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Awards and Recognitions

The Dick Barbour Meritorious Service Award

1985.....	Hank Patton
1986.....	George Newlon
	Roxanne Anderson
1987.....	Dan Dotta
	Del Dotta
1988.....	Harry Young
	Henry "Hank" Weston
1989.....	Ed Parker
	Harmon Brown
1990.....	Horace Crow
1991.....	(No award)
1992.....	Dick Connors
1993.....	George Kleeman
1994.....	Tom Moore
1995.....	Charlie Sheppard
1996.....	Norm Morrison
1997.....	(no award)
1998.....	John Luppés
1999.....	Richard Zulaica
2000.....	Jim Hume
	Jim Wynn
2001.....	Bob Shor
	Rick Milam
2002.....	Bob Rauch
2003.....	Lori Maynard
	Sonny Maynard
2004.....	Gail Wetzork
2005.....	Phil Watkins
2006.....	Bill Edgar
2007.....	Ed Hicks
2008.....	Dick Iwamiya
2009.....	Bruce Colman
2010.....	Bobby Hughey
2011.....	Don Bailes

The George Newlon Special Recognition— Track

1995.....	Bob Mason
1996.....	Ben Morjig
1997.....	(no award)
1998.....	Jerry Colman
1999.....	Bobby Hughey
2000.....	Dan Davidson
2001.....	John Coie
2002.....	Gerry Collet
2003.....	Dick Iwamiya
2004.....	Rick Urband
2005.....	Joe Harper
2006.....	Richard Cabral
2007.....	Colin Campbell
2008.....	Jeannie White
2009.....	Rory Osborne
2010.....	Tiffany Banks
2011.....	Phil Leake

Experiences at the Olympic Trials...by John Shirey

World records are big deals. To do something no other person in history has ever done is a remarkable feat, and that is what Ashton Eaton did June 22-23 at the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials in Eugene when he scored 9,039 points in the decathlon. He is only the second person to score more than 9,000 points in the event, breaking the record of 9,026 set by Roman Sebrle of the Czech Republic in 2001.

In the course of returning the record to the United States, Eaton also crushed Dan O'Brien's American record of 8,891 points.

I had the good fortune to be a witness to history as a pole vault official for the decathlon. We ran two pits simultaneously for the decathlon, and Eaton was on my pit. That day he cleared 5.30 meters, or 17' 4 1/2", his lifetime best performance in the vault.

He followed that with another PR in the javelin where fellow Pacific Association official **John Murray** was the chief official. Eaton's throw of 58.87m/193' 1" set up a real chance to break the WR with only one event to go, the 1500 meters. All of us officials sensed something great was possible.



John Shirey officiating the pole vault at Stanford

Eaton needed to run 4 minutes, 16.37 seconds to set the record, a time the public address announcer made known to the crowd at Hayward Field which was filled with Oregon faithful many of whom cheered for Ashton all through his four years as a Duck and five-time NCAA champion.

The Horace Crowe Special Recognition — Field

1995.....	Sonny Maynard
1996.....	Rich Zulaica
1997.....	(no award)
1998.....	Bill Edgar
1999.....	Joan M. Wilson
2000.....	Phil Watkins
2001.....	Dr. Leon Glover, Jr.
2002.....	Bruce Colman
2003.....	Dick Petruzzi
2004.....	Teddy Hayes
2005.....	Shirley Connors
	Margaret Sheehan
2006.....	John Murray
2007.....	Bill Hawkes
2008.....	John Shirey
2009.....	Jim Waldron
2010.....	Pat Randall

2011Leon Wimbley**The Lori Maynard Special Recognition Award**

2009.....	Art and Becky Klein
2010.....	Deanna and Jon Vochatzer
2011.....	Keith Conning

USATF National Award Certificate**2011**

Mike Aro (Throws)
Dino Certa (Starter)
Bruce Makinson (Horizontal Jumps/Starter)
Elizabeth Price (Race Walk Judge/Lap Counting)
Jon Price (Race Walk Judge/Lap Counting)
John Wise (Starter)

2010

Robert Benoy (Horizontal Jumps)
Steve Green (Throws)
Dick Cochran (Throws)
John (J. R.) Heberle (Jumps, Starter and Electronic Measurement)
Ann Gerhardt (Race Walk and Jumps)
Leroy Milam (Clerk and Starter)

2009

Sean Laughlin (FinishLynx Operator)
John Lilygren (Vertical Jumps)
Baird Lloyd (LDR and Horizontal Jumps)
Leon Wimbley (Horizontal Jumps and electronic measurement)
Mark Youmans (Horizontal Jumps and Throws)

2008

Katherine Berman (LDR)
Richard Berman (LDR)
Derwent "Deri" Bowen (Throws)
Anthony Camargo (Competition Secretary)
Sue Murray (Throws)
Ted Waldo (Jumps and Throws)

2007

Irene Herman (LDR, Umpire)
Jeanne Sanders (Horizontal Jumps)
Mike Sands (Vertical Jumps)
Robert Thompson
Mark Winitz (LDR)

2006

Andy Anderson (Starter)
Dennis Boyle (Vertical Jumps)
Charles Des Jardins (LDR, Field Referee)
Joe Kever (Throws)
Jon Siege (Vertical Jumps)

Through more than the first half of the race Eaton looked strong but well behind race leaders Curtis Beach and Joe Detmer and seemingly off the pace to break 4:16. But with one lap to go and still in third place Eaton dug deep and started to sprint with the Hayward crowd going wild.

