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**We Honor the 75th Anniversary
of the 1936 Olympic Games**



A Letter From Willie Banks

U.S. Olympians President

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It gives me great pride and pleasure to continue to promote the Olympic Ideals. As Olympians we are the "keepers of the flame" and guardians of Olympic Values. As I stated in other newsletters, if we allow the flame to burn out or the values to be tarnished we risk having our reputations damaged. Perhaps, with this newsletter, I can encourage you to reconnect, or if you are already connected, enhance your connection to the Olympic Movement. I want to personally congratulate the members of the 1936 Olympic Teams on their 75th Anniversary.

There is much going on that may interest you. For example, the WorldFit program continues to grow and is in need of Olympians and Paralympians to speak at the middle schools. This year we were able to cover 50 schools, but next year we want the program to grow to 200 schools. Your job would entail visiting a middle school and talking about your Olympic experience and the Olympic ideals and encouraging the kids to participate in the 6 week walk program. I've done this for the past 2 years and the rewards have been amazing.

June 23rd was Olympic Day and I want to thank everyone who participated in more than 375 events, representing every state in the U.S., as well as 10 overseas locations - making this the most successful Olympic Day effort ever in the United States. Please read more about Olympic Day in this issue.

Another way to connect is by joining a local chapter. At the local level you will have the opportunity to meet other Olympians and Paralympians in your community. You will also be able to participate in the programs hosted by your local chapter. If you live in an area that doesn't have a chapter, perhaps you might start one. John Naber has been tasked with organizing new chapters and we've seen activity in Wyoming, Kansas and Minnesota over the last few years. If there isn't a chapter in your area please contact John and he can help you get started.

A program that continues to be a real gem by and for Olympians is the Olympians for Olympians Relief Fund (OORF). This program has helped scores of our brothers and sisters in time of need. We can use your help to identify Olympians in need, or you can volunteer to be on the board to decide who receives a grant. This is an extremely rewarding experience. You can read more about the program at www.oorf.org.

In St. Louis, the Missouri-Illinois Chapter, led by Jake Carezza (soccer, 1972), the chapter president, is hosting a golf tournament that supports the Olympians for Olympians Relief Fund. Jake has been working hard to make this a fantastic event. He is in need of Olympians to help fill out the golf foursomes. If you have time on September 18th and 19th, please contact Jake so that he can enlist you as a participant. The Glen Echo Country Club hosted the 1904 Olympic golf competition, and will be the site of this year's event. I hope you can help fellow Olympians raise money for a good cause. I'll be there!

As president of the U.S. Olympians and Paralympians I have the responsibility to appoint Olympians to important committees and task forces. I am always looking for Olympians who like to participate and have the time to travel to the meetings or at least be on the phone for conference calls. If you have the time and inclination I'd appreciate you sending me an email to let me know you are interested at willie.banks@olympian.org. Or, you can let Cindy Stinger know at the USOC.

If nothing else, I hope you will join the Olympic network online. Please join the "United States Olympians and Paralympians" group on Facebook. Or, if you are interested in expanding your contacts for business you might join the Olympians on Linked In.

As you can tell, there are many ways to get involved. In these tough economic times it is more difficult to find volunteers. I hope that you will perceive the value of getting involved with us as a part of your responsibility to protect the Olympic Movement. If we don't do it, who will?

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We Honor the 75th Anniversary of the 1936 Olympic Games A 75-Year Reflection



The torch, which has been carried 1,800 miles by 3,000 runners through several countries, is lit during the opening ceremonies of the XI Olympic Games on August 1, 1936 in Berlin, Germany. (Photo by Getty Images)

By: *Elliott Denman (athletics, 1956)*

Adolph Kiefer continues to swim over 2,000 yards every morning, follows a fitness regime that would tax the energy of a man half his age, and goes to work daily, to the Zion, Illinois offices of Kiefer & Associates, the swimming equipment company he founded in 1947.

The company's slogan: "We supply everything but the water."

This is pretty darn good, obviously, for a man who'll mark his 93rd birthday on June 27th.

And his memories of the Games of the XI Olympiad in Berlin in 1936 remain pretty darn good, too.

Forty-nine days after his 18th birthday, Chicagoan Kiefer swam off with the gold medal in the 100-meter backstroke. It was August 14, 1936 and he touched home in the Olympic record time of 1:05.9, completely demolishing the previous Olympic best of 1:08.6 set by Masaji Kiyokawa of Japan at Los Angeles in 1932.

Actually, teen sensation Kiefer rewrote the Olympic book in the 100 backstroke three times, winning his first-round heat in 1:06.9, taking his semifinal in 1:06.8, then cutting it all the way down to 1:05.9 in the final. He was the first man to break one minute in

the backstroke at 100 yards, and would lose only two races in 2,000 starts over the years in his historic Hall of Fame career.

USA teammate Albert Vandeweghe provided Kiefer's closest competition in Berlin, taking the silver medal in 1:07.7 with Olympic defender Kiyokawa of Japan earning the bronze in 1:08.4.

Japan was the dominating men's swimming power of the day - taking three of the six available gold medals, including the lone relay on the program, the 4x200 freestyle with a team that lowered the world record to 8:51.5, leaving runnerup USA open water back in 9:03.0.

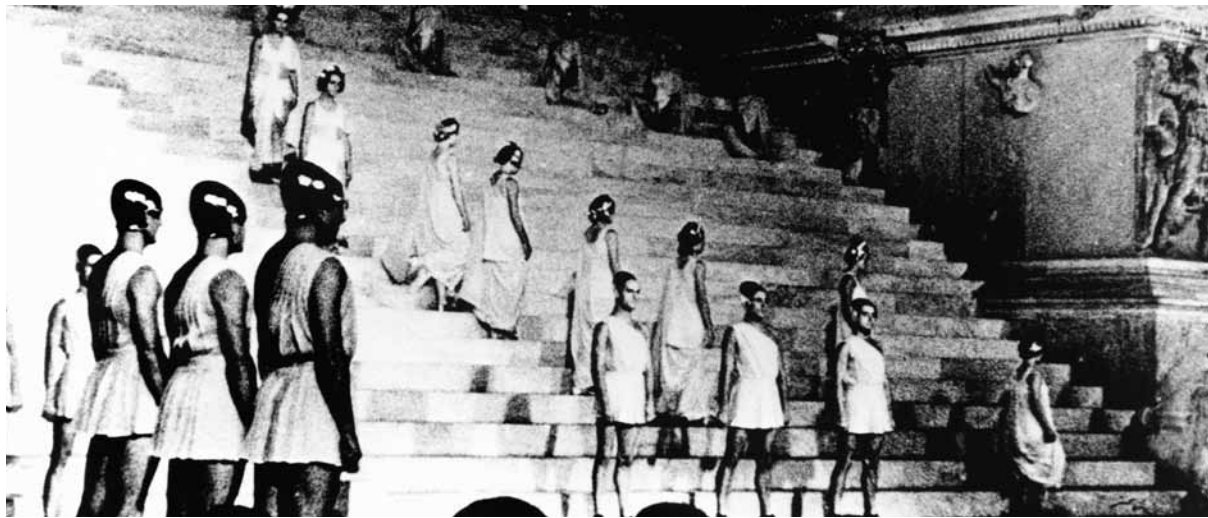
Jack Medica, the legendary nine-time NCAA champion and "one man swimming team" at the University of Washington, was the '36 400 freestyle champion in 4:44.5, the only other U.S. men's swim champion.

