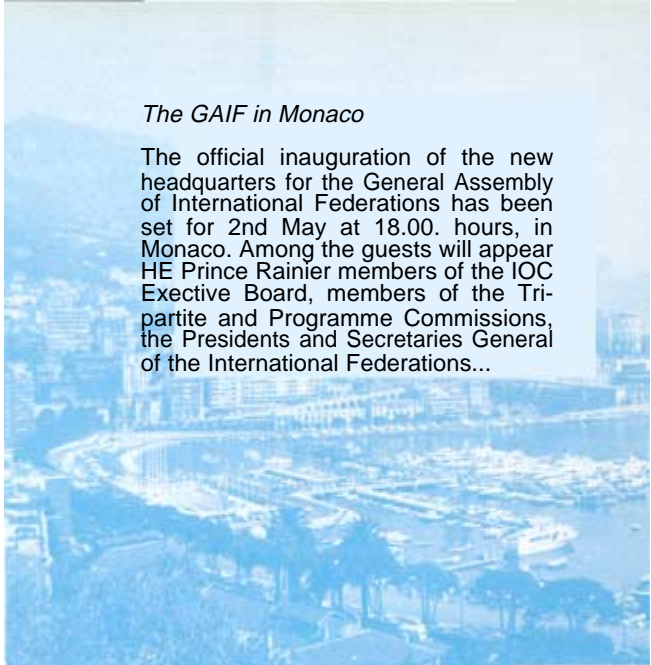


Within the IFs

The GAIF in Monaco

The official inauguration of the new headquarters for the General Assembly of International Federations has been set for 2nd May at 18.00. hours, in Monaco. Among the guests will appear HE Prince Rainier members of the IOC Executive Board, members of the Tripartite and Programme Commissions, the Presidents and Secretaries General of the International Federations...



International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF)



● *Simplification of the world athletics records.* Since 1st January 1977, the list of events for which the IAAF ratifies a world record has been considerably simplified and appears as follows:

1 hour
25,000 m
30,000 m
3000 m steeplechase
4 x 200 m
4 x 400 m
4 x 800 m
4 x 1500 m
20,000 m walk
30,000 m walk
2 hour walk
50,000 m walk

<i>Races</i> ¹	
<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>
100 m	100 m
200 m (with bend)	200 m (with bend)
400 m	400 m
110 m hurdles	100 m hurdles
400 m hurdles	400 m hurdles
4 x 100 m	4 x 100 m
800 m	800 m
1000 m	
1500 m	1500 m
1 mile	1 mile
2000 m	
3000 m	3000 m
5000 m	
10,000 m	
20,000 m	

<i>Competitions</i>	
High jump	High jump
Pole vault	
Long jump	Long jump
Triple jump	
Shot put	Shot put
Discus	Discus
Hammer	
Javelin	Javelin
Decathlon	Pentathlon

Our readers will note that only records over metric distances remain, with the exception of the men's and women's mile.

¹ From 100 m to 4 x 100 m: electronic timing (1/100th of a second). From 800 m: manual or electronic timing (1/10th of a second).

- *Helena Fibingerova* (27, TCH), holder of the world shot put record with 21.99 m since 25th September 1976, this winter managed an indoor throw of 22.50 m.

- *The American athletes* distinctly dominated the indoor match in Toronto (CAN) against the USSR and Canada.



Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d'Aviron (FISA - rowing)

- *The traditional spring meeting of the FISA leaders* will be held at Monte Carlo from 29th April to 1st May. It will be followed, on 2nd at 18.00 hours, by the official inauguration of the seat of the General Assembly of International Sports Federations.

- *The first international regatta*, which will open the 1977 season, will be held in Mannheim (GER) on 14th and 15th May.

- *The annual conference of FISA trainers* is fixed for 15th to 16th October in London (GBR).



Fédération Internationale de Basketball Amateur (FIBA)

- *The intercontinental nations cup* (from 17th to 21st June) will match five national teams from the American continent (ARG, BRA, CAN, MEX, USA) against five European national teams (BEL, ISR¹, ITA, URS, YUG). All the teams of one continent will play home and away matches against those of the other. The games will take place at Buenos Aires (ARG), Rio de Janeiro (BRA), Montreal (CAN), Mexico (MEX), New York (USA), Brussels (BEL), Tel-Aviv (ISR), Rome (ITA), Belgrade (YUG) and Moscow (URS).

