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25 Memorable Moments

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A Letter From Richard Fosbury

U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association President



Dear Olympians and Paralympians,

Bravo Team USA! We are bringing the 2028 Summer Games back to Los Angeles. Our athletes have played a leading role in presenting LA as the right city, with the ideal facilities, and a Legacy that has lasted since 1932 through 1984 to today.

We are developing an Athlete's Network for USOPA members, to enable each of us to register and connect directly to each other. This way, you can see old teammates, athletes from other sports, and stay connected. Watch for more information in the coming months.

I am excited to plan our Annual Meeting and gather our Chapter Representatives and Officers at the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Assembly in Colorado Springs this coming October 12-13th. We will be planning our activities for 2018 with other Multi-Sport Organizations and many events to celebrate our athletes heading to PyeongChang for the Winter Games. Stay tuned for announcements of events in your communities to send off or welcome home our new Team USA athletes.

Before I forget, I want to thank our Past President, John Naber for his ongoing work leading our "Olympians for Olympians Relief" Fund to provide a Helping Hand to our Olympians in need.

I think it's important for you to know your Vice Presidents so I'm going to be introducing one of them each quarter. Let's kick it off with Micki King. Micki was a teammate of mine in 1968, where she had a tough experience when she hit the diving board on her penultimate dive, broke her wrist, and finished in 4th place. Disappointing, right? But in true Olympian "never-give-up" form, she came back in 1972 to win the gold. Micki was a Captain in the U.S. Air Force while on the team and later helped create the Athletes' Advisory Council (AAC), serving as the inaugural chair (1973-78). In 2012 she received the Olympic Torch Award, which recognizes an individual who has positively impacted the Olympic Movement and has promoted the Olympic Ideals.

Take it away, Micki!

Thank you, Dick. I appreciate your kind words about these 1968 - 1972 Olympic memories going back almost 50 years now!!! Yikes. You remember, of course, how different it was back then. Olympians were amateurs and, it was before Title IX, so women did not compete in high school or college. And, no athlete, man or woman, had a voice or vote within their

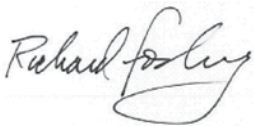
sport. Back then we all accepted this “yes sir - no sir” role. Yikes again!!!

By the end of the Munich Games, U.S. Olympians realized it was time to be heard. So we gathered one athlete from every Olympic sport, summer and winter, and the first AAC was established. There are many, many early AAC stories, but for now I'd like to fast forward to today.

Earlier this year, Han Xiao, the current AAC Chair, invited me to speak at the first meeting of the new quad. He suggested “AAC History” as my topic. I admit, I enjoyed recapping those early days that night including bragging about Ed Williams and Larry Hough who followed me as AAC Chairs 2 and 3. As I was reciting the stories, a random thought hit me. Was I totally boring these “AAC kids” in the audience? So, I stopped mid-sentence and asked, “How many of you know this history?” Not one person responded; they didn't know AAC history and was very anxious to hear it all. I continued on and received a standing “O” at the end.

Well, now it's my turn to applaud our current AAC Chair, Han Xiao for his personal passion and leadership as he moves the AAC forward this quad. I have no doubt Han and his council will continue the strong, autonomous voice and vote that became Federal Law decades ago. Now it's your turn, Han, to make history.

Yours in Olympic spirit,



Richard Fosbury

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Cover image: 1992 Barcelona Games Opening Ceremony. The United States Olympic team enter the stadium led by the USOC executive team.

REMEMBERING THE OLYMPIC GAMES BARCELONA 1992

25 Memorable Moments

By: KAREN ROSEN

The Olympic Games Barcelona 1992 opened 25 years ago against the sun-kissed backdrop of Montjuic, Las Ramblas and La Sagrada Familia. Who could forget archer Antonio Rebollo shooting an arrow to ignite the cauldron on July 25, 1992.

By the time the Olympics closed on Aug. 9, the world witnessed the greatest basketball team ever assembled – the Dream Team – in action, Carl Lewis winning two more gold medals as part of Team USA’s 30-medal haul on the track, Summer Sanders and Janet Evans gracing the pool en route to 27 American medals, and Shannon Miller claiming five medals as the women’s gymnastics team laid the groundwork for the Magnificent Seven four years later.

In honor of the Games of the XXVth Olympiad, let’s relive 25 memorable performances featuring Team USA. Of course, with the United States bringing home 108 medals (37 gold, 34 silver, 37 bronze) it’s hard to choose just 25, but here we go.

1. Men’s Basketball, Gold,

With a star-studded roster that included Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, Magic Johnson and Charles Barkley, it was no wonder the Dream Team won its eight games by an average of nearly 44 points. Thanks to Olympic officials for allowing NBA players to participate in the Games for the first time, the sport’s profile got a boost around the world. The Dream

Team defeated Croatia 117-85 for the gold medal, putting Team USA back atop the podium after its bronze medal in 1988 – and Olympic men’s basketball would never be the same.

2. Men’s 4x100-Meter, Gold,

Carl Lewis’ sixth-place finish at the Olympic trials was a shocker, but it was good enough to put him on the relay team as an alternate. Lewis blamed a sinus infection for his poor performance. In Barcelona, his third straight Olympic long jump gold medal proved that he was fit. When teammate Mark Witherspoon went down with an injury in the 100-meter semifinals, Lewis was the obvious choice to replace him. He was also the natural anchor leg, running a sub-9-second split as Team USA set a world record of 37.40 seconds that lasted 16 years until Usain Bolt and his Jamaican teammates broke it in 2008.

3. Summer Sanders, Gold,

200-Meter Butterfly. The personable Sanders came into the Games as the first U.S. female swimmer to qualify for four individual events since Shirley Babashoff in 1976. Sanders won the bronze in the 400-meter individual medley, with champion Krisztina Egerszegi of Hungary and Lin Li of China needing the fastest times in 10 years to beat her. Four days later, Sanders was sixth in the 100-meter butterfly and lost a close contest to Li in the 200-meter individual medley. In both IM races, Sanders lost the lead on the final leg. She had one more individual race: the 200 butterfly in which she was defending world champ. This time,

Sanders surged to victory on the last lap.

4. Oscar De La Hoya, Gold,

Lightweight Boxing. Nicknamed “The Golden Boy,” De La Hoya won this one for his mother, Cecelia. Before her death in 1990 from breast cancer, De La Hoya promised that he would fulfill her dream by winning the gold medal. In the Olympic final, De La Hoya faced Marco Rudolph, the German who had eliminated him in the first round of the world championships the year before. De La Hoya won on points, 7-2. He subsequently turned professional and won the first of his many world titles (in several weight classes) at age 20.

5. Gail Devers, Gold,

100-Meter. Devers was favored to win the gold in Barcelona, but no one expected her to win this race. She won the 100-meter hurdles at the Olympic trials and was second in the 100-meter behind Gwen Torrence (the eventual 200-meter Olympic champ). In the Olympic 100 final, .06 separated first place from fifth. Devers found out she won by watching the replay. Five days later, she was leading the 100 hurdles when she hit the last hurdle, fell to the track and scabbled across the finish line in fifth place. In 1996, Devers still yearned for that 100-meter hurdles gold, but placed fourth. She had a golden lining, though: her second straight 100-meter crown.



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6. Mark Lenzi, Gold,

3-Meter Diving. A former wrestler, Lenzi watched Greg Louganis at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles in 1984 and realized that he had a talent for flipping and twisting, too. Lenzi was the first diver to score more than 100 points in competition (on a reverse 3.5 somersault tuck). In perhaps the most spectacular setting for diving at any Olympic Games – overlooking the city of Barcelona – Lenzi had the three highest-scoring dives to win the gold medal. He added a bronze medal in 1996. Sadly, Lenzi passed away in 2012, missing the resurgence in U.S. diving that began at the London Games.

7. Jennifer Capriati, Gold,

Singles Tennis. This 16-year-old phenom had already been a professional player for two years when she arrived in Barcelona. Capriati ran into two buzz saws: Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain and defending champion Steffi Graf of Germany. Capriati beat Sanchez Vicario, the local favorite, in three sets in the semifinals. In the final, Capriati lost the first set to Graf, the world's No. 1 player whom she had never beaten in four previous tries. Capriati captured the second set and trailed 3-4 in the third before closing out the match by winning three straight games.

8. Trent Dimas, Gold,

High Bar. Vitaly Scherbo won six gold medals for the Unified Team in men's gymnastics in Barcelona, but Dimas' one gold for Team USA was just as important to his country. And it was entirely unexpected. Dimas was sixth in the qualifying round, but uncorked the performance of his life in the final, capped by a triple-back-somersault dismount. In his first apparatus final on the international stage, Dimas scored 9.875 to win the gold. He became the first American gymnast to win an individual gold medal at a non-boycotted Olympic Games since 1932.

9. Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Gold,

Heptathlon. It was “hep-hep hooray” for the reigning Olympic champion and world record holder. She took the lead after the first event, the 100-meter hurdles, and no

one came close to catching her. Joyner-Kersey tallied 7,044 points for the sixth-highest total ever, defeating her closest competitor by almost 200 points. The top five scores of all time? Those were hers, too. Five days later, Joyner-Kersey added a bronze medal in the long jump, the other event in which she was defending champion. She closed out her Olympic career in Atlanta four years later with another bronze in the long jump, giving her six medals, including three gold.

10. Mike Barrowman, Gold,

200-Meter Breaststroke. There is perhaps no greater motivator than a fourth-place finish. Barrowman was fourth in 1988 by .24 of a second. He then dominated the event, using the new “wave-action” technique. Barrowman went into the Barcelona Olympics with the five fastest times in history and was the only Team USA swimmer to set a world record in the pool. His winning time was 2 minutes, 10.16 seconds, which stood for more than 10 years.

11. Bruce Baumgartner, Gold,

Super Heavyweight Freestyle Wrestling. Baumgartner won Olympic gold in 1984 and silver in 1988. He dropped to seventh at the 1991 world championships, but regained his form in time for the 1992 Olympic Games. Baumgartner faced long-time rival David Gobezhishvili of the Unified Team in the third round, and Baumgartner took him down with only seconds to spare. He defeated Jeffrey Thue of Canada for his second gold, then went on to Atlanta in 1996 to win the bronze, completing his medal collection.