To Americans, those 1936 Games, of course, were memorable for far more than the golden performances of such American greats as Jesse Owens, Helen Stephens, Archie Williams, John Woodruff, Spec Towns, Glenn Hardin, Ken Carpenter, Marshall Wayne, Marjorie Gestring, Dorothy Poynton Hill, Frank Lewis,

Cover image: BERLIN - 1936 : Jesse Owens of the USA in action in the mens 200m at the 1936 Summer Olympic Games held in Berlin, Germany. Owens won a total of four gold medals in the Olympics, winning the mens 100m final, 200m final and the long jump competition as well as being part of the victorious USA 4x100m relay team. (Photo by Getty Images/Getty Images)



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1936: Participants line up in formation during the Olympic Festival at the Pergamon Museum on 1936 in Berlin, Germany (Photo by Getty Images)

Cornelius Johnson, Earle Meadows, Richard Degner, spectacular 4x100 track relay, eight-oared rowing and basketball teams - and Adolph Kiefer and Jack Medica.

Instead, the Games of the XI Olympiad - as well as the 4th Winter Olympic Games staged five months earlier in the German Alpine resort of Garmisch-Partenkirchen - provided prologue to the emergence of the Nazi regime that, in just over three more years, would engulf Europe, and then the world, in the horrors of global conflagration.

With the 75th anniversary of those 1936 Games at hand, it was time for Kiefer to look back.

"I had been to Germany in 1935 (to swim a series of meets) so I knew what was really happening in that country," he reflected in a recent interview. "I saw the extreme militarism everywhere. I saw all the swastikas. I saw the upheaval.

"My mother had told me all about Adolf Hitler and what he represented. But maybe I was too young to realize what was really happening.

"When I got back to Berlin in 1936, the city was very different. Everything seemed great and beautiful. I saw people singing and dancing. Much of it (the outward displays of militarism and anti-Semitic persecution) was hidden. Unfortunately, it was only for that brief period.

"When the Games were over, it got terrible all over again."

With Nazism advancing and Hitlerian militarism taking over, there had been many demands that the USA keep its Olympic team away from Berlin. But the powerful voice of American Olympic

Committee president Avery Brundage kept that from happening.

And so it was written glowingly, in the official American Olympic Committee Report, that "the Games of the XIth Olympiad at Berlin, Germany, was the greatest and most glorious athletic festival ever conducted - the most spectacular and colossal of all time.

"More than 300,000 visitors from abroad and teeming multitudes of provincial Germans availed themselves of the opportunity of witnessing this outstanding event in the world of sport. The estimated attendance for the entire period of the Games was 3,500,000. Great credit is due to Germany's brilliant feat of organizing.

"More than 5,300 athletes comprised of 4,100 men and 1,200 women from 51 nations vied with each other for 16 days in friendly international competition in 24 sports."

The athletes surely got along - witness the famous Luz Long-Jesse Owens episode in the long jump, when the German athlete advised his American rival to adjust his stride pattern on the runway approach, to avoid fouling out of the competition.

It was the Nazi backdrop to it all that gave so many the shivers.

In 2008, Sports Illustrated's Frank Deford wrote that "Yes, Hitler came by the pool and shook his (Kiefer's) hand, which, of course, he would not do for Kiefer's good friend, Jesse Owens. Kiefer later said 'if I knew then what I know now, I woulda pushed him into the pool.'"

Three quarters of a century past the '36 Games, just a small coterie of American team veterans of Germany's first Olympics remain.

Thanks to the newfound celebrity he's found as the subject of Laura Hillenbrand's epic "Unbroken," subtitled "A World War II story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption," - destined to be a major Hollywood production - Californian Lou "Louie" Zamperini is back in the spotlight all these years later.

At 19, a son of Italian immigrant parents just out of Torrance High School, he'd stunned many first by making the three-man USA squad for the 5,000 meters, and then by placing eighth in the final, as top American finisher, thanks to a devastating kick, in his personal best time of 14:46.8.

As Hillenbrand wrote it, "after cleaning himself up, Louie climbed into the stands. Nearby, Adolf Hitler sat in his box, among his entourage. Someone pointed out a cadaverous man near Hitler and told Louie that it was Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's minister of propaganda. Louie had never heard of him.

"Pulling out his camera, he carried it to Goebbels and asked him if he'd snap a picture of the fuhrer. Goebbels asked his name and event, then took the camera, snapped a photo, spoke with Hitler, and returned.

"Louie was led into the fuhrer's section. Hitler bent from his box, smiled, and offered his hand. Louie, standing below, had to reach far up. Their fingers barely touched. Hitler said something in German. An interpreter translated: 'Ah, you're the boy with the fast finish.' "



BERLIN - AUGUST 1: The three medallist on the Women's high board diving event (L-R) bronze winner Kathe Kohler of Germany, silver winner Velma Clancy Dunn of the USA and gold winner Dorothy Poynton-Hill of the USA, during the XI Olympic Games on August of 1936 in Berlin, Germany. (Photo by Getty Images)

In the celebrated story flashed around the world by the small delegation of U.S. writers assigned to the Games - America's brilliant African-American track and field champions - Owens, Williams. Woodruff and Johnson - derided by Hitler's propaganda machine as "America's black auxiliaries" - were never afforded that kind of meeting.

But Marty Glickman and Sam Stoller, members of the USA 4x100 relay squad, who happened to be Jewish, never even got to step on the Olympic Stadium track.

It was a hurt that Glickman - who went on to a brilliant career as a pioneering great in the field of sports broadcasting - carried with him to the rest of his days.

Glickman, who died in 2001 at 83, had forever alleged that it was an anti-Semitic Brundage, in connivance with USA head coach Dean Cromwell, who had kept him out of the relay team lineup, likely in deference to Hitler.

Others, though, denied Glickman's version of the events. James Simms, the U.S. team manager from Manasquan, N.J. had always insisted that "Coach Cromwell was just picking his four fastest runners."

Brundage himself wrote "An erroneous report was circulated that two athletes had been dropped from the American relay team because of their religion. The report was absurd. The two athletes in question were taken only as substitutes."

Glickman was destined to tell a far different side to this story over the ensuing years.

The USA team of Owens-Ralph Metcalfe-Foy Draper-Frank Wykoff would win that 4x100 final in the world record time of 39.8.

Archie Williams, like Glickman and Stoller, had his own spin on another Berlin relay decision. For some reason, African-Americans Williams and Jimmy LuValle, who had placed first and third in the individual Olympic 400 meters, were not selected to run the 4x400 relay final for USA. And this time, it was costly; an all-Caucasian American team would be decisively beaten by Great Britain in the final, 3:09.0 to 3:11.0.

"There was no doubt in my mind why I didn't get the chance to run that relay final," Williams told an interviewer many years later. "It was nothing but racism."

On September 1, 1939, Hitler's Army invaded Poland and World War II was underway. The 1940 summer Games were originally awarded to Tokyo, but with Japan marauding through China, were quickly transferred to Helsinki. When the Soviet Union Army invaded Finland, any hope of staging the 1940 Games was gone. The Olympic Games would not resume until the London Games of 1948. Helsinki would eventually host the Olympics in 1952, Tokyo in 1964.

An array of books and films focused on Germany's winter and summer Games of 1936 have been produced over the years. And many more examinations of those events are likely to appear. To Adolph Kiefer, Lou Zamperini and just a few other surviving American Olympic veterans, though, they are still-fresh memories.



