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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 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
2012	Shirley Connors Margaret Sheehan
2013	Bob Podkaminer Dr. Leon Glover
2014	John Murray

Report from the World Juniors... By Teddy Hayes, USATF Master Official

Being a Head Official at last year's World Junior Championships in Eugene was a challenge: the terminology, the ITOs, and not knowing what to look for, in the first IAAF Championships in the US in a long time. I was looking at this meet from a USATF perspective. Trying to convince my crews that this was just another meet became more and more difficult, but in the end, it was nothing that we could not handle. Also the crews became more and more confident in their work. The meet ended with the entire crew receiving "Kudos" from ITOs and meet management, for a job well done.

IAAF uses a bit different terminology, somewhat different assignments:

- The **Board Judge** is the same as in USATF, except that Official puts a red cone on the runway, to let athletes know that it is their turn to jump.

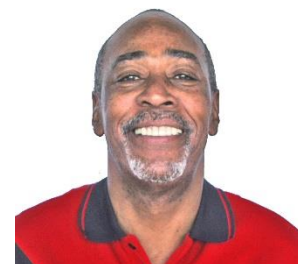
- What we call the Flight Coordinator is called the **Athlete Control Official**.

The difference is that that official *does not* pick up or talk to the athletes. The only reason they would talk to them is if athletes are not in the right position (up, on deck, etc.) or if there is a line-up before the start of the competition.

- **Pit Judges** do NOT measure any marks. That is done using a camera mounted overhead – in the Crow's nest, at the top of the bleachers, in this case. The pit judges use a walkie-talkie to talk with the **Visual Distance Measurement Judge** (VDM), wherever this electronic official is set up. The Pit Judges let the pit crew know when the VDM Official has the mark and the pit is ready to be raked.

- **Pit Rakers** (2) are same as in USATF, leveling the pit when told to.

- First and second **Recorders**: IAAF has eliminated one of them. With the VDM, there is no need for one of them because the individual running the computer is considered a Recorder, so there is only one paper score sheet for the competition. Also, a second electronic measurement



THE DICK BARBOUR**SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD — FIELD**

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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 Petrucci

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

2014 **John Bowen****Dave Soeth**

2015

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

2014 **Leroy Milam**

2015

THE LORI MAYNARD**SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD**

2009 Art and Becky Klein

2010 Deanna and Jon Vochatzer

2011 Keith Conning

2012 Dave Shrock

2013 (none)

2014 **Joanne Camargo**

2015

Official is located with the VDM to select the spot of the landing. Really, this is the only thing that I did not like. That was not one of my Horizontal Jumps Officials. But as time passed and after checking the VDM station, I learned to understand it.

- The **Timer** is same as the USATF and is positioned on the field next to the VDM computer monitor.
- The **Wind Gauge Official** is same as in USATF. The only difference is that this Official was located at the computer station. I think that this spot on the field is usually not there, but the connection was not set up directly to the computer, therefore we had to use an Official (to press the button) for wind readings.
- **Bib Official:** This position is essential, because of language barriers. Most of the athletes do not understand or speak a certain language (in this case it was English). The Bib Official puts the "Bib" number up on an electronic board at the end of the runway, so that the athletes know who is next.
- **Plasticine Officials:** At the IAAF Championships, we used three Officials. One person was off the competition field. The others were stationed inside the field of play at the computer station. They changed the boards when a foul occurred, bringing clean ones to the competition area when needed. Also, one of the Officials takes the used board to the station for repair *They do not repair the boards at the competition area.*

The International Technical Officials were a little bit pushy. In most cases the ITOs spoke good English, so I had no problem understanding their meaning or concerns. At times they wanted to micro-manage the event. There were times when I had to ask them to let my Board Official do his or her job. The ITOs wanted to call fouls and give instructions to my Board Officials. As time passed and they found out that we were competent, they let us to do our jobs. In some cases we let the ITOs know that they are doing a great job. And in that case they would leave us alone.

In USATF, the Referees are the individuals the Head Official reports to. In the IAAF, in some cases Head Officials reported to the Referees but also answered questions from the ITOs. I think that the ITOs were just testing our knowledge of the rules and regulations, as they relate to an IAAF meet and that was cool.

Another difference is, the Head Official, the Referee *and* the ITO pick up the athletes and the Head Official gives the instructions to the athletes. I found that really exciting. At that time you find out if the athletes understand your instructions and you get an opportunity to get them pumped up for the event. This is the time that I as the Head can create a rapport

USATF National Award Certificate**2014**

Mike Bower (Clerk)
 Steve Crow (Throws)
 William "Dave" Miller (Throws)
 Steve Villegas (Starter)

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)

with the athletes and also show the Referee and the ITO that we know what we are doing.

