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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

USATF OFFICIALS HALL OF FAME

2007 **Horace Crow**
 Leo Costanzo
 2008 **Lori Maynard**
 George Kleeman
 2009 **Dick Connors**
 2010 **Bob Podkaminer**

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 Luppess
 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
 2012 Shirley Connors
 Margaret Sheehan
 2013..... **Bob Podkaminer**
 Dr. Leon Glover

Official's Awards Banquet, 2013 USATF Convention, Indianapolis, IN

December 6, 2013...Two Pacific Association officials garner the top Official Committees Awards for both track and field.



Bob Podkaminer was recognized for his contributions to the track side of our sport and was presented the Official's **Charlie Ruter Award** by Charlie's widow Ruth.



Pod is pinned by National Chair Len Krsak. Since one can't very well carry around the silver bowl, the pin is usually worn instead.

THE HORACE CROW**SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD — 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
2011	Leon Wimbley
2012	John Lilygren
2013	Charles Murphy

THE GEORGE NEWLON**SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD — TRACK**

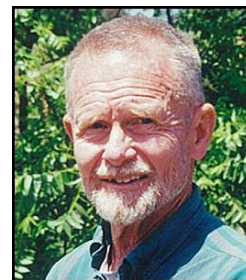
1995	Bob Mason
1996	Ben Morjig
1997	(no award)
1998	Jerry Colman
1999	Bobby Hughey
2000	Dan Davidson
2001	John Coie
2002	Gerry Collet
2003	Dick Iwamiya
2004	Rick Urband
2005	Joe Harper
2006	Richard Cabral
2007	Colin Campbell
2008	Jeannie White
2009	Rory Osborne
2010	Tiffany Banks
2011	Phil Leake
2012	Dennis Boyle
2013	Elisabeth Price
	Jonathan Price

THE LORI MAYNARD**SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD**

2009	Art and Becky Klein
2010	Deanna and Jon Vochatzer
2011	Keith Conning
2012	Dave Shrock
2013	(none)



Two Pacific Association officials (**Ray Fitzhugh** and **John Murray**) were nominated for the official's Horace Crow Award. **Sargent Major Ray Fitzhugh** took home the silver bowl.



In February, **Ed Parker** was posthumously honored with the Pacific Association's **Legacy Coaches Award**. Accepting are his wife **Barbara** and daughter **Sharon Garcia**. Ed was the head coach at Mills High in Millbrae and with the Millbrae Lions Track Club, that at a time when women's track was club track.

USATF National Award Certificate**2013**

Jay Abbott (Vertical Jumps, Throws)
 David Ahn (LDR Referee)
 Deanna Bower (Throws)
 Charles Buettner (Starter)
 John Collins (Throws, High Jump)
 Robert Dietrich (Track Referee, Field Referee)
 James Hart (Throws)
 Ajay Padgaonkar (Race Walk Judge, Throws)
 James Starmer (Starter)
 Lloyd Stephenson (LDR Referee)

2012

John Busto (Starter)
 Ed Gordon (Vertical Jumps)
 Peter Guerrini (Competition Secretary and FinishLynx operator)
 John Pretto (Throws and Vertical Jumps)
 Karen Williams (Clerk)
 Stephanie Bolden (Clerk)

2011

Mike Aro (Throws)
 Dino Certa (Starter)
 Bruce Makinson (Horizontal Jumps/Starter)
 Elisabeth 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 (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 Keever (Throws)
 Jon Siegel (Vertical Jumps)



*Saturday, 5 April 2014, Stanford, CA...The Stanford track program honored **John Lilygren** for the years of support he has given to Stanford meets.*

Here is Chris Miltenberg, Stanford's head coach, said on the occasion:

John Lilygren, on behalf of the Stanford track and field program and Stanford track and field fans and your fellow officials: Good work! And thank you.

Stanford University would like to acknowledge **John Lilygren** for the years of support he has given to the Stanford Track and Field program. John has worked as a vertical jumps official, specializing in the pole vault.

