# 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 out 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!

## 2019

**ROBERT and MARILYN DECLERK**
Robert and Marilyn (a husband and wife team) have participated together at our games as long as I can remember. He also competes in over 20 events each year in a variety of sports. He has eared 100's of medals in our games. He and his wife Marilyn were often seen side by side competing in the games. One of the records Robert has is one that had been set by Hall of Famer Pete Stopoulos in the 70-74 50 Meters Robert has records in the 80-84 50, 100 and 200 Meters .75-79 Discus 80-84 Long Jump and the 80-84 Football Throw

**DAVID BAILEY**
David has burst into the QC Senior Olympics with a bang. He has set some amazing records in his first years of competing in our games. He has crushed records that Hall of Famer Frederic Whiteside had previously held. His time of 17:57 in the 5,000 Meters is 15 seconds faster than what was set on a flat course in Sunset Park. In pouring rain all by himself his time in the 800 Meters was 2:10 (15 seconds faster than the old record) This is an incredible time! He has also competed in the sprinting events setting records in 400 meters in both the 50-54 and 55-59 ages groups David also has the record in the 3,000 meters.

**BOB SAGER**
In 2011 set a new meet record in the Shot for the 60-64 year old division. His record of 43' 2" may stand for several more years! Bob has also competed and won several medals in the Discus and Weight Throw events. After some serious health issues that prevented him from throwing, Bob has worked his way back into action and is planning to compete at a high level again this summer. The years he was unable to compete, Bob was the head official in all of our throwing events.

**BILL MELVILLE**
In 2000 Bill had an incredible meet setting two records. He went on to be the National Champion in the 200 Meters that year. When Bill was 80 years old, he came to an Augustana Varsity Track Meet at the PepsiCo Center. He was given the allotted head start running 140 meters to the college aged 200 Meter runners. In an incredible spectacle, Bill beat the college kids by over 10 meters! Bill, a long time resident of Platteville, Wisconsin, passed away in 2014

**MADDIE and WILLIE SEWARD**
Maddie and Willie are a mother son team. After competing in the games one year, Willie went to his mom and said I have something for you to do next year! They have been tremendous. A highlight for them this year was teaming together on the Bean Bag toss. Together they won the gold medal! Willie has always competed in as many as 20 events each year winning medal after medal and many of them gold. Besides competing, Willie has served on the QC Senior Olympics Board of Directors. He also coordinates our opening ceremonies each year.

**LISA KILLINGER**
Lisa has been a board member and chairman of the games for many years. Her tireless and thoughtful contributions have helped make the Quad Cities Senior Olympics one of the best senior sporting events in the country! She has also participated in many of the track and field events earning several medals! Through her leadership she has also helped bring new members to our board that have help kept our organization in a strong position!

**BUTCH BOS (Achievement Award)**
Butch has been our sound man at our Theatre Arts competition. He has gone to the Tri-City Jewish Center, Wallenberg Hall, The Davenport Hotel on Brady Street and the Casi Center. He is all set to help us again in at RidgeCrest this summer. Though Butch is paid to perform these duties, he has gone far beyond what is expected to make our games the best they can be.

After the pandemic of 2020 cancelled our 30th annual QC Senior Olympics games we are pleased to present our class of 2021 honorees:

# 2021

**Jeff Johannsen**
Jeff, a retired school principal has been competing in our games since he turned 50. He has competed in as many as 20 events per year and excels in the throwing events. He holds the record in the football throw for the 50-54 age group and had the record in the javelin at one time. One of his chief competitors year in and year out is Willie Seward, a 2019 Hall of Fame honoree. They have battled back and forth between who will win the gold medal!

**Dr. Marjorie Franklin**
Dr. Franklin practiced in the Quad Cities taking care of young children, including the Whiteside boys. After her career slowed down a bit Marjorie started participating in the QC Senior Olympics. She has demonstrated her versatility in both the arts and swimming. Her schedule remains quite busy as she will be traveling to Texas the week of our games to watch her grandchildren compete in their swimming meets!

**David Thompson**
David has been the event manager for cycling for many years. The fact that his events take place far from any other venue prevents most of us from seeing what a splendid job he does of organizing and officiating those athletes. His 10K time trial race in Preemption, IL and the 25K road race in Hampton, IL always go off smoothly because of his dedication to his sport!

**Doug Sell**
If there is a sporting event in the Quad Cities that requires volunteers you will see Doug. He has volunteered each year with our 5K race hosted on the Augustana campus. He also helped every year with the Susan Komen Race for the Cure. The East Moline Firecracker Run, The TKB Quad Cities Marathon and The Freedom Run are also events Doug has worked. You can also see him helping with the Food Bank at his church!