12. Launi Meili, Gold,

50-meter Rifle, 3 Positions. Going into the Olympic Games in Seoul in 1988, Meili was the national champion and world-record holder in 10-meter air rifle. She shot an Olympic record in the qualification round, tying two others for first place. However, the new fast-paced final round was Meili's undoing, and she wound up sixth. She was also seventh in 50-meter rifle, 3 positions. Frustration prompted Meili to continue competing. In Barcelona, she scored a perfect 200 in

the prone position, 194 standing and 193 kneeling. She held on in the final to finish with a score of 684.3, defeating Nonka Matova of Bulgaria by 1.6 points.

13. Scott Strausbaugh and Joe Jacobi, Gold,

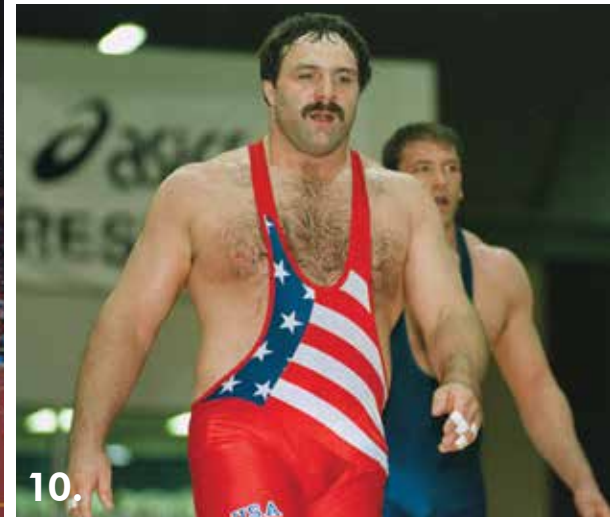
Slalom Doubles Canoe. Whitewater slalom was first held at the Olympic Games Munich 1972, then was not offered again until Barcelona 20 years later. Strausbaugh and Jacobi were the only pair to paddle penalty-free through both runs and won the first gold medal for Team USA in whitewater slalom. Jacobi later named his daughter Seu after the course at Seu d'Urgell. At age 34, Jacobi and partner Matt Taylor placed eighth in the same event at the Olympic Games Athens 2004.

14. Karen and Sarah Josephson, Gold,

Synchronized Swimming Duet. The main competition for the Josephsons, who are identical twins, was another set of identical twins: Penny and Victoria Vilagos of Canada. The Josephsons came in as the reigning Olympic silver medalists and were undefeated since the Seoul 1988 Games, winning more than a dozen meets. They beat their rival twins 192.175 to 189.394, scoring 99.60 points in their free routine.

15. Janet Evans, Gold,

800-Meter Freestyle. Evans won three gold medals in Seoul at age 17 and was one of the most dominant swimmers in the world leading up to Barcelona. She had a six-year winning streak in the 400 freestyle and owned the world record in the 400 and the 800. But Evans was upset in the 400 by Dagmar Hase of Germany, a backstroke specialist swimming the event in her first major international meet. Two days later, Evans led wire-to-wire in the 800 free, beating Hayley Lewis of Australia by almost 5 seconds. Evans held the 800 world record for more than 20 years and the 400 world record for more than 18 years.





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16. John Smith, Gold,

Featherweight Freestyle Wrestling. Smith was the defending Olympic champion and won all three world championships between Seoul and Barcelona. He was upset by John Fisher in the first round of the Olympic trials, snapping a 56-match winning streak, but regrouped to make the Olympic team. At the Games, he uncharacteristically lost another early match. But Smith still won his pool, advancing to the final where he defeated Asgari Mohammadian of Iran 6-0.

17. Mark Reynolds and Hal Haenel, Gold,

Star. A broken mast in the final race shattered the sailors' hopes of winning gold in 1988, so Reynolds and Haenel settled for the silver. In Barcelona, they made sure that wouldn't happen again. They forged such an overwhelming lead that they didn't even have to compete in the final race. Reynolds won another gold medal with Magnus Liljedahl at the Olympic Games Sydney 2000.

18. Nelson Diebel, Gold,

100-Meter Breaststroke. Who made the cover of Sports Illustrated with the headline "Spanish Gold" after the first week of Olympic competition in Barcelona? That would be Nelson Diebel, the surprise winner of the 100 breast in Olympic-record time. He defeated world-record holder Norbert Rozsa of Hungary. Diebel had what he called a "challenged childhood" and was kicked out of two schools as a troublemaker. "I'm the example for people who screwed up and never thought they could change," said Diebel, who added another gold medal in the medley relay. "There are always possibilities."

19. Shannon Miller, Silver, All-Around,

Miller won more medals than any other member of Team USA at the Barcelona Games, taking five gymnastics medals home to Oklahoma. Besides her silver in the all-around, she won silver on balance beam and bronze medals for team (see No. 22), uneven bars and floor exercise. Although teammate Kim Zmeskal came in as world champion, Miller became the first American female gymnast to win

an all-around medal at a non-boycotted Games. She posted a score of 9.975 on the vault. In Atlanta four years later, Miller added two gold medals in team and balance beam and is still the most decorated U.S. Olympic gymnast, followed by Aly Raisman with six medals.

20. Sandra Farmer-Patrick, Silver,

400-Meter Hurdles. Born in Jamaica, but raised in Brooklyn, Farmer-Patrick could have competed for either country. She chose the U.S. after marrying David Patrick in 1988. "I live, think, eat and drink American," she told Track & Field News. "I feel like an American, so it makes more sense for me to try to represent the U.S." Farmer-Patrick, who wore a tutu as part of her trials uniform, was all business in Barcelona. She had a slight lead, then was even with Sally Gunnell at the eighth hurdle. However, the Brit pulled away for the win. "I don't think I went out too fast," Farmer-Patrick said. "If I hadn't, I don't think I would have even won the silver."

21. Jason Morris, Silver,

Half Middleweight Judo. The Barcelona Games marked one of the happiest times for Morris as well as one of the saddest. Thrown in the final by his Japanese opponent, Morris quipped to the press, "I flew Air Japan." Still, he was the only member of Team USA to medal in judo in 1992 and the first to reach the podium in his weight class. Ten days later, his father Bernard, who was still in Barcelona for the Closing Ceremony, died of a heart attack. Jason, who had already left to attend a White House barbecue, said years later, "Imagine taking away an arm and a leg and trying to do it. That's what it was like for me without my father." Morris was head coach for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Judo Team.

22. Women's Gymnastics Team, Bronze,

This team didn't have a fancy name like the Mag Seven or the Fierce Five or Final Five. But they got the job done. Team USA was composed of Shannon Miller, Betty Okino, Kim Zmeskal, Kerri Strug, Dominique Dawes and Wendy Bruce. After a petty rules infraction cost the U.S. the bronze medal in 1988, the 1992

squad captured the bronze for the first U.S. team medal in a non-boycotted Games since 1948. The U.S. women have won a team medal at every Games since, including gold in 1996, 2012 and 2016.

23. Dave Johnson, Bronze,

Decathlon. Johnson was half of one of the most famous sports advertising campaigns of the 1990s: "Who is the World's Greatest Athlete? Dan or Dave?" The other half was Dan O'Brien. When O'Brien failed to clear a height in the pole vault at the U.S. Olympic trials, Dave and two less experienced teammates carried U.S. hopes into Barcelona. Johnson had a scare in the shot put when he was nearly charged with a third foul and stood in ninth place after Day 1. However, Johnson held the world record for highest second-day score. He rallied to finish third despite a stress fracture in his ankle, becoming the first decathlon medalist for Team USA since Bruce Jenner won the gold in 1976.

24. Rebecca Twigg, Bronze,

3,000-Meter Individual Pursuit. Twigg won the Olympic silver medal in road race in 1984 and four world track cycling championships in individual pursuit (1982, 1984, 1985 and 1987). She was retired when she found out pursuit would make its Olympic debut in Barcelona. Her arch rival, Jeannie Longo of France, also came out of retirement. Twigg edged Longo in the quarterfinals by .041, then came away with the bronze as the faster semifinal loser. Twigg went on to win two more world titles and placed fifth at the Olympic Games Atlanta 1996.

25. Men's and Women's Volleyball Teams, Bronze,

The defending champion Team USA men lost their opening match to Japan in controversial fashion involving middle blocker Bob Samuelson. In a show of solidarity with Samuelson, who was bald due to alopecia, the entire team shaved their heads. They went on to beat Cuba in the bronze-medal match. The U.S. women, with full heads of hair, defeated Brazil to reach the podium for the first time in a non-boycotted Games.



Los Angeles awarded 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Summer
Games to
return to the
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for first time
in 32 years

LIMA, Peru – The International Olympic Committee has selected Los Angeles as the Host City of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, returning the Summer Games to the United States for the first time since Atlanta 1996. The City of Angels will be hosting the Olympics for the third time (1932, 1984, 2028) and the Paralympics for the first time.

At the IOC Session in Lima, IOC members voted to ratify a tripartite agreement between the IOC and the cities of LA and Paris, with the 2024 Games going to Paris and 2028 Games to LA. The agreement follows the IOC members' unanimous approval at the July 2017 Extraordinary IOC Session for the simultaneous election of the host cities of the 2024 and 2028 Games.

In its final presentation to the IOC, LA 2028 highlighted the City of Angels' plan to create a New Games for a New Era by harnessing LA's unparalleled creative, storytelling assets to deliver the world's greatest sporting event in a low-risk, fiscally responsible and sustainable way.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti said: "This is a momentous day for the people of Los Angeles and the United States. For the first time in a generation, we are bringing the Games back to the City of Angels. LA loves the Olympics because the Games have lifted up our city twice before. But to us the Games have always represented an even brighter future and the chance to harness the power of sport and the Olympic Movement again to inspire the next generation – for the next 11 years and beyond."

LA 2028 Chairman Casey Wasserman said: "This 11-year agreement with the IOC is the ultimate validation of LA 2028's New Games for a New Era, and Los Angeles' vision for the future. As a team and as a city, we could not be more excited to be entering into this long-term partnership with the Olympic and Paralympic movements, and with one of the great cities of the world, Paris. This will be an extraordinary collaboration that secures the future of



IOC President Thomas Bach announces the winners of the 2024 and 2028 Olympic Games during the IOC Session at the Lima Convention Centre in Lima, Peru.

the Movement for generations. Now LA 2028 has a golden opportunity, with four more years to prepare and a \$2 billion contribution from the IOC, to redefine how hosting the Games can benefit host communities.”

