

THE OLYMPIAN



2014-15 WINNERS FOR TEAM USA AWARDS

A Letter From Gary Hall, Sr.

U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association President



Dear Olympians and Paralympians,

It was a historic moment. After years of struggle for its own existence, the World Olympians Association seemingly emerged as a shining star at the inaugural WOA Forum and General Assembly in Moscow last month.

The Russian Olympic Committee hosted 125 National Olympians Association presidents to attend the red carpet event. Russian President Vladimir Putin officially opened the two-day event, with welcoming remarks also coming from IOC President Thomas Bach, IOC member Prince Albert from Monaco and WOA President Joel Bouzou. I represented the USOPA along with our immediate past president,

Willie Banks, WOA board member, Nancy Hogshead-Makar and Rob Stull, president of USA Modern Pentathlon.

During the event, USOPA representatives were invited to speak on a panel in which we discussed topics from around the Olympic Movement. Willie spoke on how to grow NOAs; Nancy about gender equity in Olympic sports; Rob on how to get Olympians more involved in events during the Olympic Games; and I about how Olympians and Paralympians inspire youth, using World Fit as a model program.

One highlight from the WOA Forum and General Assembly was the Declaration of Support for the Olympic Charter, which was signed by an Olympian from each of the five continents, including our own Willie Banks.

The Declaration pledges to:

- Continue to spread the spirit and practice of Olympism in our communities;
- Work for peace and a better life for all through sport;
- Help fellow Olympians with their life transitions and post-career health and fitness issues;
- To oppose any political or governmental interference in the autonomy of sports organizations, which might prevent an athlete from exercising their right to compete in the Olympic Games or other major sporting events which also embody the Olympic spirit.

Another highlight was the approval of constitutional changes that aim to enhance efficiency and transparency. Although we were disappointed that Nancy was not elected to the WOA Board after serving so well, the constitution's new gender equality requirement led to the appointment of Willie Banks as the newest member of the board. I'm confident we'll continue to have strong representation with Willie on the board.

All of the splendor, optimism and Olympic spirit that was rekindled at the WOA Forum suddenly dampened after our return and learning of the World Anti-Doping Agency report that revealed widespread state-sponsored doping inside Russian athletics. Although Russian track athletes were the primary targets of the investigation, the use of performance enhancing drugs by other sports and in other countries extends far beyond them.

One would hope that by the year 2016, PED abuse would be an unfortunate part of Olympic history. Instead, PED's are the most serious threat to the Olympic Movement today, and if allowed to continue, will undermine the credibility and the ongoing success of the Olympic Games. Protecting clean athletes and creating environments for clean competition is a global issue, and the USOC will continue to look to the IOC and to WADA for solutions that will work on a global basis.

Now back to some good news. The Olympic Assembly in September was the best in our history. It was filled with an awesome sense of teamwork and Olympic Spirit. Our own Anne Cribbs was honored



Members of the USOPA Board tour the OTC in Colorado Springs, Colo. while attending their Annual Meeting.

with the Torch Award -- the highest honor given by the USOC – for her lifelong devotion to the Olympic Movement. I assure you that our USOC leadership has never been better. It has never been stronger. We stand united.

In my opinion, the highlight of the USOPA annual meeting was a workshop led and conducted by some of our chapter presidents, and board members Carrie Zimmerman, Judi Brown-Clarke and Tamara Christopherson. It was informative, constructive and a new item in our agenda. I hope it will continue.

Our USOPA Constitution was amended to change to our current mode of operations, creating the Executive Committee, comprised of the elected officers and recent past presidents. The Executive Committee now has the responsibility to administer the duties of the USOPA, while the much larger board will meet annually to discuss the progress of the organization and approve any constitutional changes.

In 2016, my final year as USOPA President, I will focus much of my effort on helping build USOPA Chapters, both existing and new. We are proud to have selected a new chapter president for our Central Texas area (Austin/San Antonio area), congratulations Randy Lipscher (field hockey, 1984). Also, congratulations to the recent efforts by Willie Banks (track & field, 1980, 1984, 1988) in San Diego; Josh Davis (swimming, 1996, 2000) in Oklahoma; Katrina Radke (swimming, 1988) in Minnesota; and Hollis Conway (track & field, 1988, 1992) in Louisiana. We anticipate these chapters will be up and running in early 2016. We plan to continue to add more support to help grow existing chapters, thanks to Dick Fosbury and his excellent committee for spearheading this new chapter development.

In 1972, after the Palestinian terrorists killed 11 Israeli athletes, I sat in the Olympic Village and wondered if the Olympic Games would continue. It did and it has gotten much stronger since. In spite of the many doping scandals of our Olympic sports, even the ones of today, the Olympic Movement continues to grow. All of us must work together to do whatever we can to keep the Olympic and Paralympic Games free of terrorists, political motivation and banned performance enhancement. As Olympians and Paralympians, we need to promote Olympism in its purest form. Let's do what our newly signed WOA Olympic Charter tells us to do.

If you agree, you can start by joining together at our 2016 USOPA reunion in Las Vegas over the weekend of February 19. To register, please visit: www.teamusa.org/usopa. Let's reunite, celebrate and have some fun! See you in Vegas soon. You won't want to miss it.

Yours in Olympic Spirit,

Gary Hall, Sr., President
U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association

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2014-15 WINNERS FOR TEAM USA AWARDS

PRESENTED BY DOW, BEST OF THE YEAR



U.S. Olympic Committee honors athletes at Team USA Awards ceremony in Philadelphia, Pa. on December 10, 2015.

The United States Olympic Committee announced the 2014-15 winners for the Team USA Awards presented by Dow, Best of the Year, recognizing the outstanding achievements of Team USA athletes and teams in six categories:

Female Olympic Athlete of the Year, presented by DICK'S Sporting Goods – Simone Biles, Gymnastics
Male Olympic Athlete of the Year – Jordan Burroughs, Wrestling
Olympic Team of the Year, presented by Dow – U.S. Women's World Cup Team, Soccer

Female Paralympic Athlete of the Year, presented by DICK'S Sporting Goods – Tatyana McFadden, Track and Field
Male Paralympic Athlete of the Year – Joe Berenyi, Cycling
Paralympic Team of the Year, presented by Dow – U.S. National Team, Sled Hockey

The six awards were presented during a live taping of the Team USA Awards presented by Dow, Best of the Year ceremony, held at the University of Pennsylvania's Houston Hall in Philadelphia. The awards show – which featured NBC's Natalie Morales as host and retro pop/soul artist Andra Day as the musical guest – will be televised Dec. 27 on NBC Sports Network (NBCSN) from 3-4 p.m. ET.

The year-end celebration also recognized Pennsylvania native Jerri Johnson as the

recipient of the Building Dreams Award, presented by USG, which honors an individual, group or community that has gone above and beyond in its support of Team USA.

The six athlete and team award winners were determined by online fan voting at TeamUSA.org/Awards, where nearly 200,000 fan votes determined 50 percent of the final tally. Members of the Olympic and Paralympic family – including an esteemed panel of Olympic and Paralympic journalists – accounted for the other 50 percent.