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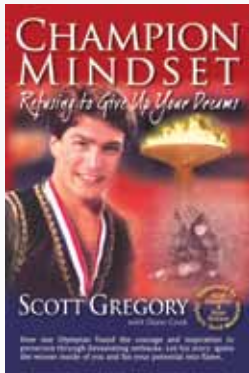
BOOK REVIEW

CHAMPION MINDSET

Author: Scott Gregory



In today's fast paced world, with too many distractions many of us lose sight of our goals and dreams. Tweeting, Facebooking, Linking and Skyping chip away at the fabric of our days either in our offices or as we blackberry between one place or another. Virtual roses replace nature and electronic athletes keep us pinned to our seats. Before we know it, we're living through the virtual world instead of in the reality of this one. We need to empower our dreams, discipline our bodies, and focus on real-world goals. We need to return to the basics, to find the champion mindset that lives in all of us. Scott Gregory reveals his journey to us of his Champion Mindset through the powerful vehicle we call story. This story is his story. This fast-paced autobiography shows how he not only found his course, but what mindset he had to develop to overcome each obstacle to achieve his dreams. (Won two National Championships and competed in two Olympics) Even when others told him he had to quit, Scott's focus and his determination made him press on to finish his race.



Visit Scott's website at www.scottgregoryolympian.com to get his book and ignite the Champion Mindset in you or someone you know.

Follow his inspirational blogs at www.scottgregoryolympian.com/blog.

A GOLD-MEDAL SALUTE TO THE 1980 U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM

Five San Diego-area seventh-grade students, telling the story of the 1980 U.S. Summer Olympic team, have won a national history contest — keeping the story alive of the team that never got to compete at the Games because of boycott.

"We are so excited," their teacher, 28-year-old Hillary Gaddis, said, after the young people from the Day-McKellar Preparatory School in La Mesa, Calif. had won it all in the "Kenneth E. Behring National History Day" contest at the University of Maryland, adding, "We did it. We got the gold medal — it was incredible."

Craig Beardsley, a swimmer on the 1980 team, was among those in the audience, she said. He had planned to stay for the preliminary round of the competition but was so taken he stayed for the finals, she said.

The contest wrapped up a year-long project that saw the Day-McKellar students' advance through local and regional rounds. Along the way, they did 32 primary-source interviews and scored a controversial letter from President Jimmy Carter.

"When we started this, we didn't know where it could go," Gaddis, 28, said. "Going into it, it was just this project. Look at what this has turned into."

Indeed. Here, in their own words, is what it was like and what it means:

Thomas Day, 12 years old: "It was unbelievable. First they called out third place. We weren't announced. They called out second place. We weren't announced. It was in the [Maryland] basketball arena. They called out the name of our production. They called out our names. I yelled, yeah! The girls screamed."

Nick Young, 13: "One of the highlights was preparing and getting all the way to nationals and competing, all the things we did on the way there. I think I'm going to take away from this experience a wider spectrum of seeing things."

Mikela Chatfield, 12: "It was our first time ever performing for that big an audience — I was just excited to be representing our school. It was definitely worth it. It has just been amazing — everyone who has helped us."

Maxwell Major, 13: "I thought they were going from first place down. I thought I heard 'first' when they were doing 'third' and I was almost devastated. When I heard our names I was so excited but even though I had seen this coming I shot out of my seat and was cheering like crazy and was running straight for the podium."

Alfreda Shelton, 11: "I think I will remember how much work we put into this project and how close I got to my team members — winning and becoming the best in the nation. And I think people should remember that the athletes gave up their dreams."



The history-making team: Maxwell Major, Alfreda Shelton, Thomas Day, Mikela Chatfield, Nick Young



OLYMPIC DAY 2011

OLYMPIC DAY 2011 – BETTER THAN EVER!



1988 Olympian soccer player, Jeff Duback, leads participants in an Olympic Day run in Hingham, MA.

Olympic Day is observed annually on June 23 around the world to commemorate the birth of the modern Olympic Movement. This year it was celebrated in over 310 cities across the U.S. from June 17-26, 2011. More than 375 events took place, representing every state in the U.S., as well as 10 overseas locations - making this the most successful Olympic Day effort ever in the United States.

Olympic Day is more than a celebration; it's an international effort to promote fitness and well-being in addition to the Olympic Ideals of fair play, perseverance, respect and sportsmanship. Sponsored internationally by McDonald's,

thousands of people of all ages in more than 160 countries participated in Olympic Day events in 2011.

The USOC's mission is to support U.S. Olympic and Paralympic athletes in achieving sustained competitive excellence and preserve the Olympic ideals, and thereby inspire all Americans. As part of Olympic Day 2011, more than 225 Olympians, Paralympians and Hopefuls joined community-based organizations across the U.S. to promote Olympism in their communities. There was participation from over 250 Multi-Sport Organizations (MSO), up approximately 20% from 2010, including 115 events hosted by the National Recreations and Parks Association, 46 events hosted by the United States Air Force, 44 events hosted by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and 21 events hosted by the YMCA. In addition to the MSO's, we had events hosted by National Governing Bodies, Community Olympic Development Programs, Paralympic Sport Clubs and Training Sites.

Olympic Day events varied in scope, from summer camp field days to Olympic-themed presentations and community races. There were small events with 30 participants and large events with 10,000 participants, giving us approximately 100,000 total participants across the United States.

The USOC gives a special thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of Olympic Day 2011. The inspiration of Americans young and old could not happen without the help from all of the participating organizations and athletes. If you participated in a 2011 Olympic Day event and have photos, please send them to OlympicDay@usoc.org. Stay tuned for details regarding the 2012 Olympic Day initiative!



1964 Olympian diver, Lou Vitucci, signs autographs at an Olympic Day event in Clayton, MO.

US Olympic Team



ARE YOU A FAN?

By Amy Rosewater

When Henry Cejudo won a gold medal at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, he became the youngest American wrestler (at 21) to achieve that feat.

He always was proud of being an American, but standing on top of the podium and hearing the National Anthem, made him even more patriotic.

Now, with about one year to go before the Games begin again, this time in London, Cejudo is back in the gym training and hopes to make a repeat trip to the Olympic Games.

It is his hope that Americans will embrace the spirit of the Olympic Movement as well.

Cejudo is one of many Olympians and Paralympians who are reaching out to fans during these summer patriotic holidays through the U.S. Olympic Committee's Join Team USA campaign. Donating to Team USA is once again the heart of the campaign, but this year, the USOC is also focused on connecting with its fan base on Facebook.

"There are so many ways Olympians and Paralympians to get involved and Join Team USA this summer, especially with the enhanced Facebook efforts of the U.S. Olympic Team and U.S. Paralympics," Cejudo said. "Fans will be able to chat with Olympians, Paralympians and hopefuls, and influence fans to support Team USA by donating directly on Facebook.

"Since the moment I won my gold medal in Beijing, I have viewed the victory as one for the United States and I am so grateful to the thousands of Team USA supporters who helped me live my dream and represent this country to the best of my ability. Facebook is an easy way to connect with those fans and inspire them to follow their dreams."

More than 600 million people worldwide, including more than half of Americans, use Facebook. What makes this social networking tool such a perfect match for the USOC is that it provides two-way communication between athletes and fans. With the new functionality on Facebook, the USOC can accept donations, offer Team USA merchandise, collect photos and videos from fans and athletes alike.

More than 80 percent of the funding from the USOC's operating budget goes directly to athlete support programs.

"Like many non-profit organizations, fundraising is a critical element of our success," USOC chief executive Scott Blackmun said. "The awareness and funds raised during this campaign directly will impact Olympic and Paralympic athletes and hopefuls in the United States."

In addition, the USOC has added Team USA grants to spread the Olympic Values of friendship, respect and excellence. Six grants of \$12,000 apiece will be awarded and the winners will be selected through a voting process on Facebook. Many athletes will be eligible, so look for specific details about that program at TeamUSA.org/TeamUSA grants.





