

## Alex Oakley



Alex Oakley's first World Masters Championships was that inaugural meet in 1975 in Toronto. He was 49, and gold in the 5K and 25K walks. But this wasn't his first international meet as a masters-age athlete. He was a member of the Canadian Olympic team in 1956, 1960, 1964, 1972 and 1976, aged 38, 46 and 50 years, respectively, in his last three appearances at the Olympics. After the Montreal Olympics in '76 he continued to compete in racewalking, both on the track and the road, at least until 1983. During the years he competed in masters age categories he set many Canadian records, some of which still stand, including a 10,000m race in Newfoundland in 1983. This is most fitting, as Alex was born in Newfoundland, and was inducted into the Newfoundland and Labrador Sports Hall of Fame in 1988. We now congratulate him on his long and successful career in racewalking, and induct him into the Canadian Masters Athletics Hall of Fame.



Alex (R) with Roman Olszewski



Sherry Watts presented the Citation to Marcel Jobin, Alex's teammate on the 76 Olympic team.

Citations for Athletes inducted into the Canadian Masters Athletics Hall of Fame 2010 were presented at the gala Awards Banquet in Toronto on July 16th.