John Lilygren was born some years ago in Los Angeles, the oldest of three siblings. John got involved with track and field when he wanted to get into shape for football. John switched to track exclusively after getting knocked flat by a 225 pound lineman during football practice. He found his event as a distance runner...the two mile in high school and the three and six mile route in college. His proudest athletic achievement

PACIFIC ASSOCIATION AWARD RECIPIENTS*bold face = certified official***HALL OF FAME AWARD**

- 2007 **George Kleeman**
Lori Maynard
Sonny Maynard
Horace Crow
Tom Moore
Dr. Harmon Brown
- 2008 Ed Miller
Richard Connors
- 2009 **Robert 'Pod' Podkaminer**
- 2011 **Don Bailes**

SERVICE AWARD

- 2003 **George Kleeman**
Charlie Sheppard
- 2004 Ron Daniels
 John Mansoor
- 2005 **JoAnne Camargo**
Irene Herman
- 2006 Cyni Calvin
Robert 'Bob' Shor
- 2007 Tyler Abbott;
Robert 'Pod' Podkaminer
- 2008 **Mark Winitz**
Maura Kent
- 2011 Jack Leydig
 Joy Upshaw
Lee Webb

TOM MOORE AWARD

- 2002 **Tom Moore**
- 2003 **Dr. Harmon Brown**
Herb Rodabaugh
- 2005 **Robert Bowman**
- 2009 **Robert 'Bob' Rush**
- 2011 **Sean Laughlin**

COACH'S LEGACY AWARD

- 2009 James "Jim" Hunt
- 2010 Bud Winter
 Jim Santos

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came in 1981 when he qualified for and ran in the Boston Marathon.

John graduated from U.C. Davis with a BS in Electrical Engineering. Professionally, John is currently a photolithography engineer for Philips Lumileds in San Jose. *"I work in a semiconductor fabrication area developing new processes for making LED lights."*

In September of 2013 John married **Lizbeth Seckler**. As John said, *"I knew she was the woman for me when she said she was a track fan and had attended the Payton Jordan track meet every year."*

John became an official in 1981 when he answered an ad in the *San Francisco Chronicle*. *"Since I was a distance runner I decided to be a timer. I did not like being confined to the finish line for the whole meet. I wanted an event that would allow me to finish before the distance races at the end of the meet. I decided to try field events. First I tried horizontal jumps. That was all right but eventually I tried Vertical Jumps and found that I enjoyed working the Pole Vault and running 5 Alive."*

John was first certified as a USATF official in 1997 and became a Master Level Vertical Jumps official in 2009. Along the way he has worked NCAA Division 1 and Division 2 national championships as well as the Indoor and Outdoor USATF national meets. John was selected to work the Vertical Jumps in the 2014 World Junior T&F Meet in Eugene in July.

John has been recognized nationally in 2009 by USA Track & Field for his work in the vertical jumps and in 2012 by the Pacific Association when he received the *Horace Crow Award, Special Recognition Of An Outstanding Field Event Official*. We are pleased to recognize John Lilygren for his years of dedicated service to the Stanford Track & Field Program.



*U.C. Berkeley's track team remembered **Dick Connors** for his years of work at their meets as the entire Connors clan looked on.*

My, don't they grow up fast? Juliana Jolee Trafton, 9 lb 5oz, 21in was born to Pacific Association athlete **Stephanie Brown-Trafton** (Olympic discus gold medalist) and her husband **Jerry**. It does seem that she is destined to be known as **JJ**.



Ahhhhh...



JJ has her first weight work-out



Stephanie and JJ. Any bets it's Easter time?



JJ plays dress up with her mother's uniform top.



Art and Becky Klein, formerly of the Pacific Association, are now working meets and giving racewalk clinics Northern Virginia. The Slurpees are a reward to themselves after their latest meet.

While in Sacramento, **Steve Brown** spent most of his time as a result runner. He used his Segway to travel back and forth and earned Hume's recognition as

RESULT RUNNER PAR EXCELLENCE.



Photo by unknown

June 6th/7th, 2014...CIF Start Crew...Ron Lee, Reno, NV, **Leroy Milam**, Castro Valley, CA, **Jim Leahy**, Costa Mesa, CA, **PeterENZ**, Whitewater, CA, **Jim Fletcher**, Fresno, CA, **Mike Payseno**, Clovis, CA



Photo from John Busto

John Busto's daughter, **Alexandria**, was one of 12 young ballet dancers from the Bay Area chosen to attend American Ballet Theater's intensive program at University of Texas, in July of 2013. She is a rising Junior at Vanden High School in Fairfield.

Proof that there is no age limit to continuing enjoyment of competition.