Olympians and Paralympians are invited to help spread the spirit of this campaign on Facebook by sharing stories that exemplify Olympic Values and show support for other athletes by posting stories, photos and videos. Getting started is as simple as going to [Facebook.com/USOlympicTeam](https://www.facebook.com/USOlympicTeam) and [Facebook.com/U.S. Paralympics](https://www.facebook.com/U.S.Paralympics).

Facebook is a terrific way for Olympians, Paralympians and hopefuls to promote their connection with the Games and to engage fans in their personal activities. And athletes are encouraged to invite family and friends to “like” the Facebook page and get involved as well.

There are only a few ground rules, however: Please keep the tone positive and remember there are many young visitors to Facebook. Athletes are also asked not to promote any products, services or organizations that are not officially connected with the Olympic Movement.

Athletes, many of whom use Facebook regularly, are eager to share their feelings about the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

When told about the Facebook campaign, Olympic figure skater Rachael Flatt said she was more than happy to spread her thoughts on the Olympic spirit.

“When someone mentions the Olympic spirit, I always feel very sentimental,” said Flatt, who competed in the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games. “I feel that the Olympic spirit is something that can be very contagious because everyone wants to feel that sort of power from an accomplishment, pride in their country and fellow teammates, and passion for something they love to do. Just by talking about it, people can pass the spirit along.”

Some athletes will spread that spirit through live video chats with fans on the U.S. Olympic Team Facebook fan page.

Olympic gold medalist Steve Holcomb was the first guest.

“Oh yeah, I’m all over Facebook,” said Holcomb, who along with his “Night Train” teammates made history in Vancouver with their gold-medal victory. “I think it’s a great way to keep up with fans.”

U.S. water polo player Tony Azevedo and Olympic champion and world champion decathlete Bryan Clay are other athletes who have participated in these chats. Athletes who are interested in participating should contact Kyle Davidson at Kyle.Davidson@usoc.org to arrange a date.

DID YOU KNOW?

In addition, please be sure to check out the United States Olympians and Paralympians facebook page. Let’s see how many new Olympian & Paralympian members we can bring along!! Cindy Stinger is one of several administrators to the site; she vows to approve the new members as soon as possible. We currently have 3,200 USOA members with email accounts and at this point in time we have 251 members on the page. We should be committed to get them all signed up so we can use this site to announce, promote, involve, commit, communicate, embrace, honor and share....all those things and more....touches, Touches, TOUCHES....COME ON!



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IN HONOR

Water Polo Class of 2011 Hall of Fame Announced

Robin Beauregard (water polo, 2000, '04)

USA Water Polo Hall of Fame has announced the class of 2011 set to be inducted at a benefit dinner September 17 in Los Angeles, California. The class includes two-time Olympic medalist Robin Beauregard, Masters Water Polo pioneer Michael Garibaldi, women's water polo advocate Jennie Jacobsen-Huse, two-time Olympian Kyle Kopp, and three-time Olympian Wolf Wigo.

A starter and vital member of the first two teams to compete in the Games for women's water polo, **Robin Beauregard** entered the National Team program in the late 1990s and helped lay the foundation for what has been over a decade of sustained excellence. Twice a winner of Olympic medals, silver in 2000 and bronze in 2004, Beauregard balanced international acclaim with dominance on the collegiate level lifting UCLA to three National Championships including the 2003 NCAA Championship where she was named Most Outstanding Player. Beauregard was twice nominated for the Peter J. Cutino

Award honoring the top player in the collegiate game. She has been a participant in USA Water Polo at all levels between her competitive and coaching career, and has won championships at each level. The determination she showed in the pool also paid off in the classroom, as she pursued her Doctorate in Physical Therapy and now helps athletes young and old resume their sporting activities as a Physical Therapist with ProSport Physical Therapy in Rancho Santa Margarita, California.

Kyle Kopp (water polo, 1996, '00)

It turns out water polo may have always been **Kyle Kopp's** destiny, and for that the sport has truly benefited. When injuries derailed a promising basketball career at UC-Riverside, all 6 feet 8 inches of Kyle Kopp transferred to Long Beach State where he turned in a dynamite career. In the water polo pool Kopp was a three-time All-American and was also named to the NCAA Championship All-Tournament team in 1988 and 1989. In 1988 and 1990 Kopp was named the Big West's Most Valuable Player while at the same time jumpstarting a run on the USA Men's Senior National Team that would last over a decade. A member of four World Championship teams, Kopp represented the United States at



ROBIN BEAUREGARD



KYLE KOPP

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the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games. A member of the 1997 FINA Cup gold medal-winning squad, he retired in the early 2000s after a five year run of professional water polo in Greece. From there Kopp segued into coaching in 2001 helping the USA Women's Senior National Team to gold at the 2003 & 2007 World Championships, bronze at the 2004 Olympic Games and silver at the 2008 Olympic Games. Currently Kopp serves as Head Coach of the USA Women's Youth National Team and of the Golden West College Women's Swimming & Water Polo squads.

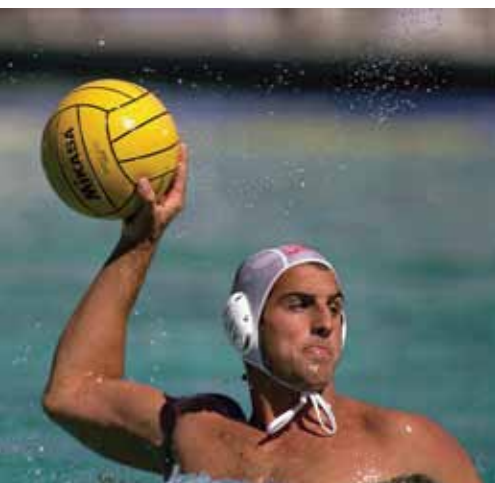
Wolf Wigo (water polo 1996, '00, '04)

A prodigy of the New York City water polo scene **Wolf Wigo's** accomplishments could fill a small village. Never the biggest player in the pool he emerged on the national scene at the age of 13 playing with the senior team of the New York Athletic Club. A standout in swimming and water polo for Bronx Science High School, Wigo's 17 and under club team is still the only non-California team to ever win a Junior Olympics. At Stanford University he rolled up two NCAA Championships, including his senior season that saw a 27-1 record, MPSF Player of the Year and NCAA Player of the Year honors. In addition Wigo is only one of nine athletes in Stanford history to be named All-American four straight years. As his college career wound to a close his Senior National Team experience began to take off. The top scorer at the 1993 and 1995 World University Games, Wigo earned a spot on the 1996 Olympic squad in Atlanta becoming the first player hailing from east of the Rockies to make the team since 1956. This was the first of

three straight Olympic Games he would play in including the 2000 Sydney Olympics and 2004 Athens Olympics. A member of the 1997 FINA Cup gold medal-winning squad, Wigo served as team captain from 2001-2004, was named USA Water Polo Male Athlete of the Year on three occasions, and in 2000 was named to the All-World First Team by NBC Sports following the Olympic Games. A member of the New York Athletic Club Hall of Fame, Wigo starred in Greece for three seasons. Since retiring internationally Wigo has given back to the water polo community helping to form SET Water Polo of Orange County, co-founding Kap7 International and currently heading the UC-Santa Barbara men's and women's teams while also assisting with Santa Barbara Club water polo. Still an active participant with the New York Athletic Club winning numerous national championships, Wigo also serves as a color commentator for NBC Olympics, most recently at the 2008 Olympic Games.

