

FLORIDA ATHLETIC CLUB

1507 Sundown Lane, Clermont, Florida 34711

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NEWSLETTER

Our current Board of Directors through my thoughts wishes each and every one of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year both on the field of competition and in your personal endeavors. Yes 2011 is here and the FAC remains in existence though there are times that we wish everyone would step up to make the club better and stronger.

It was important that each of our Directors strive to encourage every one of their fellow competitors to join. Each was to direct the part of the program that their discipline holds. Some did and some did not which is so typical of a volunteer organization.. We truly miss the energy of Bob Fine who was so often the heart and soul of the FAC. He did it all. His membership reached over 300. We now have a mighty 126 members with lots of opportunities to grow.

We had outstanding athletes attend the USATF Indoor and Outdoor Championships that in both cases finished in the top five Masters' Teams in the meets. Under Bob it was always a first or second as he worked so hard with additional energy to burn. He is no longer on this earth which means that someone must gain the fire to see this club grow. Most athletes compete unattached as they have not become aware that we still exist or even that there is a club for them.

We have a competition uniform that a few members wear which makes them stand out from the rest. Even competing with a FAC t-shirt would show who we are. Send an extra \$10.00 and one will be sent to you if you desire to not go the \$55.00 route for the competition shorts and top. The entire sweats and competition gear cost only \$150.00 and can be ordered with a quick response Body In Motion. (See purchase info below)

Our current **Board of Directors** which will go through 2011 unless they step down or someone else feels that they can put the effort forth that will make us grow. The Board is as follows:

Peter Bayer -- Race Walking -- pbayer@creativemarketingproducts.com

Lionel Bonck -- Sprints -- lnbonck@aol.com

Bob Cahners -- Throws -- rcahners@aol.com

Don DeNoon -- Administrative -- noonwalk_99@yahoo.com

Joe Johnson -- Jumps -- jumpinjoe@embarqmail.com

Josh Logan -- Road Distance -- coachlogan@aol.com

Wayne Redwood Web Master wayne01@gmail.com

Alan Smith --Track Distance -- asmith170@cfl.rr.com

Jack Warner -- Records -- [Resigned due to greater work responsibilities](#) 1/8/11

Please contact these individual for assistance. If you believe you can add another aspect to our Board please do not hesitate to volunteer. Our success will depend upon each of us.

A complete copy of our current membership is attached.

National Indoor/Outdoor Championships

As a smaller club for 2010 we found ourselves competing well at the Indoor and Outdoor Championships. The team finished fifth overall against teams which had 100 in attendance. You can go to our website which is www.floridaac.org to view the efforts of the Outdoor Championships. State Championships and many other meet results can be found on www.usatf.org. and the through the Florida Sports Commission.

Jack Warner has gone to a great effort to compile the FAC Members Performance Database. Each of you should have received a copy of his request for information. Please take some time immediately to update your performances. Since Jack has resigned please forward this information to noonwalk_99@yahoo.com Would you consider taking over this responsibility

Sandy DeNoon will represent the FAC at the upcoming USATF Convention being held in Indiana during December. She currently holds the position of Florida USATF Race Walking Chair. Sandy recently gained the status as an International Race Walking Judge and was selected to Coach the US Junior Team in 2009.

No Master's Track and Field Chair. The Florida Master's are not represented in the Board of Directors for USATF Florida. Without a voice it is difficult to be heard. The State Outdoor Open and Masters Championships will again be held at Lake Brantley High School which many of you know does not meet the minimum USATF qualifications for a meet of this stature. The date for this meets is set for May 15. Contact Charles Harris if you have any concern as there is no rail for records, no adequate cages for the throws, and inferior high jump arrangement, hurdles that safety is questioned and block that of the 1980 variety. I hope some of you take the time to check the site out to see if you would question it yourself. **The Master's athletes need representation and need someone to step up and give guidance the other committee members on the USATF Florida Board.**

Tentative 2011 Florida USATF and other scheduled meets --Please notify a Board Member if you are aware of additional meets scheduled in your area. When a final schedule come out it will be posted to our website.

Uniforms Several of our members have taken advantage of our great new team uniform which includes sweats, jersey, shorts and t-shirt. Purchased as separate items or as a complete package for \$150.00. Contact Sheryl at Bodies in Motion 352-242-4391. These items would make for a **Great Presents for yourself or a loved one.**

Encourage New Memberships or renewals. We are only as strong as our weakest link. We can all make a difference in our future growth. Application is attached.

If you are also an official then perhaps you would like to join the Central Florida Officials association. The application is attached.