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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.***

## 2012 Annual Rankings

Yes, it's the end of another year and that brings the Ohio Racewalker's 43rd Annual Rankings. We first ranked the World's male walkers at both 20 and 50 Km in 1970. In 1972, we added U.S. Rankings. And in 1979, we began ranking women racewalkers, both in the U.S. and world wide. Prior to that year, while we reported on women's racewalking in our pages, there was so little activity worldwide that rankings were not feasible. The first women's rankings were at 5 km and 10 km, the primary distances walked by women at that time. We dropped the 5 Km rankings in 1985 when women were racing primarily at 10 Km. In 1999, the women's rankings shifted to 20 Km when that became the standard distance for women's competitions. Hopefully, we will be able to add a women's 50 Km before many more years pass.

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

## 2012 World 20 Km Rankings—Women

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| 1. Yelena Lashmanova, Russia<br>1:26:30 (2) Sochi 2/18<br>1:27:38 (1) World Cup 5/13<br>1:25:02 (1) Olympic Games 8/11 | 4. Hong Liu, China<br>1:25:46 (1) Taicang 3/30<br>1:27:32 (1) La Coruna 6/9<br>1:26:00 (4) Olympic Games 8/11                    |
| 2. Olga Kanskina, Russia<br>1:28:33 (2) World Cup 5/13<br>1:25:09 (2) Olympic Games 8/11                               | 5. Anisya Kirdyapkina, Russia<br>1:31:00 (6) World Cup 5/13<br>1:27:43 (1) Russian Champ. 6/10<br>1:26:26 (5) Olympic Games 8/11 |
| 3. Shenjie Qieyang, China<br>1:27:04 (2) Taicang 3/30<br>1:33:00 (15) World Cup 5/13<br>1:25:16 (3) Olympic Games 8/11 | 6. Xiushi Lu, China<br>1:27:01 (2) Taicang 3/30<br>1:29:55 (4) World Cup 5/13<br>1:27:10 (6) Olympic Games 8/11                  |



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7. Beatriz Pascual, Spain  
1:34:20 (1) Badalona 2/12  
1:30:29 (3) Pontevedra 3/4  
1:31:03 (1) Rio Maior 4/14  
1:30:46 (5) World Cup 5/13

1:29:53 (2) La Coruna 6/9  
1:27:56 (8) Olympic Games 8/11

8. Elisa Rigaud, Italy  
1:29:25 (3.) Lugano  
1:31:25 (7) World Cup 5/13  
1:27:36 (8) Olympic Games 8/11

9. Ana Cabecinha, Portugal  
1:29:53 (1) Port. Champ. 3/18  
1:31:08 (2) Rio Maior 4/14  
1:31:42 (9) World Cup 5/13  
1:28:03 (9) Olympic Games 8/11

10. Maria Jose Poves, Spain  
1:28:15 (1) Pontevedra 3/4  
1:29:10 (3) World Cup 6/9  
1:34:45 (10) La Coruna 6/9  
1:29:36 (12) Olympic Games 8/11

As it turns out, there is little reason to deviate from the order of finish at the Olympics. Certainly, there can be no question about a 1-2 ranking for Lashmanova and Kaniskina. Their one-two finish in both the World Cup and Olympics is decisive. . . A case could be made for Liu to be fourth as she won two of three races with Qieyang and the latter had a decidedly poor race at the World Cup. But she finished well clear of Liu in the most important race and we give her the nod for third. . . An impressive race in the Russian title race and a clear margin over Lu at the Olympics give Kiryapkina the nod for fifth, overcoming her sixth place finish at the World Cup, two places behind Lu. . . In the only deviation from the Olympic finish, we place Pascual seventh off her very impressive record over six races, which included finishing two places ahead of Rigaud at the World Cup. . . The only challenger to Cabecinha and Vasco for the next two spots would be Spain's Maria Jose Poves, who beat Vasco at Pontevedra and finished third in the World Cup race, but then faded to tenth at La Coruna and twelfth at the Olympics.

## 2012 To 50 Performers

1:25:02 Elena Lashmanova, Russia  
1:25:09 Olga Kiniskina, Russia  
1:25:16 Shenjie Qieyang, China  
1:25:27 Elmira Alembekova, Russia  
1:25:46 Hong Liu, China  
1:26:26 Anisya Kiryapkina, Russia  
1:26:47 Irina Yumanova, Russia  
1:26:59 Tatiana Sibileva, Russia  
1:27:01 Xuizhi Lu, China  
1:27:08 Anna Lijyanova, Russia  
1:27:36 Elisa Rigaud, Italy  
1:27:56 Beatriz Pascual, Spain  
1:28:03 Ana Cabecinha, Portugal  
1:28:05 Vera Sokolava, Russia

1:28:06 Ni Gao, China  
1:28:14 Maria Vasco, Spain  
1:28:15 Maria Jose Poves, Spain  
1:28:16 Nina Okhotnikova, Russia  
1:28:26 Jingling Nie, China  
1:28:29 Marian Pandakova, Russia  
1:28:29 Liudmila Arkhipova, Russia  
1:28:30 Svetlana Vasilyeva, Russia  
1:28:41 Masumi Fuchise, Japan  
1:28:48 Nina Ochotnikova, Russia  
1:18:53 Claire Tallent, Australia  
1:28:54 Mirna Ortiz, Spain  
1:29:01 Qin He, China  
1:29:39 Olive Loughnane, Ireland

1:29:43 Shanshan Wang, China  
1:29:44 Paulina Buziak, Poland  
1:29:48 Kumi Otoshi, Japan  
1:29:48 Eleonora Giorgi, Italy  
1:29:54 Ines Henriques, Portugal  
1:30:03 Nadiya Borovska, Ukraine  
1:30:08 Regan Lamble, Australia  
1:30:14 Huigin Ding, China  
1:30:20 Mayumi Kawasaki, Japan  
1:30:21 Huanhuan Sn, China  
1:30:25 Yanxue Mao, China

1:39:27 Li Li, China  
1:30:37 Julia Takacs, Spain  
1:30:44 Melanie Seeger, Germany  
1:30:56 Agnieszka Szarnog, Poland  
1:30:57 Jamy Franco, Guatemala  
1:30:57 Sabine Krantz, Germany  
1:31:01 Lina Bikulova, Russia  
1:31:02 Laura Reynolds, Ireland  
1:31:03 Mayra Herrera, Guatemala  
1:31:04 Kristina Saltanovic, Lithuania  
1:31:08 Despina Zaponidou, Greece

(List compiled by the IAAF for 20 Km. (Also for Men's 20 and 50) For the U.S., Maria Michta was at 76 with 1:32:37, Erin Gray at 132 with 1:36:08, Lauren Forgues at 168 with 1:38:04, and Miranda Melville at 194 with 1:39:14. However, the IAAF has a separate list for 20,000 meters, i.e. races on the track. There, U.S. walkers had the four fastest times in the world - 1:34:53.33 for Michta, 1:34:56.92 for Melville, 1:35:40.05 for Gray, and 1:37:00.07 for Jill Cobb. Inserted into the 20 Km list, these times would have put Melville at 119 and Erin Gray at 127.