Olympic Aerial Skier Tracy Evans (freestyle skiing, 1994, '98, '02) Honored As Female Athlete Philanthropist of the Year by United Athletes Foundation (UAF)

The United Athletes Foundation (UAF), a leading non-profit organization of professional athletes and their foundations, is pleased to recognize 3-time Olympian **Tracy Evans** as Female Athlete Philanthropist of the Year. Evans is in excellent company as retired NFL Legend Jerry Rice was recognized as the Male Athlete Philanthropist of the Year. Both were honored at a Black Tie Gala dinner at the Grand Hyatt in New York City, NY.



WOLF WIGO



TRACY EVANS & JERRY RICE



LINDSEY VONN



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The Female Athlete Philanthropist Award recognizes a female athlete who has not only had a successful career, but has also taken the initiative to fully develop her celebrity brand and business ventures ensuring security in life after sports. It is incredibly important that this athlete has managed to better society in creative and highly effective ways.

Born in Hornell, NY, (now living in Park City, UT) Tracy Evans, perfectly displays what we at United Athletes Foundation find to be some of the most important qualities of a successful athlete and compassionate human being. While her athletic accomplishments alone are astonishing, her passion and dedication through her non-profit organization, Kids Play International (KPI), to help increase the quality of life for children in Rwanda and Malawi, Africa is making a difference in communities that need it most.

KPI uses sports to educate and empower Africa's youth and in doing so has established a Girls, Dream Big! Scholarship fund that ensure girls are also given equal opportunity in achieving a comprehensive education and is developing a sustainable Boys and Girls Stay and Play after-school program using sports as the vehicle to teach life skills and the importance of physical fitness and healthy living. KPI also organizes

LINDY REMIGINO OF THE U.S., THE 1952 OLYMPIC CHAMPION IN THE 100 METERS, WITH USAIN BOLT OF JAMAICA, THE 2008 OLYMPIC CHAMPION IN THE 100 METERS. IN FRONT OF THE TWO CHAMPIONS ARE REMIGINO'S GRANDSONS, MATTHEW AND TYLER REMIGINO (LEFT TO RIGHT), OF WEST HARTFORD, CT. (PHOTO TAKEN SEPTEMBER 28, 2009, HARTFORD, CT)

AT 6'5", USAIN BOLT DWARFS THE SHORTER LINDY REMIGINO AND HIS GRANDSONS, MATTHEW AND TYLER REMIGINO, IN THIS PHOTO TAKEN DURING BOLT'S VISIT TO THE CRICKET HALL OF FAME IN HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2009. BOTH GRANDSONS, NOW AGES 10 AND 8, PARTICIPATE IN CROSS-COUNTRY AND TRACK AND FIELD PROGRAMS LOCALLY AND THROUGH JUNIOR OLYMPIC SERIES ORGANIZED BY USA TRACK & FIELD AND THE AAU. MOST RECENTLY, MATTHEW FINISHED SECOND IN THE BANTAM BOYS AGE GROUP AT THE USATF NATIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD ON DECEMBER 11, 2010 IN HOOVER, AL.

short-term volunteer service trips for people of all ages interested in traveling with a purpose to Malawi and Rwanda.

"I took a volunteer trip to Malawi in 2008 and was so inspired by how eager the kids were to learn, given the resources and opportunity to play new sports that upon my return I decided I wanted to provide an engaging after-school program that would use sports to help give kids the tools to become motivated and successful adults. These types of programs are virtually non-existent," explains Tracy. "In my own life, sports gave me confidence, motivation and the physical ability to know that if I worked hard I could achieve my goals and turn my dreams in to reality. My hope is that Kids Play International will bring these valuable lessons to children who need them most, so that someday they can make their dreams a reality too."

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Lindy Remigino (athletics, 1952)

World Rankings: Lindy Remigino was ranked number one (#1) in both the world and in the USA at 100 meters in 1952. He ran 10.4 seconds three



times during the wet, drizzly 1952 Olympic Games. He was undefeated in all his post-Olympic competitions at that distance. He ran 10.2 in winning the 100 meters at the 1952 Bislett Games in Oslo, Norway, but a wind of +2.6 mps denied him the world-equaling mark.

Ordeal by the Microphone: After the 100 meters final in 1952 Games, Lindy was whisked off to the press room for interviews with legend Red Smith of the NY Herald Tribune, a Pulitzer Prize and Spinks Award recipient, and Great Britain's Harold Abrahams of the London Times, the 1924 Olympic 100 meter champion (of Chariots of Fire fame). Red Smith later wrote "The World's Fastest Human" and "Ordeal by the Microphone" in his View of Sports column in which he told the story of the post-victory interview. He described how Harold Abrahams greeted Lindy first but was interrupted by Smith who said, "Just a minute Harold, Lindy is a New Yorker. I have first dibs."

Education: Lindy attained his undergraduate degree from Manhattan College (BS 1953), and he also has a Master's in Education from the University of Hartford (1965) and a Sixth Year Certificate in Administration of Secondary Schools from the University of Hartford (1972).

Lindsey Vonn unveiled as first ever Winter Youth Olympic Games Ambassador

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is pleased to announce that American Alpine skier and Olympic champion Lindsey Vonn

has agreed to take a leading role in mentoring athletes at the 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games in Innsbruck, Austria, by becoming the first ever Winter Youth Olympic Games Ambassador.

Vonn's appointment follows the success of Summer Youth Olympic Games Ambassadors Usain Bolt, Yelena Isinbayeva and Michael Phelps, who supported last year's inaugural Youth Olympic Games in Singapore.

Vonn will encourage young people around the globe to become more active in sport in her role as Ambassador for the Innsbruck Youth Olympic Games, which will take place from 13 to 22 January 2012. The 2010 Olympic downhill gold medallist will also look to connect with and support the young athletes competing in Innsbruck.

"I have been skiing since I was two years old," the now 26-year-old Vonn said. "So I know the importance of strong role models. When I first met my hero, Picabo Street, it was a huge thrill and an unforgettable moment for me. She inspired me to become what I am today. If I can have even half that effect on some of the young athletes I come into contact with, it will be worth it. I'm really looking forward to it."

IOC President Jacques Rogge said: "It is a terrific thing to have such an iconic and successful winter athlete — not to mention a three-time Olympian — on board to mentor the athletes at the 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games and encourage kids around the world to take up sport. Lindsey is not only a great champion. She has a great personality, a warm heart and she knows what it means to



MAUREEN BRUNT & JASON CLARK HER HUSBAND



DEENA DROSSIN KASTOR HOLDS HER 3-1/2 MONTH OLD DAUGHTER, PIPER BLOOM KASTOR, AT A NEW YORK CITY PRESS CONFERENCE ON JUNE 9, 2011



ERIEK HULSEMAN AND NEW BABY GIRL, ARELLA JOY HULSEMAN

give the best of yourself in whatever you do. She is sure to have a positive and lasting impact on the young people she interacts with.”

Innsbruck 2012 will attract over 1,000 top athletes between the ages of 15 and 18 from roughly 70 countries. The athletes will compete in the same seven sports on the program for the Olympic Winter Games in Sochi in 2014, but a number of the 63 events will feature for the first time at an Olympic event. They include: biathlon mixed relay, luge team relay, ski halfpipe, snowboard slopestyle, figure skating mixed team event, ice hockey skills challenge and women’s ski jumping.

In addition to mixed gender events, there will also be mixed National Olympic Committee competitions.

In addition to competing in their sports events, the athletes will participate in a Culture and Education Program (CEP) featuring fun and engaging activities designed to provide guidance on a wide range of topics, including Olympic values, the benefits of leading a healthy lifestyle, and the prevention of sports injuries, among others.

MILESTONES

Maureen Brunt (curling, 2006)

Maureen Brunt, a member of the 2006 Olympic curling team, married Jason Clark on August 14, 2010.

