

CURRENT POLITICAL ISSUES IN AMATEUR SPORTS

Presently there are two conflicting bills before Congress that may have a major influence on amateur athletics. The bills, their sponsors, and a summation of each are presented here for consideration by the club's interested members.

Bill S3273 (Senators Cook and Humphrey): Includes an athlete's "Bill of Rights". This would allow the individual educational institution to decide whether its athlete's participation in outside competition would affect his performances in school competition. The bill also provides for a non-government arbitration body to whom athletes may petition and also compel organizations to arbitrate. This bill does not cost our taxpayers money and does not involve our Federal Government in amateur sports.

Bill S3500 (Senator Pearson): Creates a Federal Agency or Federal Board appointed by the President of the U. S. to control all international and unrestricted competition. Athletes would still be controlled by the present governing organizations, such as the NCAA controlling college athletes. This bill would also limit an organization to one sport regardless of its capability to administer more than one sport.

This newsletter makes no attempt to defend either bill, but merely offer a little insight to the legislative proposals directly affecting our beloved sport.

STATE CHAMPS AGAIN IN THE 25 KILO

May 5th, Middletown. The club defended its title placing all five runners in the top fifteen and four in the top ten. Victor John Vitale (1:19:53) was followed by Smith, Burfoot, and Crothers 2nd thru 4th. Flanagan and Rice, 9th and 15th respectively put the icing on the cake in the field of fifty runners.

DANIELSON SPRING FESTIVAL

its getting habit forming - John Vitale (23:44) the individual victor and the Mohegan Striders the team victor. Crothers, Smith, Ross Huntington, Rice, and Shea captured the title again and awarded the team trophy to the fifth man, Bill Shea. In the same race Sue Hoagland pressed Ledyard High ace Lavinia Muncy right to the wire to grab second place in the women's division. George Maine captured a solid second in the Masters division.

BERKSHIRE MASTERS 10 MILER

Our senior members really went to work in this Westfield race. In the 40 - 44 age group John Barry 28th ran 64:10 while 52nd place John Riley ran 81:07. John Leslie (67:04) placed 16th in the 45 - 49 age group. The 50 - 54 age group saw Ray Koberge (70:54) record a 13th spot. And John Martin (78:28) grabbed 17th place in the 55 - 59 age group.

ASCENT TO THE CLOUDS

Fifty foot visibility, gusting winds of fifty miles per hour, 11-degree wind chill factor, pelting freezing rain, muddy underfooting, and nearly 6,288 feet of mountain left behind. The description is that of the last leg of the Mount Washington, N. H. mountain race held June 16th. Over 200 runners from the Eastern United States and Canada congregated at Pinkham Notch, N. H. for the 14th running of this novelty race: eight - miles, all uphill. Club member Tim Smith is now a believer that eight minutes a mile is super time as he was only able to manage 69:42 for third place behind BAA's Jim Cappezutto (68:02) and North Medford's Tom Derderian (69:28). All three runners managed the trek without walking, this being another rarity. There were no clothes at the summit as only two utility vehicles awaited the conquering runners while all other vehicles were halted at the half-way mark. Having finished, Tim immediately sought out the warm temperatures and jogged seven miles down the mountain before the first vehicle descended and took him the rest of the way. Fellow Strider Larry Rice was content with five miles of mountain but is sure that he has found the secret to go the route next year.

RACES

July 27th - New Milford 8 miles. July 28th - Middletown biathlon.
 Aug. 2nd - Galilee, R. I. 10 miles, 6:30 p. m. Aug. 3rd - New London
 Aug. 4th - Warren, R. I. 10KM, 12:30 p. m. Aug. 11th - New Canaan 10KM
 state champs. Aug. 4th - Middletown 6.5 Miles. Sept. 7th - Ledyard.

Conn. AAU Quarterly Digest - Excellent race results. Merely send a stamped self-addressed business sized envelope to Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Gagnon, 51 Rethal Street, Southington, Ct. 06489.

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NOTE: Thirty-four or less than 50 percent of the club's 76 members are from Norwich. Case in point - the Mohegan Striders are not from Norwich. At best one might say that the club's focal point is New London County as 62 members reside within this area.

TIM'S GRINS

On training: "Any system and any terrain is mentally satisfactory and challenging if the user feels it to be so. Its all a matter of individual acceptance and affirmation."

J. Kenneth Dougherty

SHORTS

Steve and Linda Flanagan are leaving us in July for Colorado - their friendship will always remain, and hopefully they will return. Gene McGrath needs help with this year's rec runs - please assist him. Anyone interested in: being the club's AAU rep in New Haven once a month, or how about AAU commissioner for Southeast Conn. Contact Bob Carbray for either of these positions. Three Providence College grads finished high in the Rose Arts standings: Bill Speck 3rd, Tim Smith 9th, and Tom Durie 17th - Go you Friars.