

IWF-MASTERS WEIGHTLIFTING SCHEDULE

**2018 World Masters Championships, Barcelona, Spain.
2019 World Masters Championships, Montreal Quebec, Canada.**

**IWF-MASTERS COMMITTEE
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18th August, 2018**

INTERNATIONAL WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION



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2017-2018**

IWF-MASTERS HALL OF FAME

The IWF-Masters Hall of Fame began in 1993 to honor Master Weightlifters who have accomplished outstanding achievements in Masters Weightlifting-

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| 1993 - Walter Legel (AUT) | 2005 - Friedrich Niedermeyer (AUT) |
| 1993 - John McNiven (SCO) | 2005 - Arne Norrback (SWE) |
| 1994 - Friedrich Steiner (AUT) | 2005 - Gunter Schmolke (GER) |
| 1994 - Michael Huszka (USA) | 2005 - Marga Jorgensen (DEN) |
| 1994 - Wayne Oyafuso (USA) | 2006 - Hans Ehlenz (GER) |
| 1995 - Karl Duchon (AUT) | 2006 - Kurt Rosenberger (GER) |
| 1995 - Anton Huber (AUT) | 2006 - Jack Lano (USA) |
| 1996 - Reinhold Junkes (GER) | 2006 - Caroline Charles (GBR) |
| 1996 - Walter Imahara (USA) | 2007 - Wally Underhill (USA) |
| 1996 - Adolf Schmidt (AUT) | 2008 - Jill Miller (CAN) |
| 1996 - Rube Howes (AUS) | 2008 - Karel Prohl (CZE) |
| 1997 - Rudi Sauerbeck (GER) | 2008 - Dorothy Gardner (USA) |
| 1997 - Edgar Zimpel (GER) | 2008 - Geza Patrovics (HUN) |
| 1997 - Klaus Samer (GER) | 2009 - Barbara Boyer (USA) |
| 1998 - Chuck Meole (USA) | 2010 - Klaus Obergfell (GER) |
| 1998 - Harrison Skeete (USA) | 2010 - Jan Helebrant (CZE) |
| 1998 - Karel Saitl (CZE) | 2011 - Sandra Smith (GBR) |
| 1999 - William Deni (USA) | 2011 - Donald Walker (GBR) |
| 1999 - Charles Nootens (USA) | 2011 - Magda Rollidou-Tsitsouola (GRE) |
| 1999 - Stefan Jacobsson (SWE) | 2012 - Joachim Mittmann (GER) |
| 1999 - Barbara Conley (USA) | 2012 - Howard Cohen (USA) |
| 2000 - Bronwin Carter (GBR) | 2013 - Lev Nikiforov (RUS) |
| 2000 - Ferenc Szabo (HUN) | 2013 - Coral Quinell (AUS) |
| 2000 - Rudi Seidel (GER) | 2013 - Corinne Grotenhuis (USA) |
| 2000 - Yukihiro Suzuki (JPN) | 2014 - No Induction |
| 2001 - Sid Grant (GBR) | 2015 - Dagmar McSwain (AUT) |
| 2001 - Raymond Lozinski (USA) | 2015 - Piotr Kowalewski (POL) |
| 2001 - Hiroshi Koga (JPN) | 2015 - Andy Seaber (GBR) |
| 2002 - Georg Schall (GER) | 2016 - Vaslly Zubov (RUS) |
| 2002 - George Hilley (GBR) | 2016 - Fred Lowe (USA) |
| 2002 - Oldrich Lexa (CZE) | 2016 - Kozo Katsuragawa (JPN) |
| 2003 - Gudrun Schmidberger (GER) | 2016 - Manon Poulin (CAN) |
| 2003 - Johann Lichtenworther (AUT) | 2017 - Diana Loy (AUS) |
| 2003 - Pedro Serrano (PUR) | 2018 - Jim Ferguson (GBR) |
| 2004 - Jurgen Greiner (GER) | |
| 2004 - Siegfried Rosengart (GER) | |
| 2004 - Juan Santana (PUR) | |
| 2004 - Emery Chevrier (CAN) | |
| 2004 - Wendy Rodgers (CAN) | |

2018 Hall of Fame Survey of Leading Masters Lifters
POINTS SYSTEM: 1st Place-5, 2nd Place-4, 3rd Place-3, 4th Place-2, 5th Place-1

WOMEN

Last name	Country	Total Pts.	No of Championships	Year of Induction
JØRGENSEN, Marga	DEN	97	20	2005
SCHMIDBERGER, Gudrun	GER	78	17	2003
CONLEY, Barbara	USA	70	15	1999
SMITH, Sandra	GBR	69	15	2011
MCSWAIN, Dagmar	AUT	67	14	2015
CARTER, Bronwin Mary	GBR	64	13	2000
CHARLES, Caroline	GBR	62	15	2006
LOY, Diana	AUS	62	13	2017
IWANAGA, Sayuri	JPN	55	13	
QUINELL, Coral Ann	AUS	55	11	2013
POULIN, Manon	CAN	54	11	2016
QUINN, Judith Louise (Judy)	CAN	53	12	
SCHUKIES, Margot	GER	53	12	
ROILIDOU-TSITSOULA, Magdalini (Magda)	GRE	53	12	2011
GROTENHUIS, Corinne	USA	51	12	2013
DAMME, Annett	GER	50	11	
TAKÁCS, Mária	HUN	50	10	
MILLER, Jill May	CAN	48	13	2008
RODGERS, Wendy	CAN	48	12	2004
ORSÁGOVÁ, Marie	CZE	47	11	
PERRONE, Susana Mariela	ITA	47	10	
MORRISON, Grace	AUS	46	11	
KERR, Janis Ann	GBR	45	10	
BEKATOROU, Eugenia	GRE	44	12	
OFFERMANN, Denise	CYP	44	11	
CAMERON, Claire	GBR	42	10	
GARDNER, Dorothy Jean	USA	40	8	2008

