Cup 5/21
1:30:13 (3) World Champ 1:31:26
4. Elisa Rigaud, Italy
1:30:55 (3) Euro Cup 5/21
1:35:06 (1) Villa di Serio 6/19
1:30:44 (4) World Championships 8/31
5. Vera Sokolova, Russia
1:25:08 (1) Sochi 2/26
1:30:02 (1) Euro Cup 5/21
1:32:13 (11) World Championships 8/31
6. Shinjie Qieyang, China
1:26:33 (9) Zintai 3/12
1:28:04 (2) Taicang 4/22
1:41:35 (5) Benxi 6/18
1:31:14 (5) World Championships 8/31

7. Susana Feitor, Portugal
1:33:29 (4) Lith. Championships 2/19
1:35:24 (4) Chihuahua 3/5
1:30:44 (4) Rio Maior 4/9
1:32:43 (9) Euro Cup 5/21
1:31:26 (6) World Championships 8/31

8. Beatriz Pascual, Spain
1:32:03 (1) Barcelona 2/13
1:30:36 (1) Portugal Championships 3/6
1:28:51 (2) Rio Maior 4/9
1:30:16 (2) Sesto San Giovanni 5/1
1:31:46 (9) World Championships 8/31

9. Ana Cabecinha, Portugal
1:33:10 (1) Lith. Championships 2/19
1:31:08 (4) Lugano 3/20
1:34:03 (8) Sesto San Giovanni 5/1
1:34:31 (15) Euro Championships 5/21
1:31:36 (7) World Championships 8/31

10. Kristina Saltanovic, Lithuania
1:32:11 (2) Lith. Championships 2/19
1:33:06 (7) Rio Maior 4/9
1:33:19 (6) Sesto San Giovanni 5/1
DNF Euro Cup 5/21
1:30:36 (2) Alytus 6/17
1:31:40 (8) World Championships 8/31

The World Championships race weighed heavily in the rankings. Kaniskina was, obviously untouchable with three solid races and decisive win at the Worlds. . . The next three are in order of their finish at the Worlds, all with solid records in the rest of their seasons. . . Sokolova, who faltered rather badly at the Worlds, still earns fifth off her world's best time for the year in Sochi and walk away win in the Euro Cup. . . Pascual had a very impressive season leading up to the World Championships and gets the nod for seventh ahead of Cabecinha and Saltanovic, who edged her out in the World race. . . Just out of the rankings was Ines Henriques, tenth at the Worlds, but only 13th in the Euro Cup. In a seven-race season, she also had three wins, a second, a third, and a fifth. Perhaps she earned a ranking just off persistence.

2011 Top 50 Performers

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| 1:25:08 Vera Sokolova, Russia | 1:27:40 Anna Lukyanova, Russia |
| 1:25:09 Aisya Kiryapkina, Russia | 1:28:04 Ehenjie Beyang, CHINA |
| 1:27:17 Hong Liu, China | 1:28:09 Tayana Mineeva, RUSSIA |
| 1:27:35 Almira Alembekova, Russia | 1:28:35 Olga Kaniskina, RUSSIA |

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| 1:28:28 Tatyana Korotkova, Russia | 130:44 Susana Feitor, Portugal |
| 1:28:41 Nina Ochotnikov, Russia | 1:30:44 Elisa Rigaud, Italy |
| 1:28:43 Yanfei Li, China | 1:30:56 Agnieszka Dygasz, Poland |
| 1:28:51 Beatriz Pascual, Spain | 1:31:00 Mingxia Yang, CHINA |
| 1:28:55 Tatyana Shemyakina, Russia | 1:31:00 Jingjing Nie, CHINA |
| 1:29:11 Kumi Otash, Japan | 1:31:03 Yansue Mao, China |
| 1:29:19 Liudmila Arkhipova, Russia | 1:31:08 Ana Cabecinha, Portugal |
| 1:29:20 Melanie Seegeer, Germany | 1:31:08 Sabine Krantz, Germany |
| 1:29:26 Irina Yumanova, Russia | 1:31:21 Huiqin Ding, China |
| 1:29:30 Nastastia Yatsovich, Belarus | 1:31:32 Julia Takacs, Spain |
| 1:29:38 Ni Gao, China | 1:31:33 Dan He, China |
| 1:29:46 Huanhuan Sun, China | 1:31:39 Regan Lamble, Australia |
| 1:29:48 Elena Kruchinkina, Russia | 1:31:40 Kristina Saltanovic, Lithuania |
| 1:29:50 Ziushi Liu, China | 1:31:41 Maria Vasco, Spain |
| 1:29:55 Vera Santos, Portugal | 1:31:50 Johanna Jackson, Great Britain |
| 1:30:01 Shanshan Wang, China | 1:31:31 Nina Okhotnikova, RUSSIA |
| 1:30:13 Qin He, China | 1:31:52 Masumi Fuchise, Japan |
| 1:30:25 Mayumi Kawasaki, Japan | 1:31:53 Tianshu Shi, China |
| 1:30:29 Natalia Makarova, Russia | 1:31:55 Svetlana Solovyeva, Russia |
| 1:30:29 Ines Henriques, Portugal | 1:31:55 Olive Loughnane, Ireland |
| 1:30:37 Tatiana Sibileva, Russia | 1:31:55 Yuanyan Ni, China |
| (For the U.S.: 98. Maria Michta 1:34:52 112. Teresa Vaill 1:35:56 151. Lauren Forgues 163. Miranda Melville 1:38:01) | |

