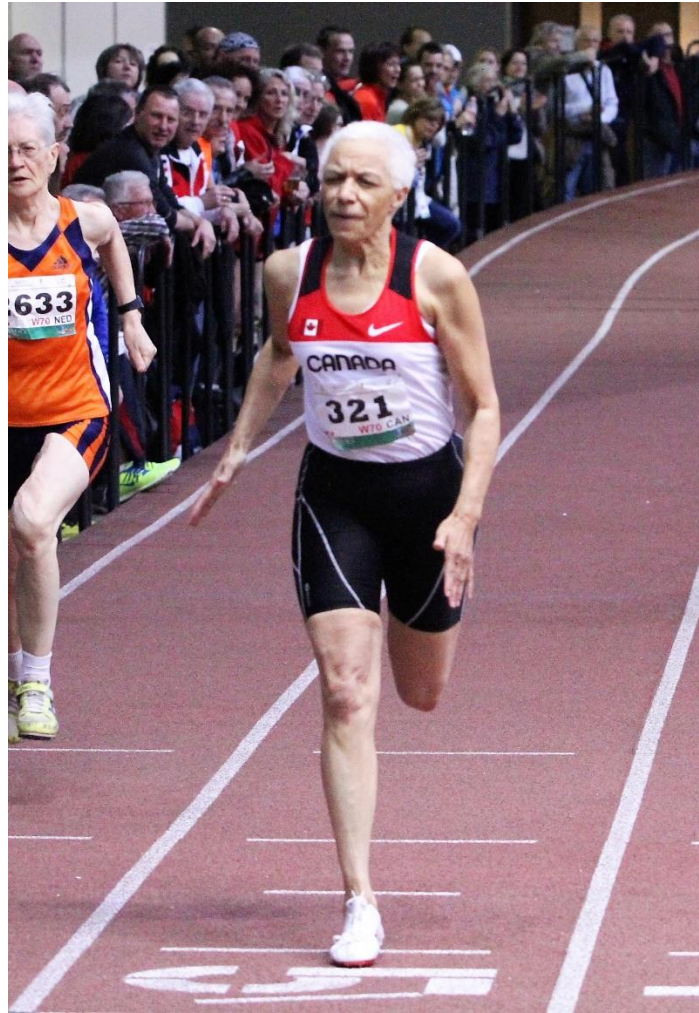


2017 Athletes of the Year

Individual Track Events, “Earl Fee Award”

Carol LaFayette-Boyd, W70/75, SK



Carol LaFayette-Boyd from Regina, Saskatchewan is the winner of the Earl Fee Award. In 2017, before turning 75, Carol set a W70 Canadian record twice in the 60m Indoors and won three W70 Gold Medals in the CMA Indoor Championships. After turning 75, Carol set Canadian and World W75 Outdoor records twice each in the 100m and 200m, while winning 3 Gold Medals in the combined CMA/NCCWMA Outdoor Championships in Toronto. NCCWMA named Carol Overall Female Best Master of 2017, as well as best in the Sprints category, and the WMA named her the World best in the category of Sprints.

Runners-up for this award were **Dmitry Babenko**, M40 BC; **Yvan Bechard**, M55 QC; **Christa Bortignon**, W80 BC; **Karla Del Grande**, W60 ON; and **Paul Osland**, M50 ON.

Individual Field Events, “Olga Kotelko Award”

Carol LaFayette-Boyd, W70/75, SK



In addition to winning the award for Track Events, **Carol LaFayette-Boyd** has been chosen as the winner of the Field Events Award. At the CMA Indoor Championships in March, Carol won W70 Gold Medals in the high Jump, Long Jump and Triple Jump. In the Outdoor season, she set Canadian and World W75 records in all three jumps, including winning Gold Medals in the three events at the combined CMA/NCCWMA Championships. NCCWMA named Carol 2017 Female Best Master in the Jumps category.

Runners-up in this category were **Christa Bortignon**, W80 BC; **Gezim Dimnaku**, M45 AB; and **Hardeep Kaur**, W40 BC.

Combined Events, “Ian Hume Award”

Reidar Zapf-Gilje, M65, BC



Reidar Zapf-Gilje from Vancouver is the repeat winner of the Ian Hume Award. In 2017, Reidar won Gold medals in each of the three Pentathlons and the three Throws Pentathlons in which he competed. These included wins in the Pentathlon and Throws Pentathlon in the BC 55+ Games, the Pentathlon and the Throws Pentathlon at Norwegian meets, the Throws Pentathlon at the BC Ultra Throws Meet and the Pentathlon at the combined CMA/NCCWMA Outdoor Championships in Toronto, in which he won Gold, set a Canadian record and recorded the best M65 Pentathlon in the World in 2017.

Runners-up to Reidar for this award were **Yannick Le Mouël**, M45 QC; **Doug Renwick**, M75 SK; and **Peter Zowkewych**, M65 ON.

Non-Stadia Events, “Ed Whitlock Award”

Louise Voghel, W60, QC



Louise Voghel, from St-Armand, Quebec, is the winner of the Ed Whitlock Award. In 2017, Louise placed first in the W60-64 age group in the Boston Marathon, with an excellent time of 3:18.53, which she surpassed in winning her age group in the Marathon de Québec in August in 3:18.11, one of the best marathon times recorded in her age group in 2017. Louise also competed in eight 10K races in Quebec in 2017, placing first in her age group in seven and third in one, as well as placing first in her age group in the other races in which she competed, a 5K, a Half Marathon and another Marathon.

Runners-up in this category were **Jillian Fong**, W50 BC; **Paula James**, W40 NS; Morag McDonah, W60 NS; Kevin O'Connor, M50 BC; and Elizabeth Waywell, W55 ON.