

# 2016 USATF *Pacific* Hall of Fame Inductees

## **Roxanne Anderson (Atkins)** (*posthumously*)

San Francisco

**Born:** June 26, 1912 - Montreal, Quebec CA

**Events:** 100 m hurdles

**Honors:** Inducted into USATF Hall of Fame in 1991 as an Olympic athlete

As Roxy Atkins, she was a top sprinter and hurdler for Canada in the 1930s, placing fourth at the 1934 British Empire Games, a forerunner of the present Commonwealth Games, and sixth at the Women's World Games. She won the 1934 U.S. indoor 50-meter hurdles title, defeating Olympic medalist and future Hall of Famer Evelyn Hall Adams. In 1936, she ran for Canada at the Berlin Olympic Games and finished second at the U.S. indoor championships. She met her husband UC Berkeley student Eugene Anderson in chance encounter at the Grand Canyon in 1946. They were married shortly thereafter and moved to northern California, settling first in Berkeley, while her husband was studying mechanical engineering and later in the Bernal Heights area of San Francisco for 51 years. She then became a U.S. citizen.

Roxanne served as an advocate for women's track and field in this country for more than half a century by pioneering women's and age group track and field programs. Her activities were used later as a model for national programs. By the 1950s, she was active in the governance of U.S. track and field, serving continuously on the women's track and field national committee -- first for the Amateur Athletic Union, later for The Athletics Congress (TAC) -- and became co-chair of the women's track and field committee in 1958. She was a staff member for many national teams, including Melbourne Olympics in 1956, the U.S. contingent to the Pan American Games in 1971 at Calais, Columbia and the 1983 Pan Am Games at Caracas, Venezuela. Anderson authored several articles on athletics, as well as a publication on the effects of athletic competition on girls and women. She received the President's Award for years of meritorious service to athletes in 1982.

Roxy became chairperson of women's track and field Committee in 1950 for the Pacific Association of the AAU, a post she held for 26 years. She was a staff member for various US track and field teams including teams in Melbourne Olympics in 1956, the Pan Am games in 1971 and the 1983 Games at Caracas, Venezuela.

Mrs. Anderson was named the San Francisco Examiner's Distinguished Woman of the Year in 1965. Ten years later, she was a staff member for a group of American athletes invited to compete in China.

She enjoyed the opportunity to travel. In retirement she and her husband visited 104 countries and went on 33 cruises and flew around the world four times. "She had a great life", said her husband of 56 years, Eugene Anderson, age 84. "We've led real interesting life. We never had any children, so were able to spend time traveling."

Decades before the mass participation of women in sports Roxy wrote a treatise in 1955 titled "The Effect of Athletic Competition on Girls and Women's Sports." She was also coach of the San Francisco Laurel track club from 1951 through 1967. Current Pacific officials and master athletes Irene Obera, Cherrie Sherrard, and Lucille Ligon as well as a young Deanne Vochatzer all ran for Roxy at one time or another. In addition, Cherrie Sherrard and Pam Kurrell, went on to compete in the Olympics and Deanne Vochatzer was the women's head Olympic coach in Atlanta.

Roxy was also an official who was first certified in 1977 (#1477) but worked for years before that as a local official at major meets in the area. She was famous for wearing her Olympic uniform coat to bigger meets. Eugene was also a wind gauge official both at Modesto and Cal. She often was at the higher level of meet management including refereeing and coordinating and taking care of meet record details, which were plentiful post WWII. She received the Dick Barbour Award 1986 for outstanding work as an official before retiring in 1989 as an Emeritus Official. She was elected to the National Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1991.

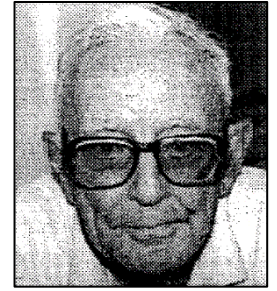
Roxanne died in September 2002 at the age of 90 in San Francisco.