United States Olympic Committee Chairman and U.S. IOC Member Larry Probst said: “Today is one of the most significant days in the history of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic movements – and it’s one we’ve been waiting to celebrate for many years. Los Angeles’ Games plan is second to none and will have a far-reaching impact domestically and abroad. This visionary dual award will no doubt provide an era of unprecedented strength and stability for the global Olympic and Paralympic movements, and the LA Games will absolutely fulfill their promise of being a New Games for a New Era.”

USOC CEO Scott Blackmun said: “A Games on home soil is an extremely special opportunity that will allow us to grow and serve the Olympic and Paralympic movements for decades to come. We couldn’t have found a better partner than Los Angeles to give a new

generation of American athletes and fans the experience of the Olympic and Paralympic Games. I look forward to seeing the innovation, imagination and sustainability Los Angeles will use over the next 11 years to create and deliver something truly magical.”

Los Angeles and the USOC jointly launched the LA bid on Sept. 1, 2015, and shifted the candidature from 2024 to 2028 on July 31, 2017, after coming to terms with the IOC. Under the revised Host City Contract, LA 2028 is able to invest up to \$160 million to increase youth sports access and participation in Los Angeles in the years leading up to the Games. The new Host City Contract will also provide LA 2028 with an 80 percent share of any Games surplus and an IOC contribution of \$2 billion. In August, the LA City Council and USOC board approved the updated agreement.

The bid has been overwhelmingly supported in the city of Los Angeles, the state of California and throughout the entire United States.

U.S. IOC Executive Board Member and LA 2028 Senior Advisor for Legacy Anita

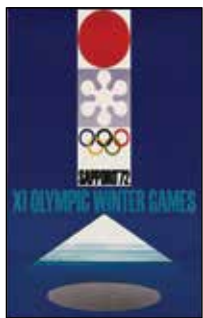
DeFrantz said: “I couldn’t be more proud that my beloved city will host the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2028. The Olympic Games are intimately woven into the history of this ever-evolving city – it is part of what defines us. Just as we reimagine ourselves and our stories daily, we are ready to redefine the Games once again, not only for our own benefit, but for the prosperity of this critically important movement. These Games will build on the legacy that began in 1932 and was cemented in 1984, and will touch the lives of Angelenos and Americans for decades to come.”

U.S. IOC Executive Board Member and LA 2028 Chief Strategy Officer Angela Ruggiero said: “Los Angeles has always been a committed partner to the Olympic and Paralympic movements. This city – which played a critical role in my Olympic journey – is home to some of the world’s most creative, athletic and innovative people. Our diversity is our strength, and LA is uniquely and perfectly suited to welcome the world with open arms once again. It is an amazing and defining honor for a city to host the Games, and Los Angeles stands ready to surpass all expectations in 2028.”

USOC ARCHIVES & ARCHIVIST NEWS

TERESA HEDGPETH, USOC ARCHIVIST & HISTORICAL STEWARD

When the Olympic Winter Games begin next year in PyeongChang, it will be the first time South Korea hosts the Winter Games and only the third time an Asian country has hosted the Winter Games. Both previous Winter Games were held in Japan – Sapporo in 1972 and Nagano in 1998. To honor the third Winter Games in Asia, the Crawford Family U.S. Olympic Archives is highlighting artifacts in our collection from the previous two Asian Olympic Winter Games. From posters to mascots, medals to uniforms; we have numerous items representing these Games.



Over forty-five years ago, Sapporo hosted the XI Olympic Winter Games in 1972 with 35 countries competing. It was the first time that the Winter Games were held outside of Europe or North America. Originally awarded the Winter Games for 1940; Japan relinquished both winter and summer Games slated for Sapporo and Tokyo after their invasion of China.



Sapporo 1972 Olympic Winter Games unofficial mascot. Ingrid O'Neil Collection

Even though the first Olympic mascot appeared at the Grenoble 1968 Olympic Winter

Games, a stylized cartoon figure skiing downhill aptly nicknamed Schuss, the Sapporo 1972 Winter Games did not have an official mascot. However, five little bear banks, known as Takuchan or "Little Taku," were made for Sapporo. The bears were in various poses that included a torchbearer, a cross country skier, alpine skier, a bear on a sleigh, and a ski jumping bear. We are happy to have one of the Takuchan in our collection.

The Nagano 1998 Olympic Winter Games was the second-time Asia hosted the Winter Games, and the first time that curling, snowboarding and women's ice hockey appeared on the program. The official mascot for Nagano was actually four snowy owls named Sukki, Nokki, Lekki and Tsukki, and collectively known as the Snowlets for "snow" and "let's.". The four Snowlets represented the four major islands of Japan and the four ancient elements – water, earth, air and fire as well as the quadrennial nature of the Olympic Games.



The Nagano 1998 Olympic Winter Games Snowlets. Ingrid O'Neil Collection

The Paralympic Winter Games held in Nagano had their own mascot, Pararabbit, a white bunny holding a torch. The mascot's name was selected in a contest involving over 3400 schoolchildren in Japan. The colors on Parabbit's body and ears



Pararabbit, the Nagano 1998 Paralympic Winter Games mascot. Ingrid O'Neil Collection

represented three Tae-Geuk, Asian decorative components that previously made up the Paralympic symbol until replaced by the three Agitos in 2003.

The most ubiquitous collectibles for Olympic Games are pins and we certainly have a fair number in our collection. However, collectors also often seek official country patches for the Olympic Games.



One of the U.S. Olympic team patches for Sapporo consisted of a circular patch with the Winter

Olympiad stitched in red around a round field of blue that not only had "USA" and the Olympic rings on it but also paid homage to one of Japan's most recognizable features, Mt. Fuji. Located on Honshu Island at a height of 12,389 feet, Mt. Fuji is Japan's tallest peak.



As beautiful as this patch is, it was not the patch the U.S. Olympic Team wore on their parade



Sapporo 1972 Olympic Winter Games, Team Processing. Athletes being fitted with their U.S. Olympic Team Parade Uniforms.
Crawford Family U.S. Olympic Archives, U.S. Olympic Committee

uniforms during the opening ceremony on February 3, 1972. The Official U.S. Olympic Team patch that graced the parade uniforms was a U.S. Olympic Shield patch on a field of dark blue with Sapporo stitched in gold above it in Japanese and a gold laurel wreath surrounding the shield.



The very recognizable official emblem of the Nagano 1998 Olympic Winter Games was officially named the Snowflower. It

was designed to look like a snowflake or represent a mountain flower and emphasized Nagano's commitment to the environment. Each petal of the flower was a different color signifying the various sports in the Winter Games. The



Ceremony coats.

When it comes to specific Olympian or Paralympian artifacts in our collection for the Sapporo Olympic Winter Games, we have few; but of note are a set of ski goggles from Barbara Cochran. In the Sapporo Games, Barbara Cochran won gold in Women's slalom. One of



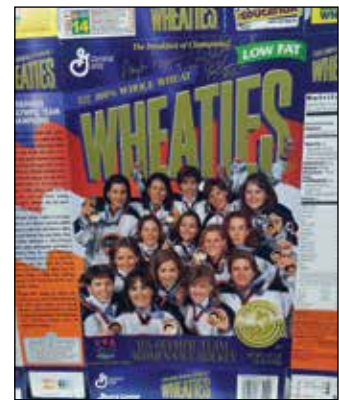
Barbara Cochran's Ski Goggles
Barbara Cochran Collection

four siblings who skied for the U.S. Olympic ski team, Barbara was taught by her father, Mickey, and trained on their own ski hill. In the 1960s and 1970s, the Cochran siblings became a powerhouse in skiing for the United States. When Barbara won the gold medal at Sapporo, she bested Danielle Debernard of France by the margin of only .02 seconds.

Artifacts for the Nagano 1998 Olympic Winter Games include signed athlete equipment, posters and jerseys to a Wheaties box featuring the U.S. Women's Olympic Ice Hockey Team. The USA had the honor of winning the inaugural gold medal awarded in women's ice hockey when our women's

ice hockey team upset Canada 3-1 in the final.

Even though we do not yet have a robust collection of Olympic or Paralympic artifacts for either Sapporo or Nagano, we know that it is only a matter of time. Our athletes and their families continue to assist us in capturing the history of the Olympic and Paralympic movements through donations of memorabilia, uniforms and equipment. Recently, from family members we have received donations of Casper Oimoen (1932, 1936), Joe Arcese (1968, 1976), and Steve Holcomb (2006, 2010, 2014). The list of athletes who recently donated artifacts include: Janet Gerhauser-Carpenter (1952), Greg Louganis (1976, 1984, 1988), Phil Reilly



(1984) John Register (2000), Carissa Gump (2008), John Orozco (2012), Paul Chelimo (2016), Leonard Korir (2016), and Ryan Boyle (2016). As always, we could not continue this important endeavor without your support and we thank you for assisting us in capturing and preserving your history.



ACE MENTOR NETWORK

ACE awards nearly \$100K in tuition grants to current and retired team usa athletes

The pursuit to accomplish any goal of substance often requires sacrifice, and the Games, for better or worse, provide no better example. Too often, athletes are forced to choose between their quest of athletic success and their long-term career goals. Managing both is near impossible due to time constraints, financial limitations, external pressures and personal expectations. For many, this means deferring education opportunities, sacrificing time with loved ones, or putting aside career development to focus on achieving the Olympic/Paralympic dream. Thanks to the U.S. Olympic Committee and its Athlete Career and Education (ACE) program, current and retired Team USA athletes can earn the financial support needed no matter their individual circumstance to allow athletes to make the decision to simultaneously pursue both their education and athletic goals possible. This June, ACE supported 50 athletes, including 37 alumni, in their pursuit of education by administering and awarding \$99.6 thousand dollars through the ACE | USOC Tuition Grant Program.

“Without the help from this grant it would have made the decision to return to school much harder.” – Sarah Hammer, Olympic medalist, Track Cycling

Made possible through donations to the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Foundation, the ACE | USOC Tuition Grant program now awards monies

twice a year to Team USA athletes currently enrolled or enrolling in any accredited program ranging from continuing education certifications to doctoral programs. Grants are reserved specifically for athletes who compete in Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American and Parapan American sports, for retired Games alumni, for current and retired athletes pursuing a degree in coaching or sports sciences related fields, as well as athletes pursuing an undergraduate degree at



TUITION GRANTS BY THE NUMBERS

50 RECIPIENTS	\$99.6K AWARDED	73% GAMES ALUMNI
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the University of Utah's Eccles School of Business. With an array of grant opportunities, athletes, no matter their individual circumstances and goals, have the opportunity to apply for the tuition grants.