¹ The Israeli federation has been affiliated to the European confederation.

- *The Brazilian team* has won the 27th championship of South America by 71 points to 60, in front of Argentina.

Fédération Internationale de Bobsleigh et de Tobogganing (FIBT)



- *Four-man world championships*. On the natural track of St. Moritz (SUI), on 5th and 6th February, Mainhard Nehmer (GDR, 36) confirmed his Olympic superiority of Innsbruck by winning these championships. With his team-mates Hansjuergen Gerhardt, Bernard Germeshausen and Raimund Betghe, he was ahead of the second Swiss team of Eric Schaerer, Ulli Baechli, Ruedi Marti and Sepp Benz by 54/100ths of a second after four legs. On 3rd February, during his training, Nehmer set up the new track record of 1:09.32.

- *A woman bobber* - Mrs Micheline Favey (34) can be flattered at being the first Swiss woman to hold a licence enabling her to compete in the different competitions organised nationally and even internationally by the Swiss Bobsleigh Federation. To the question "What are your aims?" this charming mother of two children replied: "To take advantage of the opportunity given me to practise, for my own personal satisfaction, the sport I love and to see how far I can go."

Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur (AIBA)



- *In connection with boxing gloves*, Dr. J. L. Blonstein (Great Britain), President of the AIBA Medical Commission, writes:

"Gloves in boxing were introduced over 200 years ago by Broughton in England. There have been many changes in form and padding since. The lighter weight glove can cause more damage to an opponent. Professionals use 6-8oz. gloves, senior amateurs 8-10oz. and junior amateurs 12-14oz. The covering of the glove is of fine smooth chamois leather without seams.

To prevent damage to the thumb, the fist must be tightly closed in the glove with the thumb adjacent to the fingers.

Bandaging is essential to prevent damage to the metacarpals. Cross finger bandaging with the Cambridge bandage type is most efficient. The most suitable padding for gloves is polyurethane or fine foam rubber.

The force of the blow is reduced by about 40% using 8, 10 or 12oz. gloves. Bandages should be used even during training and prolonged striking of the punch bag should be avoided."

Fédération Internationale Amateur de Cyclisme (FIAC)



● Among the decisions adopted by the FIAC Management Committee, at its meeting on 29th January, let us note:

— The affiliations of the Bangladesh and Kuwait federations to the FIAC have been provisionally accepted and will be subject to ratification by the next congress.

— The professional "Etoile des espoirs" (Star of Hope) race organised by the French federation from 12th to 16th October 1977, has been declared open.

— A course for international stewards is to be held in New Zealand in January 1978.

— A FIAC international cyclo sports commission has been set up, under the chairmanship of Mr. Olivier Dussaix (FRA).

— The plan to create a category of amateur trainee cyclists (an intermediate category between amateurism and professionalism) has been abandoned as the Management Committee considered that it did not sufficiently correspond to the interests of amateur cycling.

● Mr. Włodzimierz Golebiewski, the lamented President of the Polish Cycling Federation and Vice-President of the FIAC, expressed the double wish, at the international end of year meetings which just preceded his death, that international junior competitions would become more frequent and that propaganda in favour of cycle-cross and indoor cycling would increase. He declared: "These competitions should be introduced into the continental and regional games. A cycle-cross demonstration should be staged for the officials' meeting in Venezuela for the next world championships. The same applies to cycle-ball. We must extend these disciplines outside Europe."

● Miss Eileen Gray has acceded to the presidency of the British Cycling Federation. A past champion and a very active leader for several years, she was brilliantly elected in the first round. Here is another woman, after Mrs. Ginette Vachon of Canada, acceding to the national head of cycling.

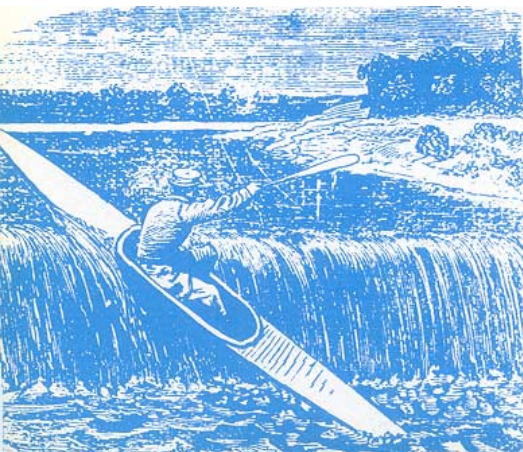
International Canoe Federation (ICF)



● On the calendar - In May important events will be held in Amsterdam (HOL) on 7th and 8th, in Prague (TCH) and Gand (BEL) on 21st and 22nd, and in Moscow (URS) on 28th and 29th. The latter event will be held in memory of the late Julia Petrovna Ryabtschinskaya (URS), who died in an accident at the end of 1972, a few months after becoming Olympic kayak champion.