Jennie Finch Daigle (softball, 2004, ‘08)

Jennie and her husband Casey Daigle announced the birth of Diesel Dean Daigle on June 19, 2011. Diesel weighed in at 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 22 ¼ inches long.

Deena Drossin Kastor (athletics, 2000, ‘04, ‘08)

Deena Kastor gave birth to a baby daughter, Piper Bloom Kastor, on Monday, February 21, 2011. Andrew Kastor, the proud father and husband of Deena, reported that “both mom and baby are doing great!”

Laura Wilkinson (diving, 2000, ‘04, ‘08)

Laura and her husband, Eriek Hulseman have a new baby girl, Arella Joy Hulseman born at 9:11 a.m. on May 11, 2011. Arella weighed in at 6 lbs. 10 oz.

Congratulations to all the proud parents.

IN MEMORIAM

Floyd Curtis Bedbury (speedskating, 1960, ‘64)

Floyd, beloved husband, uncle, friend, speedskating Olympian, of Falcon Heights, died from cancer on March 25, 2011, at the age of 73. Preceded in death by parents, Harry and Grace Bedbury; brothers, Alan and Meryl. Survived by devoted wife, Janet Pankonin; daughter, Gayle; brother-in-law, Bruce Pankonin (Nancy Darcy), and many nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends. Special thank you to friend Eric Oftedahl. Floyd is a two-time Olympic speedskater, and his entire life symbolized the Olympic spirit. Floyd’s passions were advocating the sport of speedskating, flying, music, photography, world traveling, cycling, car racing and being a volunteer coach. His personality was matchless. He lived his life with charisma and was an inspiration to everyone who had the privilege to meet him. He could go anywhere in the world and find a friend in a complete stranger. His house was always open to those most at need along with international athletes under his coaching. Floyd’s dedication, skill, and influence in coaching athletes developed pupils that compete at the national, World Cup and Olympic level.



The Olympian

Doug Blubaugh (wrestling, 1960)

Douglas Morlan “Doug” Blubaugh, resident of Tonkawa, and former resident of Ponca City, a well known Olympic gold-medal wrestler, passed away Monday, May 16, 2011, in Tonkawa as a result of a vehicle accident. He was 76 years of age.

Doug was born December 31, 1934, in rural Ponca City, the son of Edward Raymond Blubaugh and Audrey Marie Blubaugh.

He was a 1953 graduate of Ponca City High School and a 1959 graduate of Oklahoma State University. He was named the 1957 Collegiate National Wrestling Champion and three-time All-American at Oklahoma State University.

While a student at OSU he was initiated as a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. Doug was named to the TKE Hall of Fame, the world’s largest social fraternity.

A year before his Olympic conquest, Doug won a gold medal in the 1959 Pan American Games in Chicago, matching the 1955 achievement of his brother, Jack. They were the first brothers to capture Pan Am titles. He served his country in the United States Army and prepared for the 1960 Olympics by training at West Point.

Doug was a 1960 Olympic gold medal recipient at the freestyle weight class of 160.5 which was marked as one of the biggest American wins in international wrestling lore.

He was named the World’s Most Outstanding Wrestler in 1960.

He was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Member in 1979.

He was formerly an assistant wrestling coach at the University of Oklahoma, West Point and Michigan State before becoming head wrestling coach at Indiana University.

Throughout his competitive career he totaled more than 400 victories against just 17 defeats. He had earned worldwide recognition for his accomplishments as a wrestler, as a coach and as a clinician of the sport. He continued to teach at wrestling seminars around the country.

Doug always said he could do two things, coach wrestling and farm. He was always willing to help anybody that asked. He was someone who was great at working with our best athletes. He was probably at his best when he was working with the best. Doug’s enjoyments were his family, wrestling and gardening.

Jimmy Carnes (athletics coach, 1980)

The world lost a good man with the passing of Jimmy Carnes, who had battled prostate cancer for most of the past decade. A proud son of Eatonton, Carnes made his mark as one of the top track and field coaches in the world. He passed away on March 5, 2011.

The highlight of his career was being named the head coach of the 1980 U.S. Olympic team, which unfortunately did not take part in those Games held in Moscow because of President Jimmy Carter’s



DOUG BLUBAUGH (FAR RIGHT) WITH FELLOW U.S. GOLD MEDALISTS SHELBY WILSON AND TERRY MCCANN AT 1960 ROME OLYMPICS
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FLOYD CURTIS BEDBURY

decision to boycott them in protest of the Soviet war in Afghanistan. Carnes had been an assistant coach of the 1976 Olympic team that competed in Montreal.

His involvement in the Olympic Movement is legendary. He was on the U.S. site selection committee that chose Atlanta for the 1996 Games and was on many other Olympic committees. He also served for more than three decades on the Board of Directors of the International Special Olympics.

Carnes played basketball and ran track as a middle distance runner at Putnam County before enrolling at Mercer in 1952, where he competed in the same sports. Following graduation from Mercer in 1956, he began his coaching career at Druid Hills in Decatur and from 1956 to 1962 his teams were a perfect 52-0 in dual meets and captured six GHSA State championships. He was Georgia's coach of the year six times.

He entered the college ranks at Furman in 1962 and enjoyed similar success there as to what he accomplished in high school. In two seasons in Greenville, the Purple Hurricanes (Now Palladins) were 16-3 in dual meets, and they won both the Southern Conference indoor and outdoor track and field championships each season.

Following his stint at Furman, Jimmy was the head track and field coach at Florida from 1965-76. His teams finished in the top three in the SEC 15 times and won 2 SEC indoor championships. The Gators were 93-3 in dual meets during his tenure. He produced 65 individual SEC champions, four NCAA individual champions and 24 All-Americans.

His organizational skills were unmatched. He was instrumental in the formation of sports commissions in Florida and across the nation, served as the director of the Florida Governor's Council on Sports and Physical Fitness, where he established the Florida State Sunshine State Games and also the Florida senior games. He also formed the Florida Track Club and served as the executive director of the U.S. Track

Coaches Association. In 2008, the Gainesville Sports Commission, which he helped form 20 years earlier, honored him by creating the Jimmy Carnes Indoor Track and Field meet, which attracts almost 1,000 people annually from ages 5 through 87.

In 1975, Carnes and Marty Liquori, one of America's top distance runners, opened Athletic Attic, a sporting goods store that specialized in running shoes. At one time they operated 165 stores.

Carnes is enshrined in the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Hall of Fame, the Florida Sports Hall of Fame, the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, the Mercer Athletic Hall of Fame and the National Track and Field Hall of Fame among others.

Bert Lyle (athletics coach, 1992)

USTFCCCA Hall of Fame member Dr. Bert Lyle died on May 11, 2011 at the age of 83. Lyle, who was inducted into the association's hall of fame in 2010, coached Texas Woman's University to three AIAW titles in outdoor track & field.

Lyle, an important figure in the early years of women's collegiate athletics, was the head track & field coach and athletic director at Texas Woman's University from 1965 to 1988. A 1994 inductee of the school's athletics hall of fame, Lyle led the Pioneers to three AIAW National Championships, including the first-ever AIAW Championship in 1969, and two U.S. Track & Field Federation team titles. Lyle's squads finished in the top three of the AIAW standings in each of the first seven years of competition, and during the 15-year history of the AIAW, Texas Woman's 465 total team points was second only to UCLA.

Lyle was the women's sprint and relay coach for the U.S. Olympic Team at the 1992 Barcelona Games. During his career, Lyle also served as the U.S. Olympic Sprint Development Committee Chair, the USATF Women's Elite Sprint Coordinator, and the



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USATF Junior Development Committee Chair for sprints.