## 2012 World 20 Km Rankings—Men

1. Zhen Wang, China  
1:17:36 (1) Taicang 3/30  
1:19:13 (1) World Cup 5/12  
1:19:25 (3) Olympic Games 8/4

2. Ding Chen, China  
1:21:02 (3) China Oly. Trials 2/12  
1:17:40 (2) Taicang 3/30  
1:21:05 (9) World Cup 5/12  
1:18:46 (1) Olympic Games 8/4

3. Erick Barrondo, Guatemala  
1:18:25 (3) Lugano 3/18  
DNF World Cup 5/12  
1:18:57 (2) Olympic Games 8/4

4. Zelin Cai, China  
1:19:42 (1) China Oly. Trials 2/12  
1:18:47 (3) Taicang 3/30  
1:24:09 (35) World Cup 5/12  
1:19:44 (4) Olympic Games 8/4

5. Eder Sanchez, Mexico  
1:21:17 (1) Chihuahua 3/3  
1:20:49 (2) Rio Maior 4/14  
1:20:58 (8) World Cup 5/12  
1:24:52 (10) Sesto San Giovanni 6/17  
1:19:52 (6) Olympic Games 8/4

6. Andrey Krivov, Russia  
1:18:24 (3) Sochi 2/18  
1:19:27 (2) World Cup 5/12  
1:24:17 (37) Olympic Games 8/4

7. Andrey Ruzavin, Russia  
1:17:45 (1) Sochi 2/18  
1:20:37 (6) World Cup 5/12  
1:20:48 (2) Russian Champ. 6/10

8. Miguel Angel Lopez, Spain  
1:21:52 (13) Lugano 3/18  
1:25:31 (44) World Cup 5/12  
1:20:59 (2) La Coruna 6/9  
1:19:49 (5) Olympic Games 8/4

9. Jared Tallent, Australia  
1:23:01 (10) Aust. Champ. 2/25  
1:21:50 (2) Chihuahua 3/3  
1:20:34 (5) Taicang 3/30  
1:20:02 (7) Olympic Games 8/4

10. Robert Heffernan, Ireland  
1:20:39 (6) Lugano 3/18  
1:21:28 (4) Rio Maior 4/14  
1:21:51 (12) World Cup 5/12  
1:20:18 (9) Olympic Games 8/4

Wow! These rankings were difficult with two major races (World Cup and Olympics) and



several walkers performing superbly in one and miserably in the other.) Anyway—the first four in the Olympics earn the first four spots. But I rank Wang first ahead of Olympic gold winner Chen. Wang beat Chen early in the season and then won the World Cup with Chen only ninth. Chen's argument for first would be that he was 39 seconds ahead of Wang in London. I still go with Wang. . Barrondo suffered a DQ in the World Cup, but was a brilliant second in London and deserves the third spot. . I rank Cai fourth, his two impressive early season races and solid fourth in London outweigh his 35th at the World Cup. . Sanchez was more consistent than anyone other than Wang and Chen in the two big races and had three other very good efforts. . Krivov's second in the World Cup earn him sixth, despite his miserable Olympic race. . Lopez ruined his chances for a higher ranking at Lugano and in the World Cup, but proved his mettle in London. . Tallent seems to me a clear ninth. . Heffernan finished one spot behind France's Bertrand Moulinet in London, but beat him at Lugano and in the World Cup, where Moulinet was only 25th. . Sergey Morozov, fifth at the World Cup and winner of the Russian Championship, was in my top ten until yesterday when I learned of his lifetime ban for doping, which nullified all of his results since February 2011. (See report of his banishment later in this issue.)

## 2012 Top Performers

(Note: Italy's Alex Schwazer tops the IAAF list and Morozov is sixth, but since Schwazer was dropped from the Italian Olympic team for doping and has retired, admitting to EPO use, I have omitted both from this list.)

1:17:36 Zhen Wang, China	1:20:39 Erik Tysse, Norway
1:17:40 Ding Chen, China	1:20:41 Christopher Linke, Germany
1:17:43 Yhann Diniz, France	1:20:41 Joao Vieira, Portugal
1:17:47 Andrey Ruzavin, Russia	1:20:42 Dzianis Simanovich, Belarus
1:18:25 Andrey Krivov, Russia	1:20:48 Ivan Losev, Ukraine
1:18:25 Erick Barrondo, Guatemala	1:20:50 Dawid Tomala, Poland
1:18:29 Stanislav Emelyanov, Russia	1:20:51 Pegtr Bogatyrev, Russia
1:18:47 Zelin Cai, China	1:20:51 Andrey Kovenko, Ukraine
1:19:20 Petr Trofimov, Russia	1:20:53 Rafal Augustyn, Poland
1:19:43 Vladimir Kanaykin, Russia	1:20:55 Jianbo Li, China
1:19:49 Miguel Angel Lopez, Spain	1:20:58 Mateo Gipponi, Italy
1:19:52 Eder Sanchez, Mexico	1:20:58 Grzegorz Sudol, Poland
1:19:55 Nazar Kovalenko, Ukraine	1:20:58 Inaki Gomez, Canada
1:19:58 Qi Zhao, China	1:21:01 Takumi Saito, Japan
1:20:02 Jared Tallent, Australia	1:21:01 Tianlei Li, China
1:20:06 Wei Yu, China	1:21:05 Jakub Jelonek, Poland
1:20:10 Giorgio Rubino, Italy	1:21:06 Aleksandr Prokhorov, Russia
1:20:17 Bertrand Moulinet, France	1:21:07 Igor Liaschenko, Ukraine
1:20:17 Ruslan Dmytrenko, Ukraine	1:21:07 Jiaxing Yin, China
1:20:18 Robvert Heffernan, Ireland	1:21:10 Hirooki Arai, Japan
1:20:21 Irfan Kolothum Thodi, India	1:21:12 Lukasz Nowak, Poland
1:20:23 Gurmeet Singh, India*	1:21:12 Alexandros Papamihail, Greece
1:20:25 Matej Tot, Slovak Republic	1:21:14 Hayato Katsui, Japan
1:20:31 Denis Strelkov, Russia	1:21:14 Isaac Palma, Mexico
1:20:38 Isamu Fisawa, Japan	1:21:21 Rafak Fedaczynski, Poland