And then something unexpected happened. With about ten meters to go Beach and Detmer, out of respect and admiration for Eaton, slowed up to allow him to pass them and finish first in another lifetime best of 4:14.48 and a new world record! Despite sacrificing points for their own final scores Beach and Detmer seemed elated just to be part of a historic race. True acts of sportsmanship.

A few days later I had the honor of signing off on the world record as a pole vault official. **John Murray** did the same for the javelin.

Ashton Eaton can now lay claim to the informal title of "World's Best Athlete" and is the odds on favorite to win the gold in London. He will be pushed by his own teammate, Trey Hardee, who finished second.

Controversy in the 100 Meters

Unfortunately, from my perspective, the superlative performance of Ashton Eaton was overshadowed a few days later by a press-manufactured controversy in the Women's 100-meter final when Allyson Felix and Jeneba Tarmoh tied for third place and a spot on the Olympic team. At the conclusion of the race Tarmoh was shown on the scoreboard as third but upon careful review of the photo by USATF officials, both runners were in a dead heat, and that was the ruling.

Much to my dismay, USATF was criticized in the press, which played up the story for another week, first, for not having a procedure in place to break the tie, and then for not deciding to resolve the matter immediately. Above, I used the term "manufactured controversy," because it was.

There was a written procedure for resolving the matter—there could be a run-off to decide the place or it could be decided with a flip of a coin. (Almost no one wanted to see the latter option used.) Second, our officials did not decide what should be done right away as a courtesy to the coach of Felix and Tarmoh, Bobbie Kersee. Kersee did not want the decision on how to break the tie in the 100 to distract his athletes while both had to compete in three rounds of the 200 meters the rest of the week. I.e. USATF was at fault for accommodating the wishes of the athletes and their coach!

As everyone knows by now, after the final in the 200 meters both runners agreed on a runoff the next day only to have Tarmoh inexplicably change her mind the next morning and concede the place to Felix. Then more controversy.

Even with the sophisticated equipment available now to determine places and times, the extraordinary still occurred. (I can well remember the days when there would have been a group of us standing on stairs at the finish line trying to pick places with nothing but our naked eyes and instincts for assistance.) Nevertheless, I don't see how USATF officials could have handled the situation any better given the circumstances and our deference to the coach.

Rain, Rain, Go Away

Much was said throughout the ten days of the Trials about the Eugene weather which was predominately rainy, cloudy, and cool. (As an aside, no umbrellas are allowed in Hayward Field and hundreds of them were confiscated at the security gates.) As we waited through delays for the weather to clear or just worked through the rain, I took every opportunity to remind people the rain wouldn't be a problem if we were holding the Trials in Sacramento!

The rain affected one of my assigned events—the preliminaries of the Women's Pole Vault. After our officiating crew waited under the stadium seats for a few hours for the rain to stop so we could start the event, the decision was made to cancel the preliminaries and allow all 27 competitors who had checked in to be in the final scheduled two days later on June 24.

One implication of that decision was that all competitors would be jumping on one pit rather than two that would have been used for the preliminaries. To accommodate the larger field, the start time was moved up, a half-hour was added to the warm-up period—two hours instead of 90 minutes—and two runways could be used for run-throughs. Those were good decisions, but, of course, most women wanted to use the actual competition runway for their warm-ups. And do we really need two hours to warm-up for a pole vault competition?!

After being told several times we would not be using "five-alive" at any time during the Trials (there will be no such thing at the Olympics), we were instructed shortly before the start of the women's PV to use five-

alive! Fortunately, our assigned flight coordinator, Brett Newsome from Ohio, knew how to do it expertly and correctly.

The opening height for the final was 4.25 meters (13-11 ½), 15 centimeters higher than where we would have started the preliminaries. Perhaps not surprisingly, 12 vaulters failed to clear the opening height and 6 more went out at the second height of 4.40 (14-05 ¼) meters. That left us with only nine vaulters, fewer than we would have likely taken to the final if the preliminaries had been held. We had jumps at only three more heights until eventual winner Jennifer Suhr cleared 4.60 meters (15-01 ¼) and elected to take no more jumps to rest her injured leg.

It could be argued that the final should have been started at a lower height so that more athletes who were good enough to qualify for the Olympic Trials could have had a better chance to clear at least one bar. On the other hand, it could also be argued



*A happy **Rory Osborne** reports that the weather forecast is for more rain.*

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that extending the length of the competition would have been unfair to the better vaulters. Having watched the competition up close, it appears to me we are sending our best three vaulters at the Trials—Lacy Janson, Becky Holliday, and Jennifer Suhr—to London.

Broken Arrow

After 39 seasons of officiating track and field I thought I had seen it all in the sport. I was mistaken. During the qualifying round of the Men's Javelin, Cyrus Hostetler's javelin broke when he released it on his first throw. "Broke" as in two separate pieces that fell to the ground! What an odd thing, I thought. Later, weights and measures officials determined that the broken implement had earlier been damaged in some way with an unnoticed indentation underneath the grip that had cracked the metal. The crack likely caused the javelin to break in two when Hostetler applied force on his throw.

I had never seen a javelin break before during a throw, but another official told me he had witnessed it once at a Texas meet and both ends of the implement came down and stuck in the ground!

