

## New Hall-of-Famers to Be Announced

The second class of USATF Masters Hall of Fame inductees will be announced at the USATF National Convention in Dallas, Dec. 2-6.

Two men and five women were selected to the first class a year ago. Earlier this year, the chairmen of the Masters Track & Field and Long Distance Running committees each nominated three people to form a new Hall of Fame Committee. These are: T&F: Bob Fine, Len Olson, Louisa Mead-Tricard; LDR: Chuck DesJardins, Norm Green, Dudley Healy.

Five of the committee members met in Durban, South Africa at the WAVA Championships and sliced a list of 40 proposed nominees down to 25.

"We felt 25 was a more realistic

number," said Fine. "If we had kept it at 40, it would have been much more difficult for anyone to get a majority."

Fine said the committee tried to allocate the nominees by: track (6), field (6), LDR (5), RW (3), Administrator (2), "Old-timer" (2). Each nominee must have been a participant in the masters program for a minimum of 10 years.

Ballots were then mailed to officers of each masters committee and to those association and other delegates listed in the current USATF directory, according to Green, who supervised the mailing and tabulation of results.

Each voter could vote for up to 10 people. To become a Hall-of-Famer, a person must receive a majority of all votes cast. □

## Evelyn Ashford Elected to USATF Hall of Fame

by MARILYN J. MITCHELL

In a teleconference interview on Nov. 4, 40-year-old Evelyn Ashford expressed her elation and appreciation for having been elected to the 1997 class of the USATF Hall of Fame. Fellow 1997 class members include Henry Carr, Henry Laskau and Renaldo Neamiah, who will be inducted in ceremonies Dec. 4 to be held in Dallas during USATF Convention week.

Ashford, who competed in the 1993 WAVA Games in Miyazaki, Japan, winning the W35 200 in 24:14, was asked why her open performance of 10.76 for the 100 had stood for so long. She did not have a ready explanation, although implicit from her statements was the fact that her goals were not financial but were more competition-oriented.

Her first goal in 1976 was to just make an Olympic team. Her goal after making the Olympic team was to get a gold medal in the 1976 and 1984 Olympic Games. "My whole thing after I got my gold medal was to be the fastest woman . . . then they thought if you had a child, your career was over." So her next goal was to prove that a woman could have a child and still excel at a world-class level.

After having a child, she coached herself and then retired. "I was absolutely ready to go when I retired. I believe in 1988 I was at the peak of my athletic career. I think I was the best that I,

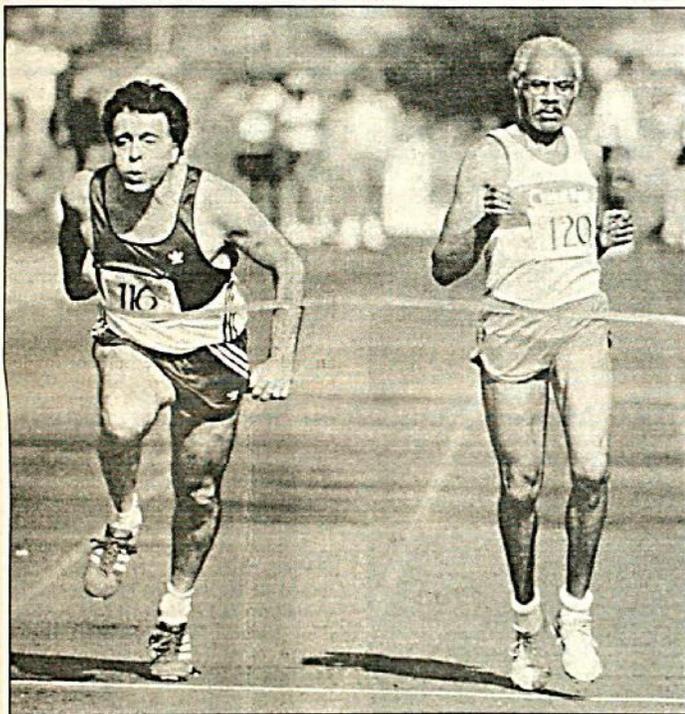
Evelyn, could be . . . I regret losing the gold medal (in 1988). But, I know that I was the best that I could be that year."

In 1993, Ashford came back at the invitation of the Japanese and competed as a masters athlete in the WAVA Games in Miyazaki, Japan, again proving that she could do it. She then again retired to be the full-time mother of now 12-year-old, 7th-grade daughter, Raina.

Ashford has done no further masters competitions after Miyazaki and says, "After I retired, I felt I had done everything I wanted. Now, I walk fast two to three miles a day and have no real desire to continue competition." □

### TEN YEARS AGO December, 1987

- At Age 42, Priscilla Welch is First Woman in New York Marathon in 2:30:17
- 135 Compete in NMN Age-Graded Meet
- Larry Almberg (40, 33:58) and Charlotte Swanson (45, 42:42) Capture 10K Cross-Country Titles
- MAAD Formed to Fight Age Discrimination



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Haig Bohigian, 61, outpaces Cliff Pauling, 63, to win the M60 100 (13.52), Sri Chinmoy Masters Games, Flushing, N.Y., Oct. 4. Pauling, however, beat Bohigian in the 200 and 400.

## Lapp, Ghose Best in Sri Chinmoy Games

by ATALA TOY

Rick Lapp, 48, Port Jefferson, N.Y., and Ranjana Ghose, 46, Jamaica, N.Y., scored the highest points, besting 120 athletes, in the Sri Chinmoy Masters Games, Forest Hills, N.Y., Oct. 4.

Lapp, winner of the honor in 1995, set a meet record in the M45 100 and bettered his own previous records for the long jump and triple jump. A member of the Central Park TC, Lapp works at American Avionics and coaches t&f for Long Island youth.

Ghose, women's top scorer in 1993 and 1994, was first in the discus, shot put, and long jump. A member of the Sri Chinmoy Marathon Team, she owns a clothing and gift boutique in

Jamaica, N.Y.

Special participation awards were given to two Central Park TC members, Cliff Pauling, 63, of the Bronx, and Haig Bohigian, 61, Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. Each has competed in nine of the 13 Sri Chinmoy Games held since 1985. Bohigian has scored the most points in the men's competition three times. Sulochana Kallai of the Sri Chinmoy team was also honored for her competition in all 13 of the Games.

Sri Chinmoy, the meet's sponsor, announced that next year the New York-based team will, for the first time, offer two games a year, in the spring and fall. □

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