

2018 Pacific Association Hall of Fame Inductees

Awarded to a Pacific Association member for outstanding accomplishments – either as an athlete or for contributions on a supporting sport committee or both.

Shirley Oliver Connors



As a third generation California, I have always loved being active in sports and taking care of animals. I spent only 4 years outside the state of California, but those four years in Connecticut allowed me to participate in different sports, and interscholastic sports. This helped me develop an interest in all sports, and eventually became my major at the University of California, Santa Barbara. While attending UCSB, I was on their first women's volleyball, basketball, golf and field hockey teams. I graduated with a B. S. degree and a minor in Social Studies. I later acquired a Masters degree in Kinesiology. My Master's paper was one of the first cinematography studies on a women's running stride.

My life since college has included marriage, raising three sons, many animals, and teaching PHYSICAL EDUCATION at different levels. During my first year of teaching, I met Dick and we married a year later. Our three sons were very active in sports and two experienced the international level of competition in the Modern Pentathlon. Dic and I were able to watch some of their competitions in other countries. We were able to experience different cultures and enjoy beautiful scenery around the world. We now have 7 grandchildren.

I taught Physical Education for most of my married life. I started in high school, taught some Adult School, but my favorite was elementary school. I received a commendation for my K-5 Perceptual Motor Program, which I continued to improve and mentor other teachers to use in their schools. I taught 5th grade for the last 10 years of my teaching career. Over the years, I coached AYSO soccer, high school volleyball, soccer and swimming.

In 2000, I retired from teaching and found new areas to explore. I substituted at my former school, and substituted at the local Humane Society. Another important area of my retirement years was to become more involved in USATF and officiating. On the local level, I attended PAUSATF Executive Board Meetings as Rep-at-Large and as a member of one of the Strategic Planning Committees. I became PAUSATF Officials' Clinic/Education Chairman for many years. I organized and put on at least 20 clinics a year in the Northern California and Nevada areas. I have been attending the USATF National Convention since 2000. I regularly;arly attended Youth, Facilities and Equipment, Officials, and Officials' Training Committee meetings. I became USATF's Training Committees Sub-Chairman of Officials' Clinics for the National Convention, National Meets and Olympic Trials.

I have been officiating something, since I was 15. I officiated volleyball, basketball, and badminton, while I was in college. I also officiated volleyball, when our sons were young and after I retired. I began officiating track and field in the late 1980's. I have officiated many levels of track and field from Youth through international/elite. I worked the finish line in the old days and now have attained the Master level in a variety of events. My favorite is the Horizontal Jumps. I also officiate LDR and Cross country.

SOME OF THE EVENTS I HAVE OFFICIATED

OLYMPIC TRIALS: 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012

NATIONAL JUNIOR/SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2014

NCAA: 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2015, 2018, 2019

WMA: 2011. USATF Masers Championships: 1997, 2003.

PAC 10/12S: 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011

CIF CHAMPIONSHIPS: 1990's, 2014, 2016

AWARDS

PACIFIC ASSOCIATION:

Horace Crow - Special Recognition Award - Field: 2005

William Monheim Officials' Award in Track and Field - 2010, 2014

Stanford Track and Field: 2012

Dick Barbour - Meritorious Service Award : 2012

Hall of Fame (PACIFIC ASSOCIATION) - 2019

USATF:
National Official's Committee - The Chair Award: 2007
Horace Crow Jr. Award (Association): 2016
Horace Crow Officials Field Event Award: 2010
Andy Bakjian - Officials' Outstanding Service Award: 2016

Kathy Hammond-Lohman



Kathy Hammond burst onto the national scene at an early age. Growing up in Sacramento, running against her older brother and beating the boys in elementary school, her 7th grade PE teacher formed a team to run in a district track meet. A parent at the meet told Kathy's parents about an AAU Team called Will's Spikettes, coached by Encina High School coach Will Stephens. Kathy joined Will's Spikettes a year later at the age of 13. She set PA-AAU records in the 50y, 60y, and 75y in the 12-13 age group.

When Kathy turned 14, she placed third in the 440 at the Women's Indoor Nationals. Competing in the 14-17 age group, she set PA-AAU records in the 100y, 220y, 440y, set a State Record in the 440y, won the Girl's National Outdoor Championship 440y, made her first Women's USA Team (LA Times International Games), and was ranked third in North

America Top 10 Women.