IAAF seating arrangements for horizontal jumps are very specific. There are five people close to the board: one on the board, and four – usually, really, three – in chairs adjacent to the board. They sit in two rows of two. In the first row, left to right, are the ITO and the Referee. The Head Official sits behind the Referee, and the fourth chair (on the Head's left) is kept empty – possibly for a second ITO.

Also, there were four people at the VDM monitor: two plasticine officials, the wind gauge operator, and the recorder

For me this was an excellent time to learn the way of the future.

Talking to people about USATF procedure, I found the IAAF guidelines are more efficient. It maximizes our time on the field.

Using the Visual Distance Measurement device made it easy for the officials on the field.

Also, Officials should be proficient in using a walkie-talkie. During this event we used them with the athlete control and pit judges, to monitor who is up, on deck and in the hole; and also to monitor the time to rake and anything associated with the pit. (Once or twice, at the beginning, I was told by walkie talkie, to speed it up.)

Being a Head Official in a meet of this magnitude gave me a sense of accomplishment. As one of the few USATF Head Officials, I got a new perspective on the world of Track and Field. I found that the entertainment aspect of the event was paramount. The clean look of the field is crucial (not too many people on the field) and when you are out there, stay *completely* out of the way.

Yes, I gave my crews "Kudos" for a job well done. We finished ahead of schedule in ten (10) out of eleven (11) events.

IAAF World Championships to be held in Portland (2016) should be a BLAST!

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Heard at the Track

PACIFIC ASSOCIATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

bold face = certified official

HALL OF FAME AWARD

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Horace Crow
Tom Moore
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- 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 Cynci 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
- 2014 Ed Parker**



Jim Manha



Robert Benoy



Bruce Colman has resigned his position on the Officials' Executive Committee. Chair **Mike Bower** has appointed **Jim Manha** to fill that position



Bruce Colman

Shirley Connors has retired as the Officials' Training Chair and Officials' Chair **Mike Bower** has appointed **Robert Benoy** to fill the position.



Shirley Connors

As I reported in August of 2014, the **California Coaches' Association** acknowledged Bill's longtime service with their **Dan Fukushima Lifetime Achievement Award**. Bill, a certified official for the last eight years and an active clinic attendee has been honored again when the San Mateo Union High School District named the Aragon High School track in San Mateo after Bill, and this summer Bill will be inducted into the *San Mateo County Athletic Hall of Fame*.

Joanne Camargo, the 2014 recipient of the **Lori Maynard Special Recognition Award**, is retiring as Chair of the PA Youth Committee at the beginning of August. She became chair in 2000. "I'm not quitting the kids, just stepping down from the position" she says, "I may even do more track and field meets."



Congratulations to **Elizabeth Patterson**, a Pacific Association Apprentice Level official, resident of Santa Cruz and 2nd place in the Women's High Jump at the 2015 National T&F Meet. Her next meets will be in search of the elusive "A" IAAF Standard of 1.94m/6-4¹/₄.

Elsbeth Padia, an official for the past five years, is also a Master athlete with something to brag about.

Elsbeth went to St. George, Utah, for the Huntsman World Senior Games last October and in her age group--discretion prohibiting *T&D* from mentioning what that is--she came back with:

- Shot Put: first place
- Javelin Throw: first place
- Discus Throw: first place.

When asked about it, she denied knowing much about where she ranks on world lists, but said, "I really do it for enjoyment. I love to win, that's great. At our age, we try to keep doing it."

Elsbeth has competed internationally at Torino, Italy (2013) and at Stanford (2013) and Pasadena (2011). She officiates the throws and horizontal jumps.

Elsbeth is also an active soccer player.



Bob Rush was inducted into the Northern California Sports Association Hall of Fame Saturday, March 21, in Yuba City. Bob was recognized for his athletic exploits when he was younger, for his coaching and for his contributions to community college cross country and track and field.

Bob is probably best known to PA members as an announcer, at American River College, College of San Mateo, and other venues.

As a high schooler, Bob won the Sierra Foothill League championships for Cross Country and the mile run in track both his junior and senior years. He attended Sacramento City College and qualified for the State Championships in both the one and two mile. That in was in 1954 and led him to San Jose State University where he continued running under Hall of Fame coach Bud Winter.

Bob has coached several Hall of Fame cross country teams--plus fellow official Dan Davidson.

Perhaps most enduringly, Bob led the implementation of the Direct Athletics meet-entry program in California community colleges and the vast majority of California high schools.



Stanford won the *Learfield Sports Directors Cup* with UCLA third, USC fifth, U.C. Berkeley 11th, Washington 17th and Oregon at 19th for a good showing by the PAC 12.



Harry Marra is featured in current CTRN The current issue of California Track and Running News (Volume 41, Number 3), which every Pacific Association USATF member receives, has a nice two page spread by Dave Hunter on Harry who now serves as the multi-event coach for the Oregon Track Club Elite. Harry was a long time head coach at San Francisco State and is recognized for his work with combined event athletes.