As a testament to the diversity of Team USA needs and talents, the Summer 2017 tuition grant recipients attended 47 different universities in full-time and part-time capacities - including Dartmouth College, Brown University, UCLA, Harvard University, Oxford University, Stanford, University of Texas at Austin and Yale University - and pursued certificate, associate, bachelor, master and doctorate degree programs. The flexibility of the tuition grant to be applied to education in all forms embodies ACE and the USOC as a service provider to Team USA athletes.

"School has helped lead me to become a great ambassador for my hometown, my sport and the companies and views that I represent." 2x Olympian, Nordic Skiing.

While alleviating financial burdens, the ACE | USOC Tuition Grant program also affords athletes the opportunity to leverage their athletic successes and contribute to society beyond the playing field, an important charge of the ACE program. Education enables athletes to develop transferable skills and perform their best in all aspects of their lives. As a two-time Olympic nordic skier noted in his application,

"School has helped me become a great ambassador for my hometown, my sport and the companies that I represent."

Through tuition grants and other opportunities, ACE will continue to support athletes in all areas of their lives and prepare them for a successful transition beyond their elite competition careers.

I am more than grateful for the ACE program because it has helped with my transition out of the athletic world and into a professional career as an Educator. This Scholarship is going to afford me the opportunity to attain the knowledge necessary to lead K-8 students in Fitness, Education, and Life Lessons.
- Michelle Perry, 2004 Olympian, Track and Field

ACE | USOC Tuition Grant Applications reopen September 11 - October 18. If you are attending an accredited institution or are enrolling in a program beginning January 2018 you are eligible to apply to receive a tuition grant. Furthermore, ACE is administering additional education programs, including the Team USA | DeVry University Scholarship as it continues to provide current and retired Team USA athletes with career, education and life skills resources to support athletic performance goals and facilitate successful transition to post-elite competition careers.

UPCOMING

Sep 11 - Oct 18, 2017 | USOC Tuition Grant applications open

Applications are available by logging in to the ACE platform at www.TeamUSA.org/ACE

Oct 18 | DeVry Full Scholarship application deadline

To enroll in the November session, applications must be submitted to ace.edu@usoc.org by October 18. Visit usoc.devry.edu for more information.

Dec 2-3 | Pivot Workshop for retired athletes, Colorado Springs, Colo.

If you are an Olympian/Paralympian struggling post-retirement or know of an athlete who can benefit from this workshop, contact ACE at ace@usoc.org

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A SUMMER OF OLYMPIC FUN WITH THE LA84 FOUNDATION



It's been a busy few months at the LA84 Foundation. See how LA84 has celebrated the Olympic and Paralympic Movement this summer.

Back Row (L to R) Adam Duvendeck, John Moffet, Craig Lincoln, Tai Babalonia, LA84 Foundation CEO and President Renata Simril, Lisa Fernandez, Katherine Starr, Rusty Smith

Front Row: Four LA84 Foundation SAMassadors, a group of young student-athletes that serve as an advisory board to LA84.

Olympians took the field alongside Sam the Eagle, the official mascot of the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Games and LA84 Foundation SAMassadors to celebrate Olympics Night at Dodger Stadium. Photo credit: Jon SooHoo/Los Angeles Dodgers



Three-time Olympic gold medalist and softball legend Lisa Fernandez threw out the first pitch on Olympics Night at Dodger Stadium. Photo credit: Jon SooHoo/Los Angeles Dodgers



Joan Benoit Samuelson, distance running legend and winner of the first ever Women's Olympic Marathon, was honored with a plaque in the LA Memorial Coliseum Court of Honor, the first women alongside Anita DeFrantz to be commemorated in the Court of Honor since 1961. Benoit Samuelson ran through the Coliseum in 1984 to win the inaugural Women's Olympic Marathon.



Two-time Paralympic judo medalist Dartanyon Crockett performed the national anthem with his saxophone on Olympics Night at Dodger Stadium. Photo credit: Jon SooHoo/Los Angeles Dodgers



Olympic rowing medalist, IOC member and LA84 Foundation President Emeritus Anita DeFrantz was honored with a plaque in the LA Memorial Coliseum Court of Honor, becoming the first woman along with Joan Benoit Samuelson to be commemorated in the Court of Honor since Babe Didrikson in 1961. DeFrantz was introduced by Michelle Castanaza Gudiel, a recent participant in the LA84-funded RowLA program.



1960 Olympic decathlon gold medalist, LA84 Foundation board member and Special Olympics Southern California founder Rafer Johnson poses outside of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, the site where he lit the Olympic cauldron at the opening ceremony of the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Games.



2016 Rio Paralympic sitting volleyball gold medalist Bethany Zummo teaches her sport to young Angelenos at Olympic Day 2017, where the LA84 Foundation and LA 2028 teamed up to bring more than 500 LA youth to the beach for a day of sports clinic and celebration of the Olympic and Paralympic Movements.



Team USA volleyball legend Sinjin Smith was among the more than 30 Olympians and Paralympians who joined the LA84 Foundation and LA 2028 at Olympic Day 2017, where he taught young Angelenos the ins and outs of volleyball.



Sam the Eagle joined 1984 volunteers from the Los Angeles Summer Games to celebrate the spirit of volunteerism and LA's unrivaled Olympic legacy.



Five-time Olympian and 2008 water polo silver medalist Tony Azevedo stepped out of the water to play beach handball with kids from across Los Angeles at Olympic Day 2017.



More than 250 Angelenos students from across the city joined the LA84 Foundation, LA 2028, the California Endowment and other partners for the Youth Idea Exchange, where they planned how the next generation can benefit from a future Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles.



More than 1,200 swimmers made a splash in the pool at the LA84 Foundation's Summer Splash Swim & Synchro Festival, which culminated a summer program that had more than 15,000 participants.



Sam the Eagle, the official mascot of the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Games, joined youth from across LA to play rugby and other Olympic and Paralympic sports on the beach at Olympic Day 2017.

1968 SALUTE

LEAVES LASTING IMPACT ON SOCIAL ACTIVISM IN OLYMPIC MOVEMENT

By: DEVIN LOWE

Nestled in the Crawford Family U.S. Olympic Archives at the U.S. Olympic Committee's Colorado Springs headquarters is perhaps one of the most famous portraits in Olympic history.

The year is 1968. The world has converged on Mexico City for the Olympic Games. And track and field stars Tommie Smith and John Carlos have just turned the apolitical ethos of the Games on its head.

In the photograph, two figures in navy blue track jackets stand atop a podium with their heads down and fists raised. They wear gold and bronze medals and a black glove apiece, two halves of a pair meant to draw attention to the plight of African-Americans back home in the United States.

"Getting on the victory stand, I had a heart feeling, but I didn't have the words to prompt the necessity of revealing, verbally, what I felt," said Smith, who earned gold in the 200-meter to place him on the podium that day along with Carlos, the bronze medalist, and Australian Peter Norman, who took silver and wore an Olympic Project for Human Rights badge to show his support for the protest.

"People didn't believe that what I was

saying was necessary, as far as equality is concerned. But now things are changing."

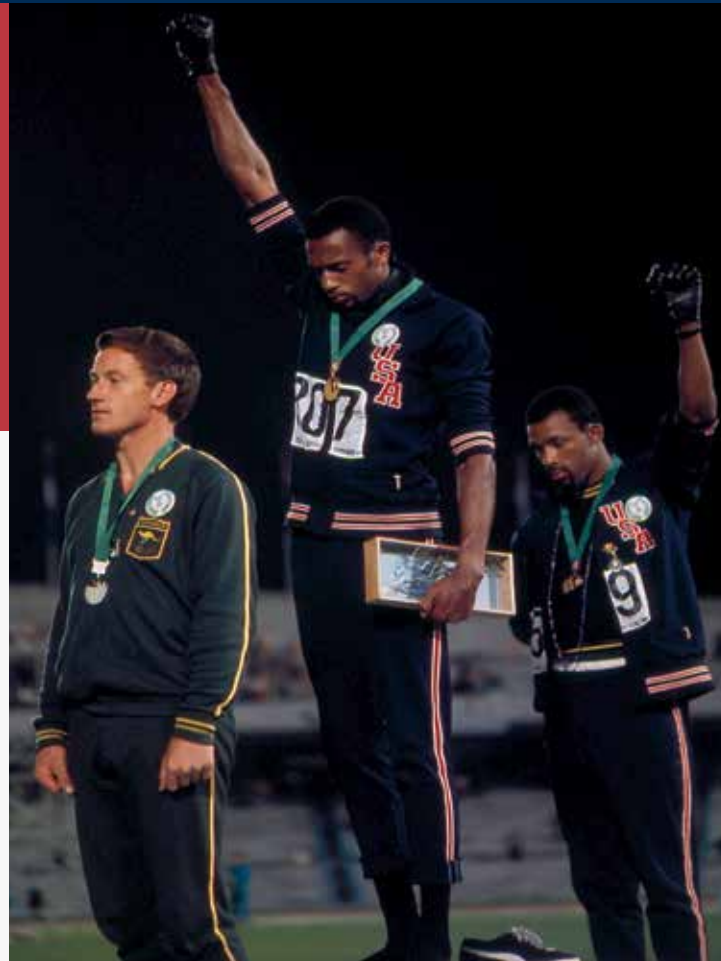
Reflection spurs growth, progress

At the time, the reaction to Smith and Carlos's gesture was swift and without sympathy. After boos and jeers rained down on the pair at the University Olympic Stadium, the International Olympic Committee ordered the U.S. Olympic Committee to suspend Smith and Carlos and send them home.

They endured death threats stateside. They were ostracized from the athletic community.

But almost fifty years later, Smith and Carlos have found their place amongst the Olympic family once more as history reflects on their salute with newfound respect and admiration.

In 2016, USOC CEO Scott Blackmun invited Smith and Carlos to Team USA's White House visit and asked for their support and ambassadorship as the USOC works to strengthen its diversity



After winning gold and bronze, respectively, in the 200m, Tommie Smith and John Carlos raised their fists on the podium at the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City. Courtesy of the Crawford Family U.S. Olympic Archives, USOC.

and inclusion initiatives.

"He's moving forward on diversity," Smith said of Blackmun. "He's moving around, spreading the word of greatness and goodness among people and especially the Olympic Committee ... It's just a direct 180 now."

Carlos, who held a position on the organizing committee for the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, called it an honor to meet Blackmun and to see his vision for the future of diversity at the USOC.