\* Singh led the 20,000 meter list and I choose to include him here  
(Trevor Barron is 74th at 1:22:13. Tim Seaman was at 197 with 1:25:58)

## 2012 World 50 Km Rankings

1. Sergey Kiryapkin, Russia 23:38:08 (1) World Cup 5/13 23:35:59 (1) Olympic Games 8/11	7. Jianbo Li, China 3:47:30 (1) China Oly. Trials 2/11 DNF World Cup 5/13 3:39:01 (7) Olympic Games 8/11
2. Jared Tallent, Australia 3:40:32 (3) World Cup 5/13 3:36:53 (2) Olympic Games 8/11	8. Maej Toth, Slovak Republic 3:41:24 (8) Olympic Games 8/11
3. Tianfeng Si, China 3:43:05 (4) World Cup 5/13 3:37:16 (3) Olympic Games 8/11	9. Lukasz Nowak, Poland 3:44:24 (2) Dudince 3/14 DNF World Cup 5/12 3:42:47 (9) Olympic Games 8/11
4. Robert Heffernan, Ireland 3:37:54 (4) Olympic Games 8/11	10. Koichiro Morioka, Japan 3:45:22 (3) Japanese Champ. 4/15 3:43:14 (10) Olympic Games 8/11
5. Igor Yerokhin, Russia 3:38:10 (2) World Cup 5/13 3:37:54 (5) Olympic Games 8/11	

6. Sergey Bakulin, Russia 3:46:14 (5) World Cup 3:38:55 (6) Olympic Games 8/11
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I searched for a reason not to rank everyone just as they finished in London, but found no justification to do otherwise. The only possibility was moving Yerokhin up based on his second at the World Cup, but decided that Si and Heffernan beat him in the most important race and still deserve their placings. The only other viable candidates for the top ten were Christopher Linke of Germany and Jesus Garcia of Spain, sixth and seventh at the World Cup. But they finished 24th and 20th in London.

## 2012 Top Performers

3:35:59 Sergey Kiryapkin, Russia	3:45:17 Joao Vieira, Portugal
3:36:53 Jared Tallent, Australia	3:45:35 Bertrand Moulinet, France
3:37:16 Tianfeng Si, China	3:45:55 Chilsung Park, Korea
3:37:54 Robert Heffernan, Ireland	3:46:01 Grzegorz Sudol, Poland
3:37:54 Igor Yerokhin, Russia	3:46:09 Ivan Trotski, Belarus
3:38:55 Sergey Bakulin, Russia	3:44:25 Jarrko Kinnunen, Finland
3:39:01 Jianbo Li, China	3:46:52 Rafal Kikora, Poland
3:40:46 Yuriy Andronov, Russia	3:46:59 Horacio Nava, Mexico
3:41:24 Matej Toth, Slovak Republic	3:47:19 Marco De Luca, Italy
3:41:47 Yuki Yamazaki, Japan	3:47:33 Christopher Linke, Germany
3:42:47 Lukasz Nowak, Poland	3:48:07 Ihor Hlavan, Ukraine
3:43:14 Koichiro Morioka, Japan	3:48:15 Jesus Angel Garcia, Spain
3:43:56 Takayuki Tani, Japan	3:48:18 Konstantin Maksimov, Russia
3:44:26 Andre Hohne, Germany	3:48:37 Trond Nymark, Norway
3:44:59 Erick Barrondo, Guatemala	3:48:38 Omar Zepeda, Mexico



3:48:45 Nathan Deakes, Australia  
 3:48:47 Fagang Xu, China  
 3:49:26 Andres Chocho, Ecuador  
 3:49:53 Rafal Augustyn, Poland  
 3:49:56 Alexandros Papamihail, Greece  
 3:50:17 Oleksiy Kazanin, Ukraine  
 3:50:47 Andreas Gustafsson, Sweden  
 3:50:53 Aleksandr Yarguion, Russia  
 3:50:57 Clemente Garcia, Mexico  
 3:51:17 Ken Akash, Japan

3:51:31 Jose Leyver, Mexico  
 3:51:37 Federico Tontodonati, Italy  
 3:52:04 Jianguo Zhao, CHina  
 3:52:18 Davidid Berdeja, Mexico  
 3:52:45 Nucgak Stasuewuczm Poland  
 3:52:47 Horacio Olivares, Mexico  
 3:52:53 Takafumi Higuma, Japan  
 3:52:55 Colin Griffin, Ireland  
 3:53:02 Serhiy Budza, Ukraine  
 3:53:41 Luke Adams, Australia

John Nunn was at No. 102 with his 4:03:28, Tim Seaman at 112 with 4:05:50, Ben Shorey at 164 with 4:17:30, and Patrick Stroupe at 170 with 4:19:43.

Note: Russia and Mexico both have 6 walkers in the top 50, and Poland and Japan 5 each. However, Russia had 4 of the top 8, while Mexico's first walker was 23rd.

Again, I have omitted Alex Schwazer, who was listed as No. 9.

## 2012 U.S. 20 Km Rankings--Women

1. Maria Michta  
 1:35:57 (1) World Cup Trials 4/1  
 1:34:54 (1) USATF 7/1  
 1:32:27 (29) Olympic Games 8/11

2. Miranda Melville  
 1:37:08 (2) Huntington Beach 3/11  
 1:42:10 (6) World Cup Trials 4/1  
 1:39:14 (49) World Cup 5/13  
 1:34:57 (2) USATF 7/1

3. Erin Gray  
 1:36:57 (1) Huntington Beach 3/11  
 1:36:08 (2) World Cup Trials 4/1  
 1:42:16 (61) World Cup 5/13  
 1:39:53 (1) Portland 6/10  
 1:35:41 (3) USATF 7/1

4. Jill Cobb  
 1:38:01 (1) Dayton 5/6  
 1:37:01 (4) USATF 7/1

5. Joanne Dow  
 1:38:21 (5) USATF 7/1

## 2012 Top 20 Performers

1:32:27 Marie Michta  
 1:34:57 Miranda Melville  
 1:35:41 Erin Gray

6. Laurie Forgues  
 1:39:13 (3) World Cup Trials  
 1:38:04 (7) Hamburg 4/22  
 1:44:31 (72) World Cup 5/13  
 1:39:49 (6) USATF 7/1

