The Board of Directors of Ontario Masters Athletics inducted Doug Smith into the OMA Hall of Fame in 2014, for his tireless work on behalf of Masters athletes.

We recognize Doug in both the builder and administrator categories. We wish to honour his guidance and promotion of our Ontario Masters Athletics organization and his role as meet director of many events, with 2014 being the 20th anniversary of his beginning as President of what was then the Ontario Masters Track and Field Association. He was instrumental in a major transformation of our Masters organization over this period. He began suggesting in 1994, that the provincial organization should be separate from the Canadian organization, as it was in other provinces, so that members would join, first, their provincial body and have their membership fees stay in the province. He continued to advocate for this, and in 2007, Doug took the lead in making the proposal to the Canadian Masters Athletics Association, and the plan, along with a transitional financial arrangement, was accepted after much discussion. In 2008, Ontario Masters became affiliated with the Ontario Track and Field Association. now AO, and in 2009, we became Ontario Masters Athletics, with our present logo. Doug led us all the way, and continues to lead us in developing our membership, brand, and presence as a dynamic organization of Masters athletes.

Doug Smith

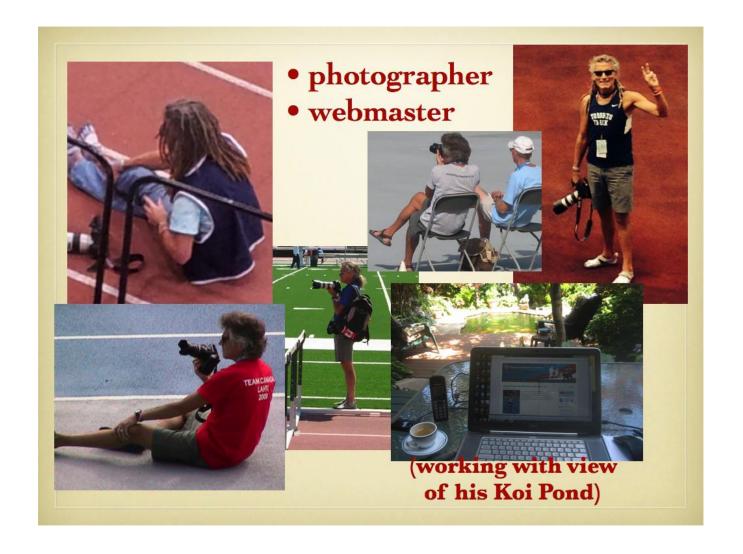
- Builder
- Administrator



Early Builders of OMTFA

- President of OMTFA/OMA for 20 years, since 1994, and on Board of Directors since 1988
- instrumental in transforming OMTFA into OMA, and into a strong provincial organization
- editor of OMA newsletter from 1992, and CMA MasterPiece newsletter from 2000, and presently webmaster of OMA and CMA websites

As newsletter editor of the OMA newletter in 1990, and then the CMA MASTERpiece beginning in 2000, Doug shared results, photos, and information across Canada about masters and their accomplishments. He has become known to Masters athletes across Canada and around the world, for his excellent meet photography. The media has gradually changed over the years to sending email newsletters to Ontario and Canadian Masters, as well as to interested athletes around the world, and to managing our website, as well as that of CMA. Both websites, and now our Facebook page have become go-to sites, run by Doug, for meet information and results, and photos of events in which our members participate.



Another example of Doug's leadership is in the area of meet organization, in that OMA now provides a wide range of road, cross country, and track and field events, including mini-meets and Ontario and Canadian championships, with a high standard of officiating and organization from our efficient on-line entries to accurate and prompt results using up-to-date technology. Those of us behind the scenes know that his dining room has become the OMA office, and his house a storage locker of shot puts, timing clocks, bib numbers, banners and various other OMA equipment.



We should also mention Doug's own athletic career as a Master. He began as a Masters athlete in 1988, and still competes in road races, cross country and steeplechase. He may not have many medals, but he always reassures newcomers by letting them know that it is the effort that counts. Our concern at meets is sometimes that he just get over the barriers uninjured so he can carry on taking photos and producing the meet results for the rest of us.



To masters in Ontario, Canada, and around the world, Doug Smith is the face of Ontario Masters Athletics. We welcome him to the Hall of Fame, 2014.

Doug Smith -

The Face of Ontario Masters Athletics

