

# MASTER ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

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### **CHRISTA BORTIGNON – Athletics**

Has been for many years one of the province's top master-level competitors and enjoyed continued success in 2022. West Vancouver's Bortignon broke nine world records (four indoor, five outdoor) for the W85 age group and was ranked No. 1 in 10 events on the World Masters Athletics rankings. She was awarded Sport BC's Master Athlete of the Year in 2012, 2014 and 2018.



### **ULI MAYER – Cycling**

Vancouver's Mayer enjoyed a strong season on road and track, punctuated by his winning a silver medal in the 55-59 men's scratch race at the Masters World Track Cycling championships. He also took fourth in the points race and fifth in individual pursuit. He scored a trio of victories at the Canadian Track Championships, winning the individual pursuit, points and scratch races in the Men's Master C category and won the criterium at the Canadian road championships.



### **LLOYD POLACK – Archery**

Won two gold medals at the 55-plus BC Games in Victoria and gold at the Canada Cup West in Winnipeg. In addition to breaking two BC records, Vernon's Polack also earned a bronze medal in the 50-plus barebow event at the Pan Am Youth and Masters championships in Nova Scotia. Polack took up archery five years after undergoing a hip replacement and missed part of the 2022 season while recovering from a 2021 surgery to remedy problems from the initial surgery.



### **SHELLY STOUFFER – Golf**

In 2021 Stouffer, of Nanoose Bay, advanced to the semi-finals of the US Senior Women's Amateur Championship. In 2022 she did even better, defeating Australian Sue Wooster 4 and 3 to win the event, marking the first golfer from BC to win a USGA championship. Stouffer also won the Canadian women's Senior and Mid-Amateur championships. She was named Pacific Northwest Golf Association's senior women's Player of the Year for 2022.



### **DEREK TRIPP – Triathlon**

Won the M70-74 division at the 2022 Lavaman Triathlon at Kona, his third consecutive age-group win at the event. Courtenay's Tripp also won his age group at the 2022 National Cross triathlon championships, an off-road event of swimming, mountain bike and trail running segments. He also took first in his age group at Ironman Victoria 70.3 and the Swim Across the Lake in Kelowna.

