

OLD NEWS - NEW NEWS

○ We are sorry to have to report the death of ISOH Member Reet Howell (*19 March 1945 - †10 June 1993), beloved wife of fellow ISOH Member and Olympic Historian, Maxwell Howell. In a lovely letter, Max described her Olympic works, "Reet loved researching the Olympic Games and made a singular contribution in that regard."

We must also note the passing of Beate Kamper (*1945 - †5 July 1993), the eldest daughter of ISOH Honorary President, Erich Kamper.

Our best wishes go out to Maxwell Howell, Erich Kamper and their families. Our thoughts are with you.

○ Last issue we mentioned that Germany was dismantling its national record lists in track & field athletics, enabling it to start over with a series of records which would not be tainted by any drug-aided marks. This was widely reported as fact, but it turns out that the German athletics federation was only considering the possibility and did not actually enact it.

○ ISOH Member John Lucas reports that he has been appointed by President Samaranch as an official representative of the IOC to serve as an Olympic Lecturer. The IOC will pay travel fees for him to appear before organizations and lecture on various aspects of Olympism and the Olympic Games. Any interested parties should contact Dr. Lucas at Penn State University.

○ Please note that there was an egregious error in the member listings in the last issue. Fernand Landry's birthdate was given as 30.01.13. He was actually born on 13 January 1930, and is **53 years old**, not **80**. I interpreted his date as the European method of listing the date - day/month/year, thus using 30 January 1913. He listed it as year/month/day. The third method is the American system using month/day/year. I would urge all members, in their correspondence or in keeping notes on any athlete's birthdates, to always use the name of the month written out, or an appropriate abbreviation. This eliminates many errors of this sort. Numerous birthdates of Olympic athletes are in error because of confusion over whether the cryptic numbers used were listed according to the American, or European system. However, 13 JAN 1930 or 13 January 1930, eliminates this possible source of error.

○ Last issue I published a summary I had done with Wolf Lyberg and using data from the late Lennart Dahllöf. This included information on all Olympians who have competed in five or more Olympic Games. Listed as having competed in seven (7) Olympic Games was the Italian rider, Piero d'Inzeo, whose brother, Raimondo d'Inzeo, also competed in eight (8) Olympics - equal most of any athlete. It turns out that Piero d'Inzeo should also be listed as having competed in eight (8) Olympics, not seven, which would tie him with his brother, Ivan Ossier, Paul Elvström, and Durward Knowles for the Olympic record. In 1948, Piero d'Inzeo was entered in the show jumping at London. He is not listed in the Official Report, which mistakenly lists his brother, Raimondo. Raimondo d'Inzeo did not compete in show jumping in London, but did compete in the 3-day event. Piero started the Prix de Nations jumping event but his horse stalled at the first fence and he did not continue. Still, he got off the mark and should be listed as having competed. This information was brought to light by ISOH Member Peter Matthews (GBR) who used as his source *The Guinness Book of Show Jumping* by Judith Draper.

○ New member Bud Greenspan has just released his film of the Barcelona Olympics - ***Barcelona - 16 Days of Glory***. This follows his similar films on the Los Angeles and Seoul Olympics, also subtitled "16 Days of Glory." For Los Angeles and Seoul, Bud was the producer of the Official Film of the Organizing Committee, but he was not awarded that production for Barcelona. However, he has been named to produce the film of the Atlanta Olympics, which, presumably will be subtitled "17 Days of Glory," with the Games being lengthened one day to allow the opening ceremonies to be televised on primetime on Friday night.

○ Future issues - we will have data from Wolf Lyberg concerning the exact breakdown of competitors at Albertville and Barcelona in 1992. Also there will be more articles on the finances of the Olympic Games. Articles are planned on Lance Larson and John Devitt's controversial swim at the 1960 Olympic Games. And there will be more . . . to be named a bit later. We'll see you!