"For [Blackmun] to take the initiative to bring us back into the fold...I'll always use the metaphor that he dropped the drawbridge and extended his arms and

invited us to come across and be a part of the family again,” Carlos said. “It’s like a dream come true. Fifty years ago, my chances of coming here to speak to the Olympic family...it was never gonna take place in my lifetime.”

To the Olympic family’s benefit, Carlos was wrong about that. He and Smith were recently invited to Colorado Springs to deliver the opening and closing speeches to participants in the FLAME Program, the USOC’s hallmark initiative for diversity and inclusion catered toward college-age professionals.

While he was in town, Carlos toured the Crawford Family U.S. Olympic Archives, made possible by the generosity of USOPF Chairman Gordy Crawford. The Archives are one of the largest private collections of Olympic footage, photographs, artifacts and documents in the world.

Among the carefully preserved history, Carlos saw the moment that defined much of his and Smith’s lives — one that will serve as a living legacy of activism and courage at all costs.

“Perpetuity: I think that’s what’s in [donors’] hearts, and I think that spills over into the athletes of yesteryear,” Carlos said. “We’re thinking about perpetuity to the point where we want our legacies to live far beyond our lifespan.”

Smith has his own personal collection of memorabilia, some of which he has given to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. He intends to donate

a few artifacts to the USOC, as well. “We had someone who fulfilled a necessity to make a change, to do this so [the artifacts] can be preserved in perpetuity,” Smith said. “So long after I’m gone, people, athletes and citizens who are not involved in athletics can see that athletics has a very important place in our society. It’s an area of pride, an area of cultural involvement. It’s a whole world within itself.”

Leaving a legacy

The pair upheld their legacy as change-makers in the years following their 1968 protest. At Oberlin College in

Movement and for the peaceful power of sport, Smith and Carlos have closely followed the progress the USOC and the sporting world at large has made toward inclusivity and acceptance.

In many ways, their gesture was a catalyst for the changes they now see. It made people begin to think differently about diversity and why it matters, something in which Carlos takes pride.

“My father explained something to me one time. He said, ‘Son, I notice that any time your mother gives you and your brothers castor oil, your brothers will take that castor oil, but you always rebel



Lee Evans (left) leads protest of the 4x400 meter relay runners following the USA win in Mexico City 1968. Courtesy of Getty Images.

Ohio, Smith initiated the first women’s basketball and track and field programs. Carlos was a high school counselor and track and field coach for a time.

In 2008, they received the Arthur Ashe Courage Award at the ESPYs for their black-gloved gesture — 40 years after they were removed from the Games for the very same thing.

And as ambassadors for the Olympic

against it. Let me tell you something: It doesn’t have to taste good in order for it to be good for you,” Carlos said. “And I feel like what I did, in my history in track and field and the Olympic Movement and so forth, I was like that castor oil.

“Yeah, I taste bad, you didn’t like the flavor or the way I presented myself, but in the long run, you found that it made you a lot healthier down the line.”

ALUMNI IN HONOR

Jason Morris

(judo, 1988, '92, '96, '00)



Senator, James Tedisco presents Jason Morris with a proclamation from the city of Glenville.



Photo: L ot R: Jason Morris, Johnny Gioeli from the rock band, Hardline and 5x US Judo World team member, Nick Kossor

The town of Glenville where USA Judo legend, Jason Morris grew up and now resides honored him on Saturday, July 15 by naming a street, "Jason Morris Way". 2017 represents the 25 year anniversary of Morris winning an Olympic Silver Medal (78kg) in Barcelona, Spain. This year also represents the anniversary of Jason's father, Bernie's death who was in Barcelona to watch his sons amazing performance. Morris who turned 50 in February was also celebrated by the New York Athletic Club (NYAC) at this years NY Open awarding him their prestigious "Lifetime Achievement" Award. Morris is a 4x Olympian (1988, 1992, 1996, 2000) as well as being the Head Coach of the 2008 Olympic Team. "We are thrilled to honor our own home town hero, Jason Morris" Town of Glenville Supervisor, Chirs Koetzle, stated. After Morris retired in 2000 he decided to open the Jason Morris Judo Center (JMJC) with wife, Teri Takemori and stay in Glenville. The JMJC has since become world renowned and remains one of USA Judo's top resources for developing Elite level players. Jason & Teri reside in Glenville with their now seven year old twins, Randi & Danica.

The dedication event included a meet and greet with Jason then the unveiling of the street sign and Kiosk to be displayed in the park, followed by a Judo demonstration led by 5x USA Judo World team member, Nick Kossor with the assistance of the Morris twins.

Kossor then joined local recording artist, the "Dan Wos Project" on stage for a musical performance. Kossor is currently the guitarist for the rock band, Hard Soul. All who came were treated to a terrific rock and roll show and got even better when they were then joined by special guest, Johnny Gioeli who is the lead singer of internationally renowned hard rock bands, Hardline and Axel Rudi Pell. Gioeli's voice and stage presence was phenomenal as he sang, "Dr Love" and "Rhythm From A Red Car" from Hardline's 1992 release, Double Eclipse then closed the show with "Rock and Roll All Night" from Kiss. The MC for the event was Rodger Wyland channel 13 and ESPN radio.

Evander Holyfield

(boxing, 1984)

Boxing's only four-time world heavyweight champion, and 1984 bronze medalist was inducted on June 11, 2017 into the International Boxing Hall of Fame, and "The Real Deal" delivered one more time.

The youngest of nine children, Holyfield spent nearly his entire speech crediting his mother and his siblings for much of his success.

"This Hall of Fame thing is all about the help I got from someone else," Holyfield said. "My mom wouldn't let me quit."

ALUMNI IN HONOR (continued)

Holyfield's impressive career spanned more than three decades -- 160 wins as an amateur, 44 more as a pro -- and included undisputed cruiserweight and heavyweight titles, and two memorable



Evander Holyfield

fighters against Mike Tyson and another against Riddick Bowe.

Also inducted were: three-division champion Marco Antonio Barrera of Mexico; the late super flyweight champion Johnny Tapia; Australian trainer Johnny Lewis; judge Jerry Roth; journalist-broadcaster Steve Farhood; broadcaster Barry Tompkins; and Eddie Booker and ring announcer Jimmy Lennon Sr., also honored posthumously.



Lones Wigger

(shooting, 1964, '68, '72)

Celebrating its proud history, a tradition of excellence and an 80th birthday for one its legends, USA Shooting's headquarters has celebrated and dedicated the legacy of one of the sport's all-time best, Lones Wigger on his 80th birthday.



USA Shooting will rename the interior of its headquarters building and upper range as the Lones Wigger Legacy Hall & Range. Certain areas of the building and range have been enhanced with Lones Wigger Legacy graphics and updated signage showcasing USA Shooting's proud history.



USA Shooting launched the Lones Wigger Legacy campaign earlier this year, which included the Lones Wigger/Junior Olympic Endowment, in partnership with the MidwayUSA Foundation. Money put toward that endowment will be used to support youth and Junior Olympic initiatives in the future.



Lones Wigger celebrates with family and friends

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Anita DeFrantz

(rowing, 1976, 1980)

American Anita DeFrantz has won her second term as vice president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

DeFrantz, a bronze medalist in rowing at the 1976 Olympics, also served as an IOC vice president from 1997 to 2001. She has spent 14 of the past 25 years on the IOC's executive board.

Robin Mitchell of Fiji, Nicole Hoevertsz of Aruba and Denis Oswald of Switzerland were also elected to the IOC executive board in one of the few contested elections. There were six candidates vying for three spots.

The IOC awarded the 2024 Olympics

to Paris and the 2028 Olympics to Los Angeles in votes that required only a show of hands because there was no opposition to either.

Muffy Davis

(Para skiing, 1998, '02/Para cycling, 2012)

Seven-time Paralympic medalist Muffy Davis was elected to the International Paralympic Committee Governing Board at the IPC General Assembly in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Davis was nominated by the United States Olympic Committee, acting in its capacity as the National Paralympic Committee for the U.S.

"Muffy was an extraordinary candidate but has also demonstrated strong

leadership and professional skills. We're thrilled to see her elected to the IPC Governing Board," said USOC CEO Scott Blackmun. "This is an exciting time for the Paralympic Movement, both in the U.S. and globally, and I



Muffy Davis photo credit: Joe Kusunoto

know Muffy is uniquely suited to serve the Movement as an international leader."

Davis, who represented Team USA at three Paralympic Games in alpine skiing and cycling, won the seat on the Governing Board as one of ten at-large positions out of a field of 22 candidates.

"I am extremely honored to be elected to this position on the Governing Board," Davis said. "The Paralympic Movement gave me opportunity and inspiration after my life-altering accident, not only to survive in my new circumstances, but to thrive, and it is a great privilege to be able to give back to the Movement that has given so much to me."



Anita DeFrantz

MILESTONE

Cliff Bayer

(fencing, 1996, '00)

Cliff Bayer and wife Arielle welcomed Jack Harrison Bayer on August 11, 2017. Jack weighed in at 8 lbs. 3oz. and was 21 inches long.



Jamie Nieto

(track & field, 2004, 2012)

Shevon Stoddard

(track & field, years)

Olympic high jumper Jamie Nieto walked his bride, Olympic hurdler Shevon Stoddard, down the aisle following their wedding on

Saturday, July 22, 2017, just a year after he was paralyzed in an accident.

“Words really can’t describe

the way it felt to be able to walk my bride down the aisle and to be able to stand there and partake in the whole day,” said Nieto, it was truly one of the best days of my life.” Congratulations, you two!



INTRODUCING STEVE BITTER



As the USOPA Coordinator, Steve Bitter is responsible for the creation and launch of the USOPA's upcoming, top

secret project, as well as other alumni tasks within the Development Department at the USOC. Steve provides the alumni association with over 10 years of public relations and digital marketing experience. He started his career as an intern for the Los Angeles Galaxy and Real Salt Lake of Major League Soccer. After moving to the Phoenix area, Steve filled agency and in-house capacities in a diverse range of industries, which he accredits to his unique and creative approach to marketing.

Steve comes to the USOC mostly recently from USA Cycling, where he filled the role of Digital and Social Media Manager. While at cycling's governing body, he was involved with the organization's redesign of its website, as well as the exponential growth of its online and social presence. His social campaign at the 2015 Road World Championships in Richmond, Virginia achieved over 12 million impressions during the event, and remains the single largest branded campaign in the organization's history.

