

# 2018 Pacific Association Tom Moore Award

*The Tom Moore Award is meant to recognize outstanding life-long achievement and service to track and field and the Pacific Association in the area of event management.*

## **Drs. Leon Glover, Sr. and Jr.**



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My story starts from the excellent early training and experience I had in Modesto assisting my Dad, Leon Sr., at the California Relays - starting when I was in high school. As you've seen I wrote my Dad's essay from the two-person wind gauge team, we were for many years. I started helping in early high school in 1951-52 and am still at it in Spring 2019! Dad worked until about 1980. To those that might want to read the long version, Jim Hume pulled up a long interview I did with our Bruce Coleman, which was reprinted in 2014 by Keith Conning. I'm proud of the technical attention we gave to T&F wind readings starting at Calif. Relays in Modesto in light of having a go-no go for records of 2.0 Meters/Second, the maximum for a record.

We, from very early, on put the gauge on the inside of the track and about the halfway point between start and finish. Yes, we did move the gauges to different mid-points among the different races. Initially, there were no set timing periods for the different races. We chose to start the gauge and a stopwatch at the gun. We then stopped both as the 1st runner crossed the finish line. The 2 values were divided to calculate the average wind, initially to 2 decimals. The T&F powers later simplified all this with the gauge always at 50 meters and the measuring intervals at 10 (dashes) or 15 - later 13 (hurdles).

We initially used Dad's somewhat but technically sound gauge. Later, thanks to Payton Jordan, we obtained the Cantabrian model (big blue tube - still mechanical) designed for WW use starting at the 1948 London Games. We were requested to get it calibrated at one point, and I was able to do so at an aeronautics company in Sunnyvale that had a wind tunnel with variable speed control that was itself calibrated to NBS requirements. We did the calibration curve and not too long after I was able to visit Cantabrian's lab in Cambridge, Eng. on a business trip to Raychem's English facility. Our calibrations agreed. I've since used four other T&F wind gauges with the latest being an internationally required Ultrasonic model from Gill.

In early days at Modesto with the one gauge, the track came first as it had a very fast track and world-class athletes. When long jumpers like Ralph Boston and Arnie Robinson started coming, Tom Moore made sure which jumper(s) we needed to measure by grabbing the gauge and moving over to the correct placement for the LJ. [I didn't measure wind on one of Carl Lewis' 28' jumps until several years later at Sacto.] Once we got a 2nd gauge - if I remember thanks to George Newlon and the Pacific Association - we could each focus on either running or jumping. [Later - Modesto started drawing high-class triple jumpers - so we went to a 3rd official and gauge to cover the TJ on the back straight.] As mentioned, we moved to Palo Alto in 1955 so added Stanford, UC-Berkeley, and San Jose St. to our officiating schedule. We also expanded to high schools (CCS Section, Northern State Meets), and Jr. Colleges (Foothill, SJCC & CSM) plus their state meets in the north.

We were invited to most high-level National meets in N. Calif., including NCAA, AAU, TAC & USATF. The meet of meets for us - now called "The Meet in the Forest" was the 1968 Olympic Trials at So. Lake Tahoe and the following Nationals at Hughes Stadium. Sacramento later hosted top meets at Sac. State. Somewhere along the way, I started officiating at the Golden West HS Invite in June and of course the 20-year run of the Bruce Jenner Classic at SJCC.

In about 2002, I was asked to be the Awards Chairman for the Officials' Committee of the Pacific Association (Northern half of the state and approx. the largest in the USATF). It's an interesting role and responsibility as we have many experienced and hardworking officials in our Association. We award each year (in August) initial awards at the Association and National level plus a series of higher level awards honoring several outstanding officials who have passed on and who I officiated with and learned from.

I also want to thank and honor our recently passed on, top of the line in every way official, George Kleeman. We had special relationship as both worked for Shell and both were chemists. He in his encyclopedic way was somehow able to locate a picture of the surprisingly sophisticated Wind Gauge that was used at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. It added a nice touch to my collection of T&F wind gauges - certainly a very special type anemometer.

## **Peter Nantell**

Long time Bay Area road race event director. Races of note include the Bay To Breakers and the San Francisco Marathon

