

Hall of Fame Inductees

2009

W. J. “BING” BINGAMAN

Past co-chairman and honorary chairman of QCSO. Bing was a tireless worker and volunteer whose efforts were instrumental in the annual continuation of the QCSO.

HAROLD “BUD” BRAUNLICH

Earned 54 gold medals and set seven QCSO track & field records over many years of competing in the games.

RON and RUTH JOHNSON

Served as past co-chair and honorary chairpersons of the QCSO and together have earned over 80 gold medals. In 12 years, Ron has earned gold in swimming, performing arts and heritage arts. He competed in the 1999 and 2001 National Senior Olympics. In 17 years, She has set and still holds numerous IOWA records – and has set some of these records at National Events. And she holds numerous QCSO records for swimming various events in several different age groups. In 2001 she did win the National 500 yd Freestyle for Women 65-69. She does hold records for the 500 yd Freestyle for the QCSO in several age groups. In addition to the 50, 100 and 200 yd freestyle and the 50 yd Fly Records for the QCSO, the 500 yd Freestyle should also be listed. She set records starting at age 57. She set records in the Women’s 55-59; then in the 60 – 64; then in the 65 – 69; then in the 70 – 74; then in the 75 – 79 age groups. Many of these records are still standing. Most of the earlier years have been wiped out. Many of the records in various age groups are still standing the test of time. Ruth set records in the 50-100-200 free style and the 50 fly. She set a record at the 2001 National Senior Olympics in the 50 free style.

ELEANOR NELSON

Has won 102 gold medals in track & field, tennis, shuffleboard, table tennis, badminton, horseshoes, basketball free throw, and bowling. She has set five track & field QCSO records.

PETE STOPOULOS

Has won 51 gold medals in track & field and holds 16 QCSO track & field records. At the 1991 National Senior Olympics held at Syracuse N.Y. he set a national record at age 55 with a long jump of 18’ 4”. A dedicated QCSO board member. Pete sponsored the Athlete’s Foot Masters Track & Field Meet for many years!

GEORGE RAJCEVICH

Participated in many of the Quad Cities Senior Olympics. He has earned 34 gold medals and has set seven track & field records. George was a member of the Clinton Iowa track club.

FREDERIC WHITESIDE

Earned 21 gold medals and has set 5 QCSO track & field records. He has worked tirelessly as the director of track & field events for all the 19-year history of the QCSO. A hard working board member and the track & field coach for women at Augustana College.

2010

PATRICIA BEAM

Participated in most of our local games except when conflicting with the National Senior Olympic Games. She is a very versatile athlete, competing in many sports. Patricia has set records in Track & Field, Bicycling and Swimming. She has set age group records starting in the 60-64 and continuing up to the 70-74. She seems to be getting better with age. Records are held in the 50m sprint, 5k race walk, Football Throw, 16# Weight Throw, Javelin, Shot Put, High Jump, Softball Throw, and Discus. Recognized by The University of Illinois for her athletic accomplishments.

WALTER "WALLY" CZARNY

Wally is fierce competitor earning 40 gold medals. In one race, Wally leaned too far at the finish line and took a tumble to the ground. Even though he had injured his shoulder, he continued to compete! Wally has entered many events in the track and field competition, but he is most accomplished in the throwing events. In 2004, in the age group of 70-74, he threw the javelin 105' 11" for a record. And then in 2010, now in the 75-79 division, Wally passed the football 102' 0" for another outstanding record. Has also participated in bowling, shuffleboard horseshoes, table tennis, swimming, and basketball.

MIKE MURPHY

Mikel Murphy is a pure sprinter earning several gold medals in various midwest state senior olympic games. He trains to go fast and short! The battles between Mike Murphy and Hall of Famer Pete Stopoulos were always thrilling. Pete was known for his tremendous starts and Mike would come barreling down on him near the finish line in every race! These were some classic showdowns in the history of the QCSO. Though Pete has passed on, Mike continues to race. Mike still holds the age group record in the 200 Meters for the 60-64 age in an amazing time of 29.04 and has earned 29 QCSO gold medals.

BOB VAN DE VOORDE

Served as a QCSO board member for seven years with six years as treasurer keeping the senior olympics in excellent financial shape. Served as event manager for billiards for three years and participated in events of billiards, trivia, and spelling.