● The American Canoe Association (ACA), the oldest national federation affiliated to the ICF, will commemorate its centenary in four years' time. Mrs. Abigail B. Endicott retraces its history in the ICF bulletin "International Canoeing" No. 7/1976, mentioning the superb performance of the ACA members at the Olympic canoeing demonstrations in 1924, when they won all the events.

Leaping the weir around 1900.



- *The Belgian Robert Vermeire* retained his title as world amateur cycle-cross champion at Hanover on 30th January. He covered the 21.6 km in 36 min. 12 sec., 26 sec. in front of Teichreiber (GER) and 32 sec. in front of Cervinek (TCH).

- *The third junior world championships* will be held in Vienna (AUT) from 10th to 14th July 1977.

- *The 1978 junior world championships* will be organised by the United States federation from 25th to 30th June in Trextertown velodrome (Pennsylvania). The road course will be mapped out in the city of Washington.

- *For track events* the cyclists may wear an all-in-one garment as long as it has neither a hood nor tights.

Fédération Internationale d'Éscrime (FIE - fencing)



- *The President of the FIE, Mr. Pierre Ferri*, stresses the need to intensify efforts "for the training of young judges and present judges in order to enable them quickly to reach the necessary level to be appointed international judges recognised by the FIE after the usual exams. Good judging attracts the confidence of fencers and encourages them to practise our sports."

- *At the time of the under 20's world championships*, planned for 7th to 11th April 1977, several FIE commissions will meet in Vienna (AUT). The Special Sabre Rules and Study of Offences and Penalties Commissions will work on 4th April and the Rules, Regulations, Electrical and Equipment Signalling, Judging, Promotion and International Calendar Commissions will meet on 5th April. The Executive Committee, the Special Rules for World Championships Committee and a seminar for judges are planned for 6th April.

- *The 1977 ordinary Congress* will be held at Deauville (FRA) from 23rd to 26th May. The Commissions will meet on Tuesday 24th May and the Executive Commission on 25th May.

- *The "category A" calendar:*

16th-17th April: Heidenheim (GER), H. Pokal Cup - épée.

23rd-24th April: Budapest (HUN), Hungaria Cup, sabre.

30th April - 1st May: Bonn (GER), Löwe von Bonn - ladies' foil.

7th-8th May: Paris (FRA), Jeanty Challenge - ladies' foil.

14th - 15th May: Padua (ITA), Luxado Trophy - sabre.

21st-22nd May: Como (ITA), Esperia, ladies' foil.

21st-22nd May: Poitiers (FRA), Charles Martel Challenge - épée.

28th-29th May: Bologna (ITA), Giovannini Cup - foil.



Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI)



- *Mr. Fritz O. Widmer, fourth Secretary General in the history of the FEI.* Elected to this post last December, the new FEI Secretary General was born on 28th May 1922. An enthusiastic horseman, he served in the Swiss cavalry from 1942 to 1960 and suc-

cessfully took part in national competitions in dressage, jumping and the three-day event. A national judge in the three equestrian disciplines since 1954, he has since then taken on various important management posts including the chairmanship of the Foundation for the Encouragement of Competition Equestrian Sports (1972-1976) and for the past three years the secretaryship of the Swiss Equestrian Sports Federation (competition and racing sections). In addition he has been an international jumping judge since 1968.

We send him our sincere congratulations.



● *The 4th international football round table of Monaco* will assemble persons from all over the world representing the various "families" of football (federations, clubs, trainers, players, judges, journalists) on 2nd and 3rd May. The subject selected "The referee and his problems" will allow a vast confrontation of ideas on essential points such as:

1. *The referee's function* — What is a referee? His role, his powers, his limits.
2. *Recruitment* — Where do referees come from? How are they recruited? Former players and refereeing.
3. *Training*
4. *Promotion* — Examinations, control, hierarchy.
5. *Status* — Remuneration or salary? Professionalism or amateurism?
6. *Independence of the referee* — His ties (federations, leagues). Corruption.
7. *The referee's relations* with officials, trainers, players, press.
8. *The referee and the touch judges* — Their relations, their agreement on the pitch. Should a special body of touch judges be created?
9. *The referee and the game* — Should the rules of the game be modified or changed to give the referee better weapons?