7. Susan Randall  
 1:42:47 (27) Lugano 3/18  
 1:46:09 (7) World Cup Trials 4/1  
 1:43:27 (7) USATF 7/1

8. Katie Burnett  
 1:41:19 (4) World Cup Trials  
 1:46:11 (76) World Cup  
 DQ USATF 7/1

9. Solomiya Login  
 1:41:25 (5) World Cup Trials 4/1  
 NDF World Cup 5/13  
 1:50:42 (10) USATF 7/1

10. Stephanie Casey  
 1:47:01 (2) Portland 6/11  
 1:47:32 (8) USATF 7/1

1:37:01 Jill Cobb  
 1:37:10 Joanne Dow  
 1:38:04 Lauren Forgues

1:41:19 Katie Burnett  
 1:41:25 Solomiya Login  
 1:42:47 Susan Randall  
 1:46:37 Erin Talcott  
 1:46:49 Nicole Bonk  
 1:47:01 Stephanie Casey  
 1:47:45 Rachel Zoyhowski

1:47:47 Erika Shaver  
 1:50:57 Michelle Rohl  
 1:53:37 Janelle Brown  
 1:53:39 Kelly Clark  
 1:54:42 Rachel TYlock  
 1:56:25 Jamie Koetz  
 1:59:27 Kathryn Graves

## 2012 U.S. 20 Km Rankings--Men

1. Trevor Barron  
 1:22:13 (3) World Cup Trials (1<sup>st</sup> U.S.)  
 1:24:54 (40) World Cup 5/12  
 1:23:01 (1) USATF 6/30  
 1:22:46 (26) Olympic Games 8/4

2. Tim Seaman  
 1:29:25 Huntington Beach 3/11  
 1:25:58 (4) World Cup Trials 4/1  
 1:27:30 (2) USATF 6/30

3. Patrick Stroupe  
 1:26:20 (5) World Cup Trials 4/1  
 1:37:59 (98) World Cup 5/12

4. Nick Christie  
 1:38:50 (2) Huntington Beach 3/11  
 1:31:33 World Cup Trials 4/1  
 1:41:48 (101) World Cup 5/12  
 1:29:47 (3) USATF 6/30

5. December 20, 2012an Serianni  
 1:32:21 (9) World Cup Trials 4/1  
 1:45:02 (103) World Cup 5/12  
 1:32:17 (4) USATF 6/30

Congratulations to 52-year-old Ian Whately for being the most active U.S. 20 Km walker and earning a ranking spot. I imagine he might rank even higher in his native England with this set of races.

## 2012 Top 25 Performers

1:22:13 Trevor Barron  
 1:25:58 Tim Seaman  
 1:26:20 Patrick Stroupe  
 1:29:48 Nick Christie  
 1:32:17 Dan Serianni  
 1:32:25 John Nunn  
 1:33:41 Michael Mannozi  
 1:34:08 BenShorey

6. John Nunn  
 1:32:25 (10) World Cup Trials 4/1  
 DNF USATF 6/30

7. Michael Mannozi  
 1:33:41 (11) World Cup Trials 4/1  
 1:37:07 (1) Dayton 5/6  
 1:34:13 (5) USATF 6/30

8. Tyler Sorensen  
 1:34:25 (6) USATF 6/30

9. Ben Shorey, Shore AC  
 1:34:46 (7) USATF 6/30

10. Ian Whately  
 1:39:21 (12) World Cup Trials 4/1  
 1:41:13 (1) Daytona Beach 4/17  
 1:37:48 (1) Portland 5/6  
 1:37:49 (1) Banks 5/6  
 1:42:32 (9) Olympic Trials 6/30

1:34:25 Tyler Sorensen  
 1:37:48 Ian Whately  
 1:37:54 Rich Luettcha  
 1:38:55 Erich Cordero  
 1:40:51 Jonathan Hallman  
 1:42:15 Mike Tarantino  
 1:43:35 John Cody Risch  
 1:44:45 Dave Talcott

1:45:06 Allen James  
 1:45:21 Ray Sharp  
 1:46:18 Joel Pfahler  
 1:46:12 Jacob Gunderkline  
 1:47:58 Pablo Gomes  
 1:49:19 Alek Jakobsen  
 1:49:57 David Swartz  
 1:51:50 Chris Schmid  
 1:58:34 Rob Frank

And congratulations to 65-year-old Chris Schmid for cracking the top 25.  
 All U.S. lists compiled by Vince Peters.

### A few results:

**Conn. 10,000 Championship, Clinton, Nov. 4**—1. Nick Manuzzi (52) 65:50 2. Elizabeth Pasquale (60) 65:51 3. Joe Light (65) 68:02 4. Ann Percival (54) 68:10 **Indoor 1 Mile, Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 15**—1. Spencer Dunn (14) 7:47:30 2. Ed O'Rourke (51) 7:56.84 3. Maranne Daniel (54) 8:08.56 4. Larry Epstein (54) 8:58.23 5. Liz Pasquale (60) 9:00.20 6. Valia Vaitones (16) 9:26.11 **North Region, Wisconsin, and Illinois Indoor 1 Mile Championship, Madison, Wis., Dec. 1**—1. Matthew DeWitt 7:37.4 2. Ron Winkler 10:48.9 3. Al Dubois 11:05.3 4. Alice Winkler 14:05.7 **3000 meters, Irvine, Cal., Dec. 9**—1. Ran Thong 16:48.27 2. Julia Townsend, Concordia U. 16:52.71 3. Patsey Hurley, Cerritos Col. 16:59.96 4. Janelle Zamora, un. 18:00.60 5. Shara Leehey, Concordia U. 18:03.44 6. Ray Billings, un. 18:04.58 (8 finishers) **3000 meters, Moorpark, Cal., Oct. 23**—1. Alex Kazarvan (57) 16:39.59 2. Julia Townsend (19) 16:52.43 3. Charles Tucker (57) 18:06.54 4. Yoko Etcheley (65) 18:36.49 5. Gina Bentley (13) 18:41.61 6. Ray Billig (55) 18:48.71 7. Rick Campbell (66) 18:58.71 (14 finishers)

**Japanese 50 Km, Takahata, Oct. 28**—1. Hirooki Avai 3:47:08 2. Takufumi Higuma 4:03.10 (17 finishers, 4 DNF, 2 DQ) **Australian 50 Km, Dec. 8**—1. Luke Adams 3:57:24 2. Ian Rayson 4:00:39 DNF—Andrew Jamieson, Chris Erickson, and Simon Evans **Women's 20 Km, same place**—1. Tanya Holliday 1:36:31 2. Regan Lambie 1:38:10 3. Kelly Ruddick 1:38:32 4. Rachel Tallent 1:40:52 5. Stephanie Stigwood 1:43:57 6. Michelle Laufer 1:48:27 (8 finishers, 2 DNF) **Men's 20 Km, same place**—1. Brendon Reading 1:26:23 2. Daniel Coleman 1:32:53 3. Kim Mottrom 1:33:26 **Men's Under 20 10 Km, same place**—1. Jesse Osborne 43:18 2. Nathan Bell 43:44 **Australian Schools Walks, Dec. : Girls Under 18 5000 meters**—1. Zoe Boldiston 25:01 **Girls Under 16 3000**—1. Clara Smith 13:22.87 2. Jemima Montag 13:38.63 3. Katya Martin 14:13.53 **Girls Under 14 3000**—1. Jasmyn McDonald 14:43.69 2. Anna Cross 15:01.05 **Boys Under 18 5000**—1. Nathan Brill 21:05.74 2. Jesse Osborne 21:46.03 3. Jay Felton 22:44 **Boys Under 16 3000**—1. Emmet Brasier 13:27.56 2. Adam Garganis 13:40.50

