

Karl Trei



Emil Muller reads the induction

It seemed that the more technically demanding an event was, the better Karl Trei liked it. He learned many of the techniques that later brought him so much success as a masters athlete when he was a young man growing up in Estonia. He didn't start competing in masters events until he was in his 70s, but almost immediately he was winning medals in his many events. High jump, long jump, triple jump, sprints, hurdles, discus, javelin – he did them all, setting many Canadian records, plus the M75 high jump World Record in 1985. That was a good year for Karl. At the WAVA meet in Rome he medalled three times: a gold and two silvers. In 1999, at the age of 90 he again competed internationally, winning 5 golds at the USATF Indoors and then going on to win 7 golds at the WAVA meet in Gateshead. Twenty-eight of his Canadian records still stand, including the M75 short hurdles that he set in 1986. His fellow competitors held him in great esteem, not only for his technical expertise but also for his humble manner.



Karl's son accepts the plaque