PA official Irene Obera has had a fantastic twelve months – as a Masters athlete.

At the July 2014 national outdoors she set world records for her age group (W80) in the

- 80m hurdles (19.77),
- 100 meters (16.81),
- 200-meter hurdles (42.24) and
- 200 meters (36.80).

And she set national records in

- 400 meters (1:39.92),
- long jump (2.94m/9-7.75)

At the Masters indoors, she had won the 60, 200 and 400 meter races with world record times, and beaten the world shot put record, though she came in second in that event.

In October, USATF named her 2014 Masters Athlete of the Year. Then, at the 2015 Indoor Masters Nationals, March 20-22, Irene became the first-ever woman over 80 to complete an indoor pentathlon. Her score was 3,817 points.

In the same meet she set a world record in 60-meter hurdles (13.76) and three American records:

- long jump (2.72m/8-11.25),
- high jump (1.02m/3-4) and
- 800 meters (4:49.74).

And USATF named her Athlete of the Week, on March 25.

“The harder the event is, the more satisfaction [I get],” she said. “I’ve had a number of records and they’re nice, and it means that you’ve got the best time of anyone. I’m better if I don’t tell myself the record and just do the best I can. Then I’m always amazed that I broke a record.”

Jim Hume observes that Irene’s roots in PA reach deep:

“If you enjoy watching Irene Obera run, and I do, then considerable credit needs to go to USATF Hall of Fame Inductee **Roxanne Andersen** (Atkins) for Roxanne was the coach of the Laurel Track Club, Irene’s club in 1968 when I first became aware of both women.”

Irene is at present coached by **Alan Kolling**.



When she officiates, Irene specializes in horizontal jumps and finish line judging. She has been an Association level official since 2007.

Community College Athlete Diego Leon/Hartnell had quite a year!



2014 Cross Country Season

- Fresno Invitational Winner
- Tour de Cuesta Runner-up
- Crystal Spring Invitational Winner
- Lou Vasquez Invitational Winner
- Toro Park Invitational Winner (#2 time ever on course by JC runner)
- Mt. SAC Invitational Winner
- Coast Conference Champion
- Northern California Champion
- CCCAA Champion

2015 Track & Field

- 1500m time ranks #3 all-time in school history
- 5000m time is #1 all-time in school history
- 10,000m time is #5 all-time in school history
- Coast Conference 1500, 5000, and 10,000 meter champion
- Northern California 1500 and 10,000 meter champion and 5000 meter runner-up
- CCCAA Triple Crown Champion 1500, 5000, and 10,000 meters (only accomplished one other time in history)
- Named Northern California Male Track Athlete of the Year
- Named CCCAA Athlete of the Month for May
- CCCAA Male Athlete of the Year
- Signed in November to compete for Montana State University next fall as an Engineering major



On Saturday, April 4, 2015, Stanford University recognized **Baird Lloyd's** contributions to the Stanford Track & Field Program when **Mike Eskind** presented Baird with the *Lori Maynard Service Award*. Present for the ceremony were her daughter Baird Nuckolls and husband Neal and Baird's granddaughter Grace Frances Nuckolls.

With regret we must report that Baird has moved to Minnesota. She has already made contact with the officials in Minnesota and will be working meets in and around Minneapolis. Her e-mail address remains the same.

Senior Games: Rick Milam Memorial Track and Field Meet honors longtime track official...*exerted from an article by John Reid, Daily News Staff Writer*

Rick Milam, a certified official for four Olympiads who tended to specialize in clerking a meet, was a 1962 alum of Sequoia High in Redwood City and Senior Games tournament director for many years. That job has been turned over to his older brother, Leroy, a '59 graduate of Sequoia.

The Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee is honoring Rick by naming its Senior Games track meet after him. The inaugural **Rick Milam Memorial Track and Field Meet** at this year's **Bay Area Senior Games** honors Rick Milam, who died of a heart attack on Aug. 23, 2010, while driving in San Jose.

The tribute to Rick Milam will be kept simple at the College of San Mateo on Sunday.



"There'll be just a recognition by the announcer and some photos shown," said Anne Cribbs, President and CEO of the Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee.

"My brother was the most laid back person," Leroy said. "If something went wrong, he'd just say, 'We'll get by.' He was never negative, never said a bad word about anybody."

At Rick's memorial held at Los Gatos High, 400 people packed the gym. In attendance was 1956 Olympian Dan Bowden, the first American to break the 4-minute mile. Also there was Milam's 1978 Homestead-Cupertino cross country team that won the Central Coast Section championship.

"I tried to greet as many people as possible at the door," Leroy said. "There were 30 or 40 U.S. Track and Field officials there. It was a large contingent."