Hall of Fame Survey of Leading Masters Lifters - MEN
POINTS SYSTEM 1st place =5, 2nd place 4, 3rd place 3, 4th place 2, 5th place 1

Last name	Country	Total Pts.	# of Championships	Year of Induction
STEINER, Friedrich (Fritz)	AUT	139	32	1994
SUZUKI, Yukihiro	JPN	124	28	2000
JAKOBSSON, Erik Stefan	SWE	112	27	1999
HUSZKA, Mihály (Mike)	HUN	109	22	1994
KOGA, Hiroshi	JPN	102	30	2001
MCNIVEN, John	GBR	96	27	1993
PROHL, Karel	CZE	94	20	2008
GREINER, Jürgen	GER	93	22	2004
ROSENBERGER, Kurt August	GER	92	23	2006
SAITL, Karel	CZE	89	18	1998
OYAFUSO, Wayne Yoshi	USA	85	20	1994
SAUERBECK, Rudolf (Rudi)	GER	84	20	1997
SCHALL, Georg	GER	83	23	2002
PÁTROVICS, Géza	HUN	81	17	2008
SCHÜßLER, Walter	GER	80	24	
SAMER, Klaus	GER	80	21	1997
KOWALEWSKI, Piotr	POL	79	18	2015
MITTMANN, Joachim	GER	78	23	2012
SCHMOLKE, Günter	GER	78	19	2005
NIKIFOROV, Lev	RUS	77	19	2013
CHEVRIER, Emery	CAN	76	18	2004
DUCHON, Karl	AUT	76	16	1995
SEABER, Andrew (Andy)	GBR	76	16	2015
COHEN, Howard	USA	75	20	2012
KATSURAGAWA, Kozo	JPN	75	18	2016
WALKER, Donald (Don)	GBR	74	21	2011
IMAHARA, Walter M. (Walt)	USA	74	20	1996
ZUBOV, Vasilii	RUS	73	20	2016
SERRANO, Pedro	PUR	73	15	2003
ROSENGART, Siegfried	GER	72	20	2004
SAKO, Hiroshi	JPN	71	18	
DENI, William (Bill)	USA	71	15	1999
HELEBRANT, Jan	CZE	70	18	2010
KUHN, Heinz Friedrich	GER	70	18	
LEGEL, Walter	AUT	70	14	1993

FERGUSON, James (Jim)	GBR	69	20	2018
HUBER, Anton	AUT	69	17	1995
HOWES, Rupert James (Rube)	AUS	69	14	1996
EHLENZ, Johann (Hans)	GER	68	19	2006
MEOLE, Charles (Chuck)	USA	68	17	1998
ZIMPEL, Edgar	GER	68	16	1997
HERBERG, Harald Horst	GER	68	16	
LANO, Charles (Jack)	USA	68	14	2006
BORKIEWICZ, Andrzej	POL	67	24	
LICHTENWÖRTH, Johann	AUT	67	18	2003
DHESI, Gurdawar Singh	GBR	66	15	
SZABO, Ferenc	HUN	66	14	2000
SKEETE, Harrison	USA	66	14	1998
PERRON, Marcel	CAN	65	13	
MELTZER, David Elliott	USA	63	24	
OBBERGFELL, Klaus	GER	63	18	2010
LOWE, Frederick (Fred)	USA	63	17	2016
WORM, Holger	GER	63	16	
NAUSEDAS, Albinas Vytautas	LTU	63	13	
LOZINSKI, Raymond	USA	62	16	2001
MURASHOV, Gennadiy	RUS	61	18	
NOOTENS, Charles E (Chuck)	USA	60	12	1999

CHAIRMAN'S SPECIAL AWARDS

In 1995, the IWF-Masters Hall of Fame began to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the Sport of Masters Weightlifting. Through their activities as referees, administrators and officials, they have helped to promote Masters Weightlifting in their countries, across their continent, and throughout the entire world. These individuals were presented with the "Chairman's Special Award."