Master level record setting machines **Joy Upshaw**, **Irene Obera** and **Irene Herman** just keep on a trackin'!

Missing From The Track



Emeritus PA official **Jeanne Sanders** passed away February 6, in Sacramento, taken by the cancer she had battled for many years.

Jeanne was first certified in 1999 and became a Master official in 2009, specializing in the horizontal jumps.

Born in South Carolina, Jeanne came to California as a divorced adult and built a career as a program analyst for the state government. She came to officiating from being a long-distance running competitor, and loved to tell the story about how she became a field official.

She was umpiring at a Stanford Invitational one year, she would say, assigned to the curve near the shot-put venue. Having watched the male shot putters for a while, she thought "I could be over there, with them!" And so she eventually was, working many different field events at meets all over northern California, including the NCAA's in Sacramento.

As another master official posted on Facebook, "Jeanne was a neat person, easy to work with, lots of fun. She will be missed."

Jeanne is survived by a daughter, a son, and two grandchildren. She was 69.

The Pacific Association hosted the 2014 National Paralympic T&F Meet

PAUSATF Officials Shine at US Paralympics
from George Rhemet

For the first time, the US National Paralympics Track and Field Championship came to the west coast in late June. For most of our PAUSATF officials, this would be the first time that they would be officiating athletes with disabilities. Some of the challenges were adaptations and the different classifications of disabilities.

Charlie Sheppard held training sessions on Para-athletes prior to this event. Officials were able to earn a certificate to officiate these athletes by taking an online test. Charlie also provided great assistance by recommending experienced Aouthern California officials to come up to help officiate. In addition, the US Olympic Committee (USOC) would send in several of their top officials to help out. As coordinator of officials, **Sonny Maynard** was able to get on average 25 officials per day to officiate. Given the high caliber of this meet, there were usually enough volunteers to help assist the officials.



By the end of the meet, several world records were set. The meet was also blessed to have some of the top para-athletes like Tatiana McFadden, who has won the wheelchair division of such marathons as Boston, London, and Chicago, compete. Cathy Sellers of the USOC praised the PAUSATF officials on their professionalism and commented that she would not have ever known that these officials were working their first para games.

As meet director, I am grateful for you PAUSATF officials for your efforts and your willingness to adapt to the quirks of the Paralympics. I felt confident in your abilities. And I appreciated how well you worked with officials from outside of our association. Hopefully, we can do this again in 2016.

Sincerely,
George Rehmet



Long time Para official **Charlie Sheppard** and **George Rehmet**, first time meet director, are all smiles at the 2014 Paralympic Meet. The meet must have been over.



Charlie Sheppard carefully adjusts the chalk which makes up the jump board for the T9 athletes.

Jim Hume reports the view from the press box.

You wouldn't think that a blind athlete would be long jumping, but one of the more amazing athletes was **Elexis Gillette** who long jumped 21-00. We have lots of meets where none of the male long jumpers jump 21 feet.

A blind long jumper has a guide who places the athlete on the long jump runway and points him in the right direction. The guide then stands on the jump board and claps so that the blind jumper knows which direction to go. The guide steps off the runway just as the athlete approaches. The only accommodation the jumper received was a "jump board" that was extended to one meter wide by putting chalk on the runway. The jump is measured from the footprint in the chalk to the mark in the sand. Elexis achieves most of his distance based on a wonderful extension of his legs in front of him. Do you remember seeing Bob Beamon's world record in the Mexico City Olympics? Elexis has the best extension of anyone I seen since Beamon.

Thanks to Our Southern California Brethren.

Working a Paralympic meet when you have no experience is a challenge. Thanks to SoCal Officials Chair **David Smith** and his compatriots **Susan Harris, Faith Hogan, Anthony Young** and **Peter Enz**. They had the experience we needed in sure everyone competed safely.



Our SoCal guests gave a clinic on the use of the Leica Disto E7500i laser measuring device. **Mike Bower, John Coie, Faith Hogan, Bill Bartell** and **Mike Aro** cheerfully posed for their Ben There/ Done That picture.

Sean Laughlin is the proud owner of a Leica measuring device. If you want some hands on experience just send me an e-mail to (JimHume@Comcast.net).



Don't Cal starters **Deno Certa** and **Scott Chisam** look spiffy and all dressed up?



Speaking of **Scott**, he and wife **Rebecca** are all smiles over the birth of their first grandchild... Grady Michael Chisam, father Matt Chisam, mother Katie McCanless Chisam a former U.C. Davis runner.