2011 World 20 Km Rankings—Men

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| 1. Valeriy Borchin, Russia
1:18:55 (1) Rio Maior 4/9
1:19:43 (1) Sesto San Giovanni 5/1
1:19:56 (1) World Championships 8/28 | 1:25:04 (1) Pan Am Cup 3/27
DNF Sesto San Giovanni 5/1
1:21:53 (8) Dublin 6/26
1:20:38 (2) World Championships 8/28
1:22:51 (3) Pan Am Games 10/23 |
| 2. Vladimir Kanaykin, Russia
1:19:14 (1) Sochi 2/26
1:24:20 (6) Euro Cup 5/21
1:20:27 (2) World Championships 8.28 | 6. Hyun-Sub Kim, South Korea
1:19:31 (10) Asia Championships 3/13
1:20:10 (5) Taicang 4/22
1:21:17 (6) World Championships 8/28
1:21:35 (1) Goyang 10/10 |
| 3. Zhen Wang, China
1:18:37 (1) Lugano 3/20
1:18:30 (1) Taicang 4/22
1:24:10 (1) London 5/30
1:19:46 (1) Dublin 6/26
1:20:54 (4) World Championships 8/28 | 7. Yafei Chu, CHINA
1:18:38 (2) Lugano 3/20
1:18:45 (2) Taicang 4/22
1:30:27 (6) London 5/30
1:22:10 (11) World Championships 8/28 |
| 4. Stanislav Yemelyanov, Russia
1:19:33 Rio Maior 4/9
1:23:27 (1) Euro Cup 5/21
1:21:11 (5) World Championship 8/28 | 8. Yusuke Suzuki, Japan
1:21:13 (1) Japan Championships 2/20
1:22:53 (5) Sesto San Giovanni 5/1
1:21:39 (8) World Championships 8/28 |
| 5. Luis Fernando Lopez, Colombia
1:22:17 (2) Chihuahua 3/5 | |

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| 9. Erick Barrondo, Guatemala | 10. Ding Zhen, China |
| 1:24:52 (13) Sesto San Giovanni (5'1) | 1:21:40 Xintai 3/11 |
| 1:29:58 (4) Dublin 6/26 | 1:19:39 (3) Lugano 3/20 |
| 1:22:08 (10) World Championships (8/28) | 1:18:52 (3) Taicang 4/22 |
| 1:21:51 (1) Pan Am Games 10/23 | 1:25:32 (14) Dublin 6/26 |
| | 1:21:48 (1) Baoji 9/16 |
| | 1:26:51 (1) Narachang 10/24 |

Again the World Championship race decided many of the placings. . However, Lopez, third there, drops to fifth in the rankings. Wang had three very fast races, including his win in Dublin to support his fourth place at the Worlds. Yemelyanov has a Euro Cup win and an impressive race at Rio Maior to enhance his fifth at the Worlds. Lopez was only eighth in the Dublin and had a third in the Pan Am Games, besides dropping out of one race. . The seventh place finisher at the Worlds, Ruslan Dmytrenko of Ukraine, dropped out of contention with his way-back finishes at Lugano and the World Cup. Chu, only 11th at the Worlds, moves to seventh off his impressive performances in two Challenge races (Lugano and Taicang.) . Suzuki and Barrondo, eight and tenth at the Worlds were impressive enough in other races to take the next two spots. . Deng, who did not compete in the Worlds, was an impressive otherwise, except for a poor race in Dublin. He gets the nod over ninth place Worlds finisher Alex Schwazer of Italy, who was only 12th at Sesto SG in his only other race.

2011 Top 50 Performers

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| 1:18:30 Zhen Wang, China | 1:21:00 Luke Adams, Australia |
| 1:18:38 Yafei Chu, China | 1:21:01 Dzianis Simanovich, Belarus |
| 1:18:52 Ding Chen, China | 1:21:02 Evar Palma, Mexico |
| 1:18:55 Valeriy Borchin, Russia | 1:21:04 Rafal Sikora, Poland |
| 1:19:14 Vladimir Kanaykin, Russia | 1:21:02 Zelin Cai, China |
| 1:19:18 Sergey Morozov, Russia | 1:21:09 Andrey Rozavin, Russia |
| 1:19:31 Hyansub Kim, Korea | 1:21:13 Yazuke Suzuki, Japan |
| 1:19:33 Stanislav Emelyanov, Russia | 1:21:19 Anaoloy Kukushin, Russia |
| 1:19:36 Eder Sanchez, Mexico | 1:21:31 Ruslan Smytrenko, Ukraine |
| 1:19:37 Jared Tallent, Australia | 1:21:34 Nazar Kovalenko, Ukraine |
| 1:20:16 Andrey Krivov, Russia | 1:21:41 Miguel Angel Lopez, Spain |
| 1:20:16 Matej Toth, Slovak Rep. | 1:21:44 Adnriy Kovenko, Ukraine |
| 1:20:18 Pwetr Bogatyrev, Russia | 1:21:46 Valery Filipchuk, Russia |
| 1:20:19 Hassinine Sbei, Tunisia | 1:21:49 Mikhail Ryzhov, Russia |
| 1:20:19 Petr Trofimov, Russia | 1:21:50 Bertrand Moulinet, France |
| 1:20:35 Gurmeet Singh, India | 1:21:50 Alex Schwazer, Italy |
| 1:20:38 Luis Fernando Lopez, Colombia | 1:21:52 Zhide Cui, China |
| 1:20:43 Wei Yu, China | 1:21:57 Dexing Xu, China |
| 1:20:44 Giorgio Rubino, Italy | 1:22:01 Isamu Fujisawa, Japan |
| 1:20:48 Ivan Trotski, Belarus | 1:22:04 Faguang Xu, China |
| 1:20:51 Gregorz Sudol, Poland | 1:22:05 Fudong Cong, China |
| 1:20:51 Christopher Linke, Germany | 1:22:05 Qi Zhao, China |
| 1:20:34 Robert Heffernan, Ireland | 1:22:06 Inaki Gomez, Canada |
| 1:20:57 Rafal Augustyn, Poland | 1:22:07 Rafal Fedaczynski, Poland |
| 1:20:58 Erick Barrondo, Guatemala | 1:22:10 Koichiro Morisok |
- (91. Trevor Barron, U.S. 1:23:36 106. John Nunn, US 1:23:52)