Steve brings to the USOPA an incredible amount of respect and understanding of the lives of athletes of all levels. He coached high school cross country and track and field in California and


Arizona, helping lead teams to multiple State Finals appearances. As he worked on behalf of professional and elite level athletes, he came to realize how his understanding of digital marketing and branding could help athletes to grow and manage their own personal brand. Steve is excited to share his knowledge while helping Olympians and Paralympians advance



Steve poses with his beautiful family, wife, Emmy, and their three children, Max, Leia and Cash.

the Olympic movement as they discover new ways to share their experiences of representing their nation on world's greatest athletic stage.

Steve is originally from Southern California and attended Brigham Young University where he received his degree in Communications. He is an avid cyclist and enjoys any of the roads that Colorado has to offer. Steve and his wife, Emmy, have three children named Max, Leia and Cash. You can find Steve on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @stevebitter.



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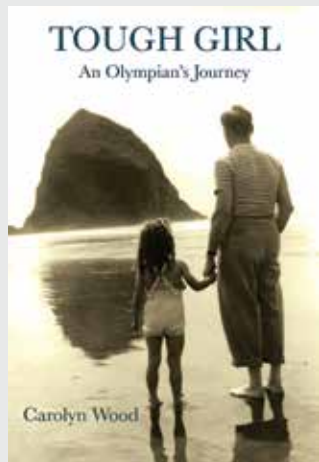
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BOOK REVIEWS

Tough Girl



Tough Girl recounts two journeys taken almost sixty years apart. One is the coming-of-age story of a rambunctious and closeted Northwest swimmer during the 1950s as she learns to train, race, and ultimately compete for gold in the 1960 Rome Olympics. The other follows her memories and meditations along the Camino de Santiago in 2012 as she comes to accept the end of a decades long relationship.

Biography:

Carolyn Wood, born and raised in Portland, Oregon, won a gold medal in swimming in the 1960 Rome Olympics at age fourteen. She is a retired English teacher who spent more than thirty years encouraging students to write and is now taking her own advice, although often she'd rather be practicing yoga, or outdoors tending her bees and garden or hiking backroads and mountain trails. Ms. Wood's work has appeared in Teachers as Writers and Elohi Gadugi Journal. This is her first book.

Endorsements:

"Wood journeyed on El Camino de Santiago in Spain to reclaim the fourteen-year old tough girl of her youth who competed in the Olympics in 1960.

Wood's story of coming out, of finding and losing love, of healing herself on a lonely pilgrimage is the story of courage in the face of heartbreak. One that many of us need again and again."

– Linda Christensen, Director, Oregon Writing Project, Lewis & Clark College

"Carolyn Wood is living a life worth reading about. An Olympic swimming champion at age fourteen and a slowly emerging gay person in an earlier, less understanding era, she has been resolutely the 'tough girl' of her book title."

– George Vogt, Former Executive Director, Oregon Historical Society

"I'm loving Wood's healing recollections of the 1950s-era MAC — the Multnomah Athletic Club — and training at the outdoor pool next to the hulking wooden roller coaster at Oregon's own Coney Island, the Jantzen Beach Amusement Park. And I'm particularly enamored by that 14-year-old girl who huffed and cursed and worked herself into a champion and found that place where she could be comfortable in her own skin."

"I'm looking forward to watching her burst out of the depths of her 2016 self and finding her land legs by the end of the trail. I'm pretty sure this Tough Girl won't be denied."

– Brian Juenemann, Executive Director PNBA, Review published September 25, 2016 (Eugene Register Guard)

"Wood's compelling memoir is the deeply engaging story of a child's path to glory and a woman's journey to finding herself again. It is a powerful reminder of the importance of living our lives truthfully, both in and out of the pool."

– Carol Gladstein, Booklist Online Review

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ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM



Ronald Bontemps

(Basketball, 1952)

Ronald Bontemps passed away on May 13, 2017, at age 90.

Ron was a WWII Army Veteran having served from 1944 to 1946. He retired in 1989, after working for 38 years in personnel employee relations for Caterpillar Inc.

He was a member of Presbyterian Church in Peoria, where he served as a Deacon and Vacation Bible School teacher. Ron was also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and was a gold medalist on the 1952 Olympic Basketball team in Helsinki, Finland. He served as a volunteer with Meals on Wheels.

Ron married Norma Smith on May 2, 1953 in Beloit, Wis. She preceded him in death on May 10, 2009. He was also preceded in death by one brother, Carl.

Surviving are two sons, Gary (Lisa) Bontemps of Tremont and Kevin (Stephanie) Bontemps of Swansea, Ill.; two daughters, Linda Bontemps of Creve Coeur and Kathy Bontemps of Peoria; eight grandchildren, Jason, Jared (Shelbie), Jeremiah (Krista), Eli, Alyssa, Kallen, Tyler and Lauren;

and four great-grandchildren, Shelby, Gracie, Jackson and Koralyn.



John Bower

(Ski and Snowboard, 1964, 1968)

John Bower passed away on June 6, 2017 at age 76.

John grew up in Auburn, ME where he won an unprecedented four interscholastic state titles in 1959 at Edward Little High School. He went on to ski at Middlebury College, winning an NCAA Nordic combined title in 1961, the first ever for a Middlebury Panther, as well as taking four U.S. titles in his career. He was a two-time Olympian finishing 15th in 1964 at Innsbruck and 13th at Grenoble in 1968 - among the top finishes ever by an American Nordic combined skier at the time.

His milestone accomplishment came at Norway's Holmenkollen Ski Festival in 1968 where he became the first American to win the prestigious King's Cup. His win at Holmenkollen set the standard for other Americans who followed him. The victory earned him an audience with the king of Norway in Oslo, as well as an invitation to a White House dinner in the king's honor later that year.

After retirement, Bower went on to coach at his alma mater of Middlebury from 1968 to 1975. He then served as nordic director of the U.S. Ski Team from 1975 to 1980 - a highly successful period for the American team, before leaving to become athletic director at Principia College in western Illinois. He returned as the U.S. Ski Team's nordic director from 1988-90.

Bower played a key role in the lead-up to the 2002 Olympics, serving as the first director for the Utah Winter Sports Park (now the Utah Olympic Park), overseeing development of venues and implementation of programs from 1990 to 1999.

"John was uniquely qualified and extremely effective in being the first to lead the team running the Utah Winter Sports Park," said Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation President and CEO Colin Hilton. "He had a passion to see that athletes could train and develop at the newly created Sports Park. That passion and committed effort planted the seeds that helped shape the successful Olympic legacy we enjoy today."

Since his retirement in 1999, Bower and his wife Bonnie have enjoyed an active lifestyle in both Moab and Park City. Bonnie played a leadership role in the start of the Park City Winter School. His son, Rick, was the 1999 halfpipe snowboarding world champion and is a highly-renowned halfpipe coach for the U.S. Snowboard Team.

Bower was named to the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame in 1969. He is one of Maine's most recognized sport stars and a

ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM (continued)

member of the Maine Ski Hall of Fame and Lewiston Auburn Sports Hall of Fame. He joined the Middlebury College Hall of Fame in 2014. Bower is also an honorary member of the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation board.

He received a BA degree in economics from Middlebury in 1963, earning a Masters Education specializing in recreation and resort management from Springfield College in 1967.

John was the son of Robert and Elizabeth Bower of Auburn, ME. He is survived by a sister, Sandra Colvard; his wife Bonnie; daughter Abbi and husband Shane Combs; as well as his son Rick and wife Gillian, and two grandchildren. John and Bonnie were devoted to their faith through the Christian Science Church.

Most of all, his family has asked that friends celebrate life and remember him with a smile, a joke and a Starbucks in hand.



Adam Clawson
(Canoe/Kayak, 1992, 1996)

Adam Clawson passed away on July 10, 2017 at age 46.

Adam was the second of 3 sons,

he struggled to find his niche in the world until he traveled with his family to Wesser, North Carolina in 1981 for a summer at the Nantahala Outdoor Center. A summer that would last for 17 summers. Adam tried his hand at kayaking and didn't take to it as was hoped. He preferred instead to take an old inner tube tied across the middle with rope, and a canoe paddle and putz about at the NOC takeout for hours. A staff member took pity on him and put him in a C1. He was 9 years old at the time and his passion for racing was sealed.

In 1996, after winning the World Cup in Brazil, Adam hung up his paddle and started his second love, making things out of wood and metal. Welding was his preferred method and he excelled at it. Adam was an extraordinary man who touched the lives of everyone he knew. He was kind, loving and generous to a fault, always willing to help someone in need.

With his passing, Adam is mourned by the paddling community, the Swain County community, his mother, Maggie Parkes, stepfather Fred Crawford, brothers Matt and Jonathon Clawson, father Dan Clawson, his extended family, and the love of his life, his daughter Amala Clawson.

Please visit the online tribute site at: adam.clawson.muchloved.com



Thomas Corcoran
(Ski and Snowboard, 1956, 1960)

Thomas Corcoran passed away on June 27, 2017 at age 85.

Tom was a loving family and community man, pioneering leader in the ski industry and founder of the Waterville Valley Ski Resort, 35 years as Waterville Valley Town Selectman and two time Olympian. An accomplished ski racer on the U.S. Ski Team in the 1950s, Corcoran was one of the most decorated skiers of his era, and a longtime director of the U.S. Ski Association. He was inducted into the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame in 1978.

Corcoran was born in Yokohama, Japan to American parents and grew up in Quebec's Laurentian Mountains. He graduated from Philips Exeter Academy followed by Dartmouth College, in 1954. He spent two years of active duty in the Navy where they allowed him to try out for the 1956 U.S. Olympic Team in Cortina, Italy, which he made. Shortly thereafter Corcoran entered and graduated from the Harvard Business School. Along the way, he took leave of absences to participate in the highest levels of international competition, culminating with the 1960 Olympics in Squaw Valley, CA. with his most brilliant performance where

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he barely missed a medal and took a fourth-place finish (which was the best result for an American in giant slalom). In 1962 he returned to skiing, working for the Aspen Skiing Corporation and helped develop the Buttermilk Ski Area.

Active in politics, Tom worked for both John F. Kennedy and his brother Robert F. Kennedy in their successful Massachusetts and New York Senatorial campaigns and on their Presidential campaigns.

In 1965 Corcoran returned to New Hampshire and formed the Waterville Company which purchased 425 acres at the base of Mt. Tecumseh, including the Waterville Inn, a 9-hole golf course, tennis courts and a swimming pool. Quickly he secured the appropriate approvals from the Forest Service for the development of the ski area on Mount Tecumseh, and opened the Waterville Valley Resort in the winter of 1966-67. On a fast track, Corcoran attracted skiers from around the region, and the resort became a popular spot for politicians and celebrities including the Kennedys. "Bobby's Run" was named in honor of Bobby Kennedy after his assassination in 1968.