Hostetler's strange break drew a great deal of crowd and press attention. Eugene's daily newspaper, "The Register-Guard," ran a photo taken of him just after the throw, and standing very prominently in the background of the photo is our own **John Murray**. John was signing autographs the next day!

Oh, yes, if any reader is wondering, Cyrus got another throw.

Epilogue

The Pacific Association was well-represented in Eugene by **Bob Podkaminer** (Referee); **John Shirey** (Vertical Jumps); **Shirley Connors**, **Teddy Hayes** and **Charles Murphy** (Horizontal Jumps); **John Murray** and **Ray Fitzhugh** (Throws); **Dick Connors** and **Rory Osborne** (Marshalls); **J.R. Heberle** (laser measurement), **George Kleeman** (Jury of Appeals), **Tiffany Banks** (Starter); **Fred Baer** (the press). This was my sixth Olympic Trials as an official, and likely my last. It was an honor and a privilege to be part of the event that selected one of our best track and field teams to represent the United States at the 2012 London Olympic Games.

The annual meeting

Phil Leake, the Vice Chair of the officials committee, has advised *Turns & Distances* that the annual meeting of the officials will take place at the University of California Davis football stadium on Sunday, August 26th, 2012. All officials and their guests are urged to attend. You have already received an e-mail from John Murray with all the details and directions.

A thank you in advance to the University of California Davis and head coach **Drew Wartenberg** and his staff for providing the officials with a place to meet and then supplying the buffet. Good work coach Wartenburg and a big pat on the back for winning the 2012 Big West Conference Women's track and field Championship.

You are going to come because of all the wonderful swag available during the raffle aren't you? Phil urges you to search your closet and to bring any track and field officiating equipment you might no longer be using. If you don't bring something, there might be no swag on hand when your raffle number is called!

Award nominees being sought.

Doctor Leon Glover the Awards Chair for the officials committee, is looking for deserving individual officials who should be recognized for their efforts as officials and in the active promotion of our sport in the community. Dr. Glover is seeking nominees from the track, in the field, from race walking as well as from Long Distance Running. Dr. Glover is always looking for the names of people to recognize. There is no need to limit your efforts to this time of year. Call him anytime you have a good idea! The recognition will take place at the annual meeting in August. Please give Doc. Glover a call at **650-968-2007** if you have worthy candidates to recommend. Leon can best be contacted in the evening

Officials at work

Turns & Distances is always interested in having pictures of officials hard at work, or not hard at work if it is a good shot. Most of the following pictures come from U.C Davis, Stanford and the College of San Mateo. If you have pictures to contribute, rest assured you will receive photographic credit. Please list first and last names of all the officials in the picture(s). Please snail mail photographs to *Turns & Distances* Photographic Editor **Jim Hume** at 1561-b Marina Court, San Mateo, CA 94403 or e-mail "jpeg" files to jimhume.certchair@sbcglobal.net. I'll do my best to scan and return your photos.



Implement inspectors **Carl Strombom** and **Joseph Nemeth**



Mike Bower, Jeannie White, Edith Coleman and Monica Joannes



Mick Holt a visitor from the great Northwest, Chuck Sheley and Rich Cabral



Ahhhh! Did someone call for all relay runners to check-in?

Heard at the track:



Dick Connors is feeling poorly these days...in fact so poorly that he has canceled his golf dates for some time into the future. **Dick** came back from the Olympic Trials jaundiced and one thing led to another. On Wednesday, July 18th, a tumor was removed from his abdomen. He is recovering but not yet ready to swing a club. Dick does not have a cell phone, but a card (2065 Kings Lane, San Mateo, CA 94402) might help relieve his boredom.

While your official's certification expires with the Olympic flame in London, your insurance as a USATF official will continue until you have an opportunity to get to a ReCert clinic. Relax...and keep working.

- On the Saturday of this year's Brutus Hamilton Meet, the Cal coaching staff marked the end of **Bruce Colman's** tenure as officials coordinator by presenting him with a bottle of Merlot (from Washington State...) and allowing him to use a field mike to introduce a number of the officials who had worked all seven of Cal's meet-days in 2012—including, but not limited to, **Margaret Sheehan, George Kleeman, Sean Laughlin, Joe Kever, Jennifer Oliver, Baird Lloyd** (who invented the position of field clerk for All Comers), **Don Bailes, Mike Aro**, starter **Dino Certa**, and finish line expert **John Coie**; and also the announcers **John Auka** and **Karl Uebel**.



Gold Star Award
Winners!



Umpires **Dale Robison, Steve Brown, Bob Rauch, Russ Armstrong** and **Dennis Archuleta**



Rick Urband



Dan Wright records horizontal jump results on a computer using FieldLynx. You too may use a computer.



Don Collins uses the old fashioned method of recording results...paper, pen and a clipboard.

- Dick Connors reports that on April 28th he talked with “Big” **John Crumpacker**, ace track and field writer for the San Francisco Chronicle during the Brutus Hamilton at Cal . John was very disappointed in that the *San Francisco Chronicle* is not sending him to London this summer to “the Games”. John has not missed going to the Summer Olympics since 1988. John allowed that the newspaper business has changed a great deal in the past four years. John your excellent coverage of the Games will be sorely missed in the Bay Area.
- On the weekend of May 24, 25 and 26, seven officials from the Pacific Association (**Mike Aro, Susie Van Buskirk, Dick Connors, Shirley Connors, J.R. Heberle, Bruce Makinson, and Bob Podkaminer**) worked the NCAA Division III Championships at Claremont College in southern California. The meet was highly successful with Midwest schools enjoying the warm California sun and the well-run meet. Kudos to meet director **John Goldhammer** of Claremont College.