This event, in which the President of the FIFA, Mr. João Havelange, will participate, will be followed on 4th May by the meeting of the FIFA Executive Committee.

● *For the FIFA world youth tournament (16-19)* for the Coca-Cola Challenge Cup, the two teams from the Asian confederation will be those coming first and second at the junior Asian tournament to be held in Tehran from 14th to 29th April.

● *The Commission for the FIFA world youth tournament*, to be held from 27th June to 10th July 1977 by the Tunisian Federation, will meet on 7th May in London.

**Fédération Internationale
de Gymnastique
(FIG)**



● *The world rhythmic sports gymnastics championships* will be held at St. Jacques stadium in Basle (SUI) from 13th to 16th October 1977. An international tournament arranged in May or June will enable the facilities to be tested.

● *The second gymnastics world cup* will probably be held in Palma, Majorca (ESP) from 28th to 30th October 1977. The 12 or 18 participants will be selected according to last year's Olympic results and the results of the next European championships.

● *An international team*, led by Mr. Max Bangerter, Secretary General of the FIG, will make a promotional tour of Brazil. The cities of Rio de Janeiro, Porto Alegre, Sao Paulo and Brazilia will be visited between 31st May and 12th June 1977.

**International Handball
Federation
(IHF)**



● *For 1976-1980, the Presidents of the IHF commissions will be:*

- Mr. Curt Wadmark (SWE), Organising and Competition Commission.
- Mr. Carl E. Wang (NOR), Playing Rules and Referees Commission.
- Mr. Ioan Kunst Ghermanescu (ROM), Coaching and Methods Commission.
- Mr. Istvan Madarasz (HUN), Medical Commission.
- Mr. Albert Schimmel (HOL), Publicity and Development Commission.

- *The first group B world championships held over ten days in Austria, were won by Sweden, by 20 to 19, in front of the German Democratic Republic.*



The first six teams of this tournament (SWE - GDR - TCH - ISL - ESP and BUL) made sure of their qualification for the group A world championships.

- 22 national teams from Africa, Asia and Europe will take part in the *first men's junior world championships* to be held in Sweden from 11th to 19th April 1977.
- After leading the Polish team to the third place of the 1976 Olympic tournament, trainer *Janusz Czerwinski* will now work with Iceland's national team.
- The *Romanian students* have become world university handball champions.

Fédération Internationale de Hockey (FIH)



- *The next FIH Congress* will be held in Buenos Aires (Argentina) in 1978.
- *The Pakistan Women's Hockey Association* has applied to join the FIH.

International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF)



- *"Where does world ice hockey stand?"* is an interesting analysis of the current situation by Dr. Günther Sabetzki and below we print some extracts of the IIHF President's recent article:

"The start of 1977 and the fact that the new IIHF Council has now been in office for a year provide ground for stock-taking, for asking where international ice hockey is at this moment. It is in flow; firm positions are starting to shift and previously accepted borders are becoming blurred.

Yet it is still not clear whether all this is going to turn out for the better. This rapid change, and our present-day problems, should be approached in a spirit of determination and caution, for what has been achieved should not be thrown away without anything better being introduced in its place.

In accordance with the decisions taken at Gstaad in 1975 the formerly rigid amateur ranks of the IIHF were thrown open to professionals. Last year there was an increased intercourse between East European selects and professionals from the two North American groups NHL and WHA, with whom the IIHF leadership had detailed discussions about further mutual relations.

This new overt attitude of the IIHF will culminate in the first open world championships in 1977, in which all eight competing countries of group A will be free to field their best players, including professionals where these are available.

The development of ice hockey is in a state of flux. In Moscow there are plans for the construction of an ice stadium, which will hold 40,000 spectators, to help accommodate a growing popular interest in the sport.

The IIHF is in touch with Singapore, Thailand and New Zealand, which could become its 31st, 32nd and 33rd members.

Stadia are planned in Mexico and Bolivia... Amid this background of world-wide movement one should not overlook the fact that this increased building of rinks is also leading



Ice hockey by Józef Ozmin.

to a stepping up of activities which have given the B group world championship games in Japan in March 1977 their strongest participation for years, which have led to young federations like those in Denmark and Spain taking the risk of organising B and C group championships of seniors and juniors, and which spur the IIHF to ever greater efforts.