**Rosanne Lewis**
Rosie is another tireless volunteer with the Quad City Senior Olympics. Her connection to the games game through her brother Dr. Paul Mullin, the chairman of the board for the QC Senior Olympics. Rosie joined the board and has been the office manager for the past 5 years. Her willingness to ensure the success of our annual games has been an inspiration!

**Barbara Pickleball Shinbori**
A retired board member and participant in the games! Barbara is a team player in more ways than one. Together with Roseanne Lewis they pretty much organized the games in 2017-2019. Now she has teamed up with David Langrock to win gold medals in the Pickle Ball. Barb continues to organize Pickle Ball tournaments through out the Midwest.

**Dick and Mary Fislar**
Going back to the early days of the QC Senior Olympics Dick was a Board Member of the QC Senior Olympics. His wife Mary was right there with him organizing and participating. While on the Board Dick was the event manager for the 5K run and walk that was held in Sunset Marina in Rock Island. Dick and Mary own Picture Perfect Travel and also continue to support local running with the organization of running groups and road races.

**Dan Hansman**
Dan is one of those athletes that had the ability to sprint at a high level for a very long time. He is at the same level of some of our Hall of Fame members, Pete Stopoulos, Lee Stopoulos, Mike Murphy, Howard Byers, Don Amery and Bill Melville. Dan has the record in the 50 meters for the 65-69 age group. He has been slowed since the pandemic and the replacement of both of his knees. He plans to train to get back to competing again!

**Terry Kramer**
Terry was a Board Member of the QC Senior Olympics for many years. He was instrumental in leading our games to some of our most successful years. He and his wife Roxanne were heavily involved in many events in the Quad Cities including Komen Quad Cities Race for the Cure and Runway for the Cure.

**Whiteside Family**
31 years ago Fred Whiteside began his volunteering with the Quad Cities Senior Olympics as the event manager for track and field. At that time he never thought he would ever be old enough to compete in the games. When he signed up to help with the games his first assignment was to recruit volunteers to officiate the games. That is when his family came into play. Cathie, his wife, their two sons, Michael and Jay were quickly added. A phone call to his mom Flora and two brothers Russell and Richard added them to the list. His sister Mary and brother in law Terry have also helped through the years. Later, our granddaughter Riley Whiteside LeVan and her mom Missy joined in helping. Nephew Wade Whiteside and niece Margo Whiteside Taylor, along with her two children Eli and Colette, have also volunteered, which has led to 4 generations of Whiteside volunteers to the QCSO. It is a family joke to not answer the phone when Fred is calling because you know that a volunteer request is in the making.

**Floyd "Bud" Smith**
Bud has been an ambassador to track and field for over 65 years! He is a fierce competitor but a friend to all. Before the QC Senior Olympics were started, Bud competed in the Athlete's Foot Masters track meet that was organized by Pete Stopoulos at Augustana. Bud was still able to jump in those meets. Bud continues to be a family man as he takes care of his lovely wife. The story below written by Don Doxie does a great job of show casing Bud's accomplishments!

## Bud Smith, who outjumped Wilt, profiled in Iowa paper

**Don Doxsie** of the Quad City Times in Iowa has written a **marvelous story** on **Bud Smith**, a pioneering barefoot high jumper who became a masters record holder and world star. Bud was one of the first in history to clear 7 feet — but never got the credit he deserved. The story tells why Bud, now 72, is no longer jumping: "Two years

ago, plagued by arthritis, he had both hips replaced. He still goes to the Senior Olympics at Augustana College every year, but now he just does the shot put."