- 1995 - Hubert Huber (AUT)**
- 1996 - Walter Muckstein (AUT)**
- 1996 - Kurt Rosenberger (GER)**
- 1999 - Dr. David Pursley (USA)**
- 2000 - Miloslav Gliz (CZE)**
- 2000 - Murray Levin (USA)**
- 2001 - Hans Ehlenz (GER)**
- 2002 - Lev Nikiforov (RUS)**
- 2004 - Yasumasa Omori (JPN)**
- 2005 - Howard Cohen (USA)**
- 2006 - Dr. David Meltzer (USA)**
- 2008 - Jan Hinrichsen (SWE)**
- 2012 – Leslie Simonton (USA)**

"IWF-MASTERS 200 Club" WOMEN – August

Rank	Athlete	Country	Age	Body Weight	Total	Meet	Formula Total
1	CAMPBELL Annette	GBR	43	63.00	175.0	2004 EUR	273.4913
2	PANTILAT Ita	USA	62	56.20	120.0	2013 PAM	271.1801
3	MIFSUD Meshelle	USA	43	74.38	189.0	2015 WCP	267.3140
4	PERDOMO Esmeralda	VEN	44	51.55	143.0	2013 WMG	262.3136
5	MAGOMEDOVA Nina	GRE	45	55.05	148.0	2014 WCP	260.6798
6	JANE'T Jacqueline	USA	51	61.85	149.0	2014 PAM	260.0211
7	JORGE Maria Elizabeth	BRA	42	50.70	142.5	1999 IWF	259.0041
8	YORK Rachel	USA	35	68.23	190.0	2015 PAM	257.3145
9	DIMAS Eva	ESA	35	86.71	213.0	2008 IWF	255.2587
10	BRANDT Mayra	USA	36	68.30	186.0	2016 PAM	254.3248
11	AITA Jo Anne	USA	44	57.70	151.0	2014 PAM	253.7304
12	BREWER Kristi	USA	35	62.60	177.0	2016 PAM	253.2298
13	RAMSAY-OVERALL Laura-Denise	TRI	44	75.13	178.0	2009 WMG	253.1830
14	BOUDREAU Carrie	USA	35	57.35	165.0	2002 PAM	251.0955
15	ANAYA EVERETT Aimee	USA	38	66.80	176.0	2015 WCP	249.7978
16	OWENS Krista	USA	36	74.86	192.0	2015 PAM	249.2246
17	KNOX Leanne	AUS	43	62.00	157.0	2015 OCE	248.0132
18	VAN DER STOEP Yvonne Clasina	NED	40	66.65	170.0	2000 IWF	247.2837
19	BATISTA Rachel	USA	39	57.33	154.0	2015 PAM	245.3498
20	AGUILA Veronica	USA	37	56.84	156.0	2015 WCP	244.3293
21	CHIRYUKINA Irina	RUS	38	50.40	140.0	2001 IWF	244.0639
22	JEPSEN Mette Brynjolf	DEN	45	62.20	151.0	2015 EUR	243.4801
23	ALLEN Rosanne	USA	51	51.80	122.0	2016 PAM	243.1529
24	TAKACS Maria	HUN	49	97.78	180.0	2015 IWF	243.0947
25	SAVOLAINEN Sanna	FIN	35	62.81	170.0	2015 IWF	242.6704
26	RIESENBERG Brittany	USA	36	62.20	167.0	2015 PAM	242.4185
27	BERNTSSON Annika	SWE	38	68.40	173.0	2014 IWF	242.0150
28	ALLISON Heather	GBR	45	57.85	142.5	2001 IWF	241.8062
29	VAUGHN Jodi	USA	35	57.57	159.0	2015 WCP	241.2825
30	DANDENAULT Susanne	CAN	35	117.22	220.0	2005 WMG	240.8970
31	TRIFF-ARKOSI Aniko	HUN	39	73.25	177.0	2007 IWF	240.8376
32	SPIES Wendy	USA	40	52.85	140.0	2015 WCP	240.2369
33	POULIN Manon	CAN	51	47.55	112.0	2014 PAM	240.1056
34	NELSON-PAUL Kathy	USA	38	52.60	142.0	2016 PAM	238.9970
35	ESQUILIN Marisol	USA	44	62.30	150.0	2016 PAM	238.7938
36	SEWARD Andrea	USA	44	57.10	141.0	2016 PAM	238.7627
37	MACEACHERN Tracy	USA	49	60.70	138.0	2014 IWF	237.5571
38	TAIRA Mari	JPN	40	57.73	148.0	2015 WCP	237.3043

39	BURNS Kendra	USA	56	93.70	155.0	2016 PAM	237.2728
40	MADRIGAL CISNERO Marianita	DOM	38	78.00	182.0	2013 PAM	236.8472
41	HIGHTOWER Marilyn	USA	40	71.92	170.0	2003 IWF	236.3867
42	GETZ Melanie	USA	38	54.85	145.0	1996 IWF	236.1024
43	GALVIN Christine	USA	51	57.24	128.0	2013 PAM	236.0081
44	CAICEDO Josefa	ESP	41	62.20	153.0	2014 IWF	235.6310
45	BROWN Elizabeth	USA	54	51.43	112.0	2015 PAM	235.6199
46	GROVES Deborah	AUS	39	47.98	128.0	2009 WMG	235.5052
47	LEHMAN Anne	USA	47	52.74	126.0	2007 PAM	235.2754
48	LOY Diana	AUS	41	57.78	145.0	2006 IWF	235.2125
49	BEAL Jessica	USA	36	72.50	178.0	2016 PAM	235.1122
50	TREBILLCOCK Diana Suzanne	GBR	56	57.54	117.0	2015 IWF	233.7832
51	GODWIN Maika	USA	40	81.97	179.0	2015 WCP	232.7909
52	RENSCHEN Lisa	USA	46	47.75	116.0	2011 PAM	232.6694
53	WEISMAN Jessica	USA	37	67.11	166.0	2015 IWF	232.1773
54	GOZAR-CARPENTER Veronica	USA	49	47.45	111.0	2014 PAM	232.1563
55	KOVTUN Lidiya	RUS	36	66.70	167.0	2011 IWF	231.6824

