

AUGUST, 2008: COI MEMBER COMPANIES HELP HALFSTEPPERS TRACK TEAM WITH THEIR DREAM TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL TRACK MEET IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN!

Coach John Holmes – former coach at Kennedy High School – approached the City Council for monetary help so that his kids could compete at the annual event in Detroit, Michigan. The City of Richmond came through with funding; however, Coach John was still short \$7000 with a week away from their departure date. Our COI companies came through – thanks to Allied Propane, Mechanics Bank, Plant Reclamation, California Oils and Sims Metal we were able to present the checks to Coach John Holmes days before their scheduled departure. Because the Half Steppers operate on a shoestring budget -as of this date do not have a website, however, if you are interested in find out more information – or better yet, providing a donation so that the youth track team can continue to participate in events, please contact Johnny Holmes at (510)478-6783.



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The Original Half-Steppers Off and Running

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“The team is open to boys and girls from ages 8 to 18. [2004] team was very successful, placing nine runners on the National All-American team. Richmond’s Original Half-Steppers was organized in 1937 by Coach Johnny Holmes to keep youth off the streets and offer a positive outlook on life. “Many former Half-Steppers have gone on the play in the NFL; one is currently a Superior Court Judge in Alameda County and another is a nationally known attorney,” said Holmes.

The Pacific Association has provided the following club information:

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Hotline	
Website	
Total members	50
Annual dues	150.00
Year established	0
Locations	Contra Costa, Solano, Alameda
Sponsors	
Track workouts	Kennedy High Richmond
Road trail workouts	Monday Thursday Friday 4-6pm
Newsletter frequency	
Competition focus	Track and Field Youth
Primary club focus	sportsmanship & preparation
Annual club events	
2008 USATF fees paid?	Y
Comments	

http://www.pausatf.org/data/clubs.php?club_no=236