Photo from Jennifer Oliver
The Pride Meet long jump crew consisted of **Mel Duffey, Jennifer Oliver, Jim Manah** and the SF T&F Club's Jennifer Divers and Mark Thoma.



Call For LDR Officials - - PA/USATF LDR Officials (and Track Officials with an interest in LDR):

The 2014 PA/USATF Cross Country Grand Prix season will begin in a couple of weeks, and there are several important events remaining on our 2014 Road Grand Prix. Here (below) are the upcoming events on both circuits. I've indicated how many officials have volunteered for each event to date. Ideally, we require a crew of four to six officials at each event to ensure a fair race. As you can see, we have critical needs at a number of events. Please let me know ASAP your availability to work. And, if you previously contacted me tentatively committing to a race, please follow up with me and let me know if you plan to be there.

Pa/USATF Road Grand Prix

Sunday, Oct. 19 -----	Humboldt Redwoods Half Marathon, Weott -----	1 definite + 2 tentative
Sunday, Nov. 9-----	Clarksburg Country Run Half Marathon, Clarksburg -----	2
Thurs, Nov. 27 -----	Applied Materials Silicon Valley Turkey Trot 5K, San Jose -----	4
Sunday, Dec. 7-----	California International Marathon, Sacramento -----	3 tentative
Sunday, Dec. 14 -----	Christmas Relays, San Francisco -----	3

Pa/USATF Cross Country Grand Prix

Sat, Aug. 16 -----	Santa Cruz Cross Country Challenge, Santa Cruz -----	1
Sat, Aug. 23 -----	Rebels XC Challenge, Sacramento -----	2
Sun, Sept. 7 -----	Golden Gate Park Open, San Francisco-----	0
Sat, Sept. 13 -----	NorCal XC Challenge, Redding -----	0
Sat, Sept. 20 -----	Garrin Park XC Challenge, Hayward -----	0
Sat, Sept. 27 -----	Willow Hills XC Open, Folsom -----	0
Sat, Oct. 4 -----	Presidio Challenge, San Francisco -----	0
Sun, Oct. 12-----	Tamalpa Challenge, San Rafael-----	0
Sat, Oct. 25-----	Aggies XC Open, Martinez -----	0
Sat. Nov. 1 -----	Empire Open, Santa Rosa -----	0
Sun, Nov. 16 -----	PA Cross Country Championships, San Francisco-----	0

Additional LDR Officiating Opportunities (Non Grand Prix Events)

Sunday, Oct. 5 -----	San Jose Rock 'n' Roll 1/2 Marathon, San Jose-----	1 definite + 1 tentative
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Miscellaneous

Officials Apparel: Plan ahead before your next race and make sure that your officials uniform is up to date. [Click here](#) to go to the PA/USATF Officials Clothing page and order your clothing from our official supplier, *NBN Sports*. At a minimum, you'll need a logo polo shirt, cap and/or straw hat with hat band—plus khaki slacks or shorts which you can purchase from your favorite department store. And, of course, always wear your USATF official's badge!

Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time if you have officiating questions or concerns related to LDR. *I look forward to hearing from you!*

Thanks,

Mark Winitz

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"Officiating LDR races is not a venture into some exotic new realm. LDR officials do the same things as track and field's starters, timers and umpires. The difference is scale. I'm sure Mark can find you a mentor. Give it a try...you might find you like it. One thing sure; doesn't last as long as most track meets. See all those meets with zero officials...they need your help," said Hume.

The Pacific Association had lots of officials in some very major meets this summer.

The following is a list of officials who were selected to officiate at the Pacific Association's three meets where the officials were selected rather than volunteered. I know many of you accepted your selection for I remember seeing you in Sacramento. I am aware that not all of you served in the event for which you were selected, but, for fear of leaving someone out, I'm not going to go there.

