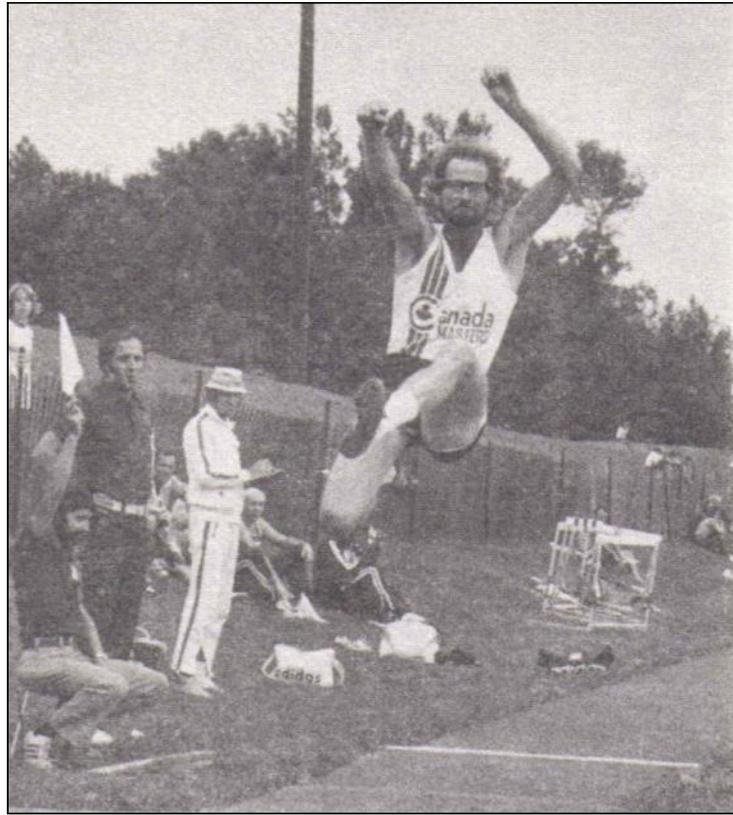
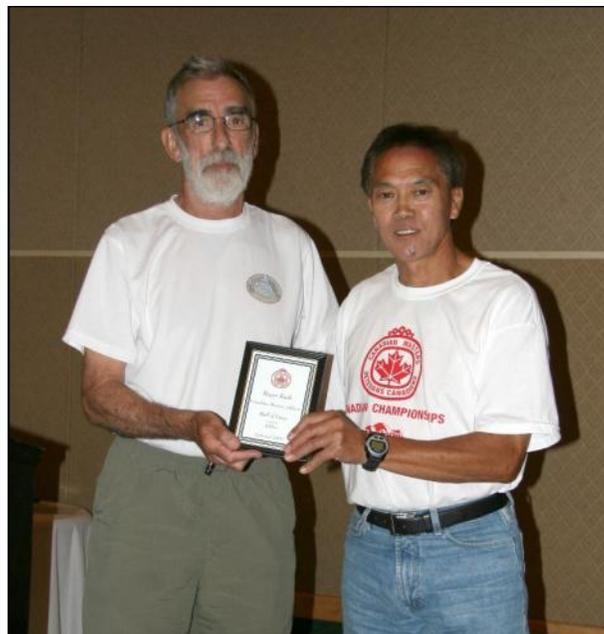


Roger Ruth



In 1970 Track & Field News selected **Roger Ruth** as World Masters Athlete of the Year. He was THE pioneer masters pole vaulter, and was never defeated in Masters competition until the torn rotator cuff that he sustained while vaulting at the World Championships in Hannover in 1979 ended his vaulting career. He vaulted in the three previous world championships, including the first meet in England in 1972, where he competed as a member of the original team of Canadian masters athletes. Not only did he win every masters vault, he also earned 2nd and 3rd places vaulting in Canadian open championships. The World record marks that he set in his 40s have remained the Canadian M40 and M45 records, outdoors and indoors, since 1972/1973. His M45 vault earns an age-grading of 91.57%, the highest vault mark of all age groups in the Canadian records. He also has a still-standing M45 record in the long jump, and he triple-jumped, as well. Roger was the BC Sport Federation Masters Athlete of the Year for all sports in 1975. For the past three decades he has main-tained his interest in and love for the vault, and is recognized as one of the world's best vault statisticians and historians. The executive and all members of the Canadian Masters Athletic Association congratulate him on his outstanding career, and welcome him 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.

Roger Davies (L) presented the Citation. As Roger was unable to join us, accepting Roger's certificate on his behalf was an athlete who remembers seeing Roger vault in open competition back in the 70s, Harold Morioka