At the age of 15, Kathy set PAAAU Indoor and Outdoor records in 220y and 440y, won the Women's Indoor 440 National Title, set a Girl's American 440y record, placed second in the Women's Nationals with 52.6, which ranked her third in the world, fourth fastest in history, best by age, and she was selected for her second USA Team (USA vs British Commonwealth).

In 1968 at the age of 16, Kathy was winning Indoor meets in the 440y, 500y, 600y, 880y, broke her PAAAU records in the 220y, 200m, 440y, 400m, and again broke the Girl's American Record in the 440y. She missed defending her Indoor title when she came down with mononucleosis. During her recovery she practiced with the boys at her high school, Mira Loma. Kathy asked the sprint coach, Steve Lehnhardt, to coach her. She was heading into the Women's Outdoor National's ranked first in the world in the 400m, and tied for first in the USA (third in the World) in the 200m when she pulled her hamstring, losing her dream of a gold at Mexico City.

After healing most of 1969, Kathy came back to set new PA-AAU records in the 220y, 200m, 400m, and win the Women's National Outdoor 400m Title. She won golds in the USA/Russian/British Commonwealth and the 1st Pacific Conference Games setting coliseum records, and broke the Women's 400m American Record twice while touring with the USA Team in Europe. Kathy received the PA-AAU Outstanding Athlete in Track & Field award for 1969.

In 1970, Kathy won back her Women's Indoor National 440y title, and set Women's Indoor World/American/PAAAU records in the 500y and 600y. During her USA Team European Tour, Kathy won 6 golds in the 400m. 1971 started out good with a gold in the USA vs Russia Indoor Dual Meet, but knee injury plagued Kathy most of the outdoor season. With her eyes set on the 1972 Munich Olympics, and picking up teammates Deanne Carlson, Nancy Mullen, and Cherrie Cherrard (forming the Sacramento Roadrunners), Kathy won all her races up to the Olympics. She won the Women's Indoor Nationals, set Indoor American & World Records in the 500y and 600y, won the Women's Outdoor Nationals, ran an American Record 400m at the Olympic Trials (3 seconds ahead of the field), and broke the Women's American 440y record at the USA/Canada Dual Meet. At Munich, Kathy went on to break the American Record two more times, in her trial and final, winning a bronze medal in the 400m, and a silver medal in the 4x400m relay. Kathy's anchor leg was 49.2, the fastest every run by a woman. Kathy was voted the Outstanding Amateur Athlete in Women's Track & Field in the USA & North America for 1972. Kathy also received the PA-AAU Outstanding Athlete in Track & Field for 1972.

Kathy ran for one more year, winning the Women's 1973 Indoor Nationals, a gold in the Russian/American Indoor Dual Meet, and was selected for three other USA Teams - Southern Games Trinidad, USA vs Europe & Africa, and the 2nd Pacific Conference Games. "My parents and siblings were so supportive. My dad ran with me in the mornings, and my mom would drive the car behind me at night so I could see. They went to all my PA-AAU meets, and my 2 sisters came with us. My dad ended up coaching my youngest sister Pam who set a couple PA-AAU records. Mom would usually get lost, so Pam and I would end up warming up in the car. My hometown was also very supportive. We had car washes and pancake sales, and the organizations and clubs in Sacramento would help

me out. If I have some advice to give to young runners today, it would be... It's not just the winning, but the friends you meet, the places you see, the losses and hardships that make you stronger, the accomplishments that make you the best you can be. Running gave me a lot of experiences, adventures and opportunities. Enjoy the ride."

Kathy got married and had her beautiful daughter, Angela in 1976. Angela was voted outstanding Girl's Track & Field Athlete in High School, and went to UC Irvine on a partial scholarship to run the 400 hurdles. Kathy coached track in Sacramento before moving to Hawaii. She finished the education she started at CSUS, graduating from UH Manoa with a BS in Kinesiology, and a specialization in Athletic Training. Kathy worked with a Physical Therapist doing aqua therapy, then became employed at the YMCA of Honolulu where she became a Healthy Lifestyles Director overseeing the Group Exercise and Senior programs. She is now semi-retired, though continues to teach 11 to 15 group exercise classes a week. "I love what I do. The seniors in my classes inspire me. There are some 90+. To see them getting strong, improving their balance, getting off their walkers or medications is very rewarding. I also make it very social with theme days and potlucks."

1976 – Golden West Hall of Fame

1981 – Sacramento Athletic Hall of Fame

2016 – Legends of Track & Field, Olympic T&F Trials

2018 – USA Track & Field Hall of Fame

2019 – PA USATF Hall of Fame

Jim Hume



Jim Hume has been active in the Pacific Association as an administrator, an official, a trainer, and a coach, for more than the last 50 years.