Deanna Bower



Dennis Boyle



Bob Rush

- **The New Olympiad, recertification time for all.** Shirley Connors, Training Chair and Jim Hume, CertChair working on the 2013 ReCertification clinics as well as on the new officials clinic and professional advancement session. Along with the good lunch and friendly company, when you attend the Annual Meeting at U.C. Davis, you will get a firsthand look at their plans.



Dr. Leon Glover



George Kleeman



Joe Keever

- **2020 Summer Olympic Host Cities Named...** From: *Sports Illustrated*, 6/4/12, p.18 The IOC has named the three finalists for host city for the 2020 Summer Olympics. They are **Tokyo, Istanbul, and Madrid**. The

cities are all familiar with the process. Tokyo hosted the 1964 Games and applied for 2016, Istanbul has submitted bids for every Summer Olympics from '00 through '12, and Madrid lost in the third round of voting for both '12 and '16. The IOC will select the winning city with a final vote on Sept. 7, 2013, in Buenos Aires. The 2016 Games are scheduled for Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

• **Edrick Floreal Named head Track and Field Coach at Kentucky**...July 9, 2012, Go Stanford.com

Edrick Floreal, who served as the Stanford Franklin P. Johnson Director of Track and Field for the past eight seasons, has resigned to accept the head coaching position at the University of Kentucky.

To read the whole article, Google **University of Kentucky Athletics**, click on **Teams** and scroll down to Track & Field.

Shirley Connors Honored By Stanford For 25 Years Of Service...as read by Keith Conning at the presentation



...at Stanford Invitational 4/07/2012

Shirley Oliver Connors is a third generation Californian who has always loved being active in sports. Four years in Connecticut at Darien High School allowed her to participate in different interscholastic sports and helped her develop her major at the University of California, Santa Barbara. While attending Santa Barbara, Shirley was on the first women's volleyball, basketball, golf and field hockey teams, and graduated with a B.S. degree in Physical Education and a minor in Social Studies. She later acquired a Master's Degree in Kinesiology.

Shirley's life after college included marriage to Dick, helping to raise three sons (two of whom competed internationally in the Modern Pentathlon), 25 years of teaching elementary school, high school and all the while coaching A.Y.S.O. (American Youth Soccer Association) soccer and volleyball. Dick and Shirley already have five grandchildren.

In 2000 Shirley retired from teaching and was able to increase her involvement in track and field officiating. In her new found spare time Shirley has officiated youth, high school, community college, NCAA and Open USATF meets where she has specialized in officiating the long jump and triple jump. She has worked: **The last three Olympic Trials** and was selected to the horizontal crew for 2012; **8 USATF Junior/Senior**

Championships; 7 NCAA Championships; 12 Pac-10 Championships; 11 Junior Olympic Nationals; And 2 **World Championships**...The Modern Pentathlon hosted here at Stanford, and The World Masters last summer in Sacramento. Shirley has officiated here at Stanford **since 1986**.

Stanford Claims 18th Consecutive Learfield Sports Directors' Cup...From: Go Stanford.com,

Stanford, California (6/26/12) Stanford Athletics has claimed its unprecedented 18th consecutive Learfield Sports Directors' Cup today, an award that is presented annually by the National Association of Collegiate Athletic Directors of America (NACDA) and Learfield Sports to the top intercollegiate athletic program in the nation. You can read the full article at www.GoStanford.com. Scroll down and look under **General Releases** in the lower left corner, but here are the highlights:

Stanford finished with 1384.25 points, outdistancing Florida (1241.00) and Ohio State (1104.25) for its 18th straight title. UCLA (4th: 1,064.75) and Texas (5th: 1032.50) round out the top-five. (Editor's note: The University of California, Berkeley finished in 11th position with 979.00 points for the 2011-12 academic year.)

- The Cardinal claimed national championships in the sports of women's soccer, women's water polo and women's lightweight rowing eight,
- Stanford has won at least one NCAA team title for 36 consecutive years, and has now won 103 NCAA team titles, the second-highest total among all NCAA institutions.
- Seventeen of Stanford's 35 intercollegiate programs finished their respective seasons ranked in the top-10 nationally, while seven teams were ranked first in the nation at some point during the year.
- Six Stanford student-athletes – Mark Appel (baseball), Nicole Gibbs (women's tennis) Andrew Luck (football), Kiley Neushul (women's water polo), Teresa Noyola (women's soccer), and Lindsey Taylor (women's soccer) –earned National Players Of The Year Honors in their respective sports. Gibbs and Mallory Burdette were named ITA Doubles Team of the year honors.
- Four Stanford coaches – Al Acosta (women's lightweight rowing), Paul Ratcliffe (women's soccer), David Shaw (football) and John Tanner (women's water polo) earned national coach of the year honors.
- All 35 programs exceeded the NCAA's Academic Progress (APR) standards while seven Cardinal teams earned perfect scores of **1,000**.



