

Jean Horne



In **Jean Horne**'s 25 year career competing as a middle distance runner in masters athletics, she has won 21 World championships medals: 11 gold and 10 silver. In her very first World meet in 1989 she won the 800 meters. So inspired, she went on to run in nine subsequent World meets, setting her 1500m PB in Finland in 1991. In Japan two years later she won three golds, earning her the honour of carrying the Canadian flag in the opening ceremonies of the 1995 Games in Buffalo. This experience vies with winning the 800m in a World Re-cord time at Gates-head as THE highlight in her career. Organizations beyond the world of masters athletics have recognized her talents and commitment. In 1999 she won the Toronto star award for athletics in their Women on the Move competition. This year ongoing in-jury troubles forced her to announce her retirement from competition – but not for long. She's now trying racewalking, and hopes to be ready to compete at the national level by next year. The Executive and all members of the Canadian Masters Athletic Association con-gratulate her on her outstanding career, and welcome her to their Hall of Fame.

The 2009 inductees into the Canadian Masters Hall of Fame were announced at the Championships Awards Banquet on Saturday, July 18th in Kamloops. Diane Palmason is the Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee. Members of the Committee presented the HOF plaques.



Jim Flowers (L) presented the Citation. As Jean was missing this meet while honing her new skills, Doug Smith, the President of Ontario Masters Athletics, accepted Jean's certificate on her behalf.