2011 World 50 Km Rankings

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1. Sergey Bakulin, Russia | 6. Luke Adams, Australia |
| 3:38:46 (1) Russian Championships 6/12 | 3:45:31 (5) World Championships 9/3 |
| 3:41:24 (1) World Championships 9/3 | |
| 2. Denis Nizhegorodov, Russia | 7. Koichiro Morioka, Japan |
| 3:45:58 (1) Euro Cup 5/21 | 3:44:45 (1) Japanese Championships 4/17 |
| 3:42:45 (2) World Championships 9/3 | 3:46:21 (6) World Championships 9/3 |
| 3. Jared Tallent, Australia | 8. Matej Toth, Slovak Republic |
| DNF Dublin 6/26 | 3:39:46 (1) Dudince 3/26 |
| 3:43:36 (3) World Championships 9/3 | DNF World Championships 9/3 |
| 4. Yohann Diniz, France | 9. Faguang Xu, China |
| 3:35:27 (1) Reims 3/12 | 3:42:20 (2) Taicang 4/24 |
| DNF World Championships 9/3 | 3:47:19 (8) World Championships 9/3 |
| 5. Tianfeng Si, China | 10. Chil-Sung Park, Korea |
| 3:38:48 (1) Taicang 4/24 | 3:50:11 (4) Taicang 4/24 |
| 3:44:40 (4) World Championships 9/3 | 3:47:13 (7) World Championships |

Breaking into the World Championships order of finish is Yohann Diniz who broke the world record on the track in March. That earns him a fourth spot despite his failure to finish the World Championship race. Likewise, Matej Toth, who also failed to finish in the big race, had the year's third best time and ranks eighth. In ninth and tenth, Xu and Park met twice, and although Park was ahead in the most important race, it was a very narrow margin compared to the nearly 8 minutes Xu beat him by earlier, so Xu gets the nod for ninth. Next in line was Russia's Yuriy Andronov, who was second in the Russian Championship race but did not race internationally.

2011 Top 50 Performers

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| 3:38:46 Sergey Bakulin, Russia | 3:48:02 Nathan Deakes, Australia |
| 3:38:49 Tianfeng Si, China | 3:48:03 Takayashi Tani, Japan |
| 3:39:46 Matej Toth, Slovak Republic | 3:48:11 Jesus Angel Garcia, Spain |
| 3:42:20 Faguang Xu, China | 3:48:19 Zhide Cui, China |
| 3:42:25 Yuriy Andonov, Russia | 3:48:40 Harooki Arai, Japan |
| 3:42:25 Denis Nizhegorodov, Russia | 3:49:05 Igor Erokhin, Russia |
| 3:43:36 Jared Tallent, Australia | 3:49:16 Jose Layver, Mexico |
| 3:43:38 Jianbo Li, China | 3:49:28 Robert Heffernan, Ireland |
| 3:44:03 Yuki Yamazaki, Japan | 3:49:32 Andres Chocho, Ecuador |
| 3:44:45 Koichiro Morioka, Japan | 3:49:33 Mikel Odriozola, Spain |
| 3:45:29 Horacio Nava, Mexico | 3:49:40 Mario De Luca, Italy |
| 3:45:31 Luke Adams, Australia | 3:50:18 Jianguo Sha, China |
| 3:46:05 Rafal Fedeczynski, Poland | 3:50:26 Omar Sepeda, Mexico |
| 3:46:15 Rafal Sikora, Poland | 3:50:33 Jaime Quiyuch, Guatemala |
| 3:46:40 Lukasz Novak, Poland | 3:50:47 Bertrand Moulinet, France |
| 3:46:56 Rafal Augustyn, Poland | 3:51:12 Dong-young Kim, Korea |
| 3:47:13 Chil-Sung Park, Korea | 3:51:46 Wei Yu, China |

3:51:57 Chris Erickson, Australia
 3:52:32 Jarkko Kinnunen, Finland
 3:52:35 Jean-Jaques Nkouloukidi, Italy
 3:52:56 Christopher Linke, Germany
 3:53:05 Junghyon Yim, Korea
 3:53:19 Eder Sanchez, Mexico
 3:53:24 Cedric Houssaye, France
 3:53:26 Zhiyao Geng China
 (143. Ben Shorey, US 4:16:01 147. John Nunn, US 4:17:23)

2011 U.S. 20 Km Rankings—Women

1. Maria Michta 1:30:31 (1) Pan AM Cup Trials 2/13 1:34:56 (1) US Championships 1:38:07 (9) Pan Am Games 10/23	6. Erin Casey 1:40:11 (3) Pan Am Cup Trials 2/13 1:44:22 (16) Pan Am Cup 3/27 DQ US Championships 6/26
2. Teresa Vaill DNF Pan Am Cup Trials (2/13) 1:35:36 (2) US Championships 6/26	7. Erin Talcott 1:45:01 (6) Pan Am Cup Trials 2/13 1:55:51 (20) Pan Cup 3/27 1:41:58 (6) US Championships 6/26
3. Lauren Forgues 1:37:41 (3) US Championships 6/26 DNF Pan Am Games 10/23	8. Solomiya Login 1:41:45 (5) Pan Am Cup Trials 2/13 1:49:28 (18) Pan Am Cup 3/23 DNF US Championships 6/26
4. Miranda Melville 1:41:40 (4) Pan Am Cup Trials 3/23 1:38:01 (4) US Championships 6/26 1:44:05 (2) Huntington Beach 12/11	9. Susan Randall 1:46:33 (7) Pan Am Cup Trials 2/13 1:53:43 (22) Pan Am Cup 3/27 1:53:45 (1) Dayton 5/8 1:46:51 (5) London 5/29 1:43:26 (7) US Championships 6/26
5. Katie Buurnett 1:44:37 (2) Huntington Beach 3/13 1:41:11 (5) US Championships 6/26 1:40:42 (1) Valley Cottage 10/30	10. Maite Moscoso 1:56:40 (8) Pan Am Cup Trials 2/13 1:48:38 (1) Coconut Creek 4/16 DQ US Championships 6/26