**Here's the whole story, in case the link goes down:**

**High standards**
**By Don Doxsie | Thursday, April 17, 2008**
You have to wonder what Wilt Chamberlain thought on that day back in 1957. Here he was, one of the most incredible athletes in the world — the 7-foot star of the University of Kansas basketball team that finished as national runner-up and the star of the Kansas track team. He was in his best event (the high jump) in the biggest invitational of the year (the Kansas Relays) on his home track.
And this unimposing guy from a place called Clinton, Iowa, was showing him up.
Floyd "Bud" Smith remembers the moment fondly. It's the day he beat Wilt the Stilt by 3 full inches and etched his name in the Kansas Relays record book.
The memories will come drifting back even stronger today when Smith and his son, Tim, attend this year's Kansas Relays and hand out the awards to this year's high jump winners.
"I felt great about being able to outjump the great Wilt Chamberlain," said Smith, 72, who lives in Clinton. "My intention when I went down there was to beat everybody there. I didn't care if their name was Wilt Chamberlain or what."
**Barefoot success**
It was one of the high points of a track and field career that began back on his parents' farm near Mount Carroll, Ill. Smith spent much of his adolescence shooing chickens out of the barnyard so he had room to dive into a homemade high jump pit. He had gone over to Savanna and picked up a bunch of sawdust. He usually used a bamboo fishing pole as a crossbar, occasionally switching to a 2×4 when he wanted to work on his trail leg kick.
When Smith began high jumping at Mount Carroll High School, the school did not have track shoes, and his parents didn't have any money to buy him a pair. So he high jumped in his bare feet. He tied for the Illinois state title that way in 1953. It's one of only two state track championships in the history of the now-defunct school, and the other was 102 years ago.
"The school had a grass track. We didn't even have cinders, so I just decided to totally jump barefoot," Smith said. "It gave me a good feel on the takeoff. When you take off, you want that lead leg to be as light as possible, and there's nothing lighter than a bare foot."
When he began jumping at Northern Illinois State Teachers College (now Northern Illinois University), the wooden take-off boards they used at the college level bruised his feet. So he began using a shoe on his left foot only. He continued high jumping well into his 60s and never once did it with a shoe on his right foot.
His stay at Northern Illinois didn't last long. In his first meet, he set a national record for college freshmen — 6-foot-8 5/8 — but college wasn't for him.
"I was born and raised on a farm," he said. "I didn't have the mindset that I was going to go to college. I really wasn't prepared to go to school."
He momentarily thought about transferring to Western Illinois, which would have afforded him a chance to train in South Africa the following summer. Plenty of other schools wanted him to transfer, too.

"But I chickened out," he said. "I thought it was more important to get married. So, I got married and raised a family instead."

**Life after college**

He went to work for Clinton Corn Processing — now ADM Corn Sweeteners — and after 12 years switched over to work in a polyethylene plant in Clinton. He stayed there until retiring in 1997.

But he didn't stop jumping. He got in touch with Ted Haydon, the coach of the University of Chicago Track Club, and began competing for one of the premier amateur track clubs in the country.

Among his teammates were Ted Wheeler, who later became the head track coach at Iowa, and two men who represented the U.S. in the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, Australia — sprinter Ira Murchison and miler Phil Coleman.

Smith also took a shot at the Olympics in '56. The townspeople of Clinton and Mount Carroll took up collections to pay his way to the AAU meet in Bakersfield, Calif., but Smith didn't place in the top six and never got to the Olympic trials.

The gold medal ended up being won by fellow American Charles Dumas, who became the first man to top 7 feet and who went 6-11¼ in Melbourne.

Smith matched that height only a few months later at a meet in Rockne Stadium in Chicago — the best jump in the world in 1957 — and topped 7 feet although he didn't get credit for it. The take-off area at Rockne was uneven and the jump was measured from the highest point. Haydon measured it at the spot where Smith actually took off and found the height was 7-0½ from that spot. That would have tied Dumas' world record.

It was only a few weeks later that Smith went to Kansas and topped Chamberlain. The two men had tied in the event the year before, but this time Smith jumped 6-9 to Wilt's 6-6. His record stood for 18 years.

**Still competing**

Smith never did anything that spectacular again, but he continued to compete as the years passed.

"I always told my wife that if I ever got down to 6 feet, I'd quit," he said. "But then they developed the masters programs for jumpers over 40. I was going to be jumping against guys my own age so I kept on competing. Then they developed the seniors program for athletes over 50, so I kept going."

As recently as 1993, at the age of 58, Smith set a record for his age group by clearing 5-2 at the Nike Illinois Relays.

Two years ago, plagued by arthritis, he had both hips replaced. He still goes to the Senior Olympics at Augustana College every year, but now he just does the shot put.

His jumping has taken him all over the world. He has competed in Senior Olympics in Italy, Great Britain and Puerto Rico. He went to Russia three times to help get seniors programs started there.

"It would never have happened if not for athletics," he said. "I feel very fortunate, very blessed for the opportunity I've had. God was good to me. He gave me the talent."

Another highlight will be this weekend when he returns to the scene of one of his triumphs.