## **Delos L. Dotta** *(posthumously)*

Benicia

**Born:** April 29, 1916

**Honors:** Received the third Dick Barbour Meritorious Service Award as an official in 1987 along with his twin brother Daniel and received a National Officials Certificate Award in 1992.



Delos was born in Loyalton, California lived in the Benicia from 1941 on. He was a veteran of the Second World War, serving in the United States Army in the European theater. He was a member of the VFW No. 3928 and St. Dominic's Catholic Church. Del graduated from the University California at Berkeley.

Del was Master level field official in Throws, and long-time Coordinator of Officials for the University of California. He worked as a track official for 35 years or more years including trips to Australia, New Zealand and Europe. He was one of the Pacific Association officials who worked at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. He was certified with his twin brother Dan as part of the first group of Pacific Association officials in 1977 (#1426).

In a tribute to Del Dick Connors commented: "Del was one of mentors in our sport as I grew over the years as an official. I first met him at an all-comers meet in the winter of 1964 at Sequoia High School in Redwood City. Del as an official was always so willing to accept any assignment in the Field. Even at the age of 79, he was fielding shots at the Stanford Invitational. He never raised his voice or had a cross word for any athlete or official and getting excited was not part of his personality. He gave respect to athletes and in return received it from them."

Del and his brother Dan were true Northern California track and field vagabonds for over thirty years. They traveled the all-comers, youth, high school, community college, collegiate, and Open track and field circuits of competition year in and year out. Most years Del and Dan worked over fifty days of track a year. For years they were responsible for running the Cal Winter all-comers series, in addition to assigning and communicating with officials for all Cal home meets. They worked the big meets at Modesto and Jenner at San Jose City as well as Cal and Stanford. They worked the 1995 National Championship in Sacramento and the 1984 and 1987 National Championships at San Jose as well as the 84 LA Olympic Trials and Games. Del was a mentor to many officials. He was a true inspiration because of his dedication to our sport.

Del died on January 14, 1997 at the age of 61 after a brief illness just before the start of the 1997 track season.

## **Daniel D. Dotta** *(posthumously)*

Benicia

**Born:** April 29, 1916

**Honors:** Recipient of the third Dick Barbour Award in 1987 along with his twin brother Delos. He subsequently received a National Officials Certificate Award in 1992.



Dan and his brother Del were stalwarts of the University of California track and field for years handling all the arrangements and correspondence with officials for the program during its glorious years of NCAA championship meets, the Russian American meet, the Pacific conference meets, the 1968 National Champions, Olympic Trials at Hughes Stadium in Sacramento and then again at San Jose City in 1987 and various other national and international meets held at Cal's Edwards field during the 1960s 70s and 80s. They also worked the 84 Olympics in Los Angeles. They were often at the finish line or wherever they were needed. They were there and saw to it that various mile records were recorded properly as well as when Jim Ryan ran at Cal. They were at Edwards Stadium for all the winter Saturday and all comers meets. Dan and Del were also travelers working these have regular basis at Modesto, Stanford, San Jose State, San Jose City College, Hayward, Diablo Valley, local high schools, and youth athlete athletics meets within the Pacific Association. Hayward, San Jose (the Univ. & the Jenner meets at SJCC), Hughes stadium at Sacramento, the '68 Trials and the 1984 LA Olympics.

Dan was certified in 1977 (#1425) with the first group of Pacific Association official when the National Official Committee was started, although he started officiating many years before. Dan rose to become a Master Track Official and Coordinator of Officials for the University of California until 1997 when he became emeritus.

Dan was born in Loyalton, California, on April 29, 1916 and was a resident of Benicia for 59 years. He worked for the State of California Department Forestry for 35 years before he retired in 1981.

He served in the Army during the Second World War and was a University of California Berkeley graduate. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars #3928, the American Legion # 101, and the Benicia Senior Citizens and as well as being a world traveler following the Olympics.