2011 Top 14 Performers

1:34:52 Maria Michta	1:41:58 Erin Talcott
1:35:36 Teresa Vaill	1:43:25 Sisam Rada;;
1:37:41 Lourne Forgues	1:48:38 Maite Moscoso
1:38:01 Miranda Melville	1:53:21 Kathryn Grimes
1:40:11 Erin Gray	1:55:03 Erika Shaver
1:40:42 Katie Buurnett	1:56:00 Chelsea Conway
1:41:45 Solomiya Login	1:56:47 Loretts McGovern

2011 U.S. 20 Km Rankings—Men

1. Trevor Barron 1:27:32 (1) Pan Am Cup Trials 2/13 1:23:26 (1) US Championships 6/26	6. San Serianni 1:32:57 (4) Pan Am Cup Trials 2/13 1:34:50 (14) Pan AM Cup 3/27 DNF US Championships 6/26
1. John Nunn 1:29:08 (2) Pan Am Cup Trials 2/13 1:31:25 (11) Pan Am Cup 3.27 1:25:37 (2) San Diego 4/30 1:26:19 (3) London 5/29 1:23:52 (2) US Championships 6/26 1:25:46 (7) Naumburg 9/24 1:26:30 (8) Pan Am Games 10/23	7. Michael Mannozi 1:37:32 (6) Pan Am Cup Trials 2/13 1:36:02 (1) Dayton 5/3 1:34:31 (6) US Championships 6/26 1:41:33 (12) Pan Am Games 10/23
3. Patrick Stroupe 1:27:35 (2) Pan Am Cup Trials 1:33:09 (13) Pan Am Cup 1:26:29 (3) US Championships	8. Rich Luettchau 1:35:04 (7) US Championships 6/26
4. Tim Seaman 1:28:48 (1) Huntington Beach 3/13 1:31:29 (4) US Championships 6/26	9. Chris Tegtmeier 1:34:21 (3) Huntington Beach 3/13 DQ US Championships 6/26
5. Mike Tarantino 1:31:42 (2) Huntington Beach 3/13 1:36:35 (3) San Diego 4/30 1:33:38 (5) US Championships 6/26	10. Josh Wiseman 1:34:55 (1) Yellow Springs 4/10 DNF US Championships 6/26

2011 Top 24 Performers

1:23:26 Trevor Barron	1:35:35 Tyler Sorensen
1:23:52 John Nunn	1:37:05 Jared Swehoskey
1:26:29 Patrick Stroups	1:38:47 Kris Shear
1:28:48 Tim Seaman	1:39:05 Nick Christie
1:31:42 Mike Tarantino	1:39:37 Dave Talcott
1:32:57 Dan Serianni	1:40:40 Matt Forgues
1:34:21 Chris Tegtmeier	1:46:33 Mark Green
1:34:41 Michael Mannozi	1:50:00 Alek Jakobsen
1:34:55 Josh Wiseman	1:50:37 Chris Schmid
1:35:04 Rich Luettchau	1:51:53 Joel Pfahler
1:35:14 Jonathan Matthews	1:53:31 Juan Moscoso
1:35:15 Ben Shorey	1:53:49 Andrew Smith

2011 U.S. 50 Km Rankings

1. Ben Shorey 4:16:00 (10 US Championships 1/3 4:33:25 (9) Pan Am Games 10/29	3. Tim Seaman 4:25:18 (2) US Championships 1/23
2. John Nunn 4:17:27 (1) Hntington Beach 12/4	4. Patrick Stroupe 4:27:23 (3) US Championships 1/23

5. Erich Cordero
4:28:57 (2) Valley Cottage 10/30
6. Yandy Alvarez
4:33:26(3) Valley Cottage 10/30
7. Jonathan Mathews
4:35:35 (4) US Championships 1/23
4:37:05 (4) Valely Cottage 10/30
8. Michael Mannozi
4:41:49 (1) Yellow Springs 4/10
4:41:23 (1) Yellow Springs 11/26
9. Dave Talcott
5:04:55 (6) US Championships 1/23
4:42:23 Yellow Springs 11/26
10. Mark Green
4:55:49 (5) US Championships 1/23

(Note: The last I knew, Cordero's U.S. citizenship was still in question. If he is not yet a citizen, or eligible for U.S. National Teams, Dan Serianni, with a 4:54:03 in Yellow Springs on November 26, will move into the tenth spot in the rankings. Just missing the rankings then would be Omar Nash who sixth in the National with a 5:02:02. And of course, we can't omit Erin Taylor-Talcott at 4:41:36, who will be accepted at the Olympic Trials in January, with the understanding that she can't win a spot on the team. Some day there will be the opportunity for women to compete internationally at this distance; one way or another the barriers will disappear. Welcoming Erin to the Trials is a first step.)

To date, those who have met the Olympic Trials qualifying standard of 4:45 within the designated time frame (which goes back into 2010) are: Ben Shorey, John Nunn, Stephen Quirke, Jonathan Matthews, Allen James, Tim Seaman, Patrick Stroupe, Erich Cordero, Ray Sharp, Yandy Alvarez, Michael Mannozi, Erin Taylor-Talcott, and Dave McGovern. Philip Dunn is also eligible to compete as the defending Trials (2008) champion.