Over the decades, Corcoran would play a pivotal role in the American ski industry, as Chairman of the National Ski Areas Association and as promoter of ski competitions. His love of sport and competition was at all levels from beginners, where he was one of the founders of the recreational racing program NASTAR in the late '60s, to organizing the first professional freestyle skiing championships in 1972, to creating cross country trails and

hosting The Great American Ski Chase, always playing host to all levels of alpine and nordic competitions for kids and junior races right up to the highest level of international competitors - holding 11 World Cup ski races. He was awarded U.S. Ski Association's Julius Blegen Award in 1991 for his lifetime service to the sport.

After his retirement from Waterville Valley in 1999, Corcoran and his late wife Daphne, made Seabrook Island, South Carolina their home. Having a long sailing history with the Coast of Maine and up into Canada, their sailing explorations expanded to offshore when they competed in the 750-mile Marion to Bermuda Race. In 1999 they started and completed a 4-year circumnavigation of the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea that covered 20,000 sea miles, visiting 26 countries and over 200 ports of call, stretching from Turkey to the Lesser Antilles. Later they purchased a motor boat and traveled the Intracoastal Waterways, up the Hudson River and Erie Canal to explore all the historic scenic inland waterways of New York, Ontario, Quebec and Vermont. In total, they traveled more than 8,000 miles in two years and passed through 220 locks.

Corcoran leaves behind six children Michael Corcoran, Christine DeStefano, Kathleen Corcoran, Kerry Corcoran, Linda Noyes and Daphne Fogg, five grandchildren, Sam and Silver Brelsford, Emily Grunow, Katherine Enos and Wyatt Fogg, and two great grandchildren John Grunow and Hope Grunow.



Tony DiCicco

(Soccer Coach, 1996)

Tony DiCicco passed away on June 20, 2017 at age 68.

Tony led the United States to the very first Olympic women's soccer gold medal at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

DiCicco helped put women's soccer on the map in the United States thanks to his success with players like Mia Hamm, Michelle Akers, Brandi Chastain, Joy Fawcett and goalie Briana Scurry, helping to launch a generation of growth for the women's game.

Brought on as the goaltender coach for the U.S. women in 1991 by coach Anson Dorrance, DiCicco succeeded Dorrance in 1994, leading the team to a silver medal at the 1995 FIFA Women's World Cup before the team dominated the women's stage at the 1996 Olympics for the gold medal.

DiCicco also coached the U.S. team to victory in the landmark 1999 Women's World Cup on home soil. The massive crowds at the 1996 Olympics and then the 1999 World Cup were unprecedented for women's sports at the time.

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“A pioneer in the world of soccer, Tony will be remembered for his immense passion, his dedication to the game and his life pursuit to inspire players and people,” said NWSL Managing Director of Operations Amanda Duffy. “A truly influential figure, no one will forget the impact he has had on so many people’s lives and his role in the tremendous growth of women’s soccer in the U.S.”

DiCicco amassed an astonishing 103-8-8 record with the women’s national team and ranks as the winningest all-time coach in U.S. Soccer in terms of both wins and win percentage. He stepped down as national team coach following the World Cup win over China in 1999.

“Tony is one of the true legends of women’s soccer in the United States and the game would not be where it is today without his dedication and visionary work,” said U.S. Soccer Secretary General/CEO Dan Flynn. “We’ve lost a great man, but we all know that the impact he had at the beginning of our Women’s National Team program will be felt for generations to come.”

A native of Wethersfield, Connecticut, DiCicco is survived by wife Diane and four sons: Anthony, Andrew, Alex and Nicholas.



Stephen Ducoff

(USOC/NGB Volunteer)

Stephen Douglas Ducoff passed away on August 29, 2017 at age 72.

Steve served in the United States Air Force from 1965 until 1969, with duty assignments in California, Iowa, Michigan, Texas, and Southeast Asia. He retired as a civilian from the United States Air Force after twenty-five years of service in 1994. At that time, he was assigned as the Chief of the Air Force Sports and Recreation Division at the Air Force Services Agency at Randolph AFB, San Antonio, Texas. As such, he was responsible for the worldwide sports and recreation programs, which included sports, outdoor recreation, golf courses, bowling centers, flying clubs, recreation centers, playing fields, and fitness centers.

Steve moved his family to Colorado Springs in 1994 and stayed active in the local and national sporting community as President and CEO of the Colorado Springs Sports Corporations, and then Executive Director of the Billiard Congress of America. Steve retired again in August 2006, but two months later formed Ducoff Enterprises, LLC to contractually manage associations, business consulting, fund raising,

aviation consulting, and events production.

Steve was a member of several national sports governing bodies and served on many of their Boards of Directors or Governors. He served as the Executive Director of USA Shooting, the interim organization conducting amateur shooting competitions in the United States, was Treasurer and Vice President of USA Boxing, and Treasurer of the USA Bobsled and Skeleton Federation. He was a member of the United States Olympic Committee Board of Directors, chair of the USOC’s Review Committee for International Games, and Vice-Chair of the USOC Member Services Committee. He attended the International Olympic Committees Academy in Olympia, Greece, and was the United States Armed Forces representative to the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games and the Nagano Olympic Games in 1998.

He was a former member of the Board of Directors of the Colorado Springs Convention and Visitors Bureau, the National Association of Sports Commissions, the Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Pikes Peak Region, and the Colorado Springs Nonprofit Center. He was past chairman of the Colorado Springs Airport Advisory Commission, the City Asset Naming Board, and was currently serving as Secretary of the Board of Directors of Ent Credit Union. He was a past president of the Winter Night Club, a past president of the Colorado Springs Executives Association, and was a member of numerous professional and volunteer organizations in Colorado

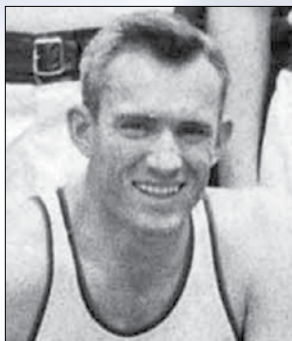
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Springs, such as The Hundred Club, The Thirty Group, The Festival of Lights Parade, the Masonic Lodge, QB's, and the El Paso County Workforce Board of Directors. He was also a volunteer representative of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) for Colorado Springs Airport, and was a designated Federal Aviation Safety Team Member.

Steve had his commercial pilot certificate, was a certified instrument flight instructor, and was recently named to the Colorado Aeronautical Board by the Colorado Governor.

Steve is survived by his wife of forty-eight years, Elaine Ducoff; their son, Mark Ducoff and his wife, Cari Ducoff; their daughter, Lara Young and her husband, Cmdr.

Christopher Young, USN, (Ret.); his two grandchildren, Mollie and Foster Young; and his brother, Dennis Ducoff, his wife, Claire McCorrison, and their son, Gabriel McCorrison.



Gilbert Ford
(Basketball, 1956)

Gilbert "Gib" Ford passed away on January 10, 2017 at age 85.

Gib has been a resident of Naples, FL since 1996 and previously resided in Lynnfield, Ipswich, and Danvers, MA. Born in Texas, he graduated from the University of Texas in 1955 with a BA in Business Administration. After serving in a variety of executive positions since joining Converse as a member of the sales staff in 1961, Gilbert was appointed to be Chairman, President, and CEO in 1986. Gilbert officially retired December 1, 1996 after 35 years with the company.

During his professional career, Gilbert was affiliated with several sporting goods, footwear organizations, and industry boards. He served two terms as Chairman of the Board of the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association (SGMA) in 1982-1985 and 1991-1993. He was also a member of the Board of World Federation of the Sporting Goods Industry, The New England Sports Hall of Fame, and the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. He served a six-year term as a member of the Board of Trustees for Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA.

Prior to his years with Converse, Gilbert had an equally successful career in basketball. A native of Texas, he played for Amarillo High School and in 1950 was a participant in the Texas High School All Star Game. He is enshrined in the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame.

Following high school, Gilbert played basketball for the University of Texas from 1950-1954 and was the Co-Captain of the team his senior year, when the team was Co-Champions of

the Southwest Conference. In 1986, he was inducted into the University of Texas Longhorn Hall of Honor. After graduation, he served in the Air Force and played on the 1956 All Air Force Team and the All Armed Forces Team, which qualified for the 1956 Olympic Trials. He was selected to be a member of the 1956 U.S. Olympic Basketball Team, which won the gold medal at the Olympic Games in Melbourne, Australia.

Gilbert is survived by his wife of 44 years, Jane of Naples, FL; a daughter Sarah and her wife Michele of Fairfield, CT; a son Jason and his wife Carrie of San Francisco, CA; a daughter from a previous marriage, Michelle Peters, her husband Larry, and three grandchildren in Spring, TX.



Denton Paul Johnson
(Para Track & Field, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000)

JDenton attended Rollington Town Primary and Vauxhall Junior Secondary schools. In 1972, as a teenager, he migrated to the Bronx, New York. He later moved to the Village of Port Chester, New York, where he resided for the remainder of his life.

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In 1975, at the age of 16, he graduated from Bulova School of Watchmakers, Woodside, Queens, New York and was their youngest graduate ever. He was a member of the Bulova Wheelchair team from 1973 to 1991, first as a coach and then later as a member of the Track and Field and Basketball teams. He was the holder of many National records in track and field, discus and javelin. In 1973 he joined the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans (EPVA) Basketball team, which later became the Bulova Nets until he retired in 2013 due to his illness. He was Team Captain of the Suffolk Seagulls team and in 2002 and 2003 they were the National Champions. He held many National records and was the recipient of many Awards for Track and Field and Basketball. He served on the 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Organizing Committee Athlete Advisory Committee.

In 1988 Denton became a member of the U.S. Paralympic Team, he competed in Seoul, Korea, where he won gold with a world record throw in shotput and silver in discus and club throw. He won silver and bronze medals at the 1992 Paralympic Games in Barcelona, a silver in discus at the 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta, and also participated in the 2000 Paralympic Games in Sydney, Australia. He was a member of the World Championship Teams in 1990, 1994 and 1998 where he won silver and bronze medals in the discus, shotput and javelin.