**Spanish 5 Km Championship, Dec. 9**—1. Alvaro Martin 20:20 2. Marc Turpico 20:33 **Women's Indoor, Lithuania, Dec. 9**—1. Brigita Virbalyte 12:46.88 **5 Km, Spain, Dec. 10**—1. Robert Heffernan, Ireland 20:23 2. Juan Porras 20:35 3. Michael Doyle, Ireland 20:58

### Some Races For Early 2013

Tue., Jan. 1 5 Km, Dover, Del. (T)  
 Sat. Jan. 5 Southwest Region 50 Km and 5 and 20 Km, Houston (G)  
 Sun. Jan 13 **Pan American Cup 20 Km Qualifiers, Huntington Beach, Cal. (D)**  
 Indoor 1 Mile, Hanover, N.H.  
 Sat. Jan. 19 Indoor 1 Mile and 3003 meters, New York City (C)  
 Fri. Jan. 25 Millrose Games Indoor 1 Mile, Dew York City (D)  
 Indoor 3000 meters, West Long Branch, N.J. (A)  
 Sat. Jan. 26 H.S. Indoor 1 Mile, Rockville, Md. (E)  
 Fri. Feb. 1 National USATF Indoor 1 Mile, New York City (D)

March 2-4 **National USATF Indoor 3000 meters, Albuquerque, N.M. (D)**  
 Fri. March 22 Indoor 1 Mile, New York City

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### From Heel To Toe

**Morozov ban.** World record holder Sergei Morozov, 24, of Russia has been banned for life for doping by the All-Russian Athletics Federation, as announced on Dec. 18. He was disqualified based on irregularities in blood test results. The Federation reported that all of Morozov's results from Feb. 25, 2011 on will be annulled in line with the rules of the IAAF. Morozov set the World Record for 20 Km of 1:16:40 at Saransk on June 6, 2008. But, just before the 2008 Olympics he tested positive for EPO and was disqualified from competition for two years. Last year he came back with a best time of 1:19:18, but was unranked. This year, he had walked a 1:17:45 in February, finished sixth in the World Cup race in May and won the Russian Championships in June with 1:20:48. It remains to be seen if the IAAF will call into question his world record in light of his doping history. . **Clinics.** Tim Seaman and Jeff Salvage have announced upcoming dates for their Race Walking Clinics of Excellence. They will be in San Diego Feb. 4-5 and in Medford, N.J. May 18-19. Clinics in Ohio and Illinois are future possibilities. Go to [www.racewalkclinic.com](http://www.racewalkclinic.com) for further information. . **Grand Prix Team Standings.** Dave Talcott has announced the final Grand Prix team standings for 2012 based on team finishes and accumulated points at all of the Grand Prix races. Men—1. Pegasus AC 42 2. World Class Racewalking 30 3. Shore AC 26 4. Tidewater Striders 8 5. New England Walkers 6



6. Women-1. Florida AC, Racewalking Arizona, Walk USA, and Shore AC 10 5. Auburn (Maine) Parks & Rec and High Altitude RW Team 7. Tidewater Striders 6. . **Apologies.** In results of the National Masters 20 Km last month I botched the name of Yvonne Grudzina-Glaser. I tried to make her Gridzona-Glaser. My excuse. It all had to do with u, i, and o, all nestled together on the keyboard and just waiting for old fumble fingers to strike the wrong one. . **Correction.** Also in last month's issue, in my memoir of a 1961 travel adventure I suggested that the 1 Mile walk at the Drake relays that year was the first and last walking ace at that hallowed meet. Not so. Dave Gwyn writes: "In the early '80s, Drake women's coach (a guy named Don DeNoon) had the event added again for a year or two. I think it was pressure from T. Grim Reaper (aka Neal Pickens) that convinced him to do so (seriously). . **New Racewalk Chair.** At the USATF annual convention Ron Daniel was elected as the new Chair of the RW Committee, replacing Vince Peters, who retired. Others on the committee for 2013 are: Vice Chair-Dave McGovern; Secretary-Ed Richardson; Treasurer-Jo Burrows; Ad Hoc-Ginger Mulanax, Maryanne Daniel, Ray Funkhouser, Steve Vaitones, Gary Westerfield; Athletes-Loretta Schuellein-McGovern, Philip Dunn, Solomiya Login, and John Nunn. Appointed by the Chair-Dan Pierce, Bill Pollinger, and Tim Seaman. . **Qualifying times:** To compete in the National Indoor 3 Km men must have a 6:30 mile or 12:45 for 3 Km, women a 7:30 or 14:40. The National Jr. 10 Km qualifiers are 15:00 (3 Km), 26:00 (5 Km), or 55:00 10 Km for men and 16:30, 28:30, or 59:45 for women. The National 20 Km requires 23:00, 47:00, or 1:38:00 for men and 26:00, 54:30, or 1:52:00 for women.

## The Ladany Report

It's a distinct honor and pleasure each year to receive Shaul Ladany's annual Holiday letter to relatives and friends. An Israeli citizen, Shaul spent several years in the U.S. as a professor of industrial engineering and won U.S. titles at 100 Km (1974) and 75 Km (1974, 1975, 1976, and 1977). He also became a U.S. Centurion when he finished 100 miles in 19:38:36 in 1973 at Colombia, Missouri. Shaul, a survivor of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp during World War II, was a member of the 1972 Israeli Olympic team and survived the terrorist attack on the Israeli compound. He was also a winner of the famous London-To-Brighton race in England. He continues to fill his spare time with participation in various long walks in Europe and Israel. While, circumstances limited his participation in relation to past years, he had another eventful and interesting year. Here, with some editing, is his report on his walking adventures in 2012, as well as some other significant events:

"The racing year started with the Tiberias Marathon in January, followed with the Ein-Gedi Half-Marathon along the Dead Sea, which is the lowest spot on earth. Toward the end of February, I was invited to Munich to participate in the filming of a movie on the story of the seven survivors of the Israeli Olympic Team to the 1972 Games in Munich and the attack by Arab terrorists. It was an Israeli-German co-production, and two different movies were produced. During my brief and busy stay in freezing Munich, I met for the first time face-to-face my collector friend Claus, with whom I corresponded for over 30 years. At the Jerusalem Marathon in early March, I was again the oldest participant and the only one in the 75+ age group, so that walking I was an age-group category winner. It was extremely cold, rainy with sporadic hail, and windy. As a result, I caught some cold and was unable to participate in the Tel-Aviv Marathon two weeks later, but succeeded in completing the two-day Bilboa March another week later. I was fully recuperated for the 65 Km walk around Lake Tiberias toward the end of March, and managed to complete my 76-Km walk in Omer on my 76th birthday a few days later despite very hot weather.

