



Board Member Profile - Jayne Hardy

My first and most enduring sporting passion has been horse riding which I was introduced to as a 5-year old. I went on to successfully compete in Dressage, Showjumping and Eventing at Pony Club, State and National competition. My one and only Advanced Three Day Event turned out to also be a Selection Trial for the 1988 Olympic Equestrian Team – I was almost kind of relieved that my horse was injured before the Cross Country phase as the jumps were so big I could stand in some jumps and was not able to reach across the elements!

My excitement for Eventing competitions was severely diminished after I had a fall from my partner Barb's horse in a Preliminary event in 1991 and broke both my collarbones. After 20 years as an equestrian instructor, in 1990 I moved out of the elements to an 'inside' job at the Australian National University. I have been the Manager of the Services Office at the ANU College of Law since 2000.

High school gave me the opportunity to become interested in Athletics and I also dabbled in Softball and Lacrosse. I wish I could still consistently throw the same distances as my Javelin and Discus records that I achieved as a 17-year old at Canberra Girls Grammar School (where those records still stand).



In 1997, following an invitation from a 'horsey' friend to have a go at Masters Athletics, I became hooked on throwing again and joined ACT Masters Athletics the same year. Since that time I have competed in twenty-two ACTMA Championships, twenty-one AMA National Championships and eight Oceania Championships.

In 1999, I went to my first WMA Championships in Gateshead and came away with a Bronze medal in the W35 Throws Pentathlon. Five more WMA championships have yielded three silver medals and a further three bronze medals. We love that we get to travel the world to all these Championships, catch up with friends from earlier events and then we often get the chance to explore while we are there.



On the administrative side of things, I was on the ACTMA Committee for eight years including three years as Vice President (2015-2017). I was on the LOC for the AMA Winter Throwing Championships in Canberra for eighteen years, and a member of the LOC for the 2013 AMA Nationals held in Canberra. I have been on the ACTMA Competition Sub-Committee since 2010 and on the ACTMA Equipment Sub-Committee since 2000.

Recognition and awards over the years include:

- Most Outstanding AMA Female Thrower of the Year in 2008 and 2013
- ACT Sports Masters Sportsperson of the Year in 2013
- ACTMA Club Person of the Year in 1999, 2004 and 2015
- Made Life Member of ACTMA in 2015
- ACTMA Ray Green Award for Female Thrower of the Year on eleven occasions
- Have been officiating in throws competitions at Local, Open and National levels for many years