...photo by Paul Kosek

USATF Indoor Pole Vault Crew Left to Right: **John Lilygren, Paul Kosek, Stan Scott** (Head PV Official), **Ted Glenn, Jenn Suhr, Mica Barton** (woman in front), **Craig Cooper, Mark Shumate**



photo from Jimmy Stuart

2012 Olympic Trials Electronic Crew...Left to right: **Justin Kuo** (New England), **J.R. Heberle** (Pacific), **Eric Smith** (Florida), **Fred Thomas** (Oregon) and **Jimmy Stuart** (Southwestern)

2012 USA Olympic Team Trials...by Dick Connors

Eugene was ready for us! Nike put on a splashy fiesta for the fans and hangers on, the University had hired extra security people to get people into the venue in an expeditious manner. The merchants in 'Track Town' all had their stores and particularly the bars decorated in green and yellow welcoming all the visitors to town. The athletes performed better than expected and it rained six of the eight days of competition and both of the off days. This fair weather writer was extremely disappointed with sitting in the rain on dreary cold days to see events postponed to later in the day or rescheduled to another day. The women's discus throw final was held with the circle completely filled with water and in continuous rain. The weather conditions definitely were not the best for the optimum performance of the talented group of competitors assembled to compete.

The physical facilities of the Hayward Field venue were in excellent condition although at several sessions early in the meet safety was a real concern as several field event competitions were taking place at the same time in a very confined area. Within the past year, the entire track complex had been renovated for the competition. Additional grand stands were added to increase the venues capacity from approximately 15,000 to the 20,000 range.

The University went all out to create a festive mood for visiting track and field fans. Tickets for the competitions were hard to come by and the athletes played to a sold-out house most sessions. Former Olympic Games medalists from the USA were guests of meet management and made cameo appearances at the stadium and presented medals on the award stand.

All of the usual annoyances for the fans and officials were present and operational. Parking was not to be had within a mile of the stadium requiring a lengthy round trip walk to ones car or a ride on an irregular running shuttle bus. Security at the venue was very tight. To gain admittance to the facilities everyone had to pass through a metal detector or be scanned with a detective wand. Police dogs were sniffing backpacks after attendants searched the bags. To reach the track after passing through security one had to walk through the



Jim Hart

Nike Fiesta, an avenue of commercial tents and restaurants.

The competition on the track and in the field was fierce. The way the US Olympic committee selects the participants for the team is as "cut throat" as any Olympic team trials in the world. Track athletes competed in three rounds of competition 100 meter through 1500 meters, two rounds for all other track events. In the field, all 24 invited competitors had a qualifying round and finals. Finish in the top three places and have an IAAF (A) qualifying mark and you are on your way to the Games.

It was not my favorite Olympic Track and Field Trials, or my most enjoyable competition, but it had to be the most competitive of competitions that I have ever witnessed.



Roger Quimby

How Rory Osborne Got Squatters Rights To The Finish Line...by Marshal Rory Osborne.



*Many are called, but few are chosen. **Kim Conley**, a former U.C. Davis athlete and current assistant coach is one of the chosen. **Kim** finished 3rd in the 5,000m in 15:19.79. She achieved the "A" standard of 15:20 and was 4/100th ahead of fourth place.*

there when they came up). I also was Head Marshal for the hammer events up in Beaverton the day before the official start of the Trials.

KimConley is a former runner here at UCD who holds various school records, who graduated a couple of years ago, who is an assistant coach here now, and who often helps out at local meets such at the Woody Wilson.

Trust me, we hugged after the race (apparently displayed on the JumboTron as I heard about multiple times later!) and she was quite wet/sweaty herself.

Cal's smaller sports saved but not out of the woods...by Katie Dowd, *San Francisco Chronicle*, July 7, 2012

CAL Athletics at-risk sports survived but now must pay their own way.

It has been nearly two years since the Cal athletic department announced it would cut baseball, women's lacrosse and men's and women's gymnastics, and demote rugby from a varsity sport to something called a "varsity club" sport with the intention of saving \$4 million in the first year and reducing subsequent annual budgets. In the frantic months that followed, donors raised the millions of dollars needed to save the five sports.

Their return, however, was conditional. Upon reinstatement, each team agreed to find a path to financial independence in the next seven to 10 years, a rare - and possibly unattainable - demand in the football-first world of collegiate fundraising. Although Cal's football program routinely brings in millions each year, that's certainly not the case for sports where were to be cut.

So far, no teams have been cut for all are busy raising money. Their challenge is to keep raising money year after year.

You may read the entire article if you Google **Cal's smaller sports saved but not out of the woods.**

Nike gave us a windbreaker with a hood (the hood can be seen somewhat in the rain gear picture where I was also wearing my Gore-Tex). They gave us a pair of blue shoes and three shirts: red, white, and blue to be worn on successive days. The Marshals had to wear the shirt that the rest of the officials had worn the previous day – theoretically so we could be distinguished from them, but something that seldom worked because we were often all in rain gear or minimally wearing the Nike blue windbreaker. I gave my shirts away at the end, as I usually do. They also gave us a white cap. I'm glad I brought my Gore-Tex and my boots!