In May, I continued to train for my usual walking events in Europe, when suddenly in June, while stepping out of a bus with a heavy rucksack, I had intolerable pain that continued while standing or walking. But I was able to sit without any problems. It was determined that my spine is applying a pressure on a nerve, which caused the pain in my leg. After suffering for about a month, I avoided the recommended spine operation through a spine suction procedure, which allowed me to return to walking mode in a short time. Unfortunately, the whole process until full recuperation prevented my participation in the European events I have walked in the past. Instead, during the summer, I was flooded by TV and radio crews and journalists who came to interview me in light of the London Olympics and the 40th Anniversary of the Massacre in Munich.

The German History TV channel that made one of the films about the survivors, in cooperation with local government and the Israeli Consulate, invited me for both official and additional commemoration services in Munich the first week of September in Munich. I was also invited to participate in Potsdam in the 40th Anniversary celebration of Peter Frenkel's 20 Km Gold Medal at Munich. I found that he invited me as the only foreigner because he wanted to use his private celebration as a commemoration of the 11 Israeli athletes slain in Munich. I was treated there as a prince with exposure to the press organized by Peter. Christoph Hohne, the Munich 50 Km gold medalist, was not there, but sent me a letter at my hotel so that I have resumed correspondence with this great walker, who I competed against in two Olympics, at a 100 Km World Championship in Lugano, and at other races. I was also invited to a book fair in Mantova, Italy as a result of a biography Italian journalist Andrea Schiavon wrote about me. I went there from Munich and was treated almost as if I were the author during a two-day stay before flying home.

September was a very busy month. After flying to Montreal for a lecture to a local Jewish congregation about the Munich Massacre, I returned home to complete my 52nd Kinneret Lake Tiberias, 4.5 km swim. Then I flew to Toronto to a fund raising event where with swimmer Mark Spitz I gave additional talks regarding the Massacre.

In October and November, I have walked the "Valley" Ultra Marathon and rode the 65 km biking event around Lake Tiberias, obviously much slower than the more than 10,000 cyclists. . . Ten days ago, I participated in the Beit-Shean half-marathon and am now training for the early January Kinneret Marathon. Unfortunately, I just recently learned (from the Ohio Racewalker) that my good old and dear friend John Kelly passed away in Arizona.

*Shaul also sent a letter to Kati Kelly expressing his feelings for John. "When I started to read about John passing away, it struck me very deeply. We were GOOD friends since 1965 when we first met after my arrival in the US. at the National AAU Championship in Atlantic City, and the strong bonds we developed remained rock-hard forever. I never had brothers, but I believe that the feelings I had to John were stronger than a person has to a brother. . . One of John's unusual characteristics was his love of other people, his unselfish behavior, his natural helping attitude toward others, his simplicity and friendship. My wife Shosha and myself were deeply moved when during your visit Israel several years ago. You offered us (something we do not need, and hopefully we will never need) as an expression of friendship, that in case of trouble for us in our land, your house is open for us. I will cherish his memory as long as I live!!!"*

We reported on John's death last month, but to provide the tribute he most certainly deserves, we must share with you the following from Elliott Denman. Elliott is a 1956 Olympian, a national RW champion (in 1959 he won titles in the longest--50 Km-- and shortest --2 miles-- races on the program on successive weekends), a long-time sports editor of the Asbury Park Press, now an award-winning free lance sports writer, the leading light of the Shore AC for many, many years, the impresario of the National 40 Km for an equal number of years, and probably the greatest friend of racewalking ever. And that's just the start of what we



might say about Elliott. But, here is how he lovingly remembers John Kelly.

## My Tribute to John Kelly

by Elliott Denman

I am proud to be able to call John Kelly a friend. But, I certainly could not monopolize that status. John Kelly was friend to the world, a truly good guy on a planet we all know could use many more like him. That, however, is impossible. He surely was one of a kind. If only they'd have given him the top job at the United Nations, he'd certainly have found a way for its member states to bury their many hatchets, to look far beyond their ancient animosities, to start the process of getting neighbors to build the bridges that would eventually allow them to co-exist, and share the earth's abundant bounties, in the truest spirit of full respect and cooperative venture. In short, his special kind of magic.

He was a champion athlete—in every branch of the sport he tried—but he was ambassador, gentleman, very special human being and loving husband, as well. John and Kati Kelly—what a spectacular team.

He made it mark as a resident—at different stages of this life's epic journey—on three continents. And he'd been to the others, too; if only they'd have given him a few more years to work up his personal game to get things moving in these distant lands. I know his major ties were to Ireland, Australia, and the United States of America. But, I also know that he'd have helped sort things out in Mongolia and Mexico, Colombia, and China, wherever, whatever, whenever. He worked his wonderful of personal diplomacy with a perennial smile. There were never downsides to any of life's vicissitudes. Through all his years, which included events that might have forever slowed the pace of others's enthusiasm, all such things never-ever-kept him from looking at the day's occurrences as single steps on the road to a brighter future.

As an athlete, he'd made his greatest mark in the field of long-distance endeavors, first as a marathon runner and ultra-marathon man, and then as a racewalker. How appropriate. Long distance races are never over in seconds. They take hours and sometimes days. And years dedicated to training first the mind and the body. On the road again/on the road again. John Kelly knew there was no better place to examine life's long-term implications.

He'd won his first major championship as a racewalker in an event I'd served as organizer. As I recall, this event of many kilometers took place on an extremely warm summer's day at the Jersey Shore. The weatherman's servings bothered him not in the least. He walked on to victory and the famed John Kelly smile was wider than ever. For John, these strides around Long Branch, N.J. were stepping stones to far bigger events just ahead.

By 1968, he was heading to the Olympic Games, to compete in the longest and surely most demanding footrace on the Olympic program. If 50 kilometers wasn't enough, this race was to be held in the breath-sapping, oxygen-depleted atmosphere and mile-and-a-half altitude of Mexico City. Christoph Hohne of East Germany would win it over Antal Kiss of Hungary and Larry Young of the USA.