Some Results

High School Indoor 1500 meters, New York City, Dec. 3—1. Sophia Mahin 7:32.59 2. Janie Ou Yang 8:46:08 (18 finishers) **1 Mile, New York City, Dec. 18—Girls:** 1. Sophie Mahin 8:04.8 2. Ji Wan Kang 8:27.5 **Women:** 1. Maryanne Daniel 7:54.0 **Men**—1. Bill Vayo 7:50.2 **High School 1500 meters, Suffolk, N.Y., Dec. 18:** Race 1—1. Katie Michta 7:31.38 2. Annica Penn 7:55.28 (26 finishers) Race 2—1. Kelly Maranchek 7:28.80 2. Alyssa Furland 7:37.00 3. Amanda Catherall 7:45.83 4. Holy Lindoe 7:50.91 5. Kylie Trattner 7:56.27 (22 finishers) Race 3—1. Brittany Collins 7:42.11 2. Julia Donahue 8:19.56 (13 finishers, 2 DQ) Race 4—1. Ste[h]anie Saccente 7:45.99 2. Jourdsnn Green 7:59.52 (16 finishers) **Indoor H.S. 1500 meters, somewhere in upstate New York, Dec. 18**—1. Rebekah Champlin 7:12.38 2. Melissa Tylock 7:52.86 3. Bailey Kem 8:00.11 4. Kasey Levan 8:05.70 5. Melissa Coombs 8:06.20 (21 finishers) **1 Hour, Little Silver, N.J., Nov. 27**—1. Panse Geer 9337 meters 2. Maria Paul 8726 3. Melissa Endy 8428 **Men**—1. Ron Salvio 8913 2. Dr. Pat Bivona 8711 3. Fred Linkhart 8708 4. Mann Eisner 8167 (6 finishers) **Indoor 1 Mile, Milwaukee, Dec. 9**—1. Ben Shorey 6:29.1 2. Matt DeWitt 7:19 3. Pablo Gomez 7:22.6 4. Amber Budahn 7:25.8 5. Andy Kaestner 8:22.9 (1988 Olympian at 50 Km. This could be his first race since.) 6. Jack Bray 10:02.2 7. BillHoskins 10:24.2 (1 Dnf, 1 DQ) **Indoor 1500 meters, Bethel U., Minn., Dec. 4**—1. Leif Devaney 6:32.07 2. Phil Rogosheski (67) 9:58.60 3. Dave Caubert (66) 10:00.56 (5 finishers) **1500 meters, St. Louis, Oct 23**—1. Alex Chavez 7:14.89 2. Steve Lipe (55+) 8:06.25 3. Patrick Gadell (60+) 9:20.28 4. Nanc Sido (60+) 9:22 (7 finishers) **1600 meters, St. Louis, Oct. 30**—1. Dave Coutts (55+) 8:12 2. Nancy Sido 10:03 (6 finishers) **3000 meters, St. Louis, Oct. 15**—1. Dave Coutts 16:20 2. Steve Lipe 17:17 3. Bob Nichols (70+) 19:29 (7 finishers) **1 Hour, St. Louis, Oct. 9**—1. Bob Nichols 8900 meters 2. Ruth Eberle (80+) 8100 (5 finishers) **5000 meters, St. Louis, Oct. 2**—1. Mark Young (50+) 33:57 2. Lorraine Raonczak (55+) 36:16

3. Ruth Eberle 36:16 (5 finishers) **1 Mile, St. Louis, Dec. 3**—1. Susan Randall 7:38 2. Maryanne Daniel 8:20 3. Ray Funkhouser 9:00 4. Dave Gwyn 10:59 **1500 meters, Houston, Nov. 12**—1. Steve Barry (Midget age group) 9:16 2. Lajza Vosta (70+) 9:17 **3000 meters, same place**—1. Barry 19:11.30 2. Vosta 19:16.43 **50 Km, Huntington Beach, Cal., Dec. 11**—1. John Nunn 4:17:27 DNF—Tim Seaman, 41.5 Km; Andreas Gustafsen, 30 Km; Trevor Barron, 30 Km. No times given for the non-finishers, but apparently they were in a pack with Nunn, at least for much of the way, so Barron, in his first venture beyond 20 Km, apparently had a quite decent 30. **20 Km, same place**—1. Nick Christie 1:43:22 2. Miranda Melville 1:44:05 DNF—Lauren Forgues, 17 Km, and Rachel Seaman 14 Km. **Australian All-Schools Championships, Dec. 3-4: Men under 14 3000 meters**—1. Tyler Jones 13:46.8 2. Emmet Brasier 14:52.72 3. Cooper Owen 14:54.19 **Women Under 14 3000**—1. Jemima Montag 14:25.13 2. Clara Smith 14:48.93 3. Anna Cross 15:25.80 **Men under 16 3000**—1. Nathan Brill 12:58.04 2. Zac Partington 13:30.77 3. Billy Allamby 14:37.17 **Women under 16 3000**—1. Jasmine Dighton 14:57.51 2. Stephanie George 15:17.04 3. Kenza Benzenati 15:34.68 **Men under 18 5000**—1. Brad Alson 21:14.65 2. Jesse Osborne 22:58.77 3. Zac Partington 22:58.77 4. Jay Felton 23:12.66 **Women under 18 5000**—1. Jessica Pickles 23:53.84 2. Kirsty Klein 24:47.92 3. Jmara Hockley 25:43.16 **Australian 50 Km Championsip, Melbourne, Dec. 11**—1. Jared Tallent 3:49:33 2. Nathan Deakes 3:50:34 3. Christopher Erickson 3:51:57 4. Ian Rayson 3:57:55 DNF—Simon Evans, Jamie Costin, Ireland, and Robert Heffernan, Ireland **20 Km same place**—1. Adam Ruter 1:25:47 2. Dane Bird-Smith 1:26:38 3. Sean Fitzsimons 1:26:50 4. Rhydian Cowley 1:27:12 5. Brendon Reading 1:28:07 **Under 20 10 Km, same place**—1. Blake Steele 43:27 2. Jesse Osborne 44:30 **Women's 20 Km, same place**—1. Regan Lamble 1:32:06 2. Beki Lee 1:33:09 3. Claire Tallent 1:37:08 4. Zuzana Schindlerova, Czech Rep. 1:38:29 **Women's Under 20 10 Km, same place**—1. Rachel Tallent 48:42 2. Kristie Goznic 49:55 **Pan Arab Games, Soha, Qatar, Dec. 15: Men's 20 Km**—1. Hassanine Sebei, Tunisia 1:28:20 2. Mabrook Saleh Mohamed, Qatar 1:31:02 3. Ali Daghiri Morocco 1:34:59 4. Hussein Mohammed Al Khairi, Qatar 1:44:36 5. Hedi Tun Teraoui Tunisia 1:45:54 (1 DNF, 1 DQ) **Women's 10 Km**—1. Chaima Trabelsi, Tunisia 48:17.91 2. Olfa Lafi, Tunisia 50:07.49 3. Nazha Ezzhani, orocco 54:08.32 (1 DQ)