2011

TOM HICKSON

Participated in and helped with the QCSO for the past 10 years. Earned medals in model making, poetry, and short stories. His model ship making is extraordinary.

PHYLLIS KENNEY

Administrative Assistant for the QCSO for the past four years. Put in countless hours to ensure the success of the games. Earned medals in the spelling, trivia, and the arts. Phyllis is the sweetest volunteer the games could ever have!

ROBERT "PETE" PATTERSON

Serves as a great example to all of us. A recipient of a heart transplant, Pete has come back to good health and has participated in many of our QCSO. Enters track & field events and the 5K road race. Though he has not set any records while competing, his determination and the spirit of racing for "two" has earned him induction into the Hall of Fame.

PHYLLIS STRAFFORD

Participated in the games for more than 15 years. Earned over 30 Gold and Silver medals just in the last 4 years. Excelled in the Arts competition, having medaled in Performing Arts, Visual Arts, and Literary Arts. Earned several medals in Bulls-eye Pistol.

MYRA TUNWALL

Volunteer for the QCSO for many years. For 18 years, she also has participated in the games in the events of 5K walk, 5K run, bicycling, and trap shooting winning many medals along the way.

2012

DONNA ALLMAN

Performed as a volunteer for all 22 years of the QCSO existence. Very active in community service.

FRANK DAVIS

Participated in the QCSO for nearly every year. The only reason to miss was during his participation in the National Senior Olympics Games. Very competitive in the age groups 50-54; 55-59, 60-64 and 65-69. In 2010 he set records in the QCSO track & field meet in the 400m, 800m, 1500m and the 3,000m races! Frank has also had great success in the Bicycle completion in our QCSO. He is a ferocious competitor and gives it his all every time he races!

ROBERT MALAKE

Has competed in the QCSO for 11 years – competing in the Arts & Crafts and the Bullseye Pistol events winning numerous medals along the way. His cross stitching is extraordinary and must be seen to be believed. Volunteered for 7 years assisting with the Bullseye Pistol event.

2013

RICHARD DAILING

Has competed in the Senior Olympics for the past twenty years in the Fine Arts Division, winning numerous medals along the way. Richard continues to enjoy preparing for the QC Senior Olympics!

PENNY DANIELSON

Penny has run in a variety of events. She started out as a sprinter but has also had much success in the distance events. She is a fierce competitor and is very active in many Quad City area race events.

2014

DON AMERY

Has competed in the Senior Olympics for the past twenty years in the track and field events winning numerous medals along the way. Don, Mike Murphy and Pete Stopoulos had many fantastic races together on the track. Outside the Senior Olympics, he keeps active with softball, fishing, and playing with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

RHONDA ELSBURY

Served as Secretary of the QCSO Board and Event Manager for the Performing, Literary, and Visual Arts events for the past seven years. As Secretary of the QCSO Board, she is a key reason for the success of the annual Senior Olympics games as well as the smooth operation of the board. In her role as Event Manager for the Arts, she adeptly manages these events and is most visible as the master of ceremonies at the Performing Arts program. Rhonda often times sings the anthem for the opening ceremonies for our games!

BILL PARK

Has competed in the Senior Olympics for the past 20 years in the events of Basketball, Swimming, Table Tennis, and Track & Field. He has won numerous medals including 49 golds. Outside the Senior Olympics, he stays involved in church activities, the YMCA, bass fishing, and the National Fishing Lures Collectible Club.

BILL WOLFORD

Has participated in the Senior Olympics for the past twenty years in the Visual Arts categories of Woodcarving, Sculpture, and Mixed Media winning numerous medals along the way. His artistic talents are exceptional. He is heavily involved in the community by being on the board of the Quad City Times Plus Sixties Club, a member of the Affiliated Woodcarvers of America, and a judge for the Miss Scott County Iowa contest.

2015

JESSIE & MELBA ANDERECK

Both served as volunteers continuously in all years except for one year in 1993. Actively participated in the Ambassadors by attending senior fairs/expos and distributing information, entry forms, and posters throughout the community. Jesse developed the tri-fold poster that is used at senior fairs/expos today. Both volunteer to assist participants each year at the Headquarters in Hospitality and Registration. Jessie served on the Board of Directors, was chairman of Ambassadors, and was a participant in most of those years in events such as basketball free throw, track, bait casting, and performing arts -- winning many medals. As a special honor, he was selected as the Games Honorary Chairman in 2007.