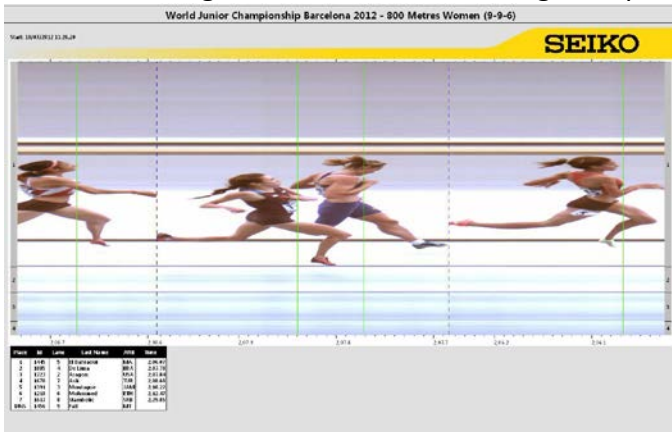
Martha Sharpe, the wife of Shelby (the head Marshal), asked me via e-mail prior to the meet what I would like to work. I told her the women's pole vault (which I traditionally do), the water jump during the steeple, and the finish line. So, that's what I did (though I did cover a few holes here and



Cal's Empty Pockets Ozzie

John and Sue visit Barcelona 2012

Our plans for a relaxing summer at home following the Olympic Team Trials were abruptly changed when we received word on our way to Eugene that our niece, **Danielle “Dani” Aragon**, who had just graduated from high school in Billings, Montana, had placed second in the 800 meters at the USATF Junior Championships in Bloomington, Indiana. By virtue of that finish, she had earned a position on the United States Junior team for the IAAF World Junior Championships to be held in Barcelona, Spain, beginning on July 10. It didn’t take a lot of arm twisting to make the decision to go to Spain to cheer her on, so I went to work on the computer in the



...photo by Murray

You too can see finish line photos from the 2012 IAAF World Junior Championship T&F Meet if you Google “IAAF” and then select Competitions and the correct date.

dorm room at the University of Oregon, and secured reservations for the round trip to Barcelona. We arrived home from Eugene on July 2, and left on July 7, traveling from Sacramento to Los Angeles to Paris and, finally, Barcelona, reaching our hotel some 25 hours after leaving our driveway in Carmichael.

The competition was held in the *Estadi Olímpic*, the site of the 1992 Olympic Games, a

cavernous structure high on a hill overlooking Barcelona and its harbor on the Mediterranean Sea.

Unfortunately, the crowds were generally sparse, despite admission fees of only 3 to 5 Euros. But that is not to say that those in attendance were any less vocal, including our family group that cheered lustily for every American athlete, unabashedly waving our American flags. But we did not hold a candle to the woman from Switzerland three rows back, clad from head to foot in red and white, draped in a Swiss flag, ringing a cow bell and shouting encouragement to all the Swiss in a voice that would put Tugboat Annie to shame.

I made a point of watching the women’s javelin competition with the eye of an official, and was about ready to call a halt to the proceedings and have a word with the referee as I observed implement retrievers strolling out into the venue with their backs to the runway, athletes crossing the track to talk with coaches while dodging runners in the track events that were ongoing, and a coach applying some substance to the back of his athlete during the competition. I also took issue with a flat call by an official – but perhaps it was because the thrower was from the United States.

Our niece competed in the qualifying competition on Tuesday, advancing to the semi-finals on Wednesday, but, despite lowering her PR by some 4 seconds, she did not make it to the finals held on Thursday evening, which were won by her American teammate.

We bid goodbye to Barcelona on Friday morning, traveling through Amsterdam to Minneapolis and home, another 24 hours of transit. Despite the jet lag, it was well worth the trip, just watching the wide-eyed awe of our niece, going from running in a high school competition in a snowstorm in Butte, Montana to competing against the world in Barcelona, all in a space of six weeks.

The IAAF World Junior Championships will be held in Eugene, Oregon in 2014. I know I’ll have my application to officiate ready.

[Editors note... Danielle “Dani” (going to Notre Dame) is the daughter Chuck Aragon/Notre Dame, who ranked in the US top 10 for the mile seven times in the 1980s, per *Track and Field News*, with PRs of 3:51.62 and 3:38.40 (for the 1500). He finished fourth in the 1984 Olympic Trials.]

The 2012 Olympic Trials Hammer – A Marshal’s Perspective...Rory Osborne

The Men's and Women's Hammer competition was a wonderful beginning to a great Olympic Trials. Held on the Nike campus—a gorgeous 197 acre site in Beaverton outside of Portland—one day prior to the “official” opening of the Trials in Eugene, it is difficult to imagine a better beginning. Under sunny skies, the event was held in front of a large and enthusiastic crowd of 2500-3000 cheering fans. Ronaldo Field became a temporarily converted campus soccer field with fans filling the entire right side and far end. Some appeared to be there for the entire televised event and others drifted in and out over the course of the day, including employees taking time away from work. Some were knowledgeable fans and many others were probably seeing a hammer event for the time.

Former Olympian Lance Deal, now the throws coach at U of O, had been in charge of setting up the temporary field that included an IAAF cage and ring. It was beautifully done and the fact that the cage door was only open 20 feet helped safety issues a great deal. Behind the cage, and just outside of the field of competition, was a large JumboTron, and the sound system was loud enough for all to hear without being overbearing. Outside the field of competition, to the right of the cage, large temporary bleachers and television camera platforms had been constructed. Between the stands and the sector area, a white picket fence ran the length of the field, behind which people could stand. As the marshal in charge of the event, that presented some safety challenges—particularly for the four left-handers who could potentially ricochet an errant throw off of the gate's vertical support posts! Each time a left hander entered the ring, one of my fellow marshals and I would go to that side's potential ricochet area and forewarn the spectators. We had one ricochet that thankfully only bounced a few feet and was short of the fence.



