

Hall of Fame Inductees

2018

DORIS FORBES

Doris was born before it was popular for girls and women to participate in sports. When the QC Senior Olympics became available to her she took advantage! One year as the games were near completion, a major rain storm with lightning blew through the Augustana campus. Doris was scrambling around looking for an official to go out in the rain with her so she could complete her shot put throws! A car wreck has slowed her down, but she hopes to be back in action again this summer.

THOMAS MCGREEVEY

Tom has served the QC Senior Olympics in a number of categories. He is the event manager for the Basketball events and helps recruit participants for many other sports including Golf. Tom served on the Board for several years and volunteered for many jobs that needed to be completed!

DON CHILDS

Don is a bundle of energy. Even though he is over 90 years old, he competes in many of the track and field events, setting records in all of them! Don has taken his competitive abilities to the National Senior Olympics Games and has had tremendous success there also!

JUDI INGERSON

Judy is another tireless volunteer with the Quad City Senior Olympics. If you have ever competed at an event with our games you have been helped by Judy as she supplies each area with a nice assortment of snacks and drinks. Another task Judy completes is to promote our games by attending many senior health fairs in the area throughout the year.

LARRY BEST

A long time board member and participant in the games! Larry retired from the board in 2017 after he and his wife moved to Arizona. They continue to come back to the Quad Cities in the summer where Larry again participates in many events, his favorite being the track and field competition. He is the perfect example of a volunteer doing more than his fair share to making sure the games succeed and the athletes have a memorable experience.

RITA AND STUART ASHMEAD

Rita and her husband competed together in the Quad Cities Senior Olympics, each doing their own specialty. Rita on the track and Stuart in the swimming pool. Stuart passed away a couple years ago but still holds records in the 100 Free and 100 Back for the 85-90 age group. Rita has been just successful on the track with records from the 65-69, 70-74, 75-79 age groups in the 1500 Meters. Rita hopes to get back into competition again this summer.

FRANK BAY

Frank didn't begin to run until after he was around 60 years old. At that time he began to make a statement about his ability. In 2010 he set the record in the 3,000 Meters. In 2016 he set the record for the 5K road race on the hilly Augustana campus course. A long time member of the Cornbelt Running Club, he also over sees their electronic timing system used at several races though out the year.

RALPH WHITEMAN

It seems Ralph is getting better with age. He has brought a group of his former team mates from Monmouth College to the QC Senior Olympics for years. Ralph has participated in many events including Literary Arts, Swimming, Basketball, Tennis and Track & Field. He has excelled in the throwing events such as the Javelin, Softball Throw and Weight Throw. In 2017 he set new records for the 85-89 age group in both the Weight Throw and the Javelin and the 50 Fly and 100 IM in the pool.

HOWARD BYERS

An athlete that comes to race the sprints! He holds records in the 100 Meter, 200 Meter and 400 Meter events. He latest coming in 2015 when he crushed the records for the 85-89 age in both the 100 and 200 Meter races. The time he set for the 75-79 and 80-84 age group in the 400 Meters may never be broken! Howard will turn 90 shortly after our games are held this June.

Dr. JAMES KOPEL

Dr. Kopel served on the board for many years and encouraged his son Matthew to join the board.

JOHN MANNING

John grew up in Iowa, but after retiring, moved to Arizona. He makes a trip back to the Quad Cities each year for the Senior Olympics. He specializes in the Shot in the track and field competition. In 2014 he set the record for the 75-79 age group better the mark for the 70-74 age. In 2017 he smashed the 80-84 mark in the Shot with a throw of 39' 0" His younger brother died a year ago, so he uses that to help motivate himself. John has had much success at the National competition winning three titles!