

**SHORE AC WINS USATF MEN'S NATIONAL
AND
EAST REGION OPEN CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS!**

Shore Athletic Club of New Jersey athletes brought honor to their club; their teammates; the New Jersey Association of USA Track and Field, and beyond, with their great achievements of winning men's team titles at both the USATF National Club Championships at Icahn Stadium, Randalls Island, NYC (July 15-16) and the combined USATF East Region Open and USATF-NJ Open Association Championships at Richard Stockton College (July 2).

Shore AC became the first team to win the USATF men's National Club Championship crown as this annual meet came to the East Coast for the first time. The four previous meets were held in Indianapolis with honors going to Nashville Elite in 2001 and the Indiana Invaders in 2002, 2003 and 2004. Shore AC also had four individual-event champions at the National Club Championships: Jimmie Hackley (400 meters); Okie Giwa-Agbomeirele (long jump); Aaron Braxton (shot put), and Vincenzo Insingo (discus throw). Silver National Club medals went to Shore AC's Hackley (200); Adam Sarafian (pole vault); Jim Heizman (hammer throw), and 4x400 relay team, and NJ Striders' Zach Pollinger (5000 racewalk). Bronze medalists were Shore AC's Insingo (shot put); Braxton (discus); Chris Francisco (javelin), and 4x100 relay team, and NJ Striders' Duncan Littlefield (pole vault).

USATF-NJ athletes also took four gold medals in the women's National Club Championship meet: Sascha Scott of Mizuno Runner's High (800 and 1500 meters); Shore AC's Beth Ann Castagno (high jump), and Kim Marino (pole vault). Women's silver medalists included Shore AC's Julianne Toto (pole vault); Mizuno Runners High's Julie Culley (5000), and Gladiators' Amonica Phipps (800).

Shore AC's East Region Open men's team title was its first, but its victory in the concurrent USATF-NJ Open Championships was its 32nd consecutive state men's crown, spanning the AAU, TAC and USATF eras. Shore AC's USATF-NJ Open women's team title was its 10th in a row.

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