In addition to presenting sponsor Dow, five USOC partners – Coca-Cola, DICK'S Sporting Goods, Kellogg's, Samsung and USG – are associate sponsors of the Team USA Awards program.

Female Olympic Athlete of the Year,
presented by DICK'S Sporting Goods
Simone Biles, Gymnastics

Simone Biles became the first woman to win 10 career world championship gold medals – and four golds at consecutive world championships – with a historic third straight world all-around title at the 2015 FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Championships. Returning home with five medals, she improved her world championship medal haul to 14 overall, tied for third all time and the most ever earned by a U.S. gymnast, male or female. She also won her third consecutive U.S. all-around title, becoming the first woman to accomplish the three-peat in 23 years.

Male Olympic Athlete of the Year
Jordan Burroughs, Wrestling

Jordan Burroughs went undefeated to claim his third world championship title in the men's freestyle 74 kg. division at the 2015 World Wrestling Championships in Las Vegas, becoming the third-most winningest wrestler in U.S. history. He won all six matches en route to the world title – surrendering only five points to his 45 scored – to improve his overall record to 114-2 and claim his fourth world crown in five years. The reigning Olympic champion also added gold medals at both the 2015 Pan American Games and 2015 World Cup.

Olympic Team of the Year,
presented by Dow
*U.S. Women's World Cup Team,
Soccer*

The U.S. became the first nation to win three FIFA Women's World Cup titles, setting the record for most goals scored in a World Cup Final in a 5-2 win over Japan and surpassing Germany as the top-scoring team in Women's World Cup history with 112 goals. Team USA's Carli Lloyd and Hope Solo were awarded the Golden Ball and Golden Glove as the best player and best goalkeeper of the tournament, with Lloyd setting World

Cup Final records for the first hat trick and quickest goal (2:35).

Female Paralympic Athlete of the Year,
presented by DICK'S Sporting Goods
Tatyana McFadden, Track and Field

Tatyana McFadden remained undefeated in world marathon majors by capturing her third straight grand slam with wins at the London, Boston, Chicago and New York City marathons. Her victory in London marked her first IPC Marathon World Championships title and came less than a week after her victory in Boston. The 11-time Paralympic medalist set three world records in the women's T54 400-, 800- and 1,500-meter races, and also earned her fifth Paralympic Games berth with a victory at the Chicago Marathon.

Male Paralympic Athlete of the Year
Joe Berenyi, Cycling

Joe Berenyi won three medals – including two golds – at the 2015 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships, winning the men's C3 3-kilometer individual pursuit and time trial race. He also added four medals – including three golds – at the 2015 Parapan American Games and won titles in the time trial and road race in the men's C3 class at the 2015 U.S. Paralympics Road Cycling Nationals.

Paralympic Team of the Year,
presented by Dow
U.S. National Team, Sled Hockey

The U.S. National Sled Hockey Team went undefeated during the 2014-15 season, highlighted by a 3-0 victory over rival Canada in the gold-medal game of the 2015 IPC Sled Hockey World Championship in Buffalo, New York. The U.S. outscored its opponents by a combined 29-1 in the tournament and 59-6 on the year, earning eight shutouts in 13 games. The U.S. also won the 2015 World Sled Hockey Challenge for the second time in three years, defeating Russia, 2-1, in overtime.

Building Dreams Award,
presented by USG
Jerri Johnson, USA Field Hockey

With tremendous heart, Jerri Johnson frequently hosts members of the U.S. Women's National Field Hockey Team for months at a time at her home in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. With limited resources to lodge athletes during training, USA Field Hockey relies on Johnson's generosity, which has provided athletes more robust training and competition opportunities in the lead up to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.



Andra Day performs at the Team USA Awards celebration.

About the Team USA Awards presented by Dow, Best of the Year Formerly known as the USOC SportsMan, SportsWoman and Team of the Year awards, the honors began in 1974. The impressive and diverse collection of past winners represent nearly 30 sports on the summer and winter Olympic and Paralympic programs. Their collective accomplishments tell the inspiring story of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic movements throughout history. Athletes and teams considered for the Best of the Year were finalists for Best of the Month honors, dating back to the fall of the previous year and coinciding with the sport calendar. A USOC nominating committee then selected the top-five finalists in the individual categories and top three in the team categories to advance to the voting round. For more information on the Team USA Awards, including the full list of 2014-15 finalists, visit TeamUSA.org.

WORLD OLYMPIANS ASSOCIATION



Charter. The Declaration pledges:

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former world record holder, Triple Jump;

- *Anastasia Davydova, five-time Russian Synchronized Swimming Olympic Champion;*
- *Hicham El Guerrouj, middle-distance runner and double Olympic Champion;*
- *Michelle Ford-Eriksson MBE, Olympic Swimming Gold Medalist and;*
- *Koji Murofushi, Hammer Olympic Gold Medalist.*

The launch of the WOF marked new ground for the WOA in its strategic mission to create a meaningful platform for Olympians to share best practices and discuss the topics of greatest concern to them. The Forum also symbolizes the new spirit of collaboration between the IOC and the WOA, which includes an agreement to work in close partnership with integrated teams delivering joint projects.

The U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association partners with the World Olympians Association and National Olympians Associations around the world to strengthen alumni relations and share best practices. We look forward to continuing our support of all programs and activities as they relate to the WOA.

We have participated in speaker and panel discussions at the World Olympian Forum (WOF) and General Assembly in the past and this year's topic was "Building your NOA – how NOA's can recruit Olympians, run events, represent the interests of their members, raise funds, work effectively with their NOC and AC and communicate well. Most recently, we (U.S.) participated in the signing of a Declaration of the Olympic

The Declaration was signed on behalf of all Olympians by:

- *HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, WOA Patron;*
- *Joël Bouzou, WOA President;*
- *Willie Banks, two-time Olympian and*



Members of the WOA join HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco in signing a Declaration of the Olympic Charter.

ANOC GENERAL ASSEMBLY



XX ANOC General Assembly a big Success!

The largest ever ANOC General Assembly took place in Washington, D.C. as ANOC continues to drive forward with its process of reform and modernisation.

The two-day ANOC General Assembly heard from many distinguished speakers including ANOC President Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, IOC President Thomas Bach, Vice President of the United States Joe Biden and Washington, D.C. Mayor Bowser.

Reform and innovation were key themes of the General Assembly as the ANOC President stressed ANOC's full support for Olympic Agenda 2020 and emphasized the changes that the organization itself is undergoing. Sheikh Ahmad outlined his support for the proposal which emerged from this month's Olympic Summit meeting in Lausanne to introduce an independent doping system. He also called on all NOCs to operate under the principles of good governance in line with the Olympic Charter. In order to assist in this regard, ANOC approved the proposal from the ANOC Modernization Follow Up Commission to include rules for good governance and ethics in the ANOC Constitution.

The ANOC General Assembly unanimously approved the selection of San Diego as the host city of the inaugural ANOC World Beach Games in 2017. The ANOC President announced that a representative from the ANOC Youth Commission would be included in the ANOC Events Working Group to ensure that young people's interests were well represented in the Working Group.