Denton traveled all over the world and always got first class treatment. His wife recounts the following examples: At the 1988 Paralympic Games, his employer,

the Longines Company, sent a car to the Olympic Village to take him on a tour and to lunch. He really wanted her to accompany him but because they were in different sports and had different schedules she was unable to go. He was always a stand-out in a crowd. In 1996 when the team visited the White House and it was picture time, all the girls lined up in the front so that they could be seen. When Denton tried to find room among them, they chased him away because he was so tall and they feared that he would block them out. He said okay and went to the back. The next thing they saw was a featured picture in *The New Yorker Magazine* with Denton, displaying his big smile and standing next to President Clinton, Hilary and Chelsea. Boy, did he show them!

Denton held many positions as a Watchmaker, beginning with Cohen in Manhattan, 9 years with Bulova Watch Company, 6 years with Longines Wittenaur Watches and 20 years with Seiko. At the onset of his illness in 2013, he was employed by Tourneau LLC in their Westchester Mall store.

He was a member of Parkside Assembly of God Church for over 35 years. He faithfully served the Lord; he was an usher, assistant treasurer and served on the Church Board. He was loved and admired by all his fellow church members. Everyone could depend on Denton for A-1 service to their watches. Denton is survived by his wife Jennifer of 34 years, step-son, Anthony; grandchildren; mother Coralee Johnson; brothers Raymond, Carl, Donald, Gerald and Eric Johnson;

sisters Monica Brown, Jeanette (Angella) Henry and Elaine Johnson; nephews, nieces, cousins and other relatives.

Rest in peace; your radiant smile and gentle kindness will be etched on our hearts forever.



Daniel McKinnon

(Ice Hockey, 1956)

Daniel McKinnon passed away on August 6, 2017 at age 90.

Dan was raised on his family's farm south of Williams along with eight brothers and sisters. In 1945, Dan enlisted in the United States Navy and was called up in World War II where he served in Guam. On August 1, 1946, Dan was honorably discharged; this was a date he always remembered and commemorated for 71 years.

Soon after his return to northern Minnesota, Dan went to the University of North Dakota where he co-founded the first UND Fighting Sioux hockey team. He played defense on the team that would upset national powerhouse Michigan, 6-5, in 1948 and put UND in the national spotlight. Dan was one of UND's first All-American hockey players

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in 1949-50 and was inducted into the UND Athletic Hall of Fame in 1982.

Dan continued to play semi-pro hockey in San Bernardino, California, and in 1955, played for the U.S. National Team at the World Hockey Championship in West Germany. In 1956, Dan was captain of the United States Olympic hockey team in Cortina, Italy, where they won a silver medal. He continued his hockey career and in 1958, Dan played for the U.S. National Team at the World Hockey Championship in Oslo, Norway. His love of hockey provided him the opportunity to travel the world and develop lifelong friendships. Those experiences translated into stories that would be shared for the next 60+ years always bringing joy and laughter.

In 1954, Dan began working at the Marvin Lumber and Cedar Co. as a sales representative. Dan's professional career carried him across the state of Minnesota and North Dakota where more lifelong friendships were made. Dan's customers became some of his closest friends. He was a consummate professional and vastly loyal to the Marvin family working for 38 years in the lumber, window and door industry.

Dan married the love of his life, Elouise Marchuk, on April 22, 1966, and started their family with sons, Tim and Robert, in Warroad, MN. In 1968, they purchased their riverfront home where loved ones, friends and family have gathered for holidays, special occasions and weekday evenings on the deck ever since.

While a career hockey player, Dan's true passion was baseball and he enjoyed

playing on the Warroad Muskie baseball team. Dan was also an active member (former Commander and Chaplin) of the Warroad American Legion and an active member/leader at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Dan is survived by his wife, Elouise; children, Tim (Lori) of Warroad, MN, and Kellie (Robert) Caddick of Baltimore, MD; four grandchildren, Jessamyn, Kala (Matt), Jordan and Aaron James; two great-grandchildren, Brian and Johanna Joy; and sister, Peggy (Gerald) of Roosevelt, MN. He is also survived by loved ones, Sherri Salo of Port Orchard, WA, Lee (Leva) Marvin, Alisha (Tom) Dostal, Brittany (Bryan) McGregor, Briana (Josh) Brodeen of Warroad, MN, and Nick and Michael Caddick of Baltimore, MD; and best friend, Neil Richards of Warroad, MN.

Dan is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, William, Gordon, Paul, John and Malcolm; sisters, Florence and Mae; and son, Robert.



Lou Riecke

(Weightlifting, 1964)

Louis "Lou" Riecke Jr., passed away on May 31, 2017 at age 91.

Lou attended Gentilly Terrace, Jesuit High School, and graduated from Louisiana State University in 1949. During summers, Lou worked as a lifeguard at Pontchartrain Beach where he and his future wife, Enid Lambert, enjoyed performing acrobatics with friends. Lou served in the Navy Medical Corps from 1943 until 1946. He married his childhood sweetheart Enid on June 4, 1949.

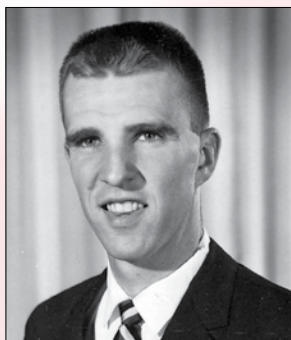
Lou was an accomplished athlete and a beloved member of the sports community. In high school, he ran track but started lifting weights because he felt like he wasn't big enough to play football. Lou never wound up playing football, but instead discovered a lifelong passion that led to tremendous success as a weightlifter. He won an NCAA weightlifting championship in 1947 and later added three national YMCA titles. In 1964, he set a World Record by lifting 147.5 kg (just over 325 pounds) in the snatch as a light heavyweight. Later that year, he won the Olympic trials in New York and was honored to represent the United States

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in the Summer Olympics in Tokyo.

His success in weightlifting allowed him to become only the second strength and conditioning coach in the National Football League when he was hired by the Pittsburgh Steelers. During his tenure in Pittsburgh (1970-1980), the Steelers became renowned for their strength and physical play, won four Super Bowls, and are universally considered as one of the greatest dynasties in NFL history. Among many honors, Lou was inducted in the Greater New Orleans Sports Hall of Fame in 1980. In 2003, he was an inaugural inductee of the USA Strength & Conditioning Coaches Hall of Fame. He continued his athletic career well into his 70s via the Senior Olympics; running, winning, and setting national records in the 100 and 200 meter dashes. In addition to sports and his family, Lou loved history, Westerns, a good joke or limerick, and perhaps most of all, ice cream.

Lou is survived by his loving wife Enid, sister Cleo Velleman (Richard), four daughters; Cynthia Curran (Ron), Ginger Gomes (Gene), Vicki Riecke, and Jaime Lee Maxwell; seven grandchildren, Evan Gomes, Emily Ostlund, Austin Gomes, Vanessa Ray, Alex Maxwell, Brendan Curran, and Julia Fanous; and eight great-grandchildren, Elliott and Charlotte Gomes, Gwendolyn and Juliet Ostlund, Bennett and Parker Gomes, Sebastian and Rowan Fanous.



Robert Rogers

(Rowing, 1960)

Bob rowed in the University of Washington varsity 8 in 1955. That was 20 years after "The Boys In The Boat". In 1956 he rowed in a four in the Olympic Trials but just missed the Olympic team. That four and two Olympic pairs were the origin of the Lake Washington Rowing Club that dominated small boat rowing for many years. In 1960 Bob and Ted Frost represented the USA in the Rome Olympics in the pair without coxswain.

Bob's love of rowing stayed with him the rest of his life. In the 1980s and 90s he was part of winning pairs and fours in National age group regattas throughout the country. He was still training on his ERG rowing machine on the day he died.

In addition to rowing, Bob loved skiing, biking and hiking. He climbed Mt Rainier twice as well as Mt Adams and Mt Hood.

After retiring from a career as an Employee Benefits Consultant, initially for Aetna and then in his own business, he spent his winters with his wife, Jennie, in Palm Springs. In Shoreline, Washington he was active in the Rotary

Club and started playing the tuba in several community bands. He also volunteered at the local Westgate Elementary School assisting with the 5th and 6th grade bands. One of his favorite volunteer activities was as a docent at the Historic Flight Museum near Paine Field in Mukilteo, WA.

Bob is survived by his wife of 31 years Jennie, children: Jeff (Amy) Rogers, Julie (Steve) Secrist, Kim (Harrold) Beba, Ken (Terri) Inglis and Keith (Chelsea) Inglis. His brother, Jim (Nina) Rogers. Grandchildren: Lauren, Adyson and Camryn Rogers, Eric (Taylre), Spencer (Brittany), and Michael Secrist, Kelly Dunlap, Anna (Scott) Born, Patrick (Krissy) Inglis, Jasmine (Isaac) Benton and Courtney Hottowe. and 4 great grandchildren: Riley Joy Secrist, Mason and Charlie-Anna Inglis, and Allissa Dunn.

OLYMPIAN & PARALYMPIAN PHOTO Highlights



1. Irving, Texas – 1996 Olympian Ryan Berube (swimming) attended the Champion Karate Academy’s Olympic Day celebration in Irving, Texas. They hosted a karate training session with around 50 kids taking part.



2. Dallas – The Southwest Chapter of Olympians and Paralympians, hosted an Olympic Day celebration at the Cotton Bowl Stadium in collaboration with Fair Park. There were over 20 Olympians and Paralympians in attendance to engage with around 300 youth in fun activities and games to celebrate Olympic Day.



3. Pacific Palisades, Calif. – LA 2028 and the LA84 Foundation joined forces to host an Olympic Day celebration on the beach of Will Rogers State Park in Pacific Palisades, CA. There were over 35 Olympians and Paralympians in attendance at their event, with 500 young Angelenos in attendance.

4. Lemont, Ill. – Olympian Marek Stepień (fencing, 1992) hosted an Olympic Day event at the Junior Titans Fencing Club. The event had nearly 200 youth getting moving while learning about the sport of fencing.



5. The Colorado Olympians & Paralympians Chapter enjoy a beautiful day of camaraderie with family and friends at Coors Field, on Saturday, September 16, 2017.

6. The annual Induction Ceremony of the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame (OSHO) presentations were made at the historic Multnomah Athletic Club on Tuesday, September 19, 2017. This year's inductees included Olympians Ashton Eaton, Brianne Theisen-Eaton and OSHO first ever Paralympic inductee Aaron Paulson, not in photo.

LtoR: Bill Toomey, Anne Lee, Jack Elder, Harry Marra (Brianne & Ashton's coach), Clem Eischen and Brianne Theisen-Eaton.



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