...photo from Rory Osborne

Tents for the throwers had been set-up to the left side of the competition, providing needed shade as Thursday was one of the few days of complete sun and it became particularly hot as the day progressed. Again, safety challenges existed, though in a slightly different way on this side. Ricocheting off of the vertical gate support posts appeared to happen with some regularity in the practice sessions from the day before, and one could find multiple “hit” marks in the very area where the athletes lined up to enter the cage. Additionally, during the same practice sessions, the athletes' tents had actually been hit twice due to the

distance that the hammer had carried. Since the majority of throwers were right handed, vigilance was certainly necessary. Fortunately, only one of the ricochets during the competition actually caused any problem—this one coming from a right handed thrower that bounced perhaps 30 meters and hit one of the triangular event signs along the ground that lined the right side sector line. Ironically, that particular sign was one that was a picture of Lance Deal.

At the far end of the field was the “Beer Tent” area. The fence for this



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was just around the men's world record length, making it only of slight concern. The field itself was soft with no bouncing of the hammer ball and this made safety for the fans that filled this area pretty good.

The only areas in which still photographers were allowed during competition were either being backed up to the fence at the far end of the field, or the cage between flights to reset their remote control cameras. Occasionally, roving television crews needed reminders of where not to set up or to roam, but generally the entire day's event went off with no significant safety problems.

I will not summarize the competition itself, since this was multifaceted and summaries abound elsewhere, except to say it was exciting—particularly with such an enthusiastic crowd on every throw. The competitors themselves were obviously excited at having such a large and adoring crowd, with prolonged autograph signing and picture taking for all concerned.

A final comment is that the officials were treated well: shuttled from the airport, housed with the competitors and coaches in a very nice hotel near the Nike campus (free chocolate chip cookies!), transported to and from the campus, provided with a pre-event meeting to gather equipment, clothing, etc. and discuss the vicissitudes of the upcoming event, treated to a wonderful dinner following the meeting on the outdoor patio just behind the main entrance building that housed the officials area and just to the outside of the venue itself, and fed well during and after the competition (though I had to grab quick bites of a boxed lunch here and there since I had duties to take care of between the semis and the finals!). Following the conclusion of the event, we were provided a bus that took us to Eugene and we were able to successfully check into the dorms that were our homes for the next ten days.

Though exhausted after spending several consecutive hours running hither and thither around the field on a warm sunny day, all in all, it was a wonderful experience for me and one of the highlights of the 2012 Olympic Trials.

USATF Web Coverage Of 2012 Olympic Trials Deserves A Gold Medal...by Jim Hume

The USATF web site had wonderful coverage of the Start Lists/Results for each event. They listed all the possible records and the Olympic "A" standard on the top of the page and almost all the information you could ask for, down to the reaction times for each athlete, in the results. Notice...a summary showing the

qualifiers by time as well as individual heat results.

The IAAF site for the 2012 World Junior Championships had all that USATF had, plus a view of the finish line photo. If I had a wish list, I'd wish that USATF also showed the finish line photos for each race. Obviously it is possible.

Women's 100 Meter Hurdles

Semi-Final

Event Records

Record	Tag	Time	Athlete	Affiliation	Date
World	W	12.21	Yordanka Donkova	BUL	August 20 1988
American	A	12.33	Gail Devers	Nike	July 23 2000
Meet	M	12.33	Gail Devers	Nike	July 23 2000
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From 3 semis, advance top 2 + 2 on time to final

Place	Athlete Name	Affiliation	Time	Qual	Wind	ReactTime	Heat (Pl)
1	Dawn Harper	Nike	12.65	Q	+0.5	0.183	3 (1)
2	Brianna Rollins	Clemson	12.70	Q	+0.5	0.180	3 (2)
3	Christina Manning	Ohio State	12.72	Q	+1.2	0.186	2 (1)
4	Kellie Wells	Nike	12.74	Q	+1.2	0.173	1 (1)
5	Lolo Jones	Asics	12.75	Q	+1.2	0.190	2 (2)
6	Virginia Crawford	Nike	12.78	Q	+1.2	0.167	1 (2)
7	Michelle Perry	Nike	12.80	q	+1.2	0.138	2 (3)
8	Nia Ali	Nike	12.84	q	+1.2	0.207	2 (4)
9	Candice Price	Unattached	12.85		+0.5	0.156	3 (3)
10	Queen Harrison	Saucony	12.88		+1.2	0.141	1 (3)
11	Bridgette Owens	Clemson	12.92		+0.5	0.184	3 (4)
12	Kristi Castlin	adidas	12.93		+1.2	0.184	1 (4)
13	Chelsea Carrier-Eades	West Virginia	12.96		+0.5	0.184	3 (5)
14	Joanna Hayes	Gold Medal Athletic Club	12.98		+0.5	0.208	3 (6)
15	Tiki James	Unattached	13.06		+1.2	0.193	2 (5)
16	Danielle Carruthers	Nike	13.09		+1.2	0.212	1 (5)
17	Loreal Smith	Unattached	13.10		+1.2	0.160	2 (6)
18	Jasmin Stowers	L S U	13.21		+1.2	0.150	1 (6)
19	April Garner	Unattached	13.24		+0.5	0.154	3 (7)
20	Vanneisha Ivy	Nike	13.26		+1.2	0.219	1 (7)
21	LaTisha Holden	Unattached	15.07		+1.2	0.206	2 (7)