The IOC provided an update on the implementation of Olympic Agenda 2020, with a specific focus on the Olympic Channel and the commercial benefits it will bring NOCs, and the Olympic Marketing Seminars, which have been organized for NOCs in collaboration between the IOC, ANOC and Olympic Solidarity.

Speaking after the ANOC General Assembly, ANOC President Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah said:

"This week has been busy but very productive. This is an important time not just for ANOC but for the whole Olympic Movement. It has been very constructive having all the NOCs together to discuss our key priorities and this is exactly why we made our General Assemblies an annual event.

"ANOC is completely aligned with IOC President Thomas Bach and the IOC and we are working hard with our NOCs to make sure that we change and reform for the benefit of the Olympic Movement. We have a lot of great experience and expertise among our NOC family and we are trying to maximize this potential. We have heard many excellent ideas and reports this week on the ways that we can reform and promote good governance and best practices. I am

confident that working together with all stakeholders in the Olympic Family we are moving towards a brighter future."

During the General Assembly, each of the Continental Associations made presentations, with a focus on the successful Continental Games each has held over the last 14 months. In addition, ANOC Secretary General Gunilla Lindberg, ANOC auditor Richard Peterkin and Olympic Solidarity all delivered reports.

The chairs of the ANOC Commissions and Working Groups gave their latest progress reports and recommendations on initiatives which should be implemented to improve the support ANOC provides its NOCs. There were also reports, among others, from the upcoming Olympic Games Organizing Committees, WADA and CAS.

Finally, it was announced that next year's General Assembly, due to be hosted in Rio de Janeiro in April, would be moved to Qatar in November 2016. This decision was made due to the limited time between the General Assembly in Washington D.C. and the proposed General Assembly in Rio in April and because moving the meeting to after Rio 2016 would allow ANOC to honor athletes from those Games at the third edition of the ANOC Awards.

- See more at: <http://www.acnolympic.org/media-centre/anoc-press-releases/2015/10/historic-xx-anoc-general-assembly-draws-to-a-close/#sthash.armxNjbb.dpuf>

TEAM USA REGISTRY



WE ARE ALL TEAM USA: WHY TODAY'S OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC HOPEFULS NEED YOUR SUPPORT

By Justin Widhalm, wounded warrior and U.S. Paralympic cyclist

Representing my country at the 2015 Parapan American Games in Toronto was one of the proudest moments of my career. As I stood on the podium to receive my bronze medal in the track cycling time trial, I thought about all of the ups and downs that led me to that moment.

A decade ago, I was serving my second deployment in Iraq as a Sgt. 1st Class in the U.S. Army. I suffered a traumatic brain injury and multiple concussions during fourteen separate improvised explosive device (IED) blasts, and survived a drop from a helicopter.

When I returned home from Iraq, I wasn't sure what the rest of my life had in store. My memory was damaged, and I had to relearn basic skills for everyday life. At first I wasn't able to walk or speak clearly.

In 2009, I tried handcycling for the first time, and I was told that was as far as I would get. Naturally, I set out to prove the experts wrong – and soon I was competing in track and road cycling on an upright bike. Today, I am

a U.S. Paralympic track cycling national champion, Parapan American bronze medalist and hopeful for the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Every Olympic and Paralympic dream is unique. Next year in Rio, each proud member of Team USA will have his or her own story about the dedication and sacrifice it took to qualify for the Games.

Still, there are common threads – one of them being the enormous financial commitment it takes to compete on the world stage.

As Olympians and Paralympians, you know this better than anyone else. That's why today, I'm asking you to help support Rio hopefuls like me by making a gift at TeamUSARegistry.org. At this website, you can choose a symbolic gift to donate to a Team USA athlete – anything from a sports medicine massage to a pair of boxing gloves.

In reality, you're not donating the actual item – you're contributing to the broader Team USA Fund, which supports U.S. athletes by providing direct financial aid, operating three U.S. Olympic Training Centers and funding our individual

National Governing Bodies of sport.

Today's Team USA athletes are truly fortunate. The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Foundation was created in 2013 to transform the level of philanthropic support for American



Justin Widhalm

athletes. The foundation's ultimate goal is to one day provide funding to every national team athlete in all sports.

But there is still a long way to go toward that goal, and we'll be competing in Rio in just months. Most U.S. Olympic and Paralympic hopefuls earn less than \$20,000 a year, far less than what it takes to train and compete. And as you know, lucrative sponsorships don't come easily.

BOOK REVIEWS

We're not doing this for the money – we're doing it to achieve a dream that only a tiny handful of athletes every four years are able to experience.

A decade ago, my life was changed. But through the Olympic and Paralympic movements, I now have this amazing opportunity to represent my country in a whole new way. Competing at the Games is a rare opportunity to inspire people around the world to be their best, and I want to make the most of that chance.

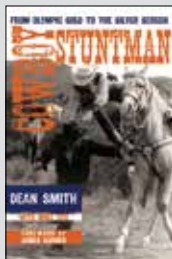
To those of us striving for our first Games in Rio, you are our role models. You've paved the way for us to succeed, showing us what is possible at the highest levels of our sport.

We've been inspired by you – as kids watching our idols on TV, or as hopefuls watching the London or Beijing Games and seeing what's achievable just around the corner.

We know you're behind us – so if you can, please show us your support by making a gift today at TeamUSARegistry.org. We can't wait to make you proud in Rio, and to one day join your ranks as U.S. Olympic and Paralympic legends.

On behalf of all of today's athletes, thank you for your support!

To donate, visit TeamUSARegistry.org and pick the perfect present for Team USA.



Cowboy Stuntman

Retired stuntman and actor DEAN SMITH, an Olympic gold medalist at the 1952 Helsinki Games, lives on a ranch in Ivan, Texas, with his wife, Debby, and young son, Finis.

DEAN SMITH HAS TAKEN FALLS FROM GALLOPING HORSES, engaged in fistfights with Kirk Douglas and George C. Scott, donned a red wig and white tights to double as Maureen O'Hara, and taught Goldie Hawn how to talk like a Texan.

He's dangled from a helicopter over the skyscrapers of Manhattan while clutching a damsel in distress, hung upside down from a fake blimp 200 feet over the Orange Bowl, and replicated one of the most famous scenes in movie history by climbing on a thundering team of horses to stop a runaway stagecoach. *Cowboy Stuntman* chronicles the life and achievements of this colorful Texan and Olympic gold medal winner who spent a half century as a Hollywood stuntman and actor, appearing in ten John Wayne movies and doubling for a long list of actors as diverse as Robert Culp, Michael Landon, Steve Martin, Strother Martin, Robert Redford, and Roy Rogers.