In preparation for the Mexico City 50 K, three men I knew so well—Dave Romansky of the U.S., Shaul Ladany of Israel, and John Kelly of Ireland (*Ed. Yes, there are connections in our wonderful of racewalking, including those from one story to the next*)—had logged training mile together, surely sharing many good jokes and just a few bad ones along the way. On top of it all, there was the matter of Montezuma's Revenge and a nasty flu bug. The threesome, the good buddies, the essential soul-mates, the delegated of their historic lands, would share the problem of their tummies' colly-wobbles, too. But even Chief Montezuma could not keep these three from the starting line. With their tummies in turmoil, the two were able to finish, but their times bore absolutely no relation to the times they might have achieved under healthy conditions. John registered a rare and most disappointing DNF. (*Ed. Note, regarding the*

*times, note that Hohne won in 4:20:13.6, about 20 minutes off his capabilities at the time, and Kiss and Young were both over 4:30, at least 25 minutes off their expectations.*)

Fast forward now 16 years—to the Los Angeles Olympic Games. And there was John to serve—with a remarkable committee organizing the biggest racewalking events in the United States in 52 years—and guarantee that these races were total successes. I hope that Raul Gonzalez and Ernesto Canto, the champions, got to say their thank you. Along with everyone else, of course.

Never a man to thrust himself into the spotlight, those LA years also demanded of John a few moments of exception. And so Johnny Carson and Julie Andrews, et al, got to experience the pleasure of John Kelly's company, too. It surely was warm under those bright lights of the show-biz universe, but nothing compared with the heat of another John Kelly adventure. Death Valley is surely no place for the weak of will, for the weak of foot, for anyone not assured of a week's supply of liquid refreshment in North America's sizzling venue. No problem, he reckoned. And then he set out on the walk that set a record for that supreme test of mind and body—and faith—that is never likely to be challenged. His goal in this endeavor was to free five men of Irish decent, who were wrongly imprisoned in a Ft. Worth, Texas jail. With world attention focused on the man they called "Hot Foot" Kelly, and the exposure of appearing on Johnny Carson's TV show (and teaching him how to Racewalk!) as well as help from politicians like Edward Kennedy, John won the most rewarding of all of his victories: the five men were immediately freed with no charge. (See the Nov. 2012 issue of the Ohio Racewalker for a description of John's ordeal in the desert.)

John Kelly's 50 Km mission to Mexico in 1968 and Death Valley success would also serve as the birth of Ireland's remarkable rise to world excellence in walking. Some of Eire's speediest pedestrians were often in need of winter training bases. And there were John and Kati Kelly to get it all settled and offer their personal brand of world-class hospitality in the high altitude climate of Prescott, Arizona. The Kellys traveled the world to many lively locations. But topping them all were expeditions to Olympic Games and World Championships. And what perfect sites these big-Games locations provided to extend this personal ambassadorship. With portfolio or without.

John and Kati weren't able to travel to London's brilliant Olympics in the summer of 2012. But we know that they were, in spirit and in Arizona, cheering their lungs out for the world's finest walkers taking their 2 Km loops along the course situated just beyond the most real gates of Buckingham Palace. The 50 Km medals would go to athletes from Russia, Australia, and China—three countries, three cultures, three diversities, surely right up John Kelly's international alley. The performance of Robert Heffernan, beyond the long shadow of any doubt, broke all applause decibel records out in Arizona. Ireland's own star would set a national 50 Km record, would surely extend himself to the ultimate limits of his energy supply, but would ultimately place fourth. After the 31-mile assignment, a mere matter of 38 seconds kept him from climbing to a position on the medal's podium. Robert Heffernan would be named Ireland's athlete of the year for this performance.

Through his 83 remarkable years on the planet, John Kelly, a blessed man, walked with greatness, forever on the personal ambassadorial assignment that defined his magnificent stay among us.

He may have reached one finish line, but he's surely organizing things—the starts, the routes, the miles, and the smiles—we'll all again get to share once we get "up there" with him. Au revoir, dear friend.

## LOOKING BACK

**50 Years Ago** (From the November 1962 American Race Walker, published by Chris McCarthy in Chicago)—Ron Laird was awarded the Mike Riban trophy as the Outstanding US



Racewalker for 1962. . .Laird also turned in a 6:49.3 mile in Chicago, his home at that time, and recorded the fast time in an icy 10 Mile handicap race with a 1:19:27, followed by McCarthy's 1:21:03 and Ron Zinn's 1:21:08. . .Martin Rudow won a Portland, Oregon 10 Km in 52:11. . .Fastest mile of the early season was 6:45.3 by Alan Blakeslee in New York. . .Ron Kulik won a rare 880 yard walk in the Newark, N.J. Armory in 3:19, with Elliott Denman and Terry Anderson 8 seconds back. (Note: A little added history. As late as 1961 the list of American records in the Official AAU T&F Handbook carried a record for the 880 walk—2:58.2 set by Henry Laskau on Randall's Island, N.Y. on July 6, 1953.. There were also records listed at 3/4 mile and 1 1/2 mile, as well as other odd distances.. These were purged in the 1962 Handbook. I can remember trying to better Henry's 880 record in a solo, unwitnessed effort on Doc Blackburn's 9.3 laps to the mile blacktop track, but falling about 3 seconds short. Obviously, my effort would have been unrecognized even if successful. Of course, it was eventually bettered, though not recorded, when walkers started going under 6 minutes for a mile, Todd Scully being the first.)

**45 Years Ago** (From the November 1967 ORW)—Chuck Newell ignored the 15 F temperature and 10 to 15 mph winds, not to mention a dark night, to win the Fourth Annual New Year's Eve Handicap in Columbus. Taking full advantage of his 5 minute head start, he finished 45 seconds ahead of Jack Blackburn, who had the evening's fast time of 47:59. . In a lesser race, Goetz Klopfer set a new American record for 50 Km with a 4:30:29 on the Sonoma State College track in California. On the way, he picked up records at 35 Km, 25 Miles, and 40 Km. . In the National 35 Km in Kansas City, Dan Tothoroh easily beat Gerry Bocci and Bryon Overton with a 3:13:04. . In a New Jersey 10 Miler, Dave Romansky won in 1:19:12, followed by Steve Hayden, John Knifton, Ron Daniel, Ron Kulik, and Shaul Ladany—all international competitors at some time in their careers.