Is There A Race In Your Future?

Fri. Jan. 7	Indoor 1 Mile, Cedarville, Ohio (M)
Sat. Jan. 7	50 Km, Houston (G)
Sun. Jan. 8	Indoor 1 Mile, Hanover, N.H. 9x0
Sat. Jan. 14	1 Hour and 5 Km, Pasadena, Cal., 7:30 am (U)
	Indoor 1 Mile, Cambridge, Mass. (X)
Sun. Jan. 15	Indoor 1 Mile, Philadelphia (E)
Sun. Jan. 22	Olympic 50 Km Trial, Santee, Cal. (4:45 Qualifying standard) (D)
	Indoor 3000 meters, Boston, Mass. (X)
Fri. Jan. 27	Indoor 3000 meters, Findlay, Ohio (M)
Sun. Jan. 29	Indoor 3000 meters, Providence, R.I. (X)
	Indoor 1 Mile, Philadelphia (E)
Fri. Feb. 3	Indoor 1 Mile, Cedarville, Ohio (M)
Sat. Feb. 4	Indoor H.S. 1 Mile, Cedarville, Ohio (M)
Sun. Feb. 5	Indoor 3000 meters, Kenosha, Wis. (I)
Fri. Feb. 10	Indoor 3000 meters, Goshen, Indiana (M)
Sat. Feb. 11	Millrose National USATF Indoor 1 Mile, New York City (D or M)
	Indoor 1 Mile, Reading, Pa. (E)

Sat. Feb. 18 1 Hour, Pasadena (U)
 1500 meters and 3 Km, Indio, Cal. (U)
 Indoor 3 Km, Milford, Conn. (L)
 Sun. Feb. 19 New England USATF Indoor 3000 meters, Boston (X)
 St. Feb. 25 USATF National Indoor 3000 meters, Albuquerque, NM (D)
 Sun. Feb. 26 Indoor 1 Mile, Widener College, Pa. (E)
 Sun. March 4 10 Miles, Yellow Springs, Ohio (M)
 Indoor 5000 meters, Ken;sha, Wis. (I)
 Sun. March 11 20 Km and 5 Km, Huntington Beach, Cal. (U)
 March 16-18 National USATF Masters Indoor 3000 m, Bloomington, IN (D)
 Sat. April 1 20 Km World Cup Qualifiers, Men and Women, Eugene, Oregon

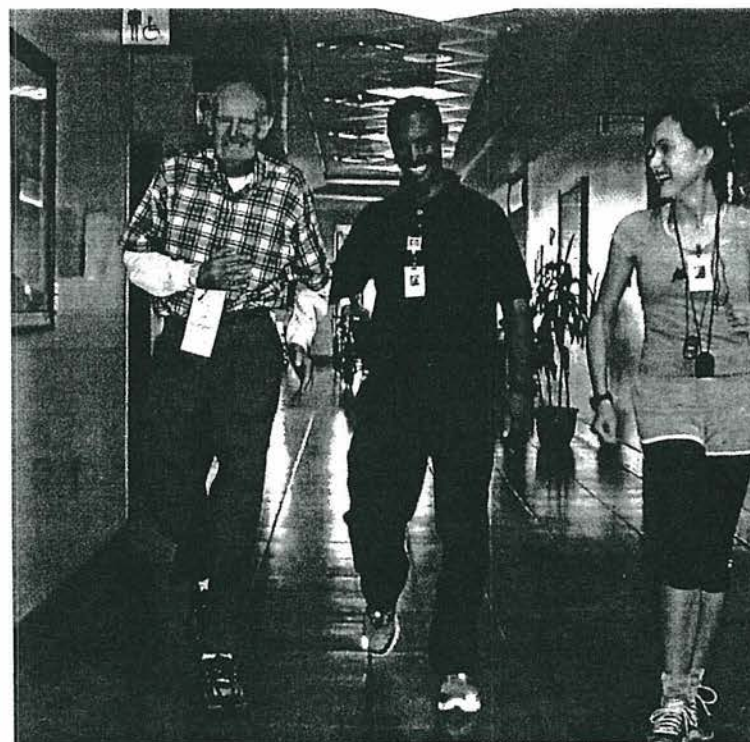
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From Heel To Toe

John Kelly. Many of you know, or know of John Kelly—not Young John Kelly or Old John Kelly, marathoners of note—but, the John Kelly; racewalker extraordinary; Irish Olympian, U.S. Centurion #38, winner of many U.S. master's titles, he who walked across Death Valley in record time, yes, that John Kelly. In the Kelly's Christmas letter, written by Kati, a high school classmate of mine who married John following the death of her first husband, Kati writes; "...for the past five years or so, we have been very concerned about John's health, especially a difficult and advancing lung disease that results in exhaustive coughing and lack of energy. In addition, this year he experienced a very close call after spending nine days in ICU where a heart problem was discovered. Thankfully a pacemaker has helped resolve that condition. For him days are pretty much limited to a little exercise, rest, reading, watching TV, and petting kitty while receiving life-saving oxygen 24/7. Be it known, however, he is the same competitor

about addressing health issues as he was during his athletic career. What a spirit he has displayed." In an added handwritten note to me, Kati adds; "We thought you might enjoy seeing pictures of how the hospital John was in staged a Rehab Olympic Games event for the patients. It started with a Torch Relay run through the hallways followed by about eight events done in heats. Bless his heart, John engaged every minute of course and gave it his all. In the 100meter dash he won and ended up breaking the existing local record for the event." John and Kati are both very special people. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Their address is: 1105 Wood Spur Circle, Prescott, AZ86303...



