

# Our Athletes

## School records

### SHS track & field will be updating the record board

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The track record board is tucked into a quiet corner at Southington High School in a low-traffic hallway that leads toward the gym. Few fans ever glance upon the handwritten names scrawled across pieces of masking tape. Fewer still notice that many records aren't even up to date.

When a recent record holder asked about the plaque, Whyte was almost too embarrassed to answer. "I kind of jokingly said that it was two pieces of paper taped outside my room," he said.

#### Track & Field

The simple question seemed to spark interest, and Whyte began tracking down names and times for the board, but he quickly found that many of the names were lost to history.

"Just before I came to the school, we had a big fire," he said, "and things were destroyed. They had to throw away all the things that were stored in that part of the building. Unfortunately we lost a lot of the records."

Whyte began to track down former coaches to update the records. Indoor track was easy since the program was fairly young, but outdoor records were a little bit harder to figure out.

"We had some records that were set back in the 70s, but Coach [Pete] Sepko had been the head coach since about that time," said Whyte. "His memory is unbelievable. He knew exactly who did what, and when they did it. He was able to give me names, even first names,

since some of the names on the board didn't include them. I went to the library to look some up, but I really enjoy doing that sort of stuff."

At the same time, fundraising efforts began to update the old board. Whyte found a suitable format and hopes to move them to a more prominent position within the school, but the cost of the new board will be about \$3500. Boosters still need to raise close to \$1000.

"Right now, we're trying to get the word out to parents that might have kids listed on the board or even some of the kids," said Whyte. "We're reaching out to past alumni, and even some people who have graduated last year or the year before."

Finding some of the older record holders has proved to be more challenging. Whyte hopes that the community will help to raise the remainder of the funds needed so that the boards can be updated. Organizers hope to unveil the new record boards in a

Thanksgiving ceremony.

"We're going to have a little ceremony, and we're going to try to get as many of the record holders to come

as we can," said Whyte. "It would be the week before the indoor season starts, so we'll be able to tie it all in."

Whyte said that some of the records have held up for a long time. The oldest record is the 110m outdoor hurdles record (14.7 seconds) set in 1977 by Joe Dudak. The discus (174'3") and shot put (60'10") records were both set in 1979 by Frazier Pehmoeller.

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SOUTHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD RECORDS		
GIRLS		BOYS
Erin Saucier	POLE VAULT	Brian Stieg
Jennifer Kanute	DISCUS	Frazier Pehmoeller
Cindy Voorhees	SHOT PUT	Frazier Pehmoeller
Cherisse Reid	JAVELIN	Scott Otis
Lara Dalidowitz	HIGH JUMP	Matt Berube
Lauren Bauchiero	TRIPLE JUMP	Matt Berube
Reinke Maaskant	LONG JUMP	Brian Dreschler
Lauren Bauchiero	HEPTATHLON	BLANK RECORD
BLANK RECORD	DECATHLON	Matt Berube
Heather Chopus	100-110M HURDLES	Joe Dudak
Monique Forrest	300M HURDLES	Chris Kelly
Tesha Bailey	100M DASH	Ian Steele
Tesha Bailey	200M DASH	Konrad Stefanek
Lindsey Laukaitis	400M DASH	Stuart Soboleski
Maureen Suchenski	800M RUN	Dave Kochol
Shannon Lindberg	1600M RUN	Rick Black
Shannon Lindberg	3200M RUN	Rick Black
Krusiensi, Reid, Dudzik, Forrest	4x100M RELAY	Gormley, Dreschler, Petroni, Indomenico
Krusiensi, Reid, Gombotz, Forrest	4x400M RELAY	Gormley, Rainey, Kochol, Houle
Laukaitis, N.Kucharczyk, L.Kucharczyk, Suchenski	4x800M RELAY	Wilcox, Brown, Florian, McGrane

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GIRLS		BOYS
Erin Saucier	POLE VAULT	Brian Stieg
Kim Sima	SHOT PUT	Jay Pleva
Lara Dalidowitz	HIGH JUMP	Matt Berube
Lauren Bauchiero	TRIPLE JUMP	Matt Berube
Tanave White	LONG JUMP	Matt Berube
Marisa Soboleski	55M HURDLES	Chris Kelly
Taneta McCaw	55M DASH	Konrad Stefanek
Lindsey Laukaitis	300M DASH	Konrad Stefanek
Lindsey Laukaitis	400M DASH	Stuart Soboleski
Lindsey Laukaitis	600M RUN	Jim Rosenberger
Maureen Suchenski	800M RUN	Jim Rosenberger
Colleen Roarty	1000M RUN	Jim Rosenberger
Colleen Roarty	1600M RUN	Pat Summa
Colleen Roarty	MILE	John Longo
Lauren Glowa	3000M RUN	Brian McKernan
Malin Sandstrom	3200M RUN	Brian McKernan
Sisk, Cox, Munoz, LaPorte	4x200M RELAY	Berluti, Mangiacopra, Shea, Stefanek
Laukaitis, Kucharczyk, Gore, Suchenski	4x400M RELAY	DeMello, Prohaska, Maddalena, McCann
Glowa, Quinn, Kelly, Dalidowitz	4x800M RELAY	Plourd, Phillips, Summa, Longo
Dudzik, McCaw, Krusiensi, Kucharczyk	SPRINT MED RELAY	Rodrigues, Kelly, Casale, Rosenberger

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Plans for the new SHS track record boards, above, have been completed and fundraising is underway. (Record holder names are included for demonstration purposes.)

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720 Pleasant St  
Southington, CT

Indicate "Track Record Boards" in the check memo.

people who were state champions, but there are other records that people have realistic shots at setting."

Lindsey Laukaitis is the top record holder with six school records from 2000-2001. Laukaitis holds the indoor record for the 400m (59.4) and as a member of the 4x800m relay team (10:08.77).

In the outdoor season, she holds the 300m (44.4), 400m (1:03.13), and 600m (1:43.8) records as well as a share of the 4x400m relay title (4:31.19).

"She's one of the people that's already contributed to the new boards," said Whyte. "I remember her senior year. She basically told the girls that she wanted them to break her records, and I thought that was really inter-

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