

## **Masters Combined Events Annual Report 2018**

The Indoor Masters Combined Events National Championship was contested at Carthage College in Kenosha, WI on January 27 -28. There were 37 men and 5 women who competed over two days for the heptathlon title. The high score for the women was Erica Pierce W45 with 4394 points and for the men it was Rodney Atherton M60 with 5519 points.

Jeff Watry  
Co-chair Indoor

The Outdoor Decathlon/Heptathlon National Championship was held on June 30 and July 1 at Nevada Union HS in Grass Valley, CA in conjunction with the Inaugural Open Women's Decathlon National Championship.

Several records were set in this meet. 1) the most combined athletes entered with 92 entries; 2) The most masters men competing with 58, the old record was 52 set in 1994. 3) The most masters combined women with 15 total (9 in the heptathlon and 6 in the decathlon) the previous record was 13 set in 2009; and 4) the inaugural open womens decathlon national championship with 14 open athletes whose ages ranged from 16 to 33.

Great competitions in all age groups over two scorching hot and sunny days in the former gold rush mining town of Grass Valley, CA. The open women's decathlon, who requested to be the last group to start each days competition, ran their final event at 10:30 on Sunday night. The temperature had cooled down to 94 degrees at the start of their 1500m.

Special thank to Rex Harvey and Dik Hotchkiss for their help and organization and to Amanda Scotti, the best hurdle hauler ever!!

The 2019 Indoor Combined Events National Championship is January 26-27 at Carthage Collage, located in Kenosha, WI.

The 2019 Outdoor Combined Events National Championship is tentatively set for June 8-9 at Carroll University, located in Waukesha, WI.

We exceeded the combined events annual budget by \$56.25 due to the cost of implement, hurdle and pole freight.

Bill Murray  
Co-chair Outdoor