Last summer we arranged for the first time in Fuessen, an official coaching course for referees attended by officials from many countries and conducted by senior referee Andry Starovoitov. We also supported, again for the first time, an international coaching seminar in Toronto. We paid more attention than ever to international youth tournaments. These led in 1976 to the holding of the first official junior world championship which itself followed a European title event which had been in existence for nine years".

- For the world ice hockey championship in Vienna (AUT) from 21st April to 8th May, 45 television and radio stations will broadcast the 40 games live, with a staff of 120 television and radio commentators, as well as 400 members of the written press.

Eight national teams will meet at these championships. Czechoslovakia will defend its title against the following teams: CAN - FIN - GER - ROM - SWE - URS and USA.

International Judo Federation (IJF)



- The 1978 junior world championships are planned in Venezuela.

- Mr. Antonio Garcia de la Fuente, Secretary General of the IJF, considering his mission as organiser completed, gave up the presidency of the European Aikido Federation last November.

Fédération Internationale de Luge de Course (FIL)



- Twenty-five national federations are affiliated to the FIL for 1977-78, following the admission of the Venezuelan federation.

- At the 1977 world luge championships from 18th to 20th February on the Igls Olympic artificial run, the German Democratic Republic's luge athletes confirmed the superiority they had set up last year by once again taking the titles of the three competitions.

In the men's events, Hans Rinn, the luge two-seater Olympic champion, won the single-seater event ahead of his compatriot Horst Müller and the 1977 European champion Anton Winkler (GER).

With his usual team-mate Norbert Hahn he won, as he had last year, the two-seater event beating the Italian team Gschnitzer/Karl Brunner and the season's European champions Hans Brandner/Balthasar Schwarm (GER).

The women's title was again won by the reigning Olympic champion Margit Schumann. Elizabeth Demleitner (GER), who had beaten her a week before at the European championships in Koenigssee (GER), only came fourth, behind Vera Sosulina (URS) and Margit Graf (AUT).

- *The artificial ice luge track at Königssee (GER), which has now been completely renovated, was inaugurated at the European championships in mid-February.*

- *The track at Hammarstrand (SWE) will be the site of the 1978 European championships, the 1979 junior European championships and the 1981 world championships.*

Fédération Internationale de Natation Amateur (FINA - swimming)



● 1977 calendar

18th-21st August: United States of America championships at Missio Viejo (California).
14th-21st August: European championships at Jonkoping (SWE).

- *No special FINA Congress will be held during the third world championships in Berlin as it has been decided there would not be sufficient time to prepare one. However further study is being made as to the possibility of holding congresses between the Olympics.*

- *The FINA Technical Water Polo Committee (IWPC) met in Rome from 31st January to, 5th February. At the same time demonstration matches under the water polo rule revisions were conducted and it was the opinion of the committee members and spectators present that the revisions will add greatly to the tempo and interest of the game. Of major concern to the IWPC was uniform regulations relating to judging by two referees. The committee has adopted recommendations regarding the work of the referees which will be referred to the Bureau at its meeting in Tokyo in May. Because major international tournaments will be held in the next few months, the proposals have been published in the FINA newsheet so that all federations may have an opportunity to consider their implementation. It is intended that these regulations be provisional for one year.*

- *Telex number of the FINA President, Mr. Javier Ostos: 1771785 Olympme, Mexico.*

Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne et Biathlon (UIPMB)



- *Results of the 1997 world championships at Lillehammer (NOR) from 23rd to 27th February 1977:*

Seniors:

- Heikki Ikola (FIN), in the 20 km race, ahead of Johansen Sigleif (NOR) and Alexander Tikhonov (URS).
- Alexander Tikhonov (URS) in the 10 km sprint, ahead of his compatriots Nikolai Kruglov and Alexander Ushakov.
- The USSR relay team (Alexander Elizarev, Alexander Ushakov, Nikolai Kruglov and Alexander Tikhonov), beating those from Finland and the German Democratic Republic.

Juniors:

- Serge Levinsky (URS) in the 10 km, Frank Ulrich (GDR) in the 15 km and the Norwegian team in the relay.