Lyle coached athletes include Louise Ritter, a three-time Olympic high jumper and gold medalist at the 1988 Seoul Games, and Leleith Hodges, a two-time Olympian representing Jamaica.

In 2005, Lyle was presented with USA Track & Field's (USATF) Giegengack Award for outstanding contributions to the development and success of USA Track & Field, and the larger community of the sport. USATF again honored Lyle in 2007 with the Heliodoro and Patricia Rico Lifetime Achievement Award.

Lyle, a U.S. Air Force veteran who served in the Korean War, earned his bachelor's degree from Duke University, his master's degree from Southern Methodist University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Texas.

Ken Purpur (ice hockey, 1956)

Ken Purpur, a Rapid City school teacher for 38 years and a member of the 1956 silver medal U.S. Olympic hockey team, died June 5, 2011, at the age of 80.

Family members said that he was a man full of energy who could "talk your arm off."

"He had a story for every minute," Purpur's wife, Darlyne, said.

Purpur's son, David, described his father as a "really incredible guy."

"He talked to everybody and anybody. He pretty much loved everyone," he said.

Ken Purpur was born March 1 1932 and grew up in North Dakota, the younger brother of professional hockey player Cliff "Fido" Purpur, who once scored four goals in 25 seconds, according to the family. Under the coaching leadership of his brother, Purpur was a center for the University of North Dakota.

Purpur learned well from his older brother and was named to the U.S. Olympic team that in 1956 traveled to Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, where it would defeat the Canadian team before losing 4-0 to the U.S.S.R. in the gold-medal game.

David said that team was determined to defeat the Canadians and win a medal for the United States.

"At that time, that was the team to beat," he said "They dominated The Olympics and hockey and so that USA team, who were all true amateurs at that time in the '50s, that's what they were really geared to do. They wanted to beat the Canadians."

After defeating Canada 4-1, the Americans met the Soviets, who were playing in The Olympics for the first time and were largely an unknown team at the time.

"Basically, they were pro hockey players when you got down to it," David said.

The U.S. lost 4-0, but David said his father was one of the few that



JIMMY CARNES



BERT LYLE



ALICE B. ROCHE

could skate with the Soviets and that he nearly scored a goal in that game.

After playing hockey in The Olympics, Purpur pursued another passion — teaching.

He first taught in Idaho for five years before going to Rapid City and teaching woodworking at South Middle School. Later, Purpur would teach vocational carpentry at both Rapid City school district high schools.

“He was a Cobbler and a Raider, that’s what he always said,” David said.

David was one of his father’s students.

“He just made it fun, absolutely fun. He was just hands on, that’s how he taught,” David said.

In 1990, he was chosen as Rapid City’s Teacher of the Year.

Although his father never bragged about being an Olympic medalist, he “loved” showing the medal to elementary students and letting them hold it, especially when The Olympics came around every four years, his son said.

“How many kids get to even put their hands on an

Olympic medal? And he would use it for motivation,” David said. “He would say, ‘You might not be able to win an Olympic medal, but you can achieve great things in your life if you just put your mind to it and stay in school.’ He always pushed that since he was a teacher.”

In addition to his teaching and athletic prowess, Purpur also helped to manage and rebuild parts of Storybook Island after the 1972 flood. He also worked at the popular free children’s attraction from 1977 to 1980.

Darlyne said her husband of 57 years had many accomplishments, including being inducted into the UND Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989.

But in the end, his wife said, it was her husband’s extroverted personality that many people will remember the most.

“You stand still for 2 minutes and he had a story for you and he loved everybody,” Darlyne said. “He’d probably talk you out of your shoes if he liked them better than the ones he had on.”

Alice B. Roche (swimming, 1936)

Alice B. Roche, 94, passed away on May 5, 2011, at



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her residence at Cumberland Crossing Retirement Home in Carlisle, Penn.

Born July 19, 1916 in Waterville Maine, she was a daughter of the late Herbert C. and Elizabeth Parks Bridges. Her husband of 50 years, Joseph W. Roche, preceded her in death on December 24, 1989.

Alice spent most of her childhood in Uxbridge, Mass. She and her twin sister, Marguerite, spent most of their youth swimming and training for competition in the Uxbridge area. She held three world records and twenty American records. The high point of her athletic career was being part of the USA summer Olympic team. She participated in the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games and won the bronze Medal for the 100-meter backstroke competition. It was a special Olympic well remembered for Hitler and Jesse Owens.

She cherished gatherings with family and friends, playing golf, traveling worldwide and of course swimming into her early nineties. She loved art and painting and was especially proud of the numerous awards she received for her portrait paintings.

Surviving are two children, Marguerite Price and Joseph Roche; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The following are comments made between Alice B. Roche (mom) and her son Joe during the last month of her life. The conversations were very short but very important to him.

ALL YOU HAVE LEFT IN LIFE IS YOUR FUTURE. START TODAY
– START RIGHT NOW

I DON'T KNOW WHY EVERYONE DOES NOT HAVE A POSITIVE
ATTITUDE. BEING NEGATIVE DOES NOT HELP

DON'T LET LIFE PASS YOU BY. DAY BY DAY. EVERYDAY.
START RIGHT NOW MATTER OF FACT.

SOME DON'T KNOW HOW IMPORTANT ATTITUDE IS UNTILL
YOU GET OLDER

MY FAMILY IS BUBBLY

YOU HAVE TO WORK HARD AT WHAT YOU WANT IN ORDER TO
BE GOOD AT IT.

SOMETIMES IT IS HARD TO BE COMFORTABLE. BEING
UNCOMFORTABLE IS A GOOD THING.

Bernice L. (Lapp) Squier (swimming, 1936)

Squier, 92, of South Plainfield, N.J., passed away, Sept. 8, 2010, in Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison. Born and raised in North Plainfield, N.J., Bernice graduated from the former Penn Hall School in Pennsylvania and attended New York University. She settled in South Plainfield in 1950. Bernice had been a member of the Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church in North Plainfield since 1930. She was a homemaker for most of her life and a very modest and humble woman who enjoyed swimming. Her abilities as a swimmer earned her a spot in the 1936 Olympic Games as a member of the U.S. Women's Swim Team, where she won a bronze medal in the relay event. Predeceased by her husband, John, in 1971, she is survived by her two daughters, Nancy Squier of South Plainfield and Peggy Bunnell and her husband, Jeffrey, of North Plainfield; a granddaughter, Susan Jackson and her husband, Erik, and two dear great-grandchildren, Connor and Kaelynn.

Ian Turner (rowing, 1948)

Ian was an American competition rower and Olympic champion. He won a gold medal in coxed eights at the 1948 Summer Olympics, as a member of the American team. His brother David was on the same Olympic team. Ian was born on July 11, 1925 and died on October 11, 2010.

Peter Michael Weigand (canoe/kayak, 1968)

Peter was an American sprint canoer who competed in the late 1960s. He was eliminated in the repechage round of K-2 1000 m event at the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City. Peter was born on July 26, 1941 and died on March 18, 2011.

THE 2011 WARRIOR GAMES PRESENTED BY DELOITTE



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The 2011 Warrior Games presented by Deloitte hosted 198 wounded, ill and injured men and women from all branches of the Armed Forces. New to the event this year, a team of athletes from Special Operations Command also took part. Seven sports were contested throughout the week, including track & field, archery, shooting, swimming, cycling, sitting volleyball and wheelchair basketball.

"These men and women represent American sacrifice and duty and stand as a testament to the true Olympic spirit and the essence of sport," said U.S. Olympic Committee CEO Scott Blackmun. "It was an honor to once again welcome them to our hometown."

