

Olympic Solidarity

We give below a summary of the activities which took place during three courses organised by Olympic Solidarity in South America.

National archery course in Colombia

Dates: 17th April to 22nd June 1980.

Location: Popayán, Sogamoso, Medellín, Cali and Bogotá.

Participation : A total of 119 participants, divided between the courses as follows: Popayán : 22, Sogamoso : 10, Medellín : 28, Cali : 23, and Bogotá : 36.

Objective : To improve archery technique.

Expert: Mrs. Kathryn Tate (USA), assisted by Mr. Jaime Callejas and Mr. José Hernández, monitors from the Colombian shooting and hunting federation.

Programme : Participants were divided into various groups according to their level (beginners, intermediate and advanced). In addition to the courses mentioned above, Mrs. Tate also led a course held at the Military Cadet School in Bogotá.

The programme ended with the 5th Americas archery championships in Melgar.

Results: 68 of the 119 participants were successful in the final examination, and received instructor's certificates.

Regional sailing course in Chile

Dates : 6th to 20th September 1980.

Location : Santiago de Chile, Higerillas Yacht Club (Pacific coast) and Lake Rapel (in the interior of the country).

Participation: 21 participants from the host country and 9 from other Spanish-speaking countries (PAR, ECU, ARG and URU).

Objective : To improve sailing techniques.

Experts: The technical director was Mr. José Luis Doreste. He was assisted by Dr. Bernard Chernilo (traumatology) and Dr. Pedro Olivares, specialists in sport, and Miss Ana Alicia Fernández V., a nutritionist.

Programme: The course covered the following topics : introduction to teaching and improving competition sailing, regatta theory,

preparation and care of competition yachts, further improvement, physical preparation, specific preparation for a particular championship, and practical application of the theory learned.

In all the places where the courses were held, the technical director and the participants received the proper attention from the

sports staff who put at their disposal the necessary infrastructure, equipment and material for sailing, thereby making a notable contribution to the success of the course.

Results: Of the 30 participants, 19 Chileans and 7 other nationals were successful and received a diploma at the end of the course.

Regional boxing course in Argentina



Dates : 15th October to 4th November 1980.

Location : Buenos Aires.

Participation : 16 participants from Argentina and 5 representatives of the other NOCs in the region (BOL, BRA, ECU, PER and URU).

Objective: To introduce participants to the technique, methodology and training systems of amateur boxing.

Experts: The specific classes were given by Professor Osmar A. Alaniz, assisted by teachers designated by the Argentinian Olympic Committee.

Programme: The participants were housed in the national sports centre, while the course was held at the gymnasium of the Argentinian boxing federation. The practical and theoretical part was held in the federation's hall and the Argentinian Olympic Committee's conference room.

The daily programme lasted from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The topics covered were very varied and included the specific subject of boxing and the theory of training, as well as some talks on the subject of the Olympic movement. The Saturdays and Sundays were devoted to visiting sports centres and clubs.

Results: All the participants were successful in the course, and received a diploma. Medals, pennants and badges were also distributed to the participants and instructors.

The Argentinian Olympic Committee held a reception for the instructors and participants to enable them to get to know each other ; at this reception they were welcomed by the Argentinian sports authorities.

Closing : Colonel D. Antonio Rodriguez, president of the NOC, made a short speech to express his satisfaction with the course.