International Skating Union (ISU)



- *The Congress of the ISU will be held in Paris from 24th to 27th May, while the ISU Council will meet on 23rd and 28th May.*

● 1977 world championships

- *The 71st men's world speed skating championships could not be held as planned on 5th and 6th February in Davos (SUI) as the natural track did not withstand the rise in temperature. They were held a week later at Heerenven (HOL), when Eric Heiden (USA, 1.86 m, 75 kg) took this title. A student at the University of Wisconsin and still a junior-he is not yet 19—he won the 500 m, came 3rd in the 1500 m, 9th in the 5000 m and 3rd in the 10,000 m, gaining a total of 167,831 points ahead of two Norwegians, the European*

champion Jan-Egil Storholt (168,003 points) and the past world champion Sten Stensen (168,195 points).

- *At the junior world championships* in Inzell (AUT) a week later, Eric Heiden was of course invincible. He broke three junior world records—the 500 m (39.87), the 1500 m (1:59.46) and the 5000 m (7:30.23). His sister Elizabeth came second in the women's events behind her compatriot Kim Kostrom.
- *At Keystone (USA)*, on the highest rink in the world (2,800 m), 29 women speed skaters from nine countries (CAN - FIN - HOL - JPN - NOR - GER - SWE - URS - USA) competed on 11th and 12th February for the title of women's world speed skating champion. The Soviet skaters took the first three places in the following order—Vera Bryndzey, Galina Stepankaya and Galina Nikitina.
- *The world sprint championships* took place from 25th to 26th February at Alk-

maar (HOL). Eric Heiden (USA) continued his 1977 "monopoly" in front of Peter Muller (USA, 2nd) and Evgeni Koulikov (URS, 3rd), while Sylvia Burka (22, CAN) won the women's events in front of Leah Poulos (USA, 2nd) and Haitske Pijman (HOL, 3rd).

- *The world figure skating championships* in Tokyo from 1st to 5th March united 96 athletes from 17 countries at the Olympic pool converted into a skating rink. The results were as follows:
Ladies: 1. Linda Fratianne (USA), 2. Anett Poetzsch (GDR), 3. Dagmar Lurz (GER).
Men: 1. Vladimir Kovalev (URS), 2. Jan Hoffmann (GDR), 3. Minoru Sato (JPN).
Pairs: 1. Irina Rodnina (9th title)/Alexander Zaitsev (URS), 2. Irina Vorobieva/Alexander Ulasov (URS), 3. Tai Babilonia/Randy Gardner (USA).
Dancing: 1. Irina Moiseva/Andrei Minenkov (URS), 2. Janet Thompson/Warren Maxwell (GBR), 3. Matxlia Linichuk and Gennadi Karponosov (URS).

Eric Heiden in the company of his sister Beth and Kim Kostrom.



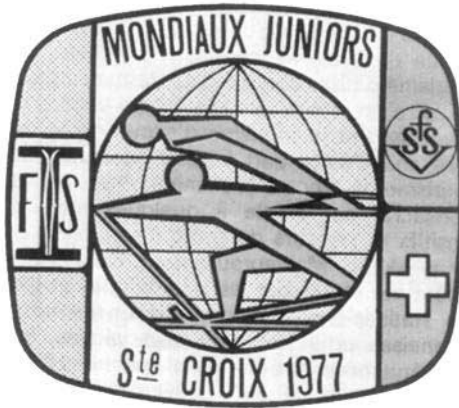
**Fédération Internationale
de Ski
(FIS)**



● *The first junior world cross-country ski championships* were successfully held from 17th to 20th February 1977 at Sainte-Croix and Gstaad (SUI) in spite of the bad weather. Results:

Men's 15 km: Ivan Lebanov (BUL).

Women's 5 km.: Brigit Schreiber (GDR).



70 m. special jump: Pavel Fizek (TCH).

Nordic combined (10 km., jump): Günter Schmieder (GDR).

3 x 10 km. men's relay: URS (A. Ponomarev, L. Oliouchine, A. Ivanov).

3 x 5 km. women's relay: GDR (M. Restock, E. Pechmann, B. Schreiber).

● *Walter Steiner* (SUI, 26) has again become world ski jump champion on the Vikersund (NOR) giant jump. Already winning in 1972, this year he carried off the title in this fourth championship in front of Toni Innauer (AUT) and Harry Glas (GDR).

● *Ivan Garanine* (URS, 31), bronze medalist in the 30 km. race at the last Winter Games, won the *54th Vasaloppet race* held on the traditional 86 km. course between Saelen and Mora, in the centre of Sweden.

