



# One Step Ahead

## LONG ISLAND HOSTS REGION 1 JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

USATF-Long Island once again hosted the USATF Region 1 Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships on June 29, 30 and July 1. We had over 1400 participants in this three day event and saw some spectacular performances by our own Long Island athletes as well as those from Adirondack, Maine, New England, Metropolitan and Connecticut.

The meet was a great success thanks to Meet Directors, **John Martin and Paul Schaefer**. Many thanks go to the organizing committee members who worked so hard on this event: **Harry Penny, Bill Ott, Gary Westerfield, Tom Scotidas, Malcolm and Cheryl Hall, Allan Robinson, Diane Martin and Sue Polansky**.

Kudos to the many, many officials who gave their time to make the meet run smoothly and to the great volunteers from USATF-LI, GLIRC, Walk-USA, Bohemia Track Club, Uniondale High School, Calhoun High School, Lynbrook High School and East Meadow High School.

We are grateful to the many sponsors without whom we could not have managed. Featured at the meet were the **Runner's Edge 3,000 and 5,000 Meter Runs**, the **GLIRC Steeplechase**, the **Walk USA Race Walks**, the **Harry Penny 1500 Meter Run** sponsored by **The East Islip Track Club and Schwab's Second Wind**, the **Steve Borbet 800 Meter Run** sponsored by the **East Islip Track Club**, the **Citi Mortgage Shot Put** and the **Slomin's 200 Meter Run**.

Special thanks to **Caryl Senn** and her hurdle crew, high school coaches **Tom Leavy, George Schroeder, Eddie O'Reilly and Walter Henning** and to announcer **Dennis Kornfield**.

### Scenes from the Regionals

Young athletes ranging in age from 8 to 17 from all parts of the Northeast took part in the JO Regional competition.



Caryl Senn, Paul Schaefer and the hurdle crew



Athletes from the East Islip Track Club and Schwab's 2<sup>nd</sup> Wind seen with Coaches Harry Penny and Allan Robinson (right) with Steve Borbet (left)



Christy Michta waits her turn at the H.J.