Dan died at Queen of the Valley Hospital in Napa after a short illness on February 7, 2000.

## **Helen Klein**

Rancho Cordova

**Born:** November 27, 1922, age 93

**Honors:** 1999 USATF Masters Hall of Fame Class



- Retired nurse and ultramarathoner
- Motivational Speaker: The Value of Keeping Active Throughout Life
- Mother of four, grandmother of nine, great-grandmother of four, and great-great grandmother of two
- Running career began with no previous experience in 1978 at the age of 55

### **World Records**

- World's fastest time in her age group for: 1 mile, 10 km, Marathon (4:31:32), 50 miles, 100 km, 100 miles (21:03:01)
- World's longest distances in her age group for: 24-hours (109.5 miles), 48-hours, 5 days, 6 days (373 miles)
- 500 km: Ran across the state of Colorado in 5 days, 10 hours (1991)

### **Notable Accomplishments**

- 90 Marathons completed
- 143 Ultramarathons completed (only one other woman has run more)
- Oldest person to complete a 100 mile trail run
- Official finisher: The Ironman Triathlon in Kona, Hawaii
- At age 66...One of the first women to complete the Grand Slam of Ultra Running (Five 100 mile mountain trail runs in a 16 week period (only four needed) which included 175,000 feet of elevation change.
- At age 70...Ran the 145-mile stage race in the Himalayas
- At age 72...Completed the Marathon Des Sables, a 145-mile stage race across the Sahara Desert in Morocco, followed just two weeks later by completing the 370 mile Eco Challenge in Utah
- At age 74...Ran the 143-mile stage race across the Peruvian Andes
- At age 80...Broke the World Record in the marathon by 39 minutes when she ran 4:31:32
- At age 81...completed the Tahoe Triple by running 3 marathons around Lake Tahoe in three consecutive days (78 miles in 18:05:51)
- At age 85...broke the World Record in the marathon by an hour and four minutes when she ran 5:49:11. Three months later she lowered that record by 12 minutes when she ran 5:36:18
- Oldest woman to have finished the following 100-Mile Endurance Runs: Western States, Leadville Trail, Wasatch Front, Old Dominion, Angeles Crest, Rocky Racoon, Vermont
- Coaches Team Diabetes Marathon Team (1999-2000)
- Coach of Barrett Middle School Track Team (2001-2007)
- Co-race Director (along with husband Norm): 11 races, including the Cal International & Western States 100

### **Awards & Honors**

- Master Card's Master of the Marathon Award (1992)
- USA Track & Field Hall of Fame: First Woman Ultramarathoner (elected in 1999)
- Arete Award: Symbolizing Courage in Sports: ESPN
- 2002 Olympic Torch Bearer
- Road Runners Hall of Fame (elected 2004)
- Sacramento Running Association Hall of Fame (2013)
- Rancho Cordova Sports Hall of Fame (2015)

**Shirley Matson**

Larkspur

**Born:** November 7, 1940, age 76**Honors:** 1998 USATF Masters Hall of Fame. Age Group Records: F40, 45, 50, 55 Competed: 1981-97. Outstanding age-graded performer from 800m to the Marathon.