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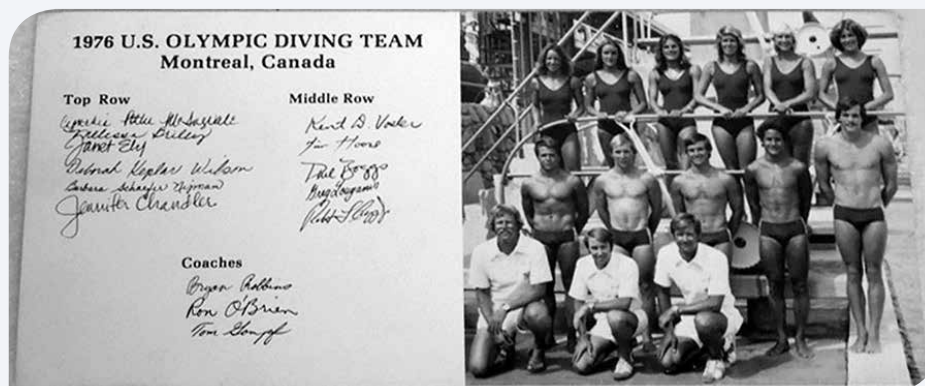
Sherry Winn (team handball, 1984, 1988)

No matter what internal voice empowers you at the present moment, you have the ability to transform that voice to enable you to stand in the WINNER's circle. What separates you from your desires is not some outside force or fate, but your belief system. Your connection to the WINNER within you, to the voice which says "I can" rather than "I can't" is the means to your greatest achievement. The key to your success is knowledge. The WIN Philosophy will provide you with the transformational lessons needed to navigate success in business, leadership and life. You will discover: 1. the power of looking for solutions rather than at problems. 2. How to nourish the WINNER inside of you to find the true gifts you possess. 3. The energizing principles for personal growth and meaningful living. 4. The WIN Philosophy which stimulates you to your personal bests. 5. How to empower yourself and those you lead through your positive convictions.

Coach Sherry Winn is a two-time Olympian, All-American, Collegiate Valedictorian and a National Championship Basketball Coach. She is an in-demand motivational speaker, a leading success coach and seminar trainer, and an Amazon best seller. She has written four books including, "Unleash the Winner within You: A Success Game Plan for Business, Leadership and Life." Coach Winn has spoken in hundreds of seminars training individuals to unleash the winner within them.

Order her book from www.coachwinnspeaks.com.

Have you ever wondered what happens to your Olympic memorabilia once it is donated to the Crawford Family U.S. Olympic Archives? Do you imagine it sitting high up on a shelf gathering dust awaiting its discovery by Indiana Jones eons hence? That could not be further from the truth. Artifacts from our archives are used in displays all across the United States, at our Olympic Training Centers, and at sponsor events. We take great pride in preserving the



Postcard of the 1976 U.S. Olympic Diving Team, Montreal 1976 Olympic Games. Greg Louganis Collection, Crawford Family U.S. Olympic Archives

Once a theme for a new display is decided upon, we then begin the process of choosing artifacts to build or create the display from our own collection.

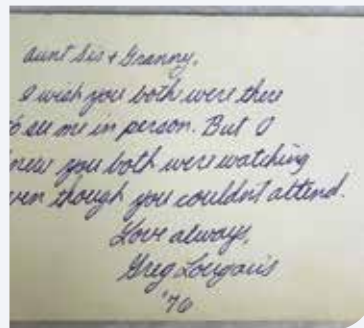
precious items you have entrusted to us; however, it is also with deep satisfaction that we are able to use your treasures to not only further the Olympic Movement

in the United States but also inspire others. This quarter, we briefly detail the steps involved once an artifact is donated to the Crawford Family U.S. Olympic Archives.

Upon completion of a Deed of Gift transferring ownership of your artifact to the Archives, the process of accessioning, or adding your item to the collection, begins. It is documented in a variety of ways – the artifact is described in minute detail from the position of text,

to the colors and choice of materials used in creating the artifact. Other bits of information that we record include size and dimensions of the artifact, quantity, if a number of items are donated. We also note if the artifact was used or worn by an Olympian and if so, the event it was created for or worn at.

Next, we detail the history of the artifact, or its provenance -- Who created it, why was it created, when was it created, who owned it and why? Answers to all of these questions are vital in establishing intellectual control over an artifact. In addition, the more we know about an item, the better we are at establishing its



Postcard of the 1976 U.S. Olympic Diving Team, Montreal 1976 Olympic Games. Front and back. Greg Louganis Collection



Belgium Athletic Jersey from the Rome 1960 Olympic Games. One of the numerous international jerseys that Ernie Cunliffe collected while competing in Rome. Ernie Cunliffe Collection



Invitation to the Innsbruck 1976 Olympic Winter Games. Sent by the Innsbruck Olympic Organizing Committee to the USOC.
Crawford Family U.S. Olympic Archives

authenticity, providing an appraiser with information for valuation, and recording the back story to the artifact that makes it not only historically valuable; but also, valuable in its ability to relate the history of a particular Olympian or event.

All of the pertinent information is captured in our database as well as images of the artifact. We take numerous photographs of our artifacts to note the condition, any and all manufacturer or designer marks, and if there are athlete names inscribed within or upon the artifact. This includes, front, back, sides, inside and out, and any packaging if it is part of the artifact.

Once the artifact is documented via careful descriptive and photographic recording, we then place it in the collection using archival safe materials such as acid-free folders and boxes as well as pH balanced tissue and use Pigma pens to mark the Object Identification number and Accession number on the tags. It is our aim to halt as much of the deterioration that takes place over time as possible using these products and archival and museum environmental

standards of storing artifacts. In addition, we do not use products that would accelerate deterioration, or cause further damage, to the artifact.

With location notation and placement in the physical archives, the preservation aspect of the artifact is complete. However, the life of the artifact does not end there. We have provided an environmentally and physically safe environment for the artifacts to rest; but their work has not ended. They do not hide from the public, never to see the light of day. Contrary to that, we actually create numerous displays and exhibits throughout the year using these artifacts. Requests for displays for specific events come to the Archives on a regular basis, especially leading up to an Olympic Games. In addition, we are constantly refreshing the existing displays at the USOC headquarters.

Once a theme for a new display is decided upon, we then begin the process of choosing artifacts to build or create the display from our own collection. It can be a simple pedestal



Display of Al Oerter Olympic memorabilia located in Crawford Family U.S. Olympic Archives reference room display.

display with few artifacts that captures the spirit of an individual Olympian and his/her experiences. Or, it can be an elaborate exhibit that involves numerous collections, artifacts and images with months of planning and outside designers brought in to assist with the project. However, with every display or exhibit that is created, a common theme runs through each -- To present

the history of the Olympic movement in the United States and thereby inspiring others through the use of our wonderful artifacts and historical vignettes of our Olympians. We would not be able to accomplish this mission in such a powerful way without the artifacts donated by you.



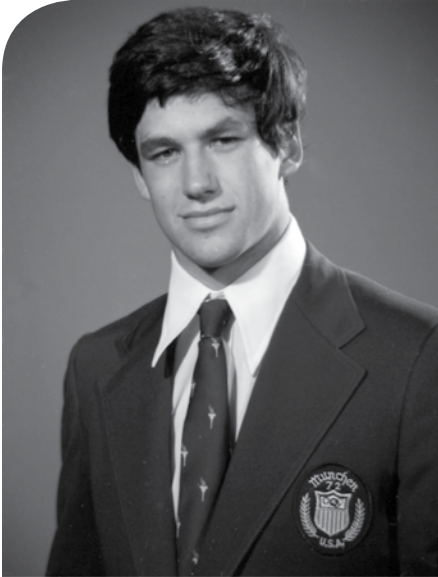
Road to Rio Sport Display, U.S. Olympic Committee Headquarters, 2nd floor meetings & event space.
Crawford Family U.S. Olympic Archives



Olympic Mascots display. U.S. Olympic Committee Headquarters. Ingrid O'Neil Collection

REMEMBERING A LEGEND

CANOE SLALOM BRONZE MEDALIST JAMIE MCEWAN



Longtime friend Mike Keiser honors McEwan's legacy with endowment to support future canoe and kayak athletes.