DORENCE JOHNSON

Has participated in the Games for most of its 25 years. He has competed in a wide variety of events: Cycling; 50 meter, 100 meter, 200 meter, and 400 meter runs; Basketball Free Throw; Softball and Football Throws; Shot Put; Javelin; Standing Long Jump; Running Long Jump; and High Jump. He holds records in the Shot Put (ages 85-89, 90-94), Softball Throw (ages 90-94), Football Throw (ages 85-89, 90-94), Standing Long Jump (ages 85-89), and Long Jump (ages 85-89).

IRENE "PEPPER" KERWIN

Has competed in the Senior Olympics in almost all years since in 1994. When she was not in the Quad Cities Senior Olympics, she participated in many other Senior Olympics throughout the mid-West. Some of the many events in which she has participated include running, jumping, shot, discus, javelin, free throw, table tennis, and bowling. She holds records in Shot Put (ages 85-89, 90-94), Softball Throw (ages 90-94), Long Jump (ages 85-89), Standing Long Jump (ages 85-89), Football Throw (ages 85-89, 90-94). Outside of her Senior Olympic career, she played fast-pitch softball beginning at age 13 and from 1949 – 1953 played professional softball with the Chicago Redwings.

LABEIDA & MICHAEL LOUFENBERG

Served as Performing Arts judges from 2010 through 2015. They look forward to judging the Performing Arts each year and are thankful for the opportunity to honor each participant. In addition, they are active elsewhere in the community as members of the Kiwanis, participate in Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), and sing in the Christ the King Celebration Choir.

ARCHIE McKELVIE

Participated in the Senior Olympics for 24 years. He's medaled many, many times in the Performing Arts, vocal solo competition, with his 2015 Bronze medal being the most recent. He sang with the Golden Tones CASI choir for 10+ years. He turns 90 this year and does all of his songs by memory, with a CD accompaniment. Many of his classic performances are songs from his younger years (1930's, 40's and 50's). A crowd favorite is "You're Nobody Until Somebody Loves You". He's been a QC resident since 1940 and his hobby has always been music, karaoke and performing.

JOHN ROBINSON

Has participated in Track & Field events at the most of our Senior Olympic games for the past 25 years. He holds the record for 5000-meter run for ages 60-64 and 65-69. In the past, he held the record for the 1500-meter run for ages 60-64 and 65-69.

2015

LEE STOPOULOS

Has competed in the Senior Olympics for over 20 years in the Track & Field events of 50 meter run, 100 meter run, 200 meter run, Long Jump, and Standing Long Jump. Along the way, he has collected records in 50 meters (ages 70-74, 75-79), 100 meters (ages 75-79), Long Jump (ages 70-74, 75-79), and Standing Long Jump (ages 75-79). He has broken many of the records that his brother Pete (another Hall of Fame member) had set.

2016 – 2017

ED SKELTON

Ed has never been a Senior Olympic contestant or an Olympic board member; however he has been involved with the event nearly since its inception. Ed has been employed by Augustana College for many years in the area of special services, responsible for facilitating events such as ours. We could not conduct all the athletic games without the generosity of Augustana College and specifically the tireless efforts of Ed Skelton. His duties range from opening the doors to the various buildings we utilize to setting up and tearing down banquet tables to fixing all the unpredictable problems that occur during the long days of the Olympics. Ed is one of the most genuine, dedicated and the hardest working person you will ever met. He is an asset to Augustana College and the Quad Cities Senior Olympics. He rightfully deserves recognition as a member of our Hall of Fame.

NORM BOWER

Norm got involved with the QC Seniors Olympics when Ruth Johnson was ready to step down as the Swimming Event Manager in 2003. He has been the event manager for 14 years now. He also is a participant and currently holds 7 records. Norm also has been involved in the United Swimming Masters swimming since the Early 80's and has been the chair with the Iowa Masters for 20 years. After the Augustana Carver PE Center was closed because of the 2017 "Slough Flooding" Norm calmly rescheduled the swimming meet to the very next weekend! We are thoroughly happy that Norm has been involved for all of these years.

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. It has been a family affair! Dr. Kopel has been a competitor, an official and the honorary chairman of the games! Congratulations to a job well done!

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!