Event	AG	Age	Yr	Mark	Rec	%
HMar	F40	41	82	1:20:47	AR	85.04
HMar	F45	45	85	1:20:26	AR	88.31
5000m	F45	45	86	17:52.8	WR	88.15
15K	F45	45	86	55:51	AR	88.93
12K	F45	45	86	44:28	AR	88.53
10 Miles	F45	47	88	59:19	AR	91.71
HMar	F45	47	88	1:19:23	AR	91.06
30K	F45	48	88	1:59:25	AR	88.57
30K	F50	50	90	2:00:41	AR	89.23
5000m	F50	50	91	17:25.6	AR	94.58
5K	F50	50	91	17:28	AR	94.36
8K	F50	50	91	28:55	AR	93.23
10K	F50	50	91	35:57	AR	94.65
15K	F50	50	91	54:34	AR	95.17
HMar	F50	50	91	1:19:51	AR	92.99
Mar	F50	50	91	2:50:26	AR	91.02
800m	F50	51	92	2:25.29	AR	92.10
1500m	F50	51	92	4:57.44	AR	91.04
10,000m	F50	51	92	37:28.67	AR	91.65
12K	F50	52	93	44:56	AR	93.32
3000m	F55	55	96	11:05.1	WR	90.51
5000m	F55	55	96	18:43.65	AR	92.34
HMar	F55	55	96	1:23:09	AR	93.65
15K	F55	56	96	1:00:38	AR	90.74
20K	F55	56	96	1:20:36	AR	92.29
25K	F55	56	96	1:41:01	AR	93.09
1 Mile	F55	56	97	5:46.8	AR	88.52
5K	F55	56	97	18:32	AR	94.27

- WAVA World Championship Titles: F45 1st 10, road & 2nd 5000m '89
- WAVA Regional Championship Titles: F55 1st 400m, 800m, 5000m '96
- USA T&F Championship Titles: F50 1st 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, 10,000m '92; F55 1st 5000m '97
- USA LDR Championship Titles (1st): F40 5XC '81, 10XC '82, 10XC '83, 10K '85; F45 10K '86, 30K '88; F50 Mar '91; F55 5k '97
- Gwilym Brown Award (Outstanding Female T&F athlete) 1992
- Outstanding Single Performance of the Year 1992 (10,000m 37:39 for F50)
- Masters Track Age-Group Athlete of the Year: F45 1986; F50 1992; F55 1996
- Masters LDR Runner of the Year: F40 1984; F45 1988, '89, '90; F50 1991, '92, '93; F55 1996, '97

**George Newlon (posthumously)**

San Mateo

**Born:** 1911**Honors:** Received the second Pacific Association Official's Dick Barbour Award in 1986 and National Officials Certificate in 1992

A native of Maryville, Missouri, George began his association with track and field as a competitor in long distance running events at Colorado State University. His best mile time was 4:17.6. Besides a distinguished career in business and service to civic and social organizations, George



traveled throughout the world, mostly at his own expense, to officiate at the Olympic Games held in Helsinki, Finland in 1952, Los Angeles in 1984 and Seoul, South Korea in 1988. He retired and became Emeritus in 1989. In Northern California, George was director of track and field officials at Stanford University, chair of TAC's Pacific Association Officials Committee, and a board member of the Northern California Track and Field Association. He was certified in 1977 (#1458) as part of the first group of Pacific Association officials certified, although he was probably officiating in the early 1950's. In his early days he was a key finish line official when it took a crowd on the stand to time and judge race finishes especially sprints. He became a Master level Track Official and Referee. He officiated at Modesto Relays, the historic USA-USSR meet at Stanford as well as the 1968 Olympic Trials at South Lake Tahoe besides the other local meets. He initiated the original Awards Program with the early "Gold" plate awards. He received the second Dick Barbour Award for his outstanding contributions as a Pacific Association Official in 1986.

In 1989, when George was 78. he was interviewed by a local paper and appealed for interested people to become track & field officials. Twenty signed up. Typical George, always a promoter! That fall George retired as Officials Chair and became an Emeritus official. He was succeeded by Dick Connors.

His business career encompassed 42 years with the Campbell Soup Company. (His car's license plate was Mmmmmm.) He retired as Northern California sales manager. George served on the governing boards of the Rotary Club, the March of Dimes, Peninsula Association of Retarded Children and Adults, the YMCA Foundation, the Mental Health Association, United Way, the Volunteer Center and Mills Hospital. He also worked on behalf of Special Olympics for Children. George also served on the San Mateo County civil grand jury and was president of the Association of Grand Jurors. In 1985, he was named San Mateo's outstanding citizen. In 1989 he received the VIP award from the Center for Independence of the Disabled.

George died on May 9, 1993 at the age of 82.



