

News flash

World Olympians' Association

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Olympic Athletes (NAOA). For further information, please contact: the World Olympians' Association, c/o Natural Alternatives International, 1185 Linda Vista Drive, San Marcos, California 92069 (United States of America).



Great Britain

During the 50th Anniversary dinner of the British Sports Writers' Association held in London last December, Morley Myers received the Olympic Order, which was presented by the Princess

Royal, an IOC member. Morley Myers worked with the UPI news agency, and he has been a member of the IOC Press Commission since 1981.



Morley Myers receives the Olympic Order from Princess Anne.

Olympic Quiz*

Questions

1. When was the first time that the victory podium was used at the Olympic Games?
 2. What is the earliest time of day that an event has started at the Olympic Games?
 3. Of the twelve calendar months, which ones have never seen an Olympic event held?
 4. Who was the first woman to speak the oath of the athletes at the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games?
 5. Who was the first Asian member of the International Olympic Committee?
 6. Who is the oldest runner to have taken part in the Olympic marathon?
 7. In which Olympic event were all 25 competitors from the same country?
 8. Who has won the most bronze medals at the Olympic Games?
 9. Who are the two Olympic athletes who died while competing in their Olympic event?
 10. Which three National Olympic Committees have won more medals at the Olympic Winter Games than at the Games of the Olympiad?
 11. Who was the interim International Olympic Committee President during World War I, when Baron Pierre de Coubertin briefly stepped down as President?
 12. When was the current Olympic Hymn first composed?
 13. True or false: Baron Pierre de Coubertin first presented his idea of reviving the Olympic Games to a large audience at the Sorbonne Congress of 1894 in Paris?
 14. True or false: the 1956 Olympic Equestrian Games, which were held in Stockholm rather than in Melbourne, represent the only time that an edition of the Olympic Games was not contested in its entirety in one nation.
 15. Which Olympic honour do the following personalities have in common: Indira Gandhi, Peter Ueberroth, Jean-Claude Killy, Boris Yelstin and Pope JohnPaul II?
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Obituaries



medal in the triple jump at the Games of the IX Olympiad in Amsterdam, in 1928. Three years later, he set a new

world record by jumping 15.58 metres. A sports journalist for the newspaper 'Asahi' and then athletics teacher at Waseda University, Oda was also a member of the Japanese Olympic Committee, and was made honorary president of the Japanese Athletics Federation in 1989.

Daniel Marinus Kagchelland

Dutch Olympic champion Daniel Marinus Kagchelland died on 24 December 1998 at the age of 84 in The Hague. Born in 1914, he won the gold medal



in sailing (Finn category) at the Games of the XI Olympiad in Berlin in 1936.

Olympic Quiz*

Answers

1. The first occurred at the III Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid in 1932. The podium was first used internationally at the 1930 British Empire Games in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. IOC President Baillet-Latour liked the idea and suggested it be used at the Olympic Games.
2. The 1912 Olympic cycling road race started at 2:00 am. The race was held over 320 kilometres and the winner took almost 11 hours to finish shortly after noon.
3. March is the only month in which no Olympic event has ever been contested. In 1960 and 1988, the Olympic Winter Games came close to March, but both ended on 28 February.
4. Giuliana Chenal-Minuzzo of Italy, an Alpine skier who took the oath on behalf of the athletes at the VII Olympic Winter Games in Cortina d'Ampezzo in 1956.
5. Jigaro Kano of Japan, the founder of judo, who was an International Olympic Committee member from 1909-1938.
6. Percival Wyer of Canada, who was 52 years 199 days old when he finished 30th in the 1936 Olympic Marathon.
7. In the 1908 Olympic archery event for women, all 25 competitors were British.
8. Heikki Savolainen of Finland, a gymnast, won 6 bronze medals at the Olympic Games.
9. In 1912, Olympic marathon runner Francisco Lázaro of Portugal, collapsed and died during the race. In 1960, Danish cyclist Knut Enemark Jensen, died similarly during the Olympic road race.
10. Austria, Liechtenstein and Norway have all won more medals at the Olympic Winter Games than at the Games of the Olympiad.
11. Baron Godefroy de Blonay of Switzerland served as Interim President of the International Olympic Committee from December 1915 through February 1917.
12. The current Olympic Hymn was composed for the Games of the I Olympiad in Athens in 1896 by Greek composer Spyros Samaras (1863-1917), with lyrics by his colleague Kostis Palamas. It was used in 1896 and 1906 but not thereafter until 1960. In 1954, the International Olympic Committee launched a world-wide competition to choose a "new" Olympic Hymn, but ended up deciding to stay with the Samaras-Palamas composition.
13. False. Pierre de Coubertin actually first broached the idea to a large audience at a similar conference at the Sorbonne University in Paris in 1892. He received some support in that year but he repeated the request in 1894, at which time it was adopted.
14. False. In 1908, an Olympic yachting event was finished in Scotland, after the remainder of the Olympic events had been contested in or near London. Technically, Scotland was part of the United Kingdom. Also, in 1920, one Olympic yachting event was finished in the Netherlands, after all the other events had been held in or near Antwerp, Belgium.
15. They have all been awarded the Olympic Order in Gold.