Tim Smith wrote to Kansas last year to get some sort of certification of his father's record. Officials there went a step further, extending an invitation for Bud to come back. They also sent him eight minutes of videotape from the 1957 high jump

competition that Smith treasures.
"I'm excited about going back down there," he said. "I'm really hoping they have some kind of museum or hall of fame that I can walk through. I'm sure there will be things in there about Wilt Chamberlain and Al Oerter and people like that."
And maybe — just maybe — there will be something about a guy from Clinton who out-jumped them all one day in 1957.

I spoke by phone to Bud several months ago, and his favorite stories are about the friendships he's made in masters track. Once he gave a little present to a Russian lady at a world meet, and the gesture led to hosted trips to the Soviet Union and meeting with the legendary **Valeri Brumel.**
Here's Bud jumping with lead foot barefoot not many years ago:



# 2022

**Kay Glynn**
Kay has built her own “she shed” in her back yard so she can practice all year long. She has excelled in the pole vault setting records in the 50-54 age group and now in the 65-69 group. In those years she has only lowered the mark by a foot! Beside pole vaulting Kay has set records in the 50 Meters, Discus, Javlin, and High Jump. Kay is a very special athlete with abilities in many events.

**Dave Gilbert**
A pole vaulter is what Dave is. This is his only event but he does it well and has done it for a long time setting QC Senior Olympics records in four consecutive age groups over a span of 20 years.. In the 45-49 age group he cleared 13’ 2”, 50-54 he made 13’ 0” for the 55-59 he maintained 12’ 6 ½” and now in the 60-64 group an amazing 12’ 4” We remember how disappointed Dave was the year our track was flooded by the broken pipe and the pole vault was cancelled.

**Ken Beach**
Ken brought the bench press to the Quad Cities Senior Olympics. He has been the event director every year and does an amazing job of recruiting lifters and judging the event. He also has set several records in the lifting area. This year he also competed in the pull up and push up competition. Setting records of 115 push ups in two minutes and 24 pull ups His talents also go out the the track and field completion where he has set records in standing long jump for both the 65-69 and 70-74 age groups. He broke the records of hall of famer Pete Stopoulos.

**Ida Mae Robinson**
Bowling has been directed by Ida Mae for several years. Her continued dedication to the Quad Cities Senior Olympics is recognized. She has organized and recruited bowlers of all abilities. She has been instrumental in getting more athletes from the Martin Luther King Jr. Center to participate in our games. Ida Mae continues to throw a strong game and has won several medals in her sport!

**Delmar Smith**
A long time competitor in the QC Senior Olympics. Delmar has not set any individual records but he has shown the spirit of competition over more than 30 years. Still working full time as a painter Delmar competes in a variety of sports including track and field, disc golf, basketball, and football and softball throwing.

**James McCord**
James is also a competitor in the QC Senior Olympics for all 31 years. He hasn’t set any records but has become very competitive the older he becomes. He has been known to enter more the 25 events each year ranging from the 5,000 meters, to golf, basketball, shuffleboard, horseshoes, bean bag, football throwing and kicking, soccer, softball throwing and billiards.

# 2023

**Janice Kuehl**
Janice has been selected as the volunteer of the year. She has been volunteering since 1999 in a number of roles. Janice has served as a Board Member, event manager, hospitality manager and a participant! Janice has also given her expertise to helping at the Heritage and Literary Arts reception. Most of her medals have come from the competition in swimming. From 2001 to 2011 she participated in the Senior Olympics Swim-a-thon fundraiser helping to raise needed funds to support our games. Janice is very deserving of this honor for dedication and hard work to support the Quad Cities Senior Olympics for over two decades!

**Billy Potter**
Billy is a marathon man when it comes to the Quad Cities Senior Olympics. Known to compete in over 30 events during the week long competition on an annual basis. Not only does he enter multiple events he goes home with several medals each year and also sets records in both the Triple Jump and Pole Vault. Billy is proud to sponsor the Cross Man Athletics tent to help promote good sportsmanship!

**Rod Speidel**
Rod is another marathon man! He continues to compete each year in our games. His specialty is in the track and field competition. He has set records in the throws and the jumps! As he competes in our games he has been able to achieve the All-American standard in multiple events where he then goes on to compete in the Decathlon. Rod has won well over 200 gold medals in the Quad Cities Senior Olympics since turning 50 years old.

**Ron Stablien**
Ron has tremendous skills in the Football and Softball throws along with his talents for the Basketball events. Ron concentrated his effort last year to break records in both the Softball and Football Throws. Both of the records he took were previously held by Quad Cities Senior Olympics Hall of Fame members. Ralph Whiteman in the football throw and Wally Czarny in the Softball throw. To break a record held by those athletes was quite an accomplishment!