**40 Years Ago** (From the November 1972 ORW)—The ORW published its Third Annual World Rankings with East Germany's Peter Frenkel and West Germany's Bernd Kannenberg leading at 20 and 50 Km, respectively. Frenkel was followed by Vladimir Golubnichiy, USSR and Hans Gerog Reimann, East Germany, with Larry Young, U.S., in 10th. Kannenberg was followed by Veniamin Soldatenko, USSR, and Young. Young, of course, topped the U.S. rankings in both events, followed by Tom Dooley and Goetz Klopfer at 20, and Bill Weigle and Bob Kitchen at 50.

**35 Years Ago** (From the November 1977 ORW)—ORW)—The ORW World Rankings saw Mexico's Daniel Bautista and Raul Gonzalez on top at 20 and 50 Km, respectively, with their countrymen dominating other positions. At 20, Domingo Colin was second and Gonzales fourth, sandwiching East Germany's Karl-Heinz Stadtmuller. Marizio Damilano, Italy, was fifth. At 50, Pedro Aroche and Enrique made in a 1-2-3 sweep for the Mexicans, with Italy's Paolo Gregucci and USSR's Veniamin Soldatenko taking the next two spots. The U.S. rankings saw Neal Pyke on top at 20 and Larry Young at 50. Todd Scully, Dan O'Connor, and Tom Dooley followed at 20, and Augie Hirt, O'Connor, and Bob Rosencrantz at 50. . John Knifton won the National Postal 1 Hour, covering 8 miles 181 yards, at 24 yards ahead of Tom Dooley. Wayne Glusker also surpassed 8 miles and Larry Walker finished fourth. Ron Kulik was the Master's winner with 7 miles 760 yards. (We weren't doing Women's rankings yet--those started the following year--because there wasn't sufficient activity in women's walking to justify rankings.)

**30 Years Ago** (From the November 1982 ORW)—Dan O'Connor had fast time honors in the Coney Island 10-Mile Handicap race with 1:13:20, but couldn't catch Pete Timmons, who made his handicap hold up with the second best time of 1:14:21. . .Chris Knotts won the Third

Annual Doc Blackburn 75 Km in Springfield, Ohio with an 8:44:48. . .In the ORW World Rankings, Spain's Jose Marin was on top at 20, Mexico's Raul Gonzalez at 50, the USSR's Aleksandra Deverinskaya at 5, and Australia's Sue Cook at 10. U.S. rankings saw Jim Heiring, Ray Sharp, and Marco Evoniuk at 10; Evoniuk, Dan O'Connor, and Vincent O'Sullivan at 50; Susan Liers-Westerfield, Teresa Vaill; and Susan Brodock at 5; and Liers-Westerfield, Brodock, and Vaill at 10.

**25 Years Ago** (From the November 1987 ORW)—In the ORW Rankings, Irina Stankina, USSR led the women's 10, followed by her compatriot Olga Kristop and Aussie Kerry Saxby. Maryanne Torrellas, Debbi Lawrence, and Lynn Weik were the top-ranked U.S. women. At 20 Km Mauricio Damilano, Italy; Josef Pribilinec, Czechoslovakia; and Jose Marin, Spain led the World Rankings, with Tim Lewis, Carl Schueler, and Ray Sharp the top three in the U.S. At 50, the GDR's Hartwig Guader and Ron Weigel were on top, followed by Vyatcheslav Ivanenko, USSR. Schueler, Marco Evoniuk, and Jim Heiring were atop the U.S. rankings. . Bob Mimm and Viisha Sedlak were the top U.S. competitors at the World Veterans Games in Melbourne. Viisha won at both 5 (24:51) and 10 Km (52:38) in the women's 35-39 group, and Bob won at both 5 (26:42) and 20 Km (1:49:09) in the men's 60-64 group.

**20 Years Ago** (From the November 1992 ORW)—China's Yueling Chen, who eventually raced for the U.S. in the 2000 Olympics, topped the women's 10 Km in the ORW World Rankings. Her Olympic win put her ahead of Yelena Nikolayeva, Russia, and Madelein Svensson, Sweden. Debbi Lawrence, Victoria Herazo, and Teresa Vaill were atop the U.S. rankings. The World 20 Km rankings saw Spain's Daniel Plaza ahead of Guillaume Leblanc, Canada, and Giovanni DiBenedictis, Italy. In the U.S., it was Allen James, Jonathan Matthews, and Tim Lewis. At 50, it was Andrei Perlov, Russia; Carlos Mercenario, Mexico, and Ronald Weigel, Germany in the World Rankings, and Carl Schueler, Herm Nelson, and Marco Evoniuk in the U.S.

**15 Years Ago** (From the November 1997 ORW)—Again, we had the annual rankings. Women's 10 Km—Anna Rita Sidote, Italy; Erica Alfridi, Italy; and Irina Stankina, Russia. U.S.—Victoria Herazo, Debbi Lawrence, and Gretchen Eastler. Men's 20—Daniel Garcia, Mexico; Jefferson Perez, Ecuador; and Mikhail Schennikov, Russia. U.S.—Curt Clausen, Andrew Hermann, and Tim Seaman. Men's 50—Jesus Garcia, Spain; Robert Korzeniowski, Poland; and Oleg Ishutkin, Russia. U.S.—Hermann, Andrzej Chylinski, and Mark Green.

**10 Years Ago** (From the November 2002 ORW)—And here's the rundown for the Rankings, once again: Men's 20—Francisco Fernandez, Spain; Jefferson Perez, Ecuador; and Vladimir Andreyev, Russia; U.S.—Tim Seaman, Al Heppner, and Kevin Eastler. Women's 20—Olimpiada Ivanova, Russia; Erica Afridi, Italy; and Elena Nikolayeva, Russia; U.S.—Jaonne Dow, Teresa Vaill, and Amber Antonia. 50 Km—Robert Korzeniowski, Poland; Aleksey Voevodin, Russia; and German Skurygin, Russia; U.S.—Philip Dunn, Curt Clausen, and Tim Seaman.

**5 Years Ago** (From the Dev. 2007 ORW)—Ecuador's Jefferson Perez and Brazilian soccer player Kaka were named as Latin American sportsmen of the year as they received the same number of votes in the annual survey, the first tie in the 43-year history of the award. A great honor for racewalking. . .And, surprise—we had the ORW Rankings, as follows: Women's 20—Olga Kaniskina, Russia; Ryta Turava, Belarus; and Tatyana Shemyakina, Russia; U.S.—Teresa Viall, Joanne Dow, and Sam Cohen. Men's 20—Jefferson Perez, Ecuador; Francisco Fernandez, Spain; and Hatem Ghoula, Tunisia; U.S. Kevin Eastler, Tim Seaman, and Matt Boyles. 50 Km—Nathan Deaakes, Australia; Alex Schwazer, Italy; and Yohan Diniz, Brazil; U.S. Eastler, Philip Dunn, and John Nunn.