**Linda Somers Smith**

San Luis Obispo

**Born:** 1961, age 55

**Honors:** 2012 Masters Hall of Fame

Overall Female Masters LDR Athlete of the Year 2010

Masters LDR Age Division Runner of the Year 2011, F50-54

Masters LDR Age Division Runner of the Year 2010, F45-49

Masters LDR Age Division Runner of the Year 2008, F45-49

Masters LDR Age Division Runner of the Year 2002, F40-44

Winner of the Pacific Assn. Open Women's XC Grand Prix, 2009 - at age 48

**American Records**

Division	Distance	Performance	Location	Date
45-49	5 km	16:14 (f)	San Jose, CA	11/26/2009
45-49	10 km	33:39 (p)	Paso Robles, CA	9/26/2010
45-49	10 Mile	57:09 (p)	Redding, CA	3/6/2010
45-49	H Mara	1:13:31	San Jose, CA	10/3/2010
45-49	30 km	1:52:44 (f)	Boston, MA	4/20/2008
				10/30/201
50-54	H Mara	1:15:18	Los Angeles, CA	1
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50-54	n	2:37:36 (f) (p)	Houston, TX	1/14/2012

**National Championships**

National Masters LDR Champion, F45-49 - 10K, 2007

National Masters XC Champion (USATF National Club Cross Country Championships), F45-49 - 8K, 2006

National Masters LDR Champion, F40-44 - 10K, 2003

### Top Road Performances

Event	Age Group	Age	Time	Age Grade	Race Name	Race Location	Race Date	Champs	Record
Marathon	50-54	50	2:37:36	102.05%	US Olympic Marathon Trials	Houston, TX	1/14/2012		Pending AR
10 km	45-49	49	33:39	100.84%	Heritage Oaks Bank	Paso Robles, CA	9/26/2010		Pending AR
5 km	45-49	48	16:14	100.82%	Silicon Valley Turkey Trot	San Jose, CA	11/26/2009		AR (f)
H Mar	45-49	49	1:13:31	100.20%	Rock n' Roll	San Jose, CA	10/3/2010		AR
Marathon	45-49	48	2:36:39	100.07%	LA Marathon	Los Angeles, CA	3/21/2010		
H Mar	50-54	50	1:15:17	99.05%	Dodge Rock & Roll Half Marathon	Los Angeles, CA	10/30/2011		
H Mar	45-49	49	1:14:45	98.55%	LA Half	Los Angeles, CA	10/24/2010		
10 km	45-49	47	34:25	96.42%	Heritage Oaks Bank	Paso Robles, CA	9/27/2009		
Marathon	45-49	46	2:38:49	96.29%	USATF Olympic Trials	Boston, MA	4/20/2008		30 km AR (in route)
10 Mile	45-49	48	57:09	96.18%	John Frank Memorial	Redding, CA	3/6/2010		AR
5 km	45-49	48	17:05	95.80%	Big Sur	Carmel, CA	4/25/2010		
Marathon	45-49	46	2:41:04	94.94%	PF Chang	Phoenix, AZ	1/13/2008		
10 km	45-49	48	35:35	94.29%	Strawberry Stampede	Arroyo Grande, CA	5/24/2009		
12 km	45-49	46	42:27	93.56%	Emerald Across the Bay	San Francisco, CA	3/16/2008		
10 km	45-49	46	35:10	93.41%	Heritage Oaks Bank	Paso Robles, CA	9/23/2007		National 10K Age Group Champion
10 km	45-49	46	35:24	92.80%	Strawberry Stampede	Arroyo Grande, CA	5/25/2008		
				95.68%	Average age grade of all performances in the database				

Linda was a 7-time Olympic Marathon Trials Qualifier: 1984, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012 (the last three as a Masters runner).

2-time US Marathon Champion 1993 & 1994.