**Linda Rowe**
Linda is another athlete that concentrates her efforts in one area. Hers is in the throwing events of the Track & Field competition. Records in Shot, Discus, Javelin and Weight Throw will see her name in each of those events. The other amazing fact is how she continues to set more records as she gets older showing her commitment to her sport. After a serious health issue than nearly took her life 2 years ago Linda returned this year to set records in both the Shot and the Weight Throw!

**Dr. Paul Mullin**
Dr. Mullin has been the Chairman of the Board for the Quad Cities Senior Olympics. He came to the board after teaching at Palmer College of Chiropractics for 40 years. His knowledge of working with other volunteers has helped keep our games in sound shape during difficult times of financial funding and dealing with the complications of the COVID 19 virus. His steady leadership helps encourage others to give it their best efforts! He and his wife Pam are incredible individuals!

# 2024

**James Knorr**
James has been participating in the track & field events for several years. He has not set any records but he has won dozens of medals. Recently he has entered into the Arts and Crafts events with his stained glass exhibits. Some of his other talents include being a master gardener. With his combined skills of running and artistry he has been inducted into the Quad Cities Senior Olympics Hall of Fame.

**Michael Cherry**
30 years ago when Michael was participating in the QC Senior Olympics track & field events he did not win many if any medals. This did not discourage him from continuing on with his efforts. Now at age 86 not only is he winning medals he has gone on to set a record in the weight throw. Over the years Michael has been strongly supported by his family. They have made special Team Cherry t-shirts and cheer him on at every event!

**Jeffrey Carl**
Jeffrey's specialty are the throws. He has continued to participate at a high level. He finally achieved a long time goal of setting a record in the QC Senior Olympics discus. He crushed the former record held by Jim Allen set in 2000 by over 17 feet! Jeffrey still coaches the throwing events at Sauk Valley Community College during their indoor and outdoor track season.

**Joseph Johnson**
Joseph has participated in track and field events, basketball, horseshoes, shuffleboard, bean bags and disc golf. His main talents have come from the Performing Arts events in the QC Senior Olympics. His dedication to participating year in and year out has earned him into the Hall of fame.

**Matt Kopel**
Like his father before him, Matt has volunteered on the QC Senior Olympics Board of Directors. When we first noticed Matt, he was walking back and forth counting laps in the swimming pool at one of our swim a thon fund raisers. Matt continues to help Norm Bauer with our swimming events along with helping to secure additional funds to help make our games financially possible. A strong family tradition of volunteering for the QC Senior Olympics!

**Scott Reade** was recognized for his Delmar Smith Sportsmanship Award. During the competition in the 400 meter race one of the competitors that had built a sizable lead over Scott stumbled and fell to the ground. Rather than race on by, Scott ran over to check on his fellow competitor and helped him back to his feet and to the finish line. That is the type of behavior that Delmar Smith exhibited before his passing since his induction into the Hall of Fame. Thank you Scott!

# 2025

**Linda Enders**
Linda has been volunteering with Judi Ingerson in the area of hospitality since 1999. Every event we sponsor gets the same welcoming greeting from Linda!
This thank you message was sent to us at the end of our games:

Once again, you folks put on the BEST sports festival in the midwest! Your event consistently sports the best clerks, the best volunteers, the best facilities and the best atmosphere. Augstana and Quad Cities in general, really rocks this. Best to you / Jim Franzen
***oh I need to mention, nobody else offers complementary WHITEY'S ICE CREAM!

Linda has been one of those tireless working volunteers!!! With her commitment to our Games she has been inducted into the Quad Cities Senior Olympics Hall of Fame.

**Wade Sorensen**
Driving up nearly 5 hours from Kirksville, MO to get to our Games, Wade has been one of our most faithful competitors! Never missing a meet. He loads up his pole vault pole and 4 different sets of shoes he needs for each of his diffent events. Javelin, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Pole Vault and his favorite the High Jump! He usually carries with him back to Missouri 5 or 6 gold medals each year! Over a 10 year span he has set the High Jump record in the 50-54 and 60-64 age groups of 5' 5" and 5' 0" This talented multi event athlete has been inducted into the Quad Cities Senior Olympics Hall of Fame.

