

**Throwing Events Subcommittee
Annual Report – 2018
Sue Hallen, Chair**

The focus of attention this year for the Throwing Events Subcommittee has been on:

1. Assisting with the throwing events scheduling and providing implements for the 2018 National Masters Indoor Championships.
2. Assisting with the throwing events scheduling and providing implements for the 2018 National Masters Outdoor Championships.
3. Providing assistance to the Local Organizing Committee for the 2018 USA National Masters Throws Championships in West Seattle, WA. A big thank you to George Mathews for picking this up after the Texas bid fell through. Note that due to onerous contracting and financial demands from the national office, this championship was run on a basic USATF sanction. This forced some workarounds from the meet entry website to running the meet, but was required due to the contract. We are working with the office and masters leadership to figure out solutions.
4. Tremendous results for throwers at all age groups this year at Indoor and Outdoor Nationals, Throws Championships and the WMA in Malaga, Spain. This has resulted in Age Group Athlete awards (Women: 7 throwers + 2 multis out of 13 age group awards; Men: 2 throwers + 2 multis out of 15 age group awards). And in Malaga, the throwers won 9 Golds (4 by Carol Finsrud!), 5 Silvers and 7 Bronze medals...along with many top 10 performances.
5. 2019 USA Masters Throws Championships will be held at Benedictine University in Lisle August 4-5. We are actively looking for bids for 2020 and 2021.

The 2018 USA Masters Throws Championships attracted 63 individual entrants, down due to Nationals the week before in Cheney and WMA in Malaga. There were 57 Throws Pentathlon participants, 47 Superweight participants and 41 Ultra Weight Pentathlon participants. George Mathews and Lance Neubauer along with the Seattle Masters put on a great meet.

We continued to obtain ultra weight sets for different areas of the country and the number of local ultras is increasing, both Indoor and Outdoor.

The committee currently has 11 members. The major awards of the Throwing Events Subcommittee were made this year to:

Lad Pataki Lifetime Achievement in Throwing Award – Tom Fahey
Ken Weinbel Service Award – Jerry Bookin-Weiner
Tom Gage Male Thrower of the Year Award – Jim Patterson
Vanessa Hilliard Female Thrower of the Year Award – Carol Finsrud

In the coming year the major agenda items are:

1. Selecting sites for future throws championships (with a window 2-3 years out)
2. Promoting additional regional throws championships (currently being held in the East, West, and Pacific Northwest regions)
3. Promoting additional regional and local Throws competitions and Ultra Weight Pentathlons
4. Finalizing the bid document for future throws championships. As mentioned above, the current proposed contract/bid document from the National Office is untenable for a meet of this size and budget. The MTF Executive Committee is actively involved in this process.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Hallen