She was inducted into the USATF Masters HOF in the class of 2012

**Thomas Trimble** (*posthumously*)

Founder of the USATF Pacific's Website, pausatf.org "A great friend, coach, mentor, father figure, storm chaser, and volunteer/pioneer web master".

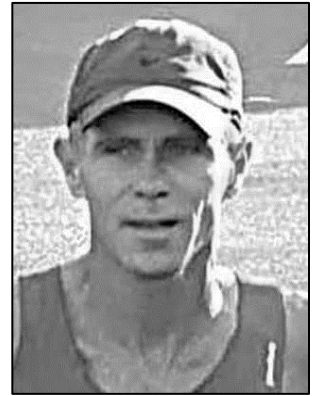
Thom Trimble died suddenly of a heart attack while out running in Newhall Park in Concord on Saturday morning of January 3rd. The word that aptly describes Thom was "mentor" and he was just that – be it as a coach, a running friend, or as a patient website instructor. Thom was responsible for creating the Pacific Association of USATF's web site in 1996 (pausatf.org, the first USATF website in the country), and was its dedicated Webmaster for many years.

Thom and John Monteverdi founded the original East Bay Striders Track Club in 1983. It became the Pacific Striders in the 1990s and coalesced into the Strawberry Canyon Track Club in 2009.

Thom coached the club from 1983-2008, and competed as a member until he passed away. He continues to hold the club's half marathon record of 1:09.28 at the SF Home Depot Half Marathon in 1991.

Thom was a very devoted family man who went to virtually every soccer game and track meet his daughters competed in. Not a bad word was ever spoken about Thom.

Above information was excerpted from the "[Thom Trimble in memoriam](#)" page at pausatf.org.

**Sal Vasquez**

Sacramento

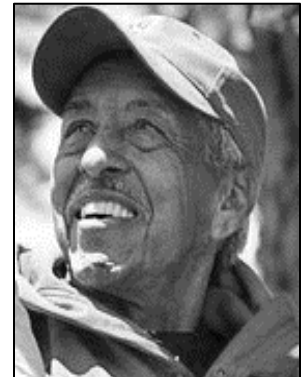
**Born:** 1940, age 76

**Honors:** 2004 USATF Masters Hall of Fame, A tough competitor in the shorter distance events (5K to 20K). Considered the best Dipsea competitor ever in the race's 100+ year history.

Event	AG	Age	Yr	Mark	Rec	%
10K	M45	45	85	31:06	AR	94.91
10M	M45	47	87	51:41(u)	AR	95.13
8K	M50	50	90	25:31	AR	94.97
5K	M50	50	90	15:52	AR	92.96
5K	M50	51	91	15:38	AR	95.10
12K	M55	57	97	41:29	AR	94.82

USA LDR Championship Titles (1st): M40 15XC '82; 15K '83; 20K & 15XC '84; M45 10k '86; 15K & 20K '87; 10XC '89; M50 8K '90; M55 10XC '96

Masters LDR Runner of the Year: M45 1985, '87; M50 1990, '93; M55 1995, '96

**Harry Young** (*posthumously*)

San Mateo, retired to Guerneville, CA

**Honors:** 1988 Dick Barbour Award for Service to the Pacific Association Officials Committee.

Harry Young was a track and field classic: a passionate, at times cantankerous official, who dedicated himself to providing athletes opportunities to compete in well-managed competitions. Harry was a long time equipment/facility manager at College of San Mateo and meet director for the long running San Mateo All-Comers where the nation's elite would come in the winter months to tune-ups for the then- many Bay Area indoor competitions while the meets served a qualifiers for the San Francisco Examiner and Runners' World Indoor competitions.

Harry was in the first group of Pacific Association officials certified nationally in 1977 (#1475). He was originally from San Mateo but moved to Guerneville after retirement.

In addition to being an event director, Harry served as Master Field Official particularly in Throws and as a Field Referee for the University of California, Stanford and Modesto until he became emeritus about 1988 or 89 following receipt of Dick Barbour award. He died in 2000.