**Brian Faucett**
Another loyal participant in our Games is Brian Faucett. He is an athlete that is willing to try new events. He has stepped our of his comfort zone and excelled in those new sports. His two favorite events are the High Jump and Triple Jump. The Triple Jump is a demanding event. If you don't utilize good form it hurts! Brian somehow has gotten better over time. His record in the Triple Jump for the 60-64 age group is 27' 6 ¼" In the 65-69 it was 27' 9" But now in 2025 he jumped 28' 7 ½" Amazing! He is inducted into the QC Senior Olympics Hall of Fame.

**Troy Bellrichard**
Troy is another athlete that has traveled many miles to attend our competition. Coming from Silver Valley, MN When he first came we didn't know what to expect. One of our volunteer officials, (Mike Egan, an Augustana professor) soon learned. Troy threw the discus about 50' feet farther than anyone else and it went so far that it bounce off of the shin of Mike. He hasn't offered to volunteer again! Troy has records in the Discus, Hammer, Shot, Javelin and Weight Throw. He has also had tremendous success winning at the National level! Congratulation and your honor of being inducted into the Quad Cities Senior Olympics Hall of Fame.

**Tom Mc Greevey**
Tom is already in our Hall of Fame. He was inducted in the year 2018. This year we are honoring him with his 25 year service award! It may be longer than that but even after we quizzed him about it, he wouldn't spill the beans! He is an brilliant volunteer with a wonderful sense of humor! Congratulation to our good friend Tom McGrivey! We spelled his name wrong on his plaque!

**Corky Duhlstine Feeney**

When Corky was growing up in Jr. High and High School, there were no organized sports for women. It wasn't until after Title IX came about when opportunities opened up. Some how Corky by passed that obstacle. He parents took her down to the Augustana track in the mid 1960's and entered her into a track meet! The newspapers were there!



MIGHTY EFFORT — Coralyn Duhlstine, Lincoln Park, won the 100-yard dash for intermediates at the 10th annual Sports Jamboree yesterday as part of the summer park and playground program. Brenda Glisan, Lincoln Park, left, was second in a close race. (ARGUS Photo.)

100-yard dash – 1967 Brenda Glisan and Corky Duhlstine. Corky says "At an early age,

Her love of the sport continues as she has set records in the Triple Jump, Standing Long Jump, High Jump and 200 Meters! Proud to see her entered into the QC Senior Olympics Hall of Fame.

# 2026

**Rick Nelson**
Rick has been participating in the track & field throwing events for several years. Every year he drives up from St Louis. He has not set any records but he has won dozens of medals. He competes with lots of spirit and enthusiasm, often times dressing up as a Viking Warrior. It was Rick's suggestion that we add the throwing pentathlon to our games. It has been extremely successful with the numbers of participants growing annually! Rick also sends out messages encouraging throwers from across America to come compete in the Quad City Summer Games. We are proud to induct him into the Quad Cities Senior Olympics Hall of Fame.

**William Dwyer**
William is a true sprinter. When he comes to our track meet, he enters the 50 meters, 100 meters and the 200 meters. Those are his specialties. To be able to sprint at a high level at 80 years old is a marvel to watch! Bill is the last of the great sprinters that have competed in our games since 1995. Some of those greats are Pete and Lee Stopoulos, Mike Murphy, Don Amery, Bill Melville, Dan Hansman and Howard Byers. All of those athletes are in our hall of fame. Now William is a part of that great class of Hall of Famers!

**Nancy Gehrke**
Nancy has raced in the 5,000 Meter road race for the past 5 years setting records in the 60-64 and the 65-69 age groups. When she came to the track meet she continued that great success. Rita Ashmead, one of our Hall of Fame inductees had records in the 400 meters, 800 Meters and 1500 Meters. Nancy broke every one of the records that Rita had set. She also added the record in the 3,000 Meters.. We are looking forward to having Nancy continue to go after the records Rita set in her 70's. Congratulations Nancy!

**Kevin Rose**
In his younger years Kevin was a standout runner in cross country and distance events in track. After some lingering leg injuries, he gave cycling a try.. Immediately he found a love for a new sport. He travels the United States competing in cycling competitions. His specialty are the time trials where you race yourself against the clock. He will also race in the road competition where everyone starts together. He has mastered this new sport and is one of the best in his age group in the USA. Welcome to the QC Senior Olympics Hall of Fame!

**Frank Davis**
Frank was inducted into the QC Senior Olympics in 2012 after setting a series of records in track and field. Now over 25 years later, Frank continues to impress setting new records in the 80-84 year age group. One of those records that had been set by Vernon Schaefer was thought to be untouchable. Frank broke that record by over 2 minutes. We are honored to present Frank with the recognition of excellence with his continued dedication to competing in the QC Summer Games!