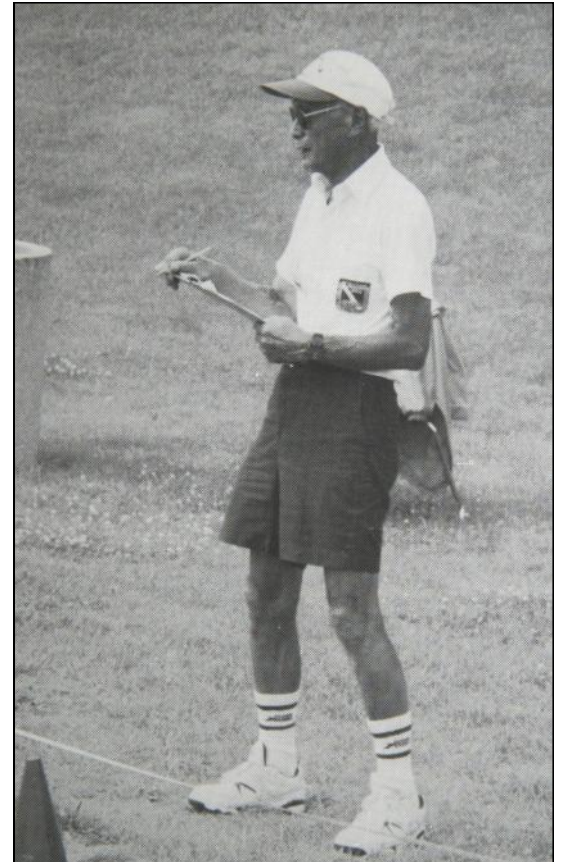


Art Obokata



Art leading the pack in the 10,000m at the Ontario Masters Championships in Oshawa 1976



Like so many athletes of his generation, Art Obokata started his competitive career as a master by running in road races – in his case the famous Springbank 6 mile race, one of the first masters only races in Canada. In 1975 he was lured to the track, to compete in the first World Masters championships in Toronto. He continued to compete on the track, indoors as well as outdoors, for the rest of his life. In all those years he competed in many Canadian championships, and in the WAVA/WMA meets in 1977, 1985, 1993 and 1995. In the process he set two world records indoors, and many Canadian records especially in the hurdles and long jump. In 1980 his club, the London Western track & field club, named him their out-standing male track athlete of the year, an award he earned again in 1985. Art was as much revered in the track community for his contributions as a coach, club founder and administrator, official and supporter for the all the track athletes, open and masters, in his community.

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.



Sherry Watts presented to his daughter, Canadian record-holder Debbie Obokata (L)