Jamie McEwan was often late for dinner.

The avid whitewater canoeist and his wife, Sandy Boynton, regularly hosted their friends Mike and Lindy Keiser at their home in Connecticut.

"We'd pull into the driveway at their beautiful farm, just as Jamie was returning home from three hours in the Housatonic River, where he trained by paddling uphill," Keiser recalled. "This was virtually whenever we visited, because he trained almost every day. He was drenched and happy, and he'd say with a big crooked smile, 'Oh, sorry, I stayed in the river a little too long. I'll be right back.' He'd go shower and then join us."

It's Keiser's fondest memory of his dear friend.

Keiser first met McEwan's wife, a celebrated children's book author, when the two partnered to design and market whimsical greeting cards. As Boynton's husband and business partner, McEwan was closely involved. In fact, he authored

several children's books himself, some of which are illustrated by Boynton.

"Whenever we met with Sandy, we met with Jamie, for what must have been 25 years," Keiser said. "We worked closely together and we became very good friends. We made trips together – my wife and I, and Sandy and Jamie."

By this time, McEwan was known as the first Olympic medalist for the United States in whitewater canoe slalom singles, a feat he accomplished at the 1972 Games in Munich. McEwan's bronze medal helped launch the popularity of whitewater sports in the United States.

Canoe slalom was dropped from the Olympic program after 1972, and wasn't reinstated until 1992. That didn't diminish McEwan's love for the whitewater, though. In fact, he took part in many expeditions down some of the world's most treacherous rivers.

In 1998, he and his brother Tom were members of an expedition to run the Tsangpo Gorge in Tibet, considered

"(Whitewater canoe) is a sport unlike any other – physical and intellectual in equal measure, chaotic, balletic, hair-raising and meditative," Devin said.

the "Mount Everest" of rivers. The expedition encountered unanticipated high water, and a member of their team, Doug Gordon, was lost. Two books were written about the expedition: *The Last River*: by Todd Balf and *Counting the Diamond Sow* by expedition leader Wickliffe W. Walker.

In 1991, with a second Olympic Games now possible, McEwan and his family

moved to the French Pyrenees so he could train in doubles with then-partner Lecky Haller alongside the talented French national team. The two placed fourth at the Barcelona 1992 Games.

"I am awed that Jamie was able to train at that level while remaining deeply engaged with us as a family," Boynton said. "Our children (Caitlin, Keith, Devin and Darcy) were 1, 6, 9 and 12. The older three went directly into the rigid and demanding French school system, having absolutely no background in French. It's a lucky thing that they all have Jamie's ever-cheerful 'what-the-heck-ness'."

McEwan continued to compete throughout the 1990s and even partnered with his son Devin, a current elite-level canoeist, for several competitions in the 2000s.

"It would be hard to articulate how cool that was," Devin McEwan said. "My dad was – and is – my hero both on and off the river, but he was also an amazing C-2 partner, traveling companion and friend."

The two were named to the 2001 U.S. National Team together, which Devin remembers as one of the best experiences of his life.

"Perhaps more than any other paddler I've ever met, my dad exuded competence on whitewater – he just seemed totally at home in a boat," Devin said. "It's crucial in C-2 to have faith in your teammate, and he inspired my absolute faith."

On June 14, 2014, Jamie McEwan passed away at the age of 61 due to multiple myeloma, a form of cancer that he had battled since 2009.

Boynton remembers watching her future husband on TV during the 1972 Olympics, and later meeting him in a drama class at Yale University.

“My mother asked me, ‘Do you know that Jamie McEwan whitewater guy they keep showing (on TV)?’” Boynton recalled. “I hadn’t been watching, and I said no. She said, incredulously, ‘But he’s in your class!’ I pointed out that there were 1200 people in my class. And my mom replied, ‘you should get to know him. I’m sure he’s more interesting than all of them.’

‘So I watched. I got to see Jamie race (from that day on, I have loved this sport), and I saw him win his medal. A full year later, he and I were part of a very small acting class. A few weeks in, I suddenly

Jamie, he wanted to make more of an impact on the sport that had meant so much to his friend.

Kesier ultimately decided to make an endowment gift to sustain the sport of canoe and kayak. The funding, invested annually, provides perpetual support for American athletes – including Devin, who recently won the 2015 C-2 national title with partner Casey Eichfeld.

“I know he would’ve been modest and said, ‘Well, you don’t really have to name it after me,’” Keiser said. “But if

service,” Boynton said. “My kids and I were – and still are – stunned by this remarkable tribute. We’re awed and grateful. Mike and Lindy’s gift fits Jamie and his unique character and legacy absolutely perfectly.”

With additional resources comes increased access to the sport at all levels. Meanwhile, more paddlers at the elite level – like Devin – will have the support they need to become professionals.

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Canoers Jamie McEwan and Devin McEwan (front) compete in the C2 event during the Olympic Team trials for Whitewater Slalom at the U.S. National Whitewater Center April 26, 2008 in Charlotte, N.C.

realized: Wait. He’s that Olympics guy my mom told me about!

And she was, of course, absolutely right – Jamie was always more interesting than anyone else.”

After McEwan’s passing, Keiser met with a fundraiser from the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Foundation. He was considering making a mid-level gift to Team USA, but after reminiscing about

we insisted, he would’ve given us that crooked smile and said, ‘Well, it’s for the good of canoeing.’ He was an avid and enthusiastic supporter of the sport.”

Keiser’s gift has the potential to transform the sport of canoe and kayak in the United States, just as McEwan’s 1972 Olympic bronze medal did.

“Mike told me about the gift a year ago, around the time of Jamie’s memorial

and meditative,” Devin said. “And these days, it’s when I’m on the river that I feel closest to my dad.”

It’s hard to sum up everything that Jamie McEwan was – paddler, writer, husband, father, son and loyal friend – in one narrative.

But for all of those reasons, he will never be forgotten.



REUNION2016

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The United States Olympians and Paralympians are going to Las Vegas!

All Teams, All Games, All Together!

**Deadline for registration and hotel room block rates is:
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To: All Olympians and Paralympians
From: The 2016 USOPA Reunion Committee: *Willie Banks (Chair), Susie Paxton, Joey Cheek, Eli Wolff, John Register, Cindy Stinger, Micki King, Tom Lough and Anne Warner Cribbs*

We are confident that by now you have heard about the 2016 Reunion that will be happening in Las Vegas in February 2016. We are excited to be able to plan this gathering of such a very unique group!! Here are the details...

When: February 19-21, 2016
Where: Tropicana Hotel (Las Vegas – with special rates)
Why: To renew friendships, and celebrate the unique experiences of the Olympic and Paralympic Games. To support the current Olympic & Paralympic Teams on their Road to Rio, and to have fun!