John looking good in Rehab Olympics, accompanied by two therapists.

Shaul motors on. And speaking of holiday letters, and of lovers of ultra-endurance events, we also received Shaul Ladany's annual letter from Israel. Also an Olympian and Centurion, who won several U.S. titles at 75 and 100 Km while residing here in the '60s and '70s, Shaul summarizes his year's activities as follows: "The racing year started with the Tiberias Marathon, followed with the Ultra-Marathon in the Judean Hills in which I rolled over several times on very steep down-hill trails and slippery ground, and injuring myself considerably. In March at the New Jerusalem International Marathon I was the oldest participant and the only one in the 75+ age group. Likewise in the Tel-Aviv Marathon 2 weeks later, which was followed next day by the International Marching League Gilboa Walk. The 65 Km Walk around Lake Tiberias was not difficult, but my 75 Km walk in Omer on my 75th birthday turned out to be quite difficult toward the end due to the extreme hot weather. In the Summer I flew alone to Europe despite that Shosh had non-refundable airline tickets, as Shosh decided in the last moment to stay at home. My 14th participation in the 7-day 300 Km Schlesvig (Germany) to Viborg (Denmark) walk, followed with my 21st participation in the Nijmegen

International 4-day march with other 40,000 participants, training in the Swiss Alps, and walking later in Austria on steep mountainous routes 9 marathons (or 40 Km) in a span of 11 days would have been routine, if on my 5th walking day in Austria I wouldn't have slipped and fallen on my back and knocked the back of my head to the ground. I was unconscious only a few seconds, got up after a minute and continued to walk after a few more minutes (with some walkers besides me) with some head ache. After a few days gradually the head ache got less intensive, and after 2 months it totally disappeared. In October it was my 51st participation in the Kinneret (Lake Tiberias) 4.5 Km swim, again without any swimming practice for a whole year, but this time I struggled to complete the mission. After a few local shorter events in September and October I participated walking in the 65 Km biking event around Lake Tiberias, 3 hours of it in a strong rain storm. I followed it with an Ultra Marathon starting and ending in the "Valley" at Kibbutz Hazorea (where last year I got in a fall deep cuts in the palm of my hand that required many stitches). This time I completed it as the oldest participant, without any trip, fall or injury. A few days ago I have been surprised, but had to wait for the official news release, that I have been elected to the International Jewish Sports HALL OF FAME. Once in 4 years such an election is done, This time 8 have been elected, and I am the only Israeli. Those elected will be formally inducted in July 2013, on the campus of Wingate Institute, Israel's National Sports Center, near Netanya." An honor well deserved. . . **More long treks.** Writing of these two great racewalkers, who stressed endurance, brings to mind two books I read recently—not about racewalkers or even athletes, but certainly about long walks. 1. Kevin Grange, "Beneath Blossom Rain". Grange was not a regular walker but was inspired to participate in a "trek" in the Himalayas in Bhutan—apparently well-known among "trekkers" and apparently considered the Everest of trekking. The Snowman Trek covers 216 miles in 11 days at altitudes of 13,000 to 15,000 feet, including 11 mountain passes that carry hikers to the high altitudes. There are high winds and much snow to contend with. It can be done only with a group and approved guides. His description of the experience and the relationships developed during the trek are fascinating. 2. Tom Ryan, "Following Atticus". There are 48 peaks of 4000 feet and higher in the White Mountains in New Hampshire. Tom, who was not previously a hiker, dedicated himself to doing all 48 one summer and then tried twice to do a "double" (all 48 twice) during the winter season. Although he fell short of 86 peaks both winters, because of weather conditions, what he, and his little dog Atticus, did was amazing. His relationship to the dog—who at 20 pounds far outdid anything much larger dogs have ever accomplished—and what he learned about himself and personal relationships make for an inspiring read. . . **More really long stuff.** Reflecting on these two books, which I think racewalkers would relate closely to, I might mention someone I met only briefly in October. Marty and I were on a Road Scholar (formerly Elder Hostel) week at Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia. One day of our "Virginia Sampler" was devoted to the Appalachian trail with a speaker who has completed the through trip from Maine to Georgia five times and has also done the Pacific Crest Trail in the west. The Appalachian Trail covers about 2180 miles from Katahdin, Main to Springer Mountain, Georgia. The Pacific Crest Trail is 2663 miles from the Mexican border to the Canadian border through California, Oregon, and Washington. In the afternoon, we were bussed to a spot on the trail near one of the huts. We had to hike a whole half-mile, on a rainy day, to reach the hut. There was one man resting briefly there, who I accused our guide of planting, but I am sure that was not the case. This fellow, 57-years old and retired, had ridden his bike from Portland, Oregon to Maine, where he entered the trail in early September. This was mid-October, and he had a few hundred miles to go to complete the trail. Then he had a few hundred more miles on foot to reach his bike, which he had shipped to Florida. He was then going to ride across the Southern U.S. to the start of the Pacific Crescent trail, and hike back north on it to complete a circumvention of the U.S. There's something for you folks with idle time to try. . . **2014 World Juniors.** The IAAF has selected Eugene, Oregon as the site for the 2014 World Junior Championships (for athletes age 16 through 19 on Dec. 31, 2014.) Both men's and women's

