

Initial Inductee Class for the Pacific Association USATF Hall of Fame

The Board of Athletics of the Pacific Association of USA Track & Field is proud to announce the inaugural class for induction into the new Pacific Association Hall of Fame. Each of the inductees was chosen because of their significant contributions to the local USATF programs in northern California and Nevada. The six inductees are Dr. Harmon Brown, Horace Crow, George Kleeman, Sonny and Lori Maynard and Tom Moore. Each has been instrumental in keeping the sport of athletics growing in this area. Each was an official but more than that they were coordinators, meet directors, and officers.



Harmon Brown:

Harmon "Doc" Brown was high school and collegiate sprint hurdler. He was born in Washington D.C. and graduated from Mc Kinley High School there and was a National Honor Society member. He went on to Lafayette College in Easton, PA where he graduated Cum Laude with a B.A. in Chemistry. Since his college didn't have an indoor track team he got to run in the open division with the best hurdlers of his time. Following college he went to George Washington University School of Medicine in his home town. He then traveled to Atlanta where he was intern, resident and chief resident of Internal Medicine at Emory University Hospital. In 1961 he was drafted into the Navy and wound up as a Lt. Commander at the US Naval Radiological Defense Lab in San Francisco and thus to the association. Since 1962 Doc has been part of the staff of the University of California, School of Medicine in San Francisco where he started as an Associate and ended up as a Clinical Professor. He spent 10 years at the VA Hospital in Livermore and 17 as Director of Student Health Services at Cal State University at Hayward. He has been a club, school and intercollegiate coach since 1953, primarily in throwing events with several regional and national champions and three Olympians. He coached the Millbrae Lions from 1962 to 1974 then Cal State University at Hayward from 1974 to 1992 and since then at San Francisco State. He was named to 10 National Team Coaching positions between the Pan Am Games in Winnipeg in 1967 to the 1986 Goodwill Games in Moscow. His top assignments might have been the 1975 Tour of the People's Republic of China* one of the first good will tours to China and the 1976 US Olympic Team where he was the field events coach. He has been one of the National Team Physicians four times at the 1982 Pan Am Games in Venezuela, the 1985 World Cup in Canberra, Australia, the 1987 World championship in Rome and the 1991 World Championships in Tokyo.



Horace Crow:

Horace or Ho as his friends called him had three passions work, baseball and track. He was born in Lafayette Indiana in 1924. He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a degree in political science. He was a veteran of the Second World War and retired from the Army reserve at age 62 as a major. Crow worked for the Sonoma County as a personnel analyst. His boss who was the first personnel director for the county said, "He was a dedicated, capable person. He was like a walking encyclopedia, retaining facts like a computer." "Ho" would go out of his way to assist employees. He was involved with developing the county's health plan. He retired in 1981 as the assistant personnel director for Sonoma County. He was well known in the credit union movement. He was chairman of the California Credit Union League, a 20 years director of the Credit Union National association; a 26 year director of the California Credit Union League; 26 years of service, including past president of the Board of Governors, of the Sonoma-Marin Credit Union League; and was a director of the Redwood Credit Union. It is not surprising that he was credited with much of the success of local credit unions. Horace was past president and life member of the Personnel association of Sonoma County. He was president of the Sonoma Comprehensive Health Planning Association and director-at-large of the Bay Area Comprehensive Health Planning Council. He also served on the Games Committee of the Scottish Game, a member of the Commonwealth Club and Theodore Roosevelt

Post 21 of the American Legion. Horace died in May 1991 having suffered a heart attack while attending a Giants-Montreal Baseball game at Candlestick Park his other passion. Ho was probably one of the most avid baseball fans in the use since he went to a ball game almost every day wither at Candlestick or the Oakland Coliseum. He had season tickets to both. No matter where Ho travelled on his off days particularly at track meets you would find Horace at the local baseball park. But track was his true love. A contemporary of his, George Newlon felt that Ho was excessive in his dedication and commitment to the track and field community. Ho was always there, in Modesto, in San Jose, In Sacramento, at Stanford, at Berkeley, at all comers meets, age group meets, fancy invitational, national championships or the Olympic Games. Ho was more than a good pole vault official. He helped improve both the local and national track and field programs. He was as quick to offer a clinic to officials as he was to chair a committee in order to help the organizational structure. He chaired the TAC National Membership committee from the inception in 1980. In 1978 Horace was chair for Track and Field under the AAU umbrella and then later served four years as our third President. Horace was always willing to go anywhere at any time and his outstanding rapport with all levels helped to get things accomplished. Ho in conjunction with George Kleeman got the Pacific Association incorporated as a nonprofit organization in the late 80's. Ho was somewhat of a history buff and always went to local attractions when he wasn't working at the meet. Horace was truly a one of a kind and a dedicated to the causes he felt close to. He was constantly on the go during the outdoor season answering requests for his services. And, he never asked for a dime in return that any of us ever heard of. The experience of this quite man was such that he headed up the pole vault officials at the 1984 Olympic Games.

Horace was as well known for his administrative talents as his officiating prowess and has two national awards named after him, namely one for Field Event Officials and one for administration by the Associations Committee. Likewise the Pacific association field event award is named for him.