● *The FIS Congress*, which is held every two years, will take place at Bariloche (ARG) from 27th to 30th April 1977.

**Union Internationale
de Tir
(UIT - shooting)**



● *The next UIT General Assembly* is planned in Seoul (Korea) on the occasion of the world championships which are to be staged there from 15th to 25th September 1978. Mr. Chong Kyu Park, elected Vice-President of the UIT, will preside the Organising Committee.

**Fédération Internationale
de Tir à l'Arc
(FITA - archery)**



● *FITA elections in Canberra*

"The Congress of the Federation Internationale de Tir à l'Arc, held in Canberra on 7th and 13th February 1977, was particularly important this time, as Mrs. Inger K. Frith, elected to the presidency of FITA in 1961 and re-elected three times, had decided not to stand again for a new term of office, while the Secretary General and the Treasurer, Messrs. Thomson and Shepherd, did not want to continue the posts they had held for 16 years either.

Mr. Francesco Gnecci-Ruscione acceded to the presidency without the necessity of voting; some federations had put forward the names of Arild Honne and Robert Simon for the supreme position, but the two acting Vice-Presidents declined the offer and stood down in favour of Mr. Francesco Gnecci-Ruscione.

Mr. Arild Honne spoke in praise of Mrs. Frith, remembering all the stages of her long career, since 1957, devoted to the creation of new FITA regulations, her action to introduce archery among the Olympic

disciplines, and for the development of archery in the world...

Upon Mr. Gneccchi-Ruscone's proposal the Congress elected Mrs. Frith Honorary Life President...

Mr. Francesco Gneccchi-Ruscone, the new President, proposed Mr. Bernard Boulens to the Congress as Secretary General and Mr. Vittorio Rosenberg as Treasurer. They were accepted.

A rapid rise

In ten years Francesco Gneccchi-Ruscone made himself known to all the leaders of

the federations affiliated to the FITA and also to a large number of high level archers...

Able to make himself appreciated is a natural gift with him—his even and efficient amiability and his frank approach give him a mixture of British reserve and Mediterranean warmth. For he was born in Milan (13th March 1924), but after studying architecture at the Milan Polytechnic School he lived in England for two years where he taught at the Architecture School of the Architectural Association of London...

Francesco Gneccchi-Ruscone now runs his own architect's bureau in Milan and teaches at the Milan Polytechnic School...

A great lady of sport



For 16 years (1961-1977) Mrs. Inger K. Frith looked after the destinies of archery. The only woman in the history of the International Sports Federations to have acceded to such a post, she did not stand for re-election at the last FITA Congress.

A brilliant archer, she took part in world championships three times (1950, 1952 and 1953) as a member of the British team, while at the same time fulfilling the role of leader. From 1951 to 1972 she was Vice-President of the Grand National Archery Society before becoming its Honorary Life President. In 1953 she became Vice-President of the FITA until 1961 when she took on the presidency. Through her diplomacy and perseverance she will go down in

the FITA's history as the chief architect of the reintroduction of archery on the Olympic programme in 1972. All enthusiasts of this sport appreciate how much this return, after 52 years' absence, gave archery new life.

"...I have been overwhelmed with the tributes and presentations made in Canberra during our Congress and world championship. It was in my view the right time to retire. I have had 16 very rewarding and enjoyable years as President, I have always felt honoured and privileged to hold this office and it is time others should also have this great opportunity.

I owe much to the support I have been fortunate to be given not only inside FITA but also by my colleagues in the International Federations. I am in debt to the International Olympic Committee for understanding and guidance and of course not least for having archery on the Olympic programme..." she recently wrote to the Director of the IOC. We should like to express our gratitude and deep admiration to Mrs. Inger K. Frith, new Honorary President of the FITA, for her marvellous work. We are sure that she will remain in the service of sport and youth for a long time to come.

He has always loved sport, even more than school when he was a boy, as he likes to relate. Riding, athletics, fencing, swimming and skiing brought him some success in competitions which he assures us were minor.

After stays in the United States and Great Britain he became very enthusiastic in sailing and off-shore regattas, before discovering archery in 1962. His success in this sport was so modest that he preferred the career of leader.

Councillor of FITARCO (the Italian Federation) in 1968, he was elected its President in 1969. In 1971 he was a member of the FITA Rules Committee and was elected to the Board of Directors in 1973.”