As an administrator, Jim was the Women's Statistician in the days before computers. He was the Youth Chair from the mid '70s until the mid-'80s, served as the President of the Board of Athletics from '82-'85, and has served as the Pacific Association Official's Certification Chair for most of this century. With the inspiration of Dick Connors and the help of Bruce Colman, Jim has used his computer skills to help produce *Turns & Distances*, a newsletter from the Pacific Association officials.

In 1979 Jerry Colman asked Jim to accompany him to the Olympic Committee's Sports Festival as his gopher. Gophering led to becoming the Women's T&F Travel Coordinator for 13 of the 14 festivals.

In 1983 Jim was selected as the Head Manager for the Women's Junior Team in the USA vs. Canada, and Italy meets in Canada and New Britain, Connecticut. In 1995 he was the Head manager for the women's team for the USA vs. Great Britain meet in Newcastle, GB.

As an official, Jim has been active since 1968. He is currently a Master Level official who, since computers became available to run the paperwork part of a meet in the mid/late '80s, has spent most of his time behind a computer as the Competition Secretary. He took his advanced Competition Secretary degree while buried in the basement of the Olympic Stadium during the 1996 Olympics. Jim is a strong supporter of FieldLynx computer software to record/display field event results. In 2004 he headed the FieldLynx crew at the Olympic Trials.

As a coach, Jim worked with the Millbrae Lions Track Club (one of the first women's track and field clubs) from the late-60s to the late 80s and saw the transition from club only opportunities to school-sponsored opportunities for women to participate. He spent 15 years at Hillsdale High, and in 1997 he was recognized as a CIF-CCS T&F Honor Coach.

Early in Jim's coaching, teaching, administrating career, he became interested in helping produce well run track meet. This interest and his role as CertChair, has led to Jim's involvement in training others to run an efficient track and field meet. He has helped organize and taught at numerous local training clinics. In 2012 he received from the National Officials Committee of the USATF the *James Gray Award for Leadership*.

As a high school cross country coach since 1986, Jim has been interested in *CSM's* Crystal Springs Cross Country Course and since the early '90s, had has had an increasing role in administering the course with Bob Rush.

And all of this was paid for with his job as a school teacher. Jim taught in a reading program at Ben Franklin Middle School for 17 years serving as a classroom teacher, the head of the reading lab, and as the program director.

In 1986 the opportunity arose for him to move to Hillsdale High in San Mateo where he taught English, computer use, computer programming and coached cross country and track for 15 years.

Stephanie Trafton



Stephanie Trafton made history in 2008 by winning the first American Olympic gold medal in the discus since Lillian Copeland's victory in 1932. Threw her best mark on her first attempt at the Olympic Games and no one was able to throw within a meter through the rest of competition. Ending the 76-year gold drought in her event brought Trafton to the forefront of American track and field and garnered her the sport's top honor of the Jesse Owens Award as the top female athlete of the year. Trafton and her husband Jerry enjoying hunting for recreation. She wanted to be an Olympian since she was four-years-old when her father bought her a Mary Lou Retton Leotard. Leading up to the 2008 games she worked in the Information Technology Services department at Sycamore Environmental Consulting. Majored in Industrial Engineering. She volunteered for the Pacific as Athlete Committee Chair for over 10 years and helped establish an athlete grant program to further the careers of Olympic hopefuls in the Pacific region. She currently serves as secretary of the Board of Athletics. She also serves on the USATF Pacific Foundation Board of Directors. Stephanie and Jerry have two daughters, Juliana (5) and Morganne (8 months).

USATF Championships

2012 Olympic Trials champion (65.18m/213-10)

Two-time USATF Outdoor champion – 2011 (63.35m/207-10); 2009 (64.25m/210-9)

2004 Olympic Trials runner-up (61.90m/203-1)

Two-time USATF Outdoor bronze medalist – 2010 (59.53m/192-0); 2008 (62.65m/205-06)

International Championships

2008 Olympic champion (64.74m/212-5)

2007 NACAC champion (59.27m/194-5)

Collegiate Championships

2003 NCAA Outdoor runner-up (55.30m/181-05)

2003 NCAA Indoor shot put bronze medalist (17.28m/56-08.50)

Awards and Honors

2008 Jesse Owens Athlete of the Year

American record holder (67.74m/222-3)