Rick Milam, born in Palo Alto, played football and basketball at Sequoia before attending College of San Mateo. After transferring to San Jose State, Milam became team manager for the Spartans' vaunted track and field team and coach Bud Winter, recognized as one of the greatest sprints coaches in the world.

Milam joined the U.S. Marine Corps, where he stayed for two years. When Milam landed a job coaching track and field at Homestead, he incorporated stringent training he learned in the Marine Corps into his practices.

"Rick was hard on his athletes," Leroy said. "He wanted them to run fast, but not too fast. He wanted them to peak near the end of the season."

Milam got disenchanted with the layoffs of teachers back then, so he went into the insurance business, working on tax shelters for sports figures. Milam kept his hand, as well as his vast knowledge, in helping to run track and field meets for 44 years.

Willie Harmatz, who headed the track and field program at Los Gatos High from 1978 to 2002, first met Milam in 1975.

"We hit it off from Day 1," said Harmatz, inducted into the Long Beach City College Hall of Champions last year. "He was organized and liked to run meets. He shared the same interests as mine. It's great they named the meet after him. He should be honored."

Harmatz started the All-Comers and Top 8 Track and Field meets in 1978. It wasn't long before Milam and Harmatz were running the meets together.

"Rick was my backbone for all my officials," Harmatz said. "I couldn't have done it by myself."

If there was a local track and field meet, Rick Milam was most likely front and center.

"Rick helped everybody," Leroy said. "He helped coaches become better coaches, even if he didn't like them."

"Rick's joy was so infectious," said Dudley, who works as a meet official, as well as, a meet announcer. "When he told me he had colon cancer, he didn't complain. He just said it was a part of life. He loved living every moment and had great energy. He was my best friend."

Dudley felt Milam's presence at this year's Top 8 Meet, held at San Jose City College on April 17.

"Willie and I were setting up the meet and I found some old clipboards with Rick's writing on it," Dudley said. "I told Willie that Rick was still with us."

The spirit of Rick Milam will be ever-present at CSM on Sunday and for future years to come. No denying, he is still with us.

Los Gatos: Long Beach City inducts **Willie Harmatz** into their Hall of Fame. Willie is best known in the Pacific Association as the founder and guiding light behind both the winter and the summer Los Gatos All Comer Track and Field meets.

For his coaching successes and his contributions to the sport, Willie received the CCS Lifetime Coaching Achievement Award in 2003.



Missing from the Track

Ronald George Toth (1947 – 2015)

Ron Toth, a certified official for the last two Olympiads, succumbed to heart disease on April 13.

Dennis Boyle notes: "Track and field was very important all of Ron's life, as an athlete and an official. He loved the challenge of conducting an event and the wonderful camaraderie present among all of us in the Pacific Association. In his final days, a Stanford Invitational shirt and a card signed by many at that meet made it to his hospital bed. **John Shirey**, who made the delivery, said that one would not be able to put into words what that meant to Ron. I had always kidded Ron that he was in it for the shirts."

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 40 years, Judy Toth.

Ron completed four tours with the US Navy during the Vietnam War and spent 30 years in the telecommunications industry, moving to Redding, CA, from Los Angeles in 1979.

Re was an active volunteer at the Good News Rescue Mission, and also heavily involved with the Redding Veterans Administration.

He is survived by daughter Sarah Kohlbeck, son-in-law Shane Kohlbeck; son Stephen Toth, daughter-in-law Jill Toth, granddaughters Alex Toth and Katherine Kohlbeck, and grandson Ozzy Toth.



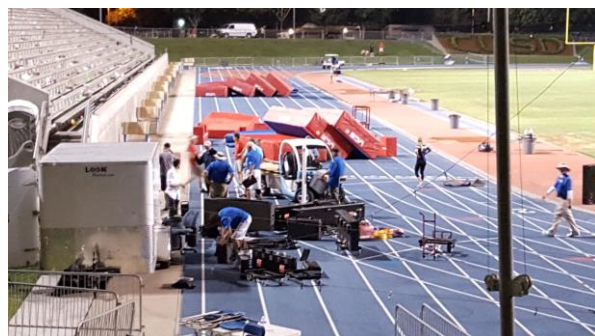
VDM –Seiko statement

(Remember how Teddy Hayes was talking about how the horizontal jumps were measured? This is how the VDM system works).

- The new VDM system uses two high definition cameras, located away from the landing pit.
- 7 times a second, these cameras capture still images of remarkable precision. Each has 15,824,256 pixels, which is around 8 times more than even a High Definition TV camera.
- The judge in the Seiko Control Room sees these images on an HD screen and moves a cursor to the point where the sand was first disturbed by the athlete's landing.
- The system then calculates the distance of the jump and transmits it to the results service, for onward distribution to the scoreboard and the media.



This is the view that the VDM operator.



When the meet is over, somebody has to put away all the equipment.

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