10 Km racewalks are included. The likely dates are July 22-27, 2014. . . **National Postal 1 Hour.** Elliott Denman reports that through the efforts of Carl Acosta (Los Angeles) and Stan Chraminsk (Seattle) plans will be put in place to revive the National Postal 1-Hour Walk in 2012. For many-many years, the event was organized by Shore AC of New Jersey. Under new organization, Elliott hopes the event will regain its former stature in 2012. Details to follow. . . **Talcott honored.** With his 50 Km effort in Yellow Springs, 51-year-old Dave Talcott (Owego, N.Y.) was named the UASTF Athlete of the Week. His 4:42:21 Trials qualifier allowed him to join wife Erin at the Trials. Dave noted: "We train really well together even if we are working out separately. We have a nice rivalry. If she goes out and has a great workout, then I'll try to go out and do just a little better—but it is a friendly rivalry." Yep. Seemed to me they were friends when I saw them in Yellow Springs. Dave became the fifth racewalker to earn Athlete of the Week honors this year, joining Tyler Sorensen, Ben Shorey, John Nunn, and Trevor Barron. . . **Mulanax also honored.** We announced racewalking awards for the year in the November issue. Another, not announced until the Annual Meeting in early December was the Lori Maynard Award for the outstanding racewalking official. It went to Ginger Mulanax of St. Louis. . . **Qualifying standards.** Qualifying standards for the National Indoor 3000 meter races are 12:45 or 6:25 mile for men and 14:40 or 7:30 for women.

LOOKING BACK

45 Years Ago (From the December 1966 ORW)—Jack Blackburn won the annual Ft. Thomas, Ky. to Cincinnati 6 miler (billed as 6 miles, 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 in 1:39:44. Ron Daniel took fast time honors in 1:26:38. . . Annual subscription rate for the ORW was \$1.20.

40 Years Ago (From the December 1971 ORW)—The Ohio Racewalker gave its annual Dr. Jhn 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 be 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 Sperling, East Germany and Paul Nihill, Great Britain followed at 10 and Peter Selzer and Christoph Hohne, both East Germany, at 50. There were no women's rankings as women's races were practically non-existent in those dark days.

30 Years Ago (From the December 1981 ORW)—In the annual ORW World Rankings, Ernesto Canto, Mexico; Roland Weisser, East Germany; and Maurizio Damilano, Italy were ranked 1-2-3 at 20Km. 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. Alesandra 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.

25 Years Ago (From the December 1986)RW)—In the ORW rankings, Josef Pribilinec, Czechoslovakia; Damilano, and Gauder led at 20. Gauder, Vyatschlav Ivanenko and Vasileri Suntsov, both USSR, were 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. rankings at 10. At 20 it was Tim Lewis, Carl Schueler, and Ray Sharp and at 50, Evoniuk, Dan O'Connor, and Eugene Kitts. In the 20, 24 U.S. men were under a:35.

20 Years Ago (From the December 1991 ORW)—Alina Ivanova, USSR; Irina Stankina, USSR; and Craciela 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, USSR; 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.



Olympic 10,000 meter walk, Paris, 1924. Italy's Ugo Frigerio leads Great Britain's Gordon Goodwin. Frigerio won in 47:49 with Goodman second in 48:37.8. Frigerio also won in 1920 in Antwerp in 48:06.2, beating Joseph Pearman, USA, who had 49:40.2. His third gold came at 3000 meters, also in 1920, where he had a 13:14.2. Richard Remer, US, was third in that race. With no walks in 1928, Frigerio returned at 50 in 1932 in Los Angeles,, finishing third in 4:59:06.

15 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 Gonzalez's' old record. . . The first three in our World rankings were: Women's 10 Km—Yelena Nikolayeava, 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 Herman.

10 Years Ago (From the December 2001 ORW)—.Russia's Olimpiada Ivanova took the number one spot in the ORW's World rankings at 20, followed by Elisabetta Perrone of Italy and Valentinina Tsybul'skaya of Belarus. The men's World rankings: 20 Km—Roman Rasskazov, Viktor Burayev, and Ilya Markov, all of Russia..50 Km—Robert Korzeniowski, Poland, Jesus Garcia, Spain, and Edgar Hernandez, Mexico. U.S. rankings: Women's 20—Michelle Rohl, Amber Antonia, and Jill Zenner. Men's 20—Curt Clausen, Tim Seaman, and Sean Albert. Men's 50—Clausen, Philip Dunn, and Seaman.

5 Years Ago (From the December 2006 ORW)—In the Australian Championships, Nathan Deakes bettered the world record at 50 km, winning in 3:35:47. Second was Duane Cousins in 3:53:19 with Jared Talent third in 3:55:08. 6-year-old Andrew Jamieson had a 4:27:40. . .Jamieson later did a 22:53 for 5 Km. . .World rankings for 2006: Women's 20 Km—Ryta Turava, Belarus; Olimpiada Ivanov, Russia; and Olga Kaniskina, Russia. Men's 20 Km—Francisco Fernandez, Spain; Ilya Markov, Russia; and Jefferson Perez, Ecuador. Men's 50—Denis Nizhegorodov, Russia; Nathan Deakes, Australia; Yohan Diniz, France. U.S. rankings: Women's 20—Joanne Dow, Teresa Vaill, and Jolene Moore. Men's 20 Km—Kevin Eastler, John Nunn, and Tim Seaman. Men's 50 Km—Philip Dunn, Ray Sharp, and Theron Kissinger.

I wish you all a prosperous New Year. Perhaps we should all, regardless of our personal faith or beliefs, heed the words of the prophet Micah to: “. . do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly. . .“