The event was held at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. and kicked-off with an Opening Ceremony that featured a flyover from FA-18 jets and the lighting of the torch by Medal of Honor recipient Staff Sergeant Salvatore Giunta.

"It's very important for these athletes to have something that motivates them and gives them goals. The energy and enthusiasm at this event, the sense of teamwork and cohesion was incredible," said Brigadier General Darryl Williams, commander of the U.S. Army Warrior Transition Command.

The Marine Corps defended its title as the top overall competing branch, by winning the Chairman's Cup for the second consecutive year. Marine athlete Jonathan Disbro took home the title of Ultimate Champion after topping his competitors in a five-event, pentathlon-style competition.

"The Marines were really prepared this year and I was happy to win the Ultimate Champion, it was a goal of mine going into the competition," said Disbro. "Everyone leaves here with confidence and having achieved some goals, that's what this week is really about."

The Warrior Games presented by Deloitte help elevate abilities through athletic competition for wounded, ill, and injured service members and veterans by providing a focal event to empower the incorporation of athletics into military wounded warrior programs. The competition serves as an introduction to Paralympic sports for injured service members by inspiring recovery, physical fitness, and promoting new opportunities for growth and achievement.

This event is one component of the overall USOC Paralympic Military Program, which is focused on providing daily physical activity as an important part of rehabilitation at the community and installation levels for veterans and active duty military personnel.

The Warrior Games are hosted by the USOC, with support from the Department of Defense. Also partnering on this year's event were presenting sponsor Deloitte, USO, Fisher House Foundation, Bob Woodruff Foundation, BP and Anheuser Busch.

For more stories about the athletes and the competition, visit USParalympics.org/WarriorGames.



ARMY DEFEATED THE MARINE CORPS TO CLAIM GOLD IN WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL AT THE 2011 WARRIOR GAMES PRESENTED BY DELOITTE.



U.S. ARMY STAFF SERGEANT AND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT SALVATORE GIUNTA LIT THE TORCH AT THE OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE 2011 WARRIOR GAMES PRESENTED BY DELOITTE



MARINE CORPS ATHLETE JONATHAN DISBRO ACCEPTS THE ULTIMATE CHAMPION TROPHY FROM ROBIN LINEBERGER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DELOITTE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

NEW EVENTS FOR THE 2014 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES IN SOCHI

The sports program of the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games was expanded by six events on 6 April 2011 when the International Olympic Committee (IOC) confirmed the inclusion of ski halfpipe (men and women), women's ski jumping, biathlon mixed relay, figure skating team event and luge team relay.

The decision was the result of a number of positive factors, including an increase in universality, gender equity and youth appeal. The IOC believes these events will bring added value to the Games for athletes and spectators alike. To get a taste of what's to come in 2014, we've prepared a short description of the new events:

Ski Halfpipe - Men and Women: (International Ski Federation - FIS)
Ski halfpipe is a young and dynamic event that will complement the recent introductions of the popular freestyle ski cross and snowboard halfpipe events that drew high spectator numbers and television audiences at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games.

One competitor at a time performs a routine of acrobatic jumps, flips, twists and other manoeuvres on a half-pipe. The athletes are judged on their take-offs, the height they reach above the top of the pipe, and difficulty of their manoeuvres. A qualification round and final round are staged, with two runs per athlete in both. Ski halfpipe will make its first appearance in January 2012 at the first Winter Youth Olympic Games in Innsbruck.

Women's Ski Jumping: (International Ski Federation - FIS)
Women's ski jumping is an individual event performed on the normal hill that operates under the same competition format as the corresponding men's competition. There are two competition rounds: the first and final rounds. Each athlete gets two jumps and receives a score based on distance and style. The athlete with the highest combined score is the winner. Women's ski jumping will make its first appearance in January 2012 at the first Winter Youth Olympic Games in Innsbruck.

Biathlon Mixed Relay: (International Biathlon Union - IBU)
The mixed relay has proven very popular with biathlon fans, and the qualification system for the event is partly designed to encourage National Olympic Committees (NOCs) to pay equal attention to the development of athletes of both genders.

The mixed relay features two female athletes and two male athletes from the same NOC competing together. Women race a 6 km leg and men race a 7.5 km leg in the following order: W-W-M-M. Each athlete shoots twice (1 prone, 1 standing). For every missed target a penalty loop of 150 m must be skied. The start is performed simultaneously in three rows, with the start order based on the

results of the World Cup Nations Cup Score (combined for men and women). Biathlon Mixed Relay will make its first appearance in January 2012 at the first Winter Youth Olympic Games in Innsbruck.

Figure Skating Team Event: (International Skating Union - ISU)
The figure skating team event will feature teams made up of six skaters: one male skater, one female skater, one skating pair and one ice dance couple. Points are awarded to each skater/ couple. The team with the highest number of aggregate points is declared the winner. The figure skating team event will make its first appearance in January 2012 at the first Winter Youth Olympic Games in Innsbruck.

Luge Team Relay: (International Luge Federation - FIL)
This new race format features teams comprised of a doubles sled, a women's singles sled and a men's singles sled. All three entrants from one team slide one after another with the clock stopping only after the third sled has crossed the finish line. A touch pad at the finish line must be activated by an athlete in one sled before the gate at the start line opens for the following team member to compete. The luge team relay will make its first appearance in January 2012 at the first Winter Youth Olympic Games in Innsbruck.



OLYMPIC TORCH DESIGN FOR LONDON 2012 UNVEILED

LONDON 2012 ORGANIZERS HAVE UNVEILED THE FINAL DESIGN FOR THE OLYMPIC TORCH, WHICH WILL BE CARRIED BY 8,000 RUNNERS IN RELAY.

THE OLYMPIC FLAME WILL BURN FROM A CURVED TRIANGULAR ALUMINUM TUBE WHICH HAS A LACE-LIKE MESH COMPLETE WITH 8,000 HOLES – ONE TO REPRESENT EACH TORCHBEARER. THE TRIANGULAR SHAPE, CREATED BY THE DESIGNERS EDWARD BARBER AND JAY OSGERBY, SYMBOLIZES THE THREE TIMES THAT LONDON HAS STAGED THE GAMES – 1908, 1948 AND 2012.



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2010 Vancouver Olympian Leanne Smith — a Kennett High alum — joined 1960 Olympic silver medalist Penny Pitou, 1960 and 1964 Olympian Joan Hannah, and 1976 and 1980 Olympian Abbi Fisher. These Olympians span 50 years, with Fisher, Pitou, Hannah, and Smith standing, left to right.

(Photo credit: Karen Cummings)
All four women still call New Hampshire home.



Bill Nieder, a gold medalist in the 1960 Olympic Games, helped subdue an unruly passenger aboard a flight last month. Passengers were frightened by the incident but the 77-year-old jumped into action.



Olympic Champion, Rochelle Stevens (athletics, 1992, '96) takes a photo with a young Olympic hopeful who participated in the annual Rochelle Stevens Invitational Track Meet held on May 14, 2011 in Memphis, Tenn.



OLYMPIAN & PARALYMPIAN PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Jeff Duback (soccer, 1988) leads the way for the kids participating in the Harbour Island Fun Run and Olympic Day celebration. 375 events took place all over the country to recognize Olympic Day 2011...thank you one and all for your commitment to this program.



Olympians and Paralympians gather for a meeting of the U.S. Olympians & Paralympians - New England Chapter



Prince Albert and Larry Young with his sculpture at the Art of the Olympians gala



Emanuela Pierantozzi Italy Judo with her sculpture and Prince Albert



Michelle Kwan arrives at January's White House State Dinner for the President of China (Evan Vucci / AP)



Olympian Cathy Marino at Elizabeth Learning Center getting ready to walk for World Fit program.

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