There is a \$200 registration fee per person – this fee includes the following:

- Friday, Feb. 19, – Welcome Reception
- Saturday, Feb. 20 – Breakfast
- Saturday, Feb. 20 – Gala Reception & Dinner Celebration “*Salute to the Olympic Spirit*”
- Sunday, Feb. 21 – Farewell Breakfast
- Commemorative gift and Reunion photo

Please be aware that on December 25th the registration fee will increase to \$250 per person.

Other activities:

- Friday afternoon press conference
- Vegas “Afterhours”
- The *Great Las Vegas Table Tennis Tournament* – presented by USA Table Tennis; awards given
- The *2016 Reunion Celebrity Golf Tournament* at the Revere Golf Club, Lexington Course, Henderson, NV

- The *2016 Reunion Olympic Film Festival* – to include: "Renaissance Period of the African American in Sports" A tribute to the 9 track & field medalists in the 1936 Olympics who shattered records and stereotypes. With Olympic Track & Field panelists **Herb Douglas** (1948); **Harrison Dillard** (1948 & '52); **Bob Beamon** (1968); **Dr. John Carlos** (1968); and **Dr. Edwin Moses** (1976, '80, '84, '88); moderated by **Charles Jenkins** (1956)
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4. Outside of the United States, please call your local United Airlines Reservation Office.

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This could be the largest gathering in the history of U.S. Olympians and Paralympians outside of the Games!

ALUMNI IN HONOR

Coach Kiraly Has Court Named In His Honor

On the sands that spawned his immense volleyball talent, U.S. Women's National Team Head Coach Karch Kiraly has had a court named in his honor. Former teammates, coaches

success at every level. A CIF title for the Dons, three NCAA Championships for the Bruins, three Olympic Gold medals (two indoor and one beach) for the USA and 148 tournament victories on the beach were enough to earn Kiraly the rare distinction of being named the player of the century by the FIVB. He



Coach Karch Kiraly

and his family and friends were present to dedicate the "Karch Kiraly Court" on center stage at East Beach in Santa Barbara, Calif., to celebrate the four decades of his volleyball career, both indoor and outdoor. Kiraly represents the proudest product of the Santa Barbara volleyball community, both for his lifetime of accomplishments and for the work habits and character he has displayed throughout.

Kiraly learned the game on East Beach with his father Las, in the Santa Barbara High gym with Rick Olmstead, at UCLA with Al Scates -- and has enjoyed

had won tournaments in 24 of his 28 seasons with 13 different partners.

Now, as coach of the U.S. Women's National Team since 2012, Kiraly is still earning glories, leading Team USA to the 2014 FIVB World Championship title. And his sights are set on the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. His career of hard work, humility and competitive success is a source of deep pride for Santa Barbara residents, and will be celebrated on this court in the decades to come.

San Jose Sports Hall Of Fame Announced Class Of 2015 Inductees John Carlos, Chris Carver, Jeff Garcia And Mani Hernandez Honored At Induction Ceremony On November 9, 2015

The San Jose Sports Hall of Fame marked its 21st year of honoring South Bay sports legends when it inducted its four newest members on Monday, Nov. 9, at SAP Center at San Jose. The four inductees hail from the upper echelon of collegiate, professional, and/or Olympic competition. Although they played different sports in different eras, they share the common bond of having made a lasting impact both on and off the field of play.



John Carlos, Anne Warner Cribbs (Class of 2003) and Steve Simmons enjoy the ceremony honoring South Bay sports legends.

The San Jose Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2015 Inductees are:

- John Carlos: Olympic Medalist / NCAA Champion / Civil Rights Icon
- Chris Carver: Legendary Synchronized Swimming Coach / U.S. National Team Coach
- Jeff Garcia: NFL Pro-Bowl Quarterback / SJSU Record Holder

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- Manuel “Mani” Hernandez:
Olympian/ MLS Trailblazer/ Acclaimed Youth Coach

Each inductee was recognized with a bronze plaque permanently installed on the concourse at SAP Center at San Jose. With the induction of the Class of 2015, there will be 97 South Bay sports icons enshrined in the Hall of Fame. The annual induction is an event of the San Jose Sports Authority, San Jose Arena Authority, SAP Center Management/ San Jose Sharks, and the City of San José. The event benefits Special Olympics Northern California and high school sports programs.



Cheryl Haworth

Weightlifting Honors New Members

On November 23, 2015 the 2015 IWF Weightlifting World Championships, USA Weightlifting inducted Cheryl Haworth and Robin Goad into the USA Weightlifting Hall of Fame.

Cheryl Haworth is a 3x Olympian (2000-Bronze), 2004, 2008), 2 time Junior World Champion (2001 & 2002),

Pan Am Games Champion (1999), Goodwill Games Champion (2001), Senior National Champion (1998–2008), and American Record Holder. Haworth currently lives in Hong Kong with her wife and is coaching at Coastal Fitness Performance.

Goad competed at the first Women’s World Championships in 1987 and was the only female Olympian to compete at the 2000 Olympic Games from that World Championship team. She is a World Championship Bronze Medalist (1998), World Champion (1994), Pan American Games Champion (1999), and Senior National Champion 1988-



Robin Goad

1989, 1991-1996, 1999 and 2001. She set one World Record during her career and many Junior and Senior American Records.

She and her husband Dean live in Newnan, Georgia with their 3 children Sydney, Dean, and Rubylyn. Robin currently teaches Physical Education in her hometown.

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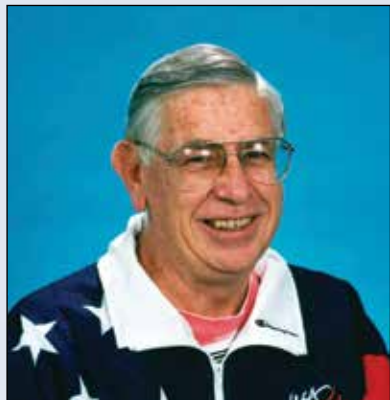


Tom Fitzgerald (team handball, 1996) is the proud father of Luke Ryan Fitzgerald. Luke was born at 5:21p.m. on Aug 20, 2015, weighing 7lbs 5oz and measuring 20 3/4 inches.



Erin Aldrich-Shean (track & field, 2000) and husband Andrew Shean, wanted to share a recent photo of Jack at nine months. Jack was born on March 7, 2015, weighing 7lbs 14oz and measuring 22 inches.

ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM



Robert "Bob" Louie Beeten
(USOC Director of Sports Medicine)

Robert "Bob" passed away on November 17, 2015 at the age of 81.

Born in Longmont, Colo. in 1934 to Forde Louis (Louie) Beeten and Charlotte Mallonee Beeten. Survivors: Wife: Jennifer Stone of Monument Colo., Daughters: Tara Beeten-Kingery of Black Forest, Colo., and Kimberly West of American Falls, Idaho. 5 grandchildren: Lindsay, Cori, Kami, Cody and Kaycee. 1 great grandchild: Marley

Bob graduated from Johnstown Colorado High School. He earned a BS in Physical Education and History from Colorado A&M and a MS in Sports Medicine from BYU.