George Kleeman:

George was a chemical engineer and engineering manager for Shell Oil and Shell Chemical, which accounts for his many travels. He graduated from Gonzaga University in 1962 as a chemical engineer and then went to the University of Minnesota for his doctorate. He then moved back to his native California and took up running for exercise. He then moved to New York City, back to the Bay Area, then Houston and West Virginia. Consequently he has been a member and officer in three associations and a member of numerous national committees since 1977 when he attended his first AAU convention. He has been president of the Pacific Association twice and a member of its Board of Directors since 1985. He has been an outstanding Master level official, referee and international official. He began his officiating career in Long Distance Running in 1974 in the Gulf Association and Track and Field soon after and continued in the West Virginia Association in 1980 and then in the Pacific Association since 1985. He is currently an editor for the USATF Rulebook, Rules Vice Chair for Officials and Subcommittee chair for Equipment and Facilities Specifications and assistant Chair for the IAAF Technical Official Committee. He has been Training Chair for the Pacific Association since 1988 and was National Training Chair from 1996 to 2003. He authored many of the monographs on officiating that are available on the national website. He has been involved in all of the disciplines of the sport during his career and is currently on the Divisional Board for Long Distance Running. George has received numerous awards for his officiating and administrative endeavors from Officials, Associations, Masters LDR including the Andy Bajkin Award and the Robert Giegengack Award. He was Officials' Coordinator for several national championships and has been technical director or assistant technical director for 4 NCAA Championships, several national Cross Country Championships and two Olympic Trials including the Race Walks. He has been a member of the Local Organizing Committee for numerous LDR, Cross Country and Track and Field Championships starting in 1977. He was an International Technical Official for a number of IAAF meets including the 2003 World Championships, the 2004 Indoor World Championships, the 2005 Grand Prix Finals and several North American, Central American and Caribbean Championships.



Lori Maynard:

Her nominator first met Lori as a Race Walker in the late 70's in Texas at a national championship. She was very good. She received the National Master's T&F Committee RW award for in 1979 and 1981 as an athlete. George met her again when I

moved to California in 1984 where she was an official at Stanford and sometimes at Cal in the mid 1980's. She has been active as a RW official and with the Race Walk Committee both locally and nationally for many years and was a Level II and III International Area Race Walk Judge working a number of meets throughout the North America, Central America and Caribbean region for NACAC during the 90's and until 2006. She worked numerous local Race Walk meets yearly and helped make the Pacific Association program one of the strongest in the nation. She was one of the Race Walk Judges at the 2000 Sydney Olympics. She has conducted clinics on race walk judging for over twenty years.

She has been involved with combined events competitions in the Pacific Association for many years at UC Berkeley and Davis. She worked at many San Jose City College meets and the old Bruce Jenner meets. Lori became a nationally certified official about 1986. She has been an active member of the Board of Athletics since the mid 1980's. Lori worked as a Travel agent until a few years ago. She and her husband, Sonny, have a son, Don. She was the Women's T&F representative to the Official's Selection committee from 2001 to 2005. She acted as proof reader for about 15 years for the Pacific Association's newsletter Turns and Distances.



Sonny Maynard:

Sonny began his relationship with Track & Field while competing in the Pole Vault in High School on the old bamboo pole. He jumped around 12 feet which was very good in those days for high school and Junior College. He attended meets at Berkeley in the 60's and 70's as a spectator. In the 70's he did some coaching with the "Woodside Striders". As a career Sonny taught 7th & 8th grade Science in the local public schools. Since he was an accomplished swimmer he taught swimming to kids during his summer breaks. He got re-involved in local track meets when his wife began to compete as a Master race walker in 70's.

Sonny has worked mostly local meets. He has had opportunities to work others but true to his nature, he supported others rather than doing them himself. He worked as a race official and volunteer. He first became nationally certified in 1987 although he had already been officiating for a number years at what is now the association level. Sonny can and does work all the field events but most often the throws. He fills in where needed and is always present when there is a nearby combined events competition. His low key and friendly spirit has endeared him to all the officials. Sonny has been the long time field officials' coordinator for Stanford meets since the early 80's where he was mentored by the then Stanford head coach, Brooks Johnson. Sonny was also the Officials Coordinator for the National JOs in 1995 in San Jose.

Sonny's commitment to track and field is not limited to Stanford. He also officiates at meets throughout the bay area and up to Sacramento, and at all levels of competition.

After years as a certified official, Sonny volunteered his time at the 1984 Olympics. As the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta approached, Sonny withheld applying for an officiating assignment so that Lori would be assured selection as an official. (He later learned that he would have been selected along with her as an official).

Sonny has given countless hours to the Stanford Track and Field program as the field officials' coordinator. Sonny's work ethic has been a vital part of the Stanford Track and Field home meets success. His ongoing contributions for the past 25 years have been solely from the goodness of his heart, expecting nothing in return. He embodies the meaning of a true volunteer.

Sonny is an inspiration to us all. He has been a mainstay of the Stanford Track and Field meets and the Stanford Cross Country meets. There is never a cross word on the field when he has been in charge, but as he would say, "don't go there."

Sonny is a remarkable man and we have all been blessed by his dedication and commitment to our sport.

Tom Moore:

Tom was an athlete, official and meet director. Tom was a high hurdler at both 120 yards and 440 yards and who set the World Record in 1935 at 14.2 seconds. He was the 1935 AAU champions at 440 yard in 53.5 seconds when he ran for the San Francisco Olympic Club. He was an Olympic Team member with Jesse Owens in Berlin in 1936.

As an official Tom was a starter at many northern California meets and particularly at his alma mater the University of California at Berkeley for over 50 years. He made the trip from Modesto to Berkeley for every meet including the winter all comers series in January and February. Tom started to officiate sometime in the late 1930s and continued to his death at age 88. He first became certified as a TAC Official (precursor to USATF) on September 20, 1977. He was still an active starter at UC Berkeley in the spring of 2002 although he had cut back on his officiating schedule.

He was founder and meet director for the Modesto Relays from 1940 until his death in May, 2002 on the eve of the 61st version of the relays. Tom was inducted into the USATF Hall of Fame in 1988 as a meet director.

The Tom Moore Award for Lifetime Achievement established in the spring of 2002 is the top award for service to the Pacific Association and it is named after Tom.
