

Obituaries

Philippe Chatrier



IOC Honorary Member, Frenchman **Philippe Chatrier** died on 23 June 2000 in Paris aged 72. After studying journalism, in 1953 he created and edited the magazine *Tennis de France*. From 1953 to 1963, he was chief sports editor for *Paris Presse*. Chatrier, who was French junior tennis champion in 1945, was a member of the French Davis Cup team from 1948 to 1950, and its captain between 1969 and 1972. He also competed at Wimbledon between 1950 and 1953. After ending his playing career, he started a new career in sport as an administrator. Between 1968 and 1973 he was vice-president, then President of the French Tennis Federation for 20 years. In 1982, he was appointed vice-president of the French NOC, an office he held until 1993. From 1977 to 1991, Chatrier was President of the International Tennis Federation. Under his leadership, tennis returned to the Olympic Game on the occasion of the Games of the XXIV Olympiad in Seoul in 1988. He was also President of the Men's Professional Tennis Council from 1979 to 1985. Elected an IOC member in 1990, Philippe Chatrier became an honorary member in 1996. He was a member of the Eligibility Commission (1990-1991) and the Commission for the

Preparation of the XII Olympic Congress (1990-1994), and was also chairman of the Commission for the Olympic Programme (1992-1994). According to the IOC President, "*Philippe Chatrier is one of those sports directors who, thanks to their passion for sport, have made a significant contribution to the development of their Federation. Tennis was his favourite sport and he devoted his whole life to it with unflinching enthusiasm.*"

Harry L. Usher



Harry L. Usher, executive vice-president and general manager of the 1984 Olympics died last June, in Secaucus, N.J., at the age of 61. Graduating from Brown as a Phi Beta Kappa, he went on to Stanford Law School, where he was an editor of the Law Review. As an attorney, his clients included Peter Ueberroth, future chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Games of the XXIII Olympiad in Los Angeles in 1984. Considered like Ueberroth's right-hand man, "His gift to the Olympic Movement was his nary management of the Olympic Games. And he certainly will be remembered for his enormous skills as a manager" (Anita DeFrantz, IOC vice-president). Besides the Olympics, Usher also served as com-

missioner of the short-lived United States Football League; before the Games, he headed the Beverly Hills Bar Association and after the Games, he was a trustee for six years of his alma mater. Brown University. He has been awarded the Olympic Order in 1984.

James Grogan



James Grogan, the Olympic bronze figure skating medallist at the Winter Games in 1952, died on 2 July at the age of 68 in San Bernardino, California (United States of America). Grogan began skating at the age of eight in his hometown of Tacoma, Washington. He won numerous figure skating titles including a US National Junior pairs medal and a bronze and four silver US National single's medals (1948, 49, 51 & 52). Grogan won the world silver medal four years consecutively the first at Milan, Italy in 1951. Grogan placed sixth in 1948 at the V Olympic Winter Games in St. Moritz, and then won the bronze medal in 1952 at Oslo. He began his professional skating career with Arthur Wirtz's "Hollywood Ice Review" in 1954, he went on to star in Ice Capades starting in 1956. He was Director of the "James Grogan Skating School" in Squaw Valley in the mid-sixties and went on to coach in Japan. He was inducted into the US Figure Skating Association Hall of Fame in 1991.