Bob's first job was in the El Paso, Texas school district as athletic trainer, teacher and assistant track & field coach.

He moved to Idaho State University as head athletic trainer and assistant track coach. He later became the head cross country and track coach for ISU, winning numerous Big Sky conference championships in indoor/outdoor track and cross country. Bob was also named Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year 10 times between 1965 and 1977. He produced 17 All-Americans, with 1 athlete making the 1972 Jamaica Olympic Team and another the 1976 Ghana Olympic Team.

In addition, Bob was named Head Athletic Trainer for numerous Summer and Winter Olympic Games and Pan American

Games. In 1977, he became the first Director of Sports Medicine for the U.S. Olympic Committee at the Squaw Valley Calif. Olympic Training Center. In 1978, he moved to the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. where he remained until his retirement in 2000. He implemented the first volunteer medical program, utilizing physicians, athletic trainers, chiropractors, and psychologists to staff all Olympic Training Centers, U.S. Olympic Festivals, World University Games, Pan American Games, and Olympic Games.

After retiring, Bob returned to coaching track, volunteering at Lewis-Palmer High School in Monument, Colo.

Bob received the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award in 1994, was inducted into the NATA Hall of Fame in 2003, the Rocky Mountain Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame in 1995 and the Colorado Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame in 2012. He served as NATA District 7 Director while at ISU. In 2013, he received a Congressional Gold medal for his work with the 1980 Olympic Summer Games medical staff. In 2003 the Sports Medicine Clinic at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado was named in his honor.



Robert B. Cleary
(Ice Hockey, 1960)

Robert "Bob" Cleary passed away on September 16, 2015 at age 79.

Bob was educated at Shady Hill School,

Belmont Hill School, and Harvard University. While at Harvard he served as captain of both the men's varsity ice hockey and baseball teams. During his collegiate hockey career, he led the NCAA in scoring in both his 1957 and 1958 seasons and still holds a career scoring record at Harvard.

Cleary was a Hearst All Star, a premier invitational tournament for the nation's top school-aged amateur baseball players, and he played three seasons in the well-known Cape Cod Baseball League. He was named two times to the NCAA All-America Ice Hockey Team. He was also a two-time recipient of the Walter Brown Award, given annually to the top collegiate hockey player in Greater Boston.

Upon graduation he represented the United States in the 1959 World Ice Hockey Championships and subsequently won the gold medal as a member of the first U.S. Men's Ice Hockey Miracle team at the 1960 Winter Olympics in Squaw Valley, Calif.

Bob is member of the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame, the Massachusetts Hockey Hall of Fame and the Harvard Varsity Club Hall of Fame reserved for the most elite athletes and highest achievements of their era.

As an insurance professional, he was equally as accomplished. In addition to building a successful property and casualty insurance business, he also remained a top agent at The New England Life Insurance Company for more than 50 years becoming one of the few to win the Flagship award for top life insurance sales in multiple years, and culminating into his induction to the New England Financial/Metlife Hall of Fame.

During his career, Bob took great pride in working closely with the community in various capacities, the most notable being the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB). Bob was a grassroots volunteer until he was asked to become a member of the board and ultimately became the Board Chair. He recruited other high-profile individuals and business icons whom

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also accepted leadership positions and built one of the most stable and impactful non-profit organizations in the City of Boston that serves children in high-risk neighborhoods. Bob served as a Senior Advisory Board Member for BGCB until his passing.

In his most recent years, Bob greatly cherished time with his family and friends at the Oyster Harbors Club, in Osterville, Mass., Brae Burn Country Club, in W. Newton, Mass., and the Loxahatchee Club, in Jupiter, Fla. Bob was an avid competitor and truly enjoyed the game of golf. Friends would often find Bob watching his grandchildren's athletic events and watching nearly most any athletic contest at Harvard and Belmont Hill School.

Bob is survived by his wife Annie (Tredennick) Cleary; sons, Robert, Jr., Brian, and Andrew (Emily); daughters, Christin (Rick) and Meghan (Peter); eight grandchildren and brother, William.



Byron L. Krieger
(Fencing, 1952, 1956)

Byron Krieger passed away on November 8, 2015 at age 95.

Byron represented the United States at the Olympics in 1952 in Helsinki and 1956 in Melbourne as a foil fencer. He won a gold medal in the team foil and team sabre at the 1951 Pan American Games. In 1957, he won gold in foil and sabre at the Maccabiah Games. He was officially rated as one of

the nation's top 10 fencers for 15 years during his career.

Kreiger attended Wayne State University, he was the NCAA champion in the foil in 1942.

Byron was born in Detroit, Michigan and graduated from Northwestern High School, where he had been a member of the school fencing club under the direction of his English teacher, he was encouraged to start training at Salle de Tuscan Fencing Club.

Byron's talent for the sport showed quickly at age 16 when he became the youngest fencer to reach the State Championship finals where he placed 3rd in foil.

He attended Wayne State University in Michigan, he was the first NCAA champion in foil in 1942 and was named WSU's All-American.

Byron is survived by his wife, Joyce; six children, 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Malvin G. Whitfield
(Track & Field, 1948, 1952)

Malvin "Mal" Whitfield passed away on November 18, 2015 at age 91.

Nicknamed "Marvelous Mal," Whitfield joined the Army Air Force after graduating

from high school in 1943 as a member of the Tuskegee Airmen. He was a member of the 100th Fighter Squadron of the 332nd Fighter Group in Ohio and later flew 27 combat missions during the Korean War.

At the London 1948 Olympic Games, Whitfield, then a 24-year-old Air Force sergeant, became the first U.S. serviceman to win a gold medal while on active duty. He won gold in the 800-meter and as a member of the 4x400-meter team, and added a bronze medal in the 400-meter. His win marked just the second time since 1912 that a U.S. runner won an individual race longer than 400 meters.

Four years later, at the Helsinki 1952 Olympic Games, Whitfield defended his 800-meter title and won silver in the 4x400.

Whitfield trained for the 1952 Games while serving as a tail gunner during the Korean War, where he flew 27 bombing missions. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force in 1952 and continued racing, winning 66 of 69 800-meter races from June of 1948 to the end of 1954. That year he became the first African-American recipient of the Sullivan Award, given to the top amateur athlete in the U.S.

Upon his athletic retirement, Whitfield toured the world as a Sports Goodwill Ambassador for the U.S. Department of State and later became the head of the Physical Education and Sports Department at the University of Nigeria. He was elected to the National Track & Field Hall of Fame in 1974, the Ohio State Varsity Hall of Fame in 1978 and the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame in 1988.

JOAN LIND VAN BLOM

1952-2015



Joan Lind - 1976 Olympic silver medalist
- 1x (single scull)

Joan Lind Van Blom 1952-2015

Joan Lind was the U.S. Olympic Sculler at the Montreal Olympics in 1976 winning a silver medal for the U.S. She won the first U.S. women's Olympic medal in the sport as it was new to the Olympic program. Joan was on the 1980 Olympic Team that didn't compete in Moscow and won a silver medal in the quad at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. After a two year battle with aggressive brain cancer, Joan died in August at the age of 62.

