



Maine Association of USA Track & Field

2017 Track & Field Annual Awards Banquet

USATF-Maine Association welcomes each and every one of the athletes, parents’ guests, coaches’, officials and board members. As well as the USATF-Maine **NEW** 2017 Youth Track & Field Championship Record Holders.

Master of Ceremonies: Paul Morency – USATF – Maine’s Past President

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Welcome to everyone, and thank-you for attending the 2017 Awards Banquet.

As I had mentioned before the awards banquet begins, there was 12 athletes who went to the national JO’s meet at Rock Chalk Park – University of Kanas, and there was only 3 USATF-Maine athletes who finished in the top 8 at 2017 National JO’s Champions. Those top 3 athletes will be recognized at the 2018 banquet because due to the data was recently received and unable to get their awards done in time for the 2017 Awards Banquet.

Those 3 that finished in the top 8 USATF-Maine Athletes are; *Rowan McDonald (9-10), Jarrett Flaker (15-16), and Travis Snyder (15-16).*

********Congratulations to all 12 athletes who attended the 2017 USATF JO’s National Championship event.* *******

~~~For the 2018 USATF Hershey National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships will be held at North Carolina A&T University, Greensboro, NC dates July 23-29, 201~~~~

Beginning the 2017 youth summertime meet events, there had been a few new changes. For the 11-12 Girls and Boys age divisions, and 13-14 Girls and Boys age divisions, the 300 gram turbo javelin past years records have now been retired. To come in “alignment” with USATF javelin event, the 11-12 Girls and Boys age divisions would be throwing the 450 gram Finn Flyer. At USATF-Maine summertime Youth events, the 11-12 Girls and Boys age divisions would be throwing the 400gm turbo javelin (due to safety reasons), and both the 13-14 Girls and Boys age divisions would be throwing the 600gm “long toms”. At any USATF-Maine Regional competition events for qualifying for the USATF Regional & National competition, the 11-12 Girls and Boys age divisions would be throwing the 450 gram Finn Flyer.

All other aged divisions – 8&under, 9-10 Girls & Boys will still use the 300gram turbo javelin.

2017 New Records there are 4 new records within the Javelin event.

For the **11-12 Girls 400 gram** “javelin” event, **Angel Huntsman** from the **Topsham TC**, threw a new distance of **87’11”**.

For the **11-12 Boys 400 gram** “javelin” event, **Benjamin Francis** from the **Orono TC** threw a new distance record of **100’ 03”**.

For the **13-14 Girls 600gram** “long tom” javelin event, **Gabrielle Green** from the **Lakers TC**, threw a new distance of **95’04”**.

For the **13-14 Boys 600gram** “long tom” javelin event, **Aiden Martin** representing the **York TC**, threw a new distance record of **100’11”**.

Now we begin with a record that lasted only 8 years.

In the 8 &Under Boys 4lb., Shot Put event, Tyler Priest representing the **Old Town TC** putted a new distance record of **26’00.75”** breaking the old record set back in 2009 by Trevor Haynes a distance of 24’7.05”.

Now we have 2 ten year old records broken in 2017 at our USATF-Maine Youth State Championship meet.

First ten 10 year old record broken is in the **9-10 Girls 200m dash event**. The old record time was 30.84 secs. by **Hannah Keisman** of the **Panther TC** back in 2007. Now in 2017, **Emerson Flaker** of the **Scarborough TC** broke the old record with a new **200m dash time** of **30.34secs**. **Emerson also broke the 100m dash record that was set by Hannah Keisman** of the **Panther TC** back in 2007 of a time of 14.67sec. **Emerson’s new 100mdash time is 14.42sec.**

Just an FYI, Emerson still holds 3 running records in the **8&Under Girl division**. Those records she still holds are in the **100m, 200m, and the 400m dashes!!!**

The second 10 year old record broken; is in the **11-12 Girls Long Jump** event. Back in 2007, **Maddison Prescott** representing the **Topsham TC** jumped a record jump of **15’03.5”**.

10 years later, a member of the York YC jumped a new distance record of **15’ 05”**. **That young lady is no other than Audrey Murrin!!!** Audrey, did you eat your “Wheaties” that morning? What a “long jump!!!

Now we continue on with a combined team girls and boys 4x100m relay team – Co-Ed Relay Team.. Back in 1997, A team from the Scarborough TC (Kipp, Mills, Hoy and Shannon) set a time of 1:14.55. For 2017, **20 years later**, a combined team effort for the **8&Under 4x100 Mixed Relay Team** from the **Lewiston Recreation A** set a new record run of: **1:08.58!** Members of the **Lewiston A team** is:

Gracie Herring, Samira Shariff-Hassan, Latavian Bushman and Jawor, Conrad.

Congratulations to all four of you.

Now we have 3 - 26year old records broken!! Yes 3 records and 2 of the 26 year old records were broken by the same youth athlete!