Heat 1

Wind: +1.2

Place	Athlete Name	Affiliation	Time	Qual
1	Kellie Wells	Nike	12.74	Q
2	Virginia Crawford	Nike	12.78	Q
3	Queen Harrison	Saucony	12.88	
4	Kristi Castlin	adidas	12.93	
5	Danielle Carruthers	Nike	13.09	
6	Jasmin Stowers	L S U	13.21	
7	Vanneisha Ivy	Nike	13.26	

Heat 2

Wind: +1.2

Place	Athlete Name	Affiliation	Time	Qual
1	Christina Manning	Ohio State	12.72	Q
2	Lolo Jones	Asics	12.75	Q
3	Michelle Perry	Nike	12.80	q
4	Nia Ali	Nike	12.84	q
5	Tiki James	Unattached	13.06	
6	Loreal Smith	Unattached	13.10	
7	LaTisha Holden	Unattached	15.07	

Heat 3

Wind: +0.5

Place	Athlete Name	Affiliation	Time	Qual
1	Dawn Harper	Nike	12.65	Q
2	Brianna Rollins	Clemson	12.70	Q

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*The early morning javelin "pickers" were hard at work under the watchful eye of **Steve Crow**.*



Howard Clemente



Joe Keever and J. R. Heberle



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...photo by Thad Moren



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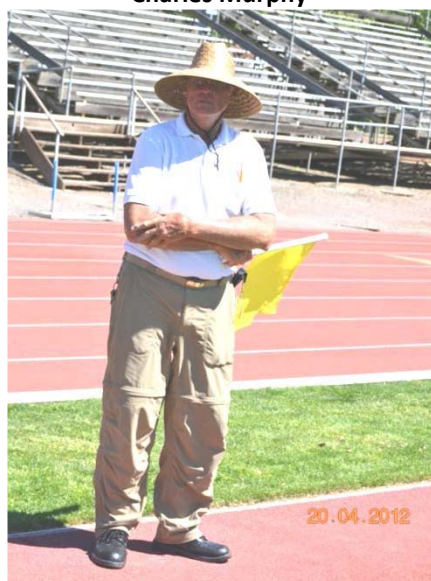
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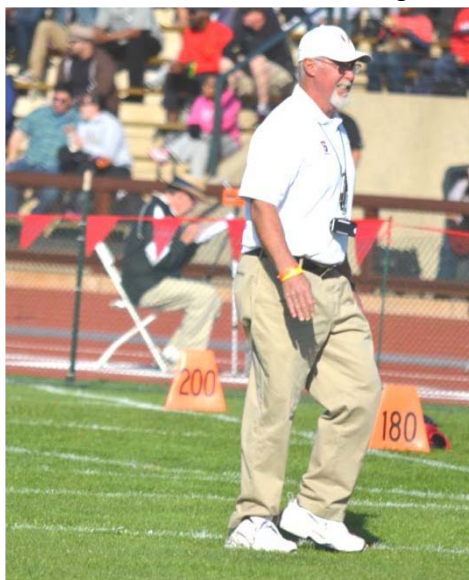
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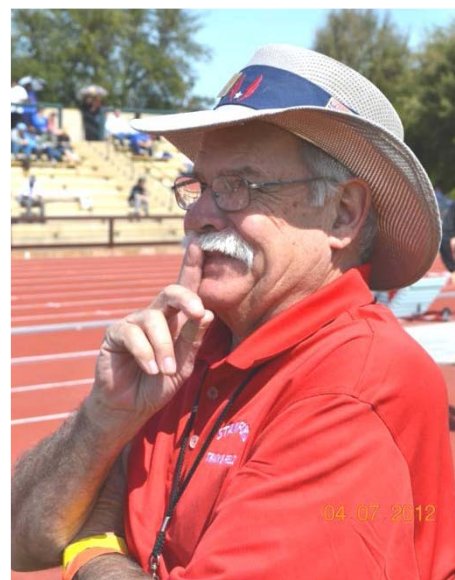
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This sterling young fella occurs elsewhere as a certified USATF official. Can you identify him?



Do you know how to hold a stopwatch for the start? Did you ever hold a stop watch and time a race?

Really, you're that old are you?



Did you know that **Sonny Maynard** does dapper?



Beth Price, Jennifer Oliver and Jon Price and a young athlete.



Youth Athletics timing crew at work.



...photo by Bruce Colman
Jeannie White



...photo by Bruce Colman
Jim Hart



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Tyrone Taylor



Baird Lloyd



Bruce Colman



What all the papers to send to Hume look like before the trash bin!



Deanna Bower explains the delicate art of measuring



Mr. Bower (Deanna's husband) and **Joe Keever** measure



Chuck Foss



Joseph Nemeth, Implement Inspector, and his young apprentices **Mike Aro** and

Leroy Milam



Bruce Colman, **Lorri Paulsen** and **Elsbeth Padia** watch **Gary Dilly** tape in a jump board as **Sonny Maynard** wonders how many officials it takes to put in just one board.



Come to Stanford for a meet and you too may have a burrito for breakfast, lunch or dinner.



Elsbeth Padia rules



Sonny Maynard measures



Gary Dilly sweeps



Lorri Paulsen records