Aside from being the top single sculler in America for nearly a decade, winning 14 national titles and competing on World Championship teams in the non-Olympic years between 1974-1984, Joan served the Long Beach Unified School District for over three decades, 25 years as a teacher and then another decade as the district's first physical education curriculum leader. It is in this position that she left her mark on the larger community outside of rowing.

Comments from those who knew and loved her:

"Joan loved being an educator. She wrote two grants that brought in over a million dollars in equipment and teacher training to Long Beach students. We have indoor rowing machines in all of our comprehensive high schools because of her."

"It is an amazing feat when someone can reach the highest level of success in not one but two completely different areas of human achievement. "

"Joan is a phenomenal teacher and a mentor in every sense of the word. She sets high expectations for all of her students and provides them with a rigorous and challenging curriculum."

A non-Olympian master's rower who competed against Joan at the indoor rowing world championships said of Joan:

"I only had a few conversations with Joan but I was immediately taken by her warmth and generosity. Having such spectacular achievements yet still being so gracious and humble. She made it a point to find me and tell me that I inspired her to get back on the erg. I will never forget it."

Following her diagnosis Joan consciously set out to reconnect with friends and teammates from her past and photos and videos came from all corners of the world. Shortly before she died a letter arrived from Christine Scheiblich-Hahn, Van Blom's East German rival in the 1976 Olympics.

Joan left her mark on all who knew her, raced against her, or were just fortunate enough to know her and to be inspired by her. She has been recognized by the creation of the Joan Lind Van Blom endowment for women's sculling at the National Rowing Foundation and by a scholarship with the Long Beach Unified School District. She received the U.S. Rowing Ernestine Bayer Award in 2014 to

recognize her lifelong contributions.

At the recent Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston (featuring over 10,000 competitors including juniors, elite, and masters) four boats comprised largely of fellow members (men and women) of the 1980 Olympic Team raced in pink shirts with "FOR JOAN" emblazoned on the back.



1980 men's eight - 50+ - at Head of Charles wearing pink to honor Joan

These rowers celebrate their special relationship and bittersweet memories annually as they come together to race under the 1980 and Etats Unis names. This year the pink shirts were to honor their teammate Joan Lind Van Blom.

Joan was a trailblazer for all the women rowers in the U.S. and an inspiration to the men and women on the National and Olympic Teams.



TERRIS TILLER HITS THE GROUND RUNNING WITH ACE

Known throughout the U.S Olympic family simply as “T,” Terris Tiller joined the Athlete Career and Education (ACE) team in July, 2015, after serving as Coordinator of Resident Life at the Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center (CSOTC) for eight years. Before joining the U.S. Olympic Committee, Tiller cut his sports admin teeth in the NGB world, serving four years as a Member Services Representative with USA Cycling.

Following a successful collegiate athletic career as a middle distance runner at Trinity University, Tiller came to the Olympic movement as a modern pentathlon athlete, taking up the sport just prior to the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000. After spending two years learning four new sports, Tiller made his first international team in 2002 and moved to Colorado Springs to train with the national team. Despite not earning a chance to represent Team USA at the Olympics, Tiller enjoyed some success in the sport, claiming a national title in 2004 and leading his teammates to a fourth place finish in the Men’s Team Relay at the 2006 World Championships.

After retiring from modern pentathlon in 2007, Tiller found new ways to channel his competitive drive and passion for sport. “I didn’t reach my ultimate goal of competing on an Olympic Team, so it is especially rewarding for me to be able to help other athletes strive and reach their Olympic and Paralympic dreams,”

Tiller states, describing what he enjoyed most about his role at the CSOTC. While working at the CSOTC, he saw a need for education and job opportunities for athletes, motivating him to implement an Athlete Job Program for residents. Tiller also created seminars and workshops for athletes to learn skills in foreign languages, financial literacy, résumé building and public speaking.

Although Tiller never participated in the Olympic Games as an athlete, he is no stranger to the Games environment, as he has worked a combined six Olympic, Paralympic, and Pan American Games as support staff for the USOC. In 2015, Tiller served as the Airport Operations Lead for the Parapan American Games in Toronto and the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) Annual Assembly in Washington DC. For Rio 2016, Tiller will draw on his vast experience and skill set to serve as the Athlete Services Lead and liaison to the two Athlete Services Coordinators (named by the Athlete’s Advisory Council), in support of Team USA’s Athlete Service Center in the Olympic Village. The role will provide Tiller a great opportunity to connect with even more athletes who may be seeking the services of the ACE Program post Rio.

In his new role as Athlete Career and Education Coach for ACE, Tiller serves as the ACE liaison to USOC sponsor, DICK’s Sporting Goods, who as of this writing has hired 150 athletes as sales

associates. Tiller was also instrumental in updating the ACE site (www.TeamUSA.org/ACE) which now has images, video and athlete success stories.

“Working in the ACE Program has expanded the pool of athletes I can reach. I can use the skill set I developed at the CSOTC to have a positive impact on athletes all over the country from every sport,”

“I am looking forward to organizing the ACE Athlete Summit that will be held in conjunction with the post-Rio White House visit next fall. We have the opportunity through the ACE program to help athletes while they are still competing and to assist them in making a smooth transition to life after elite sport,” he adds.

Tiller is very comfortable with athletes and coaches, USOC and NGB staff as well as sponsors, donors and dignitaries. Don’t be surprised to see Tiller pulling 16-hour days in the Olympic Village then return to his room to contact an athlete who failed to make the team and is looking for assistance as to what is next.

“We truly want our athletes to be able to see a successful future for themselves when they are no longer competing,” T asserts with a smile on his face. You know this guy is going to make a difference in a lot of athletes’ lives. He is just getting started.

OLYMPIAN & PARALYMPIAN

PHOTO Highlights



1. Members of the 1980 Olympic Rowing team gather annually to compete at the 2015 Head of Charles - this year wearing "Honor Joan" shirts.
2. Fencing Olympians past and present gathered together in New York City in October 2015 to celebrate 25 years of the Peter Westbrook Foundation and the sneak preview of the Documentary, A Path To Excellence, written, directed and produced by 1972 Olympian Carl Borack. Photo credit: Ruggerio Vanni
3. USOPA Vice President, Carol Brown celebrating the Olympic Spirit and inspiring young students.
4. Guy Troy (modern pentathlon, 1952) celebrates Olympic Day with a field day for elementary children in Lexington, N.C.
5. Members of the Colorado Chapter enjoy a Rockies game at Coors Field.
6. Midwest Olympians and Paralympians Celebrate the Blues at the Legendary Wooden Nickel Highwood in Chicago, Ill. Pictured are from left to right: Olympians Chuck Burke (speed skating, 1952, 1956), Carol Brown (rowing, 1976, 1980, 1984), Ron Urick (canoe/kayak, 1988), and Diane Simpson (gymnastics, 1988), and five-time Paralympian Paul Moran (sit volleyball, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004; wheelchair tennis, 2008). Brown is the vice president of the national U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association. Photo courtesy of Mark Blank of Mark Blank Photography.
7. Members of the Northern California Olympians and Paralympians Chapter participate in the United Airlines Fantasy Flight program on December 5, 2015. Now that's a great way to start the holidays.



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