The first 26 year old record is also a combined same gender relay team. In the **8 & Under boys 4x100m Relay Team**, the old record was set by **Cadet TC** with a time of **1:10.9** back in 1991. The team athletes were: **Gleason, Soren, Miller, Ellis.**

Now 26 years later, from the **Auburn TC**, the **8 & Under boys 4x100m Relay** the team members are; **Tallen Berry-Heart, Peyton Langlois, Brodyn Rodrigue and Eben Thibodeau** ran a relay time of **1:10.78!! WOW!**

Congratulations to all four of you.

Now, the last 2 twenty-six year old records broken. Back in 1991, from the *Portland TC*, a young man in the **13-14 Boys age division** broke 2 running records at the 1991 youth state meet. The running events were the **100m and 200m dashes**. *Tyrone Daniels* that day set the 2 records. In the **100m dash**, he ran a time of **11.8h** secs. In the **200m** he ran a time of **24.6h**. Now with the FAT conversion factor into “play”, “h” standing for hand held time, years later now that automated timing is used, that is where the “FAT factor” comes into play.

After much calculation used, 26 years later, the young man representing the *Gorham TC*, ran a new **100m time and 200m dash times**. That young man is **Andrew Farr**.

For the **100m dash time**, **Andrew** ran a time of **11.76sec** setting a new **100m time**.

And for the **200m time**, **Andrew** ran a time of **24.67sec**. Setting a new **200m time!**

I just wonder at the 2018 USATF-Maine Youth State Championship Meet how many “old records” will remain intact. Only time will tell.

~Way to go athletes!!! ~

Since 2010, we started Clubs Classification as follows: *Small (21-30), Medium (31 to 60), and Large (61 and up)*. So that ALL teams may fairly vie for a club award within their USATF Youth Athlete Registration Status Group in which they may fall into. Each year Clubs’ statistics will be tallied and Over All Team Awards will be presented to each club within the “Club Divisions”. Those clubs that fail to complete all their Youth USATF Registrations in the time stated, their team points will not be compiled within the Club Division Statistics.

Small Club Team Point Award: **Cumberland/North Yarmouth combined 99.33 points**

Coached by; Stefan Sandreuter

Medium Club Team Point Award: **York Parks & Recreation Dept. with combined 139.33 points**

Coached by; Cory Gallante

Large Club Team Point Award: **Panther TC Combined Female aged division – 241 points**

Coached by; **Dan Roy & Others**

Large Club Team Point Award: **Old Town TC Combined Male aged division – 182.8 points**

Coached by; **Rod White and others**

Don Berry – USATF-Maine Certification Chair to present the **2017 USATF – Maine Certified Official’s Award** is awarded to 2 individuals.

1. *Duane Hall ~ USATF National Level Official*

2. *????????????? to be awarded at a different time*

2017 USATF-Maine President’s Award: For this year, this award is being presented to:

Martha “Marty” Thornton

For her numerous years of Dedication & Support to the sport of Track and Field / Race Walking and Cross Country, and for Her Support to the Maine Association of United States Track & Field, over the many years.

As a USATF-Maine Master Level Official, Coach with Lakers TC, parents, meet photographer, meet director and Lakers Timing.

So many hats and much loved. Thank-you Ms. Marty!

For the 2017 USATF-Maine Youth State Championship Meet photo's shown today and are available to purchase at: The following picture address is: <http://www.martythorntonphotos.com/Sports/Maine-USATF-Track-and-Cross> Proceeds from the photo sales goes into the Financial Assistance Travel Request Fund.

The 2017 USATF-Maine annual meeting to take place after the awards banquet concludes and guests and USATF-Maine Registered Members is invited to attend.

~~Thank-you athletes, parents, coaches and guests who attend this year's Awards Banquet. ~~

Valaree Foss – USATF - Maine – President – 2016-2017

USATF-Maine Certified Officials

One of our USATF-Maine Certified Official was suddenly called home to walk on God's fields of green.

Louis "Lou" Cody

Lou always worked field events – especially shot put and discus. SP being his favorite. I don't remember him working XC meets, unless they were ones at Bucksport.

Worked PVC Championship meets to include Frosh Champ meets and JV Champ meets.

Worked regular season meets at Bangor, Brewer, Hampden, Ellsworth, MDI, Bucksport, Orono, Old Town.

Lou worked the old Regional meets and State meets – usually Class C.

Worked Shot Put at PVC-EMITL indoor meets for years. Worked field events at University of Maine meets also.

Always willing to work. He was an Orono HS grad and loved supporting all athletes, especially OHS ones.

Lou loved to work and wanted to and how can you say no to him!!

He really cared about the athletes.

He felt so bad when he got so ill that he couldn't work anymore meets.

Lou, always apologized for not being able to work the meets.

Mary Cady – PVC Meet Director / USATF-Maine Master Level Official