(Extract from the newsletter “Arc” of 1st March 1977, by Mrs. Françoise Avon-Cof-frant.)

- Results of the 29th world championships held in Canberra (AUS) from 9th to 12th February 1977:

A. Ladies

	70 m	80 m	90 m	30 m	Total	Gd Total
1. Luann Ryon (USA, 24)	295	303	376	329	1242	2515
2. Jadwiga Wi- lesto (POL)	287	318	289	328	1222	2456
3. Irene Daubenspeck (USA)	284	299	299	331	1210	2450

Team classification

- USA 7379 p.; 2. URS 7094 p.; 3. AUS 6936 p.

B. Men

	90 m	70 m	50 m	30 m	Total	Gd Total
1. Richard Mc- Kinney (USA)	276	287	328	340	1231	2501
2. Takashi Ka- mei (JPN)	267	306	317	333	1223	2480
3. Leandro De Nardi (ITA)	301	293	322	330	1246	2480

Team classification

- USA 7444 p.; 2. ITA 7342 p.; 3. JPN 7333 p.

While Luann Ryon managed to confirm her Olympic superiority, her compatriot Darrell Pace, men’s champion in Montreal, after coming a disastrous 24th on the first day, achieved the feat of coming fourth, four points behind Leandro De Nardi who had been leading until the last day of the events.

- The FITA has recently published the amendments to its Constitution and Rules, which were adopted at the 1976 Montreal Congress and which are effective from 1st January 1977. The amendments affect in particular the following points: eligibility, Olympic Games, target archery, field archery and indoor archery.

Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB)



- Whereas the FIVB now comprises 123 national federations, twenty years ago, in 1957, it still only included 50.

- The FIVB Sports Organisation Commission is studying a plan for world club championships.

- The Moscow Dynamo Club has again—for the eleventh time!—won the ladies club winners’ European cup.

International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)



- New regulations for age categories. Until now, in weightlifting the category change was effected on the weightlifter’s birthday. Henceforth, as in a number of sports, the age class change will take place on 1st January. Thus, in 1977, those athletes born in or before 1956 will become seniors, those born in 1957 and 1958 become juniors, and those born between 1959 and 1962 inclusive become cadets.

International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU)



- With a view to economy, *the IYRU mid-year meetings*, where possible, will be held jointly, i.e. the Multihull Technical Committee will meet on 2nd April and the Measurement Committee on 3rd April in Munich, and the Class Policy and Organisation Committee will meet on 13th and 14th May and the Centreboard Boat Technical Committee on 15th May in Paris.

- *The IYRU Year Book* is now available from the IYRU office at a price of £3. Included in this very useful manual is a list of all publications available, together with a complete list of all IYRU member federations—the figure has now reached 74.

- Also available from the IYRU is the *1977 International Yacht Racing Rules*, in the introduction to which we find the fundamental rule concerning yachting: "*Fair Sailing - A yacht shall participate in a race or series of races in an event only by fair*

sailing, superior speed and skill, and, except in team races, by individual effort. However, a yacht may be disqualified under this rule only in the case of a clear-cut violation of the above principles and only when no other rule applies."

The contents of the booklet cover the following: definitions; management of races (authority and duties of race committee); general requirements (owner's responsibilities for qualifying his yacht); right of way rules (rights and obligations when yachts meet, principal right of way rules and their limitations, rules which apply at marks and obstructions and other exceptions to the preceding rules); other sailing rules (obligations of helmsman and crew in handling a yacht); and protests, disqualifications and appeals.

- *The IYRU official film of the 1976 Olympic regatta* has been entered for the Sport Film Festival which was held from 28th February to 5th March in St. Vincent (ITA). The film has also been entered for Videosport 1977—the British International Sports Film and Television Festival which will be held from 28th March to 2nd April at Milton Keynes.

International Bandy Federation (IBF)

- *1977 Calendar*

May-June: visit of ISF experts to stage softball clinics in Sweden, Finland, Norway and the USSR.

October: IBF coaches' seminar in Oslo (NOR).

November: IBF Board meeting.

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Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI)

- *Mr. Adolf Gehrig* has succeeded Mr. Maurice Obrégon as President of the FAI, while Mr. Bertrand Larcher has replaced Mr. O.E. Hennecart as Director General.

International Badminton Federation (IBF)

- *1977 calendar*

World badminton championships in Malmö (SWE) from 2nd to 8th May.

