

DUKE NYHUS AWARD



The entire boxing officiating committee aka, "The Crew" is being honored this year by being awarded the Duke Nyhus award. The committee consisted of Patrick Connolly, Patrick Russell, Robert Byrd, Gwen Adair and Jack Reiss. With the exception of Gwen, "The Crew" were all firefighter and law enforcement members in California and former amateur boxers. All were professional boxing referees and judges, both in California and internationally. They ran all of the boxing competitions in California and internationally since 1980. Their legacy of successful and safely run events is what is being recognized and honored with this award.

The boxing competition is one of the most exciting events offered at the Games, and one of the most inherently dangerous. Any boxing competition needs to be a delicate balance of allowable drama versus unacceptable competitor damage. Police and fire participants present a special challenge, as they must return to their strenuous physical duties after the competition. It was, and remains, a difficult task to safely and competitively put on a boxing tournament.

The Crew rose to this task. They created rules, bracketing and safety standards that were not only in compliance with regulatory commissions, but far exceeded them. Their

BOXING OFFICIALS “THE CREW”

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dedication to the task was outstanding. “The Crew” understood the dynamics of a police /fire competition and created a safe tournament not only in California, but internationally. Their bedrock principle was that each fighter would get a fair chance to earn the gold, without politics or favoritism or bias. And the fighting community responded. “The Crew” officiated at every California, Western States and World Police/Fire competition from 1980 until the present day. They officiated literally hundreds of fights from raw novice competition up to world-class amateur boxing. During that time, there was only one “serious” injury that required hospitalization and that officer recovered quickly and went back on the job. In 1985 in Modesto, “The Crew” added women Police/Fire competitors to the event, a first for competitive women boxing anywhere.

Their dedication and tireless effort is also noteworthy when you realize that they worked with a new local boxing committee each and every year and competition. The fact that this record of success and safety continued speaks volumes about their expertise, knowledge and love of boxing. For their prowess and determination to make the Police & Fire Games/Championships worldwide the best event possible, “The Crew” is hereby



HALL OF FAME RECIPIENT

BRENDA CRUMP

Retired LAPD Captain

Brenda has always had a passion for being a competitor excelling in basketball, track and field, volleyball and soccer. She earned a basketball scholarship to Michigan State University where she started all four years and earned All Big Ten

Tournament honors. She turned down an opportunity to play overseas to pursue a career in law enforcement, joining the San Diego Police Department in 1986. In 1988, Brenda transferred to the Los Angeles Police Department, where Board Director Chuck Foote introduced her to the California Police Olympics. In 1989, Brenda won her first gold medal in Triathlon; thus beginning a 29 year athletic career.

Brenda played in her first Basketball tournament at the Games in 1990 only 5 weeks after giving birth to her oldest of four children. Under Brenda's leadership, the LAPD Women's team dominated the Games. Brenda has gone on to win 16 Gold and 11 Silver medals in the US Games, as well as, numerous Gold medals at the Nevada Police & Fire Games. The Women's team continued to dominate at the World Police & Fire Games from 2001-2017; winning 12 Gold and 2 Silver medals.

Brenda stepped up to coordinate the Basketball tournament at the 2017 WPFG in Los Angeles, CA. Due to her passion, expertise and leadership, the Games were a huge success. Even as coordinator, Brenda found the time to compete and take home 2 Gold medals.

Brenda has earned 42 medals in 29 years with 29 of the being Gold. However, the greatest part of the Games was sharing the love of competition, traveling and meeting new friends and families. Brenda attributes her success to her gifted teammates and the strong women who paved the way. In addition, she could not have competed without her family's support.

Brenda proudly retired from the force as a Captain in January 2014. She says it is a great honor and privilege to be inducted into the USPFC Hall of Fame.

HALL OF FAME RECIPIENT

JOHN WILLIAMS

Orange County Marshall's
Department



The California Police Athletic Federation is pleased to announce the induction of John Williams into the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame has been established in order to recognize athletes, coaches or managers who have demonstrated the

highest caliber of competition, sportsmanship and / or support of the United States Police and Fire Championships and preceding games.

John served four years with the Orange County Probation Department and then served the next 20 years with the Orange County Marshall's Department where he retired at the rank of Sergeant.

John was raised in Tacoma, Washington where he excelled in Track and Field. John won the city championship in both the Long Jump and Triple Jump. While earning an A.A. degree at Saddleback College, John set school records in High Hurdles and Intermediate Hurdles. John ran Division I Track and Field for the University of Iowa and also earned his B.A. John's higher education culminated with an M.P.A. at Pepperdine University.

John competed in the California Police Olympics, the California Police Summer Games, the Western States Police and Fire Games and the United States Police and Fire Championships, Nevada Games, Arizona Games, as well as National and International competitions, winning over 150 medals in that time span. John competed in Track and Field, Decathlon, Pentathlon and Golf from 1977 to present.

John earned "All American Honors" in the 110 meter hurdles through the "Athletic Congress" in 1989 and set multiple national age group records in Track and Field.

After retirement has John served as Public Administrator, Community College Trustee and College Foundation Board member. John was married to Joann Williams for 43 years until her passing in 2014 and has two children, Ian and Lauren. John still resides in the southern California coastal area.