

The History of the San Diego Summer Nights Track and Field Series

On March 29, 2010, Paul Greer, the Long Distance Chair for USATF San Diego Association, invited many of the track and field leaders in San Diego to a meeting held at San Diego City College. The purpose of this meeting was to create a new track and field series that would cater to the overall community where athletes of different levels and abilities could participate. Many of the San Diego track and field leaders were frustrated about Point Loma Nazarene's recent decision to cut their Men's Track and Field Program. It also marked the 20 -year anniversary of San Diego State cutting their men's program in 1990.

Greer stated that, "The overwhelming feeling in the room that day was to establish a grassroots community series and we needed to take the leadership role for all track and field enthusiasts in the community or track and field was in serious jeopardy."

Since Greer was working with the San Diego USA Track and Field Association it was decided they would join forces with Movin' Shoes to produce a three event series under one umbrella. The Summer Nights Track and Field Series was born in that summer of 2010. The following year another event was added to the series and today the Summer Nights Series has grown because of the meet directors, runners, USATF, Movin Shoes, and 2nd Recess. Track and Field is alive and well in San Diego.

Greer adds, "We have 4 great events the community can take part in and enjoy and we are indeed very proud of the history of this series".

We have a model series that other communities follow by in the country. Now we have stepped up once again with a website showcasing images, stats, rules, registration, the stadium tracks plus our individuals and supporters. Welcome to the USATF Summer Nights Track and Field Series. Track and Field is for everybody and we'd love to see you at our upcoming events.