I have included in our list three visitors I am proud to claim:

- **Robert "Bob" Hooper**/Arizona...but he lived and worked most of the track season within the Pacific;
- **Peter Urda**/Kentucky...who is out here for the paying kind of work and officiated most of the track season within the Pacific;
- **Monica Joannes**...who began her officiating career in the Pacific and then moved for a paying kind of job.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Senior Outdoor</i>	<i>USA Juniors</i>	<i>World Juniors</i>
1. Abbott, Jay	Shot Put		
2. Aro, Mike	Hammer	Javelin	
3. Banks, Tiffany	Start Coordinator	Starter	Starter
4. Benoy, Robert	Long/Triple Jump	Long/Triple Jump	
5. Bowen, Deri	Marshal		
6. Bowen, John	Marshal		
7. Bower, Mike	Clerk		
8. Boyle, Dennis		Pole Vault	
9. Connors, Shirley		Long/Triple Jump	
10. Davidson, Dan	Finish Line/Alt		
11. Harper, Joe	Marshal		
12. Hawkes, Bill	Marshal		
13. Hayes, Teddy	Long/Triple Jump		Long/Triple Jump Head
14. Heberle, J.R.	Starter		Electronic Measurement
15. Herman, Irene	Umpire		
Hooper, Robert	Marshal	Marshal/Alt	
Joannes, Monica	Javelin	Javelin	Javelin
16. Kleeman, George	Implements-Head		Implement Inspector
17. Kostka, Scott	Long/Triple Jump/Alt		
18. Leake, Philip	Hammer		
19. Lilygren, John	Pole Vault		Pole Vault
20. Lloyd, Baird	Long/Triple Jump		
21. Makinson, Bruce	Discus		
22. Milam, Leroy	Clerk/Alt , Marshal		
23. Murphy, Charles	Long/Triple Jump	Long/Triple Jump	
24. Murray, John	Throws/Alt	Javelin Head	Javelin Head
25. Nemeth, Joseph	Implement Inspector		
26. Osborne, Rory	Marshal	Marshal Head	Marshal Head
27. Padgaonkar, Ajay	Javelin	Javelin	Javelin
28. Podkaminer, Robert			Referee
29. Pretto, John	Shot Put		
30. Price, Elisabeth	Race Walk; Umpire		
31. Price, Jonathan	Race Walk; Umpire		
32. Randall, Pat	High Jump	High Jump	Alternate
33. Rauch, Robert	Marshal		
34. Shirey, John		Pole Vault Head	Pole Vault Head
35. Soeth, Dave	Implement Inspector		
36. Springer, Robert	Implement Inspector/Alt		

37. Thompson, Bob	Javelin	Shot Put	
Urda, Peter	Finish Line		
38. Youmans, Mark	Clerk	Clerk/Alt	

Additional folks I know were there for I saw them and/or worked with them:

Kleeman, George	Facilities Management Head
Bartel, Bill	Worked with clerks
Connors, Shirley	Working for George Kleeman, facility management/set-up
Hernandez, Shirley	Working for George Kleeman, facility management/set-up
Hume, Jim	Working for George Kleeman, shuffling heat/flight sheets/results
Iwamiya, Dick	Volunteered helping George Kleeman/Implement Inspectors
Springer, Bob	Working for George Kleeman, facility management/set-up

Some Days You Just Can't Get Away With Anything!

At the National Juniors, as is always the case in the clerking area under the stands at Oregon, there is a candy jar that we officials will periodically access. While they were clerking the girl's 3000 meters, Mary Cain spotted me dipping into the jar. I good naturedly motioned to her that she couldn't have any, that she had a race to run. When the race concluded, with hardly a loss of breath she said and the second place girl just then coming off the bend, "Whew. That was a good workout." Then she spotted me and asked, "Can I have some chocolate now?" I responded, "For heaven's sake, what is it you want?" "Do you have any Twix?" she asked; so I headed into the clerking area under the stands. I discovered that, since it was the last race of the day, the clerk had taken his candy jar with him. However, with a little searching, I was able to locate one of the wrapped peanut butter cookies we had had with our box lunches that day. I took it to her at the awards stand and we both vowed not to tell Salazar, her coach – who at that very moment was calling with her post-meet workout.

Jump ahead two weeks to the World Junior Championships: I did not say anything to Mary prior to the race in order not to interfere with her focus. However, following her 3000 meter race, she took a victory lap with the other American girl in the race holding the American flag between them. As they were within a couple of meters of finishing, I stopped them both and stealthily slipped into her free hand a small Twix I had purloined from the candy jar. She beamed, thanked me, and trotted off shouting for all to hear, and completely blowing my cover, "I love you!!"

Rory



*Marshal **Rory Osborne** was willing to lend a hand while working at June's USATF Nationals in Sacramento.*