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### **Hello Shocker Track Club Members!**

As the fall rolled into Wichita and the temperatures began to slowly cool off, the Shocker Track Club has remained hot as ever! We continue to gradually build our membership and organize more and more events to promote the sport of track and field in the Wichita community!

#### ***What happened in October?***

It was another busy month for members of the STC. Elite member Tonya Nero continued to represent the STC and her home country of Trinidad and Tobago with exceptional efforts! Nero traveled to Bulgaria and finished 27<sup>th</sup> in the IAAF World Half Marathon Championships. Not only was this the best international finish of her career, it also marked the best finish any Caribbean athlete has ever accomplished in this particular event!

Nero also went home to easily win the Trinidad & Tobago Half Marathon at the end of the month. Nero is currently in Trinidad and Tobago training hard and plans to return to Wichita after the New Year to compete in the US during the track season.

The club hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual STC Throws Pentathlon at Cessna Stadium at the end of the month with our own Chandra Andrews taking home the women's title. Andrews won her two specialties (Hammer Throw, 20 lb. Weight) while WSU junior Jeff Conner won the men's competition.

You can find article on both of these fantastic events on our official website – [www.ShockerTrackClub.com](http://www.ShockerTrackClub.com)

#### ***What's coming up in November?***

The month of giving thanks is a quiet time for competition but it doesn't mean the STC is laying low!

Master's/Open Chairman Larry Staton has announced the hosting of the Bill Butterworth Master's/Open Indoor Meet at the Heskett Center on December 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a first of its

kind event in the city of Wichita and we hope to see all of you either competing or supporting the club at this event.

Youth Chairman Patrick Simon has been busy as well. He has been talking with several prospective members and volunteers to increase the size of our Youth Team as well as possibly hosting a meet of their own during the 2013 indoor season (another first of its kind event in Wichita).

The Elite Team has officially added five new members to its roster for this season. Olympic Trials qualifiers Todd McKown and Lawson Montgomery will bring their hurdling abilities along with sprinter Dylan Hartnett, middle distance runner Danielle Chapman and multi-event athlete Aaron Young. All five athletes were part of the 2012 senior class for Wichita State. We welcome to the club these great athletes and will be watching their progress closely!

Elite athlete and current WSU Throws Coach John Hetzendorf has announced his retirement from the elite throwing level but will stay associated with the club as a coach and advisor to several of the athletes. Coach Hetzendorf has had a long and distinguished career in the Javelin for over 15 years! Congratulations to "Dorf" on all his success!

***This and that ...***

It's that time of the year again where we will be asking for our members to support the club by "re-upping" their membership. You will be receiving a letter in the mail in the coming weeks and we strongly encourage you to sign up for another year of association with the Shocker Track Club. You can also visit our website and fill out the online membership application. The STC is a non-profit organization that runs solely on the efforts of volunteers and supporters like you. Help us keep it alive and well by sending in your membership for whatever level of support you can. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

If anyone is interested in helping volunteer at meets during the upcoming 2012-13 Track and Field season, contact our Officials Chairman Jerry Proffitt at [Jerry.Proffitt@cox.net](mailto:Jerry.Proffitt@cox.net). Also keep spreading the word to anyone you know who might be interested in joining the Shocker Track Club. You can forward any questions to our President Darren Muci at [President@ShockerTrackClub.com](mailto:President@ShockerTrackClub.com).

As always continue to check our website (ShockerTrackClub.com) as well as Facebook and Twitter for regular updates! Go STC!