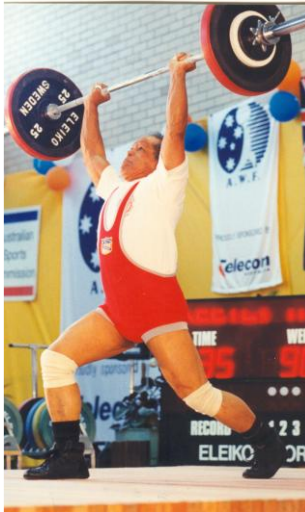
In Remembrance



OLDRICH LEXA
Champion of Sports
BORN: December 11, 1933 DIED: 2009



GEORG SCHALL
The Best
BORN: August 8, 1934 DIED: 2011



HARRISON SKEETE
WEIGHTLIFTER EXTRAORDINAIRE
BORN: October 1, 1921 DIED: March 2008



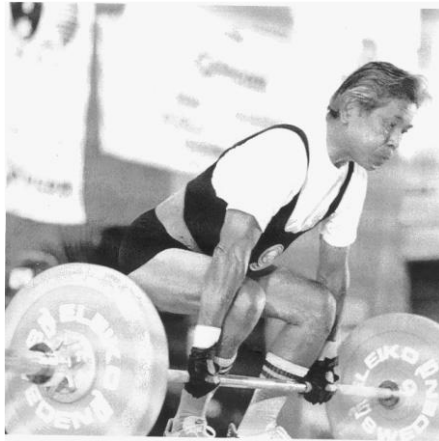
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DIED: 2009

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Rank	Athlete	Country	Age	Body Weight	Total	Meet	Formula Total
1	PERRON Marcel	CAN	81	76.05	147.0	2014 PAM	531.1346
2	HUSZKA Mihaly	HUN	82	83.60	136.0	2015 WCP	494.6027
3	SAITL Karel	CZE	82	66.15	119.0	2006 IWF	494.3049
4	SANTANA Juan	PUR	83	79.80	127.5	2003 IWF	486.7499
5	TAKEUCHI Dan	USA	79	74.04	152.0	2007 PAM	486.4222
6	HENDERSON Charles	AUS	80	59.40	120.0	2002 WMG	471.0571
7	KUZNETSOV Viktor	RUS	70	73.50	195.0	2000 EUR	468.9834
8	MCCONNELL Laurence	IRL	68	91.45	224.0	2013 EUR	460.8800
9	RACK Viktor	GER	70	84.40	199.0	2010 EUR	459.7430
10	LANO Charles	USA	77	103.30	145.0	1999 PAM	456.7687
11	CHEVRIER Emery	CAN	72	82.03	183.0	2008 IWF	453.8785
12	SERRANO Pedro	PUR	73	61.50	150.0	2004 PAM	448.1303
13	RAMOS Donald Edward	USA	76	94.20	180.0	2009 WMG	446.9106
14	KULIKOV Egor	RUS	70	60.50	158.0	2011 EUR	446.6926
15	MOSE Gunter	GER	72	92.79	191.0	2008 EUR	446.4116
16	BRETAGNE Jean Jacques	FRA	82	61.40	102.0	2010 EUR	445.5069
17	KULIKOUSKI Pavel	BLR	71	84.95	195.0	2016 EUR	445.2207
18	MROSACK Werner	GER	83	75.60	115.0	1996 EUR	443.3074
19	JAKOBSSON Erik Stefan	SWE	59	93.40	263.0	2006 EUR	441.8710
20	SUVAR Salih	TUR	67	83.35	210.0	2016 EUR	440.4824
21	DENI William	USA	79	74.41	138.0	2006 IWF	440.3003
22	YOUNGER Vladimir	AUS	87	61.55	82.5	1999 IWF	437.4000
23	SZEPESSY Laszlo	HUN	72	90.40	188.0	2015 EUR	436.3882
24	ARESHKA Dzmityr	BLR	42	102.87	342.0	2013 WMG	435.9926
25	LINKOWSKI Marian	POL	78	76.45	146.0	2012 IWF	433.4688
26	LUKAC Rudolf	SVK	36	75.70	315.0	2005 EUR	432.5623
27	BAZIUCHENKO Petro	UKR	77	84.30	161.0	2007 EUR	431.6903
28	POPILKA Vclav	CZE	83	68.75	101.0	2012 IWF	428.9445
29	KAPLAN Teddy	ISR	70	68.50	165.0	2005 EUR	428.7982
30	KURNEV Alexander	RUS	67	75.10	195.0	2014 WCP	428.2083
31	KINNUNEN Tapio	SWE	61	79.81	225.0	2015 IWF	428.0829
32	SARKISIAN Yourik	AUS	41	61.35	260.0	2002 WMG	427.7002
33	SUSHCHAK Vladimir	RUS	38	132.60	374.0	2010 EUR	426.8518
34	ZHILYAYEV Vladimir	AZE	68	94.00	210.0	2016 EUR	426.2066
35	KATSURAGAWA Kozo	JPN	75	68.39	147.0	2013 WMG	426.0120
36	STAREGA Roman	POL	70	66.45	160.0	2011 EUR	424.0759
37	VISHNYAKOV Viktor	RUS	74	87.05	170.0	2012 IWF	422.9613
38	PITSIS Christopher	GRE	79	58.60	113.0	2010 IWF	422.9275
39	NEDVETSKIY Marian	RUS	75	83.06	165.0	2015 IWF	422.3157
40	IURKEVYCH Gennadii	UKR	42	81.35	299.0	2012 IWF	421.5909
41	GYURKOVICS Ferenc	HUN	35	104.50	359.0	2014 EUR	421.2929
42	PETER Rolf	GER	73	82.85	167.0	2011 EUR	420.4251
43	BOMBACI Maurizio	ITA	38	68.70	280.0	2013 WMG	420.4098
44	ROVATTI Andrea	ITA	42	116.60	343.0	2011 IWF	419.4647
45	STRANGE Robert	USA	75	91.45	170.0	2011 PAM	419.2509
46	MATZKU Juergen	AUT	44	93.20	309.0	2010 EUR	417.4396
47	CHAVIGNY Roland	FRA	64	76.60	205.0	2014 EUR	416.3422
48	EPSHTEYN Lev	USA	80	63.82	110.0	2013 PAM	416.0468
49	TOPER Michael	UKR	67	68.50	180.0	2006 EUR	415.9926

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50	KOZEMOV Albert	RUS	73	76.06	158.0	2005 WMG	415.4170
51	MORGAN David	GBR	41	83.30	302.0	2005 WMG	415.1369
52	GREENBLATT Richard	USA	82	73.80	107.0	2011 IWF	414.8921
53	KRISTJANSSON Gisli	ISL	51	104.33	292.0	2015 IWF	414.8279
54	MARTYNYUK Vasyl	UKR	42	103.00	326.0	2011 IWF	414.5572
55	KUZNESTOV P	RUS	36	97.40	357.5	1997 EUR	414.0812
56	SIGURDSSON Gudmundur	ISL	60	97.53	246.0	2006 IWF	413.8945
57	MEDVEDEV Yuriy	RUS	73	70.55	150.0	2011 IWF	413.2173
58	CSIZMADIA Karoly	HUN	80	90.00	133.0	2014 EUR	412.8206
59	SADOWSKI Wolfgang	GER	75	91.60	167.0	2012 EUR	411.5570
60	TOMCHENKO Igor	UKR	44	118.00	330.0	2014 IWF	411.4911
61	SKEETE Harrison	USA	81	86.80	125.0	2002 PAM	411.1178
62	RADSCHINSKY Karl-Heinz	GER	53	77.00	254.0	2006 EUR	410.8220
63	PROHL Karel	CZE	61	57.84	176.0	2008 IWF	410.6266
64	NIKITIN Artur	RUS	39	104.80	336.0	2009 EUR	410.2953
65	SCHEKOTOVSKIY Aleksander	RUS	68	92.60	200.0	2014 WCP	409.2373
66	NEGWER Guenter	GER	68	60.70	157.5	1998 EUR	409.1040
67	MOLNAR Gabor	HUN	37	76.28	295.0	2009 WMG	409.0897
68	HAATANEN Yrjo	FIN	71	59.98	140.0	2004 IWF	409.0776
69	KAZMIRSKI Vladimierz	POL	62	75.20	210.0	2004 EUR	409.0489
70	HADLOW Terence Russel	CAN	58	82.75	233.0	2015 PAM	408.9685
71	LEGEL Walter	AUT	56	69.35	227.5	1996 IWF	408.9097
72	IMAHARA Walter M.	USA	60	64.00	195.0	1997 IWF	408.7743
73	TSIMERBAYEU Albert	BLR	40	77.05	292.5	2004 EUR	408.7147
74	TRABOULSI Mohamed GHORBANALI TEHRANI	LIB	46	83.00	295.0	1996 IWF	408.2598
75	Mohammed	IRI	71	84.40	170.0	2014 WCP	408.1564
76	STEINER Friedrich	AUT	63	82.50	217.5	2002 WMG	408.0489
77	GOEGEBUER Tom	BEL	36	61.95	261.0	2011 EUR	408.0069
78	MUEHLBAUER Maximilian	GER	60	68.60	201.0	2006 EUR	407.3850
79	COHEN Howard	USA	82	66.55	98.0	2014 PAM	407.3726
80	HAL Mykhaylo	UKR	41	104.50	325.0	2012 EUR	407.2797
81	ZYCZKOWSKI Ryszard	POL	38	75.45	300.0	1995 EUR	407.1127
82	MAGDOLEN Anton	CZE	68	99.70	202.0	2015 EUR	407.0351
83	CHIRKOV Alexander	RUS	61	84.45	221.0	2014 WCP	406.9756
84	TUERK Richard	AUT	70	100.70	200.0	1997 IWF	406.9522



WAYNE OYAFUSO

HAWAIIAN LEGEND

DIED: JANUARY 28, 2006

In Remembrance

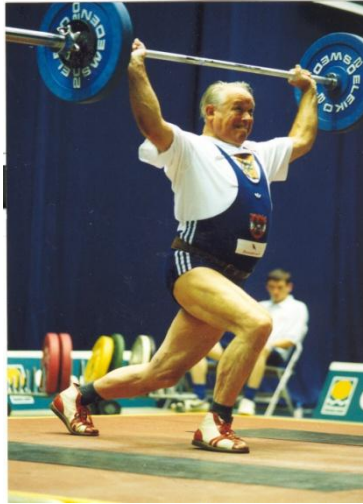


HUBERT HUBER

WEIGHTLIFTER EXTRAORDINAIRE

DIED: JULY 2005

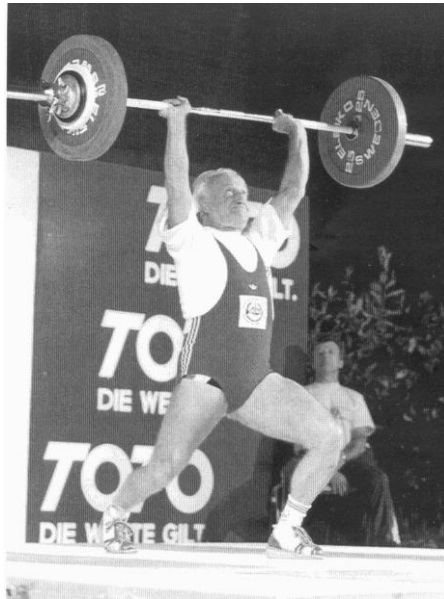
In Remembrance



Anton Huber
Born in 1930 Died 2014
In Remembrance



In Memory of Rudi Seidel A Lifter for Life died 12 April 2018



KARL DUCHON

Gold Medal Winner

BORN: September 25, 1920 - DIED: June 15, 2002

In Memory



WALTER MUCKSTEIN

Valuable Referee

BORN: 1930 - DIED: April 1, 2002

In Memory

European Masters Hall of Fame

The European Hall of Fame was started in 1997 by the European Masters Executive Committee and strongly led by its Chairman Walter Legel. All the members of the Hall of Fame were selected on merit and they too have impressive weightlifting records and are worthy recipients of this honor. This is always done with fairness and impartiality.

1997	Walter Legel (AUT)	2005	Joachim Mittmann (GER)
	Rudi Sauerbeck (GER)		Andreas Wagner (GER)
	Edgar Zimpel (GER)		Gudrun Schmidberger (GER)
	Georg Sauerlachner (AUT)	2006	Bronwin Carter (GBR)
	Klaus Samer (GER)		Jean McConville (SCO)
1996	Georg Schall (GER)		Kurt Rosenberger (GER)
	Karel Saitl (CZE)		Peter Baziouchenko (UKR)
	Werner Mrosak (GER)		Klaus Obergfell (GER)
1997	Fritz Steiner (AUT)	2007	Matti Oksanin (FIN)
	Rudi Seidl (GER)		Gaby Forster (GER)
	Ferenc Szabo (HUN)	2008	Richard Hermann (GER)
	Sid Grant (GBR)		Johann Lichtenwoerther (AUT)
2000	John McNiven (SCO)		Magda Rollidou-Tsitsouola (GRE)
2001	Karl Duchon (AUT)		Janis Kerr (GBR)
2002	Geza Patrovics (HUN)		Albert Kozemov (RUS)
	Oldrich Lexa (CZE)	2010	Dagmar McSwain (GER)
	Stefan Jacobsson (SWE)		Miroslav Zyczkowski (POL)
2003	Danielle Segonzac (FRA)	2011	Gurdawar Desi (GBR)
	Margot Schukies (GER)		Holger Worm (GER)
	Ludmilla Prohlova (CZE)		Donald Walker (GBR)
	Alex Petrowski (GER)		Hans Ehlenz (GER)
	Antonin Spacil (CZE)		Martina Dosquet (GER)
	Karel (Prohl) (CZE)		Ute Hehl (GER)
2004	Marga Jorgensen (DEN)		
	Marie Orsagova (CZE)		
	Marian Linkowski (POL)		
	Hans Beisiegel (GER)		
	Jurgen Greiner (GER)		
		2014	Sabina Eschemann (GER)
			Denise Offerman (CYP)
			Piotr Kowalewski (POL)
			Eduard Zhyalka (BEL)
		2015	Claire Cameron (GBR)
			Caroline Charles (GBR)
		2016	Lene Larson (DEN)
			Susanne Perrone (ITA)
			Jan Hinrichsen (SWE)
			Vassili Zubov (RUS)
		2017	Annett Damme (GER)
			Dorthe Laundsen (DEN)
			Lev Nikiforev (RUS)

Pan American Masters Hall of Fame

The Pan American Hall of Fame was started in 1997 by the Pan American Masters Executive Committee and chaired by Pedro Serrano (PUR). All members of the Hall of Fame were selected on merit of their weightlifting history. This is done on a fair and impartial basis.

1997	Juan Santana (PUR)	2002	Chun Hon Chan (CAN)
	Pedro Serrano (PUR)	2003	Jorg L. Gonzalez (PUR)
	Walter Imahara (USA)	2004	Wendy Rodgers (CAN)
1998	Noi Phumchaona (USA)		Peter Miller (USA)
	Joe Amendalaro (USA)		Valero Fontanals (ESA)
	Gonzalo Gonzales (USA)	2005	Wallace Underhill (USA)
	David Pursley (USA)		Howard Cohen (USA)
	Emery Chevrier (CAN)		Wayne Oyafuso (USA)
1999	Marcel Perron (CAN)	2006	Felix Torres (PUR)
	Bill Nicholson (USA)		Robert N. Sweeney
	Harrison Skeete (USA)		Barbara Conley (USA)
2000	Chuck Meole (USA)	2007	Jack Leno (USA)
2001	Dr. David Meltzer (USA)		Howard A Bovell (USA)

In remembrance



WALTER LEGEL

Austrian Weightlifting Champion

BORN: June 29, 1940 - DIED: July 4, 1999



ADOLF SCHMIDT

High Ranking Champion from Austria

BORN: 1928 DIED: 1996

Present Members

JIM FERGUSON



Jim Ferguson's introduction to weightlifting was somewhat haphazard, he was born in 1938 in Perthshire in the middle of Highland Games country where virtually everyone would be involved in some athletic event. He dreamed of following his father into wrestling, however at the age of 5 years the family moved to Coatbridge, his current home, this was around 1943. At that time there were two POW camps in the town. One housed German Seamen and the other Polish Soldiers. He and his friends would often crawl through the bushes to watch the Polish soldiers training, they had no proper equipment, they improvised by using house bricks, tied onto each end of a broom shaft and that was the way Jim started training from 7 or 8 years of age until about 14 years old when a club was formed in the town.

There was no such thing as coaching you would buy a magazine and read all there was about weightlifting then try to duplicate the positions like split snatching and split cleans from black and white photographs. During his late teen years he participated in Olympic Wrestling, winning the Scottish Championships on numerous occasions and managed a 3rd place in the British Championships. He attained a 2nd Dan in Judo, he had a number of Scottish Highland Games throwing records, and was selected for 12 Highland Games Internationals.

The highlight of his weightlifting career was selection for the Commonwealth Games and establishing weightlifting records, he was Scottish senior and masters champion on numerous occasions and British, European and World Masters champion. He moved to London in 1960 and trained at Al Murray's gym in Fleet Street, when that gym closed he moved and joined Bethnal Green and Kentish Town gym's, where he lifted in the London League 2nd division under his original club Spur Gym.

Jim runs his own manufacturing company making exercise equipment, has a weight training gym and when time permits he works as a consulting engineer.

I also joined the 400 Sinclair points club.

ANDREW SEABER



Andrew (Andy) Seaber was born February 19th 1956 in Cambridge, UK. Much of his childhood was spent on his father's farm, where he believes he developed his strength and fitness.

He started competitive weightlifting aged 20 and continued for 10 years, his highest achievements at senior level being English Champion and 2nd place in the British Championships in 1985. After this he ceased weightlifting to concentrate on his career as a Firefighter (retiring as Station Commander in 2009) and raising his family.

At the age of 44 his long time friend and coach David Morgan persuaded Andy to start lifting again and compete in the Masters Championships. In 2001 he won his first World Masters title in Kefalonia in the M45 69kg class and also broke the snatch World Masters Record at this competition, lifting 100.5kg. In total he has now won eleven World Masters Championships and broken 8 World Masters Records.

He believes his greatest achievement is the lift shown in this photograph, his 106kg World Record snatch (M50 69kg class), this being the only snatch record in any weight category for lifters over 50 years old that exceeds 150% of bodyweight. Andy said "although competition is fierce the friendships and camaraderie between lifters is fiercer, and that's what makes the competition so rewarding". He also added his great respect and appreciation for the hard work and commitment of the Officials.

FRED LOWE



Fred Lowe was born on November 19, 1947 and grew up in Lambertville, Michigan, USA. He was terribly active as a child, climbing trees, running sprint races with his friends, and walking around his parents' home on his hands.

He learned the (then 3) Olympic lifts in July 1965 after a high school athletic career as a wrestler and baseball player. Within a year he placed second in the U.S. National Teenage Championships and within three years qualified for his first of three U.S. Olympic Teams. He continued to compete from 1965-1983 with the following highlights: Eight U.S. National Championships
Competed in three Olympiads for U.S. (1968-8th, 1972-9th, 1976-11th)
Six U.S. Records (4 clean and jerk, 2 total)
Best lifts in open competition: 135kg snatch, 182.5kg clean & jerk @ 74.9kg

After a knee injury in 1983, Fred took a ten-year break from weightlifting competition. In 1993, at the age of 46, he returned at the urging of some Masters competitors. This was the year that the Masters program came under the IWF umbrella with PED testing for Continental and World Masters competitions.

Masters career highlights include nine World Masters gold medals 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2010, 2011) in five different weight divisions: 62, 69, 76, 77, 85. World Masters Records Set: 1993 Snatch 107.5kg @ 76kg, 1996 Snatch 108kg, Clean & Jerk 138kg @ 76kg, 1997 Clean & Jerk 140 @ 76kg, 1999 Clean and Jerk 140.5 kg @ 83kg, 2001 Snatches 98.5kg and 100kg, Clean & Jerks 125.5kg and 130kg, Totals 225 & 230kg @ 69kg. This clean & jerk and total still stand as World Masters Records.

Fred lives with his wife Chrisann in DeWitt, Michigan, USA. His daughter Casey and son Frederick eventually both competed in weightlifting, with Casey qualifying for and competing in two U.S. Nationals.

Son Frederick has presented him with two granddaughters and two grandsons. Fred is currently a fitness instructor at a community college and conducts private skill sessions for those wanting to improve their snatch and clean and jerk.

Fred has been inspired by the athletes in the Masters program since the very first time he attended and competed in 1993. He feels that Masters athletes in all sports are a shining example of positivity and motivation.

Vasily Petrovich Zubov



In 1943 Vasily Petrovich Zubov took to the podium for the first time and has since remained loyal to the sport of weightlifting without regard for age. He headed the Federation of weightlifting in Serpukhov, and continues to be active in the weightlifting Federation, Moscow region. He has competed in 18 World Masters Championships and is already training for next year's World Masters Games in New Zealand in the over 80+ age group.

Vasily Zubov during his studies at the military Academy, he was successful in shooting, Boxing, wrestling. Actively participated in cross, ski and Cycling races. This allowed him to participate in the competition in the decathlon. During his service in the army officer had been improving their sports skills. He became the champion of Chelyabinsk, Ukraine, the Urals weightlifting.

Since 1995, he has performed in competitions on weightlifting among veterans of the sport and achieved his weight amazing results. Became a 16-time champion of Russia, established 83 records. In addition, Vasily Petrovich always concerned about the development of weightlifting in Serpukhov, which became native to him. With his active participation the club was formed "I want to be strong. Vasily rightly bears the title "Honoured worker of physical culture of the Russian Federation".

Such victories at his home "wall of honour" 9 gold medals of the European Championships in Weightlifting and 2 gold medals of the World Masters Games and has the same dignity awards to Russian and World Championships. Vasily was also award into the European Masters Hall of Fame.

PIOTR KOWALEWSKI



Polish Champion Piotr Kowalewski was born in 1942. He began his weightlifting career in the 1960's. Throughout the years he has won many impressive titles – among these are:- 11 gold medals at the European Masters Championships, 11 gold medals at the World Masters weightlifting Championships, and 4 gold medals at the World Masters Games, (2002 Melbourne, 2005 Edmonton, 2009 Sydney, and 2013 Torino).

Piotr body best is 160kg (60 + 70),SMM 406.26 in group M70 obtained in Torino 2013.

In 2015 he entered the European Masters Hall of Fame. He was also awarded the gold medal by the Polish Association of Weightlifting and the gold medal in the of the Handball Association in Poland. He is the founder of the weightlifting sports club “Wiokniarz”, in Konstantynow Lodz. His club Wiokniarz, should be proud to have such an amazing lifter in the ranks.

Piotr wife Teresa and his two daughters Candice and Magdalena have always been his biggest supporters.

Piotr has a degree in Economics and Engineering and his hobby is breeding dogs – German Shepherds.

CORINNE GROTENHUIS

Corinne Grotenhuis was born September 16, 1965. She started weightlifting at the age of 15 under coach Mike Huszka from Hungary. She attended the second annual womens weightlifting championships near her home in St. Charles, Illinois, and fell in love with the sport.



Corinne has been Olympic weightlifting for the past 33 years. Currently she is one of two women who have been lifting since women's weightlifting started in the USA back in 1981.

Weightlifting was such a priority for Corinne, that school and social activities became less important.

Corinne is the only weightlifter in the USA that has attended 22 senior national meets, even participating as a master lifter. She was inducted in the US Masters Hall of Fame both as a lifter and a contributor. She is the co-assistant competition secretary for all of the master meets in USA, and recently held the largest Pan Am Masters meet in the history of the Pan Ams.

She has been the women's chair for USA Masters for the past several years and currently holds the women's chair on the Pan American board.

As her career as a lifter comes to an end due to a knee injury, she has focused more on assisting in running meets and hopes to obtain Cat 1 referee status in December, 2013. Due to the love of the sport, helping out at meets she feels is the best way she can give back to the sport she loves.

DAGMAR MCSWAIN



Dagmar McSwain was born in Znaim at this time Austria on the 5th July 1944, nowadays Czechoslovakia, and Austria.

Her mother was sent to the countryside, because of food hardship in Vienna. After the last world war and the death of her father, she went back to Vienna.

She was going to school there and after the first eight years I went to a special school for Chemistry, which she studied for four years. After that she worked in research at OMV (Motor oil), and later in development of plastic material and vanish in Dusseldorf Germany. Dagmar married Mr McSwain in 1966 and had her daughter Charlotte in 1967 and in 1970 her son Anthony.

In 1973 she went back to work again, working as a chemist searching for the possibility of clean, easy and fast, atomic waste, and polluted water in Wiesbaden. In 1983 she went to Bavaria and worked at the Technical University of Munich, to find ways or cleaning polluted water from Chemical waste. After divorce in 1989, she moved to Hohenthann and worked in Landshut checking the quality of water in case of plant-protective agent pollution until 2006.

In 1987 I started with power lifting. In 1997 was my start for weightlifting.

Then in 2001 she started National and International lifting in Power and weightlifting, and her first European Masters was in Teplice in 2001 and first World Masters was in 2004 in Baden near Vienna. In 2006 she suffered poor health when diagnosed with breