

Lloyd La Beach



Panama's one-and-only Olympic medallist, Lloyd La Beach, died last February in New York (USA), aged 77. He won two bronze medals in the 100m and 200 m athletics events at the Games of the XIV Olympiad in London, in 1948. The Panamanian government subsequently awarded him the Order of Vasco Nuñez de Balboa, and the 'Manuel Roy' sports merit medal.

Paul Högberg



Former International Handball Federation (IHF) president Paul Högberg died in March at the age of 87. Born in 1911 in Bollstabruk (SWE, Paul Högberg occupied several positions within Swedish sport between 1948 and For 25 years, he also headed the sports section at Stockholm University. In 1952 he was elected to the IHF Council, and became president in

1971, a position he held until 1984 when he was named honorary president. He received the Olympic Order in 1984.

Janos Parti

Janos Parti, the Hungarian Olympic canoeing champion, died in March at age 67. He won silver medals at the Games of the XV Olympiad in Helsinki and at the Games of the XVI Olympiad in Melbourne, going on to become champion in the C-1 1000m event at the Games of the XVII Olympiad in 1960 in Rome, aboard a canoe which he designed himself.

Carlos Montserrat



Carlos Montserrat, who was head of personnel at the IOC for many years, died on 8 March aged 67. Over the years, Carlos had become more than a colleague, he had become a close friend. It was at the Spanish embassy in Finland that he met two people who would change his life: Marja who became his wife and the mother of Beatrix and Veronica, and the man who offered him a job at the IOC, Juan Antonio Samaranch, who was then Spanish Ambassador in Moscow. Carlos started working for the IOC in 1982, and put his approachable and courteous personality at the service of the organization until 1998. Whether

he was playing pétanque with his friends in the holiday campsites of the Costa Brava or welcoming political or sporting personalities to the Olympic House, Carlos always showed the same love of life and respect for others. He was the same at home as he was at work: unaffected, happy, amiable and courteous. This Catalan with



his athletic physique made sport a way of life. It was not uncommon to see him running during the lunch break in Vidy park. In 1985, when the IOC President decided to create an IOC sports club, Carlos was unanimously elected its president. He took part several times in the Lausanne 20 km, the *Journée Lausannoise du Vélo* and all the sport club's activities: skiing weekends, walking outings, endurance tests, to name but a few. His enthusiasm led many of his colleagues to don their running shoes, and hit the ski slopes and paths of the Vaudois Alps, to share his love for sport and for life in general. How can we ever forget the now famous phrase "*Arriba, abajo, al centro y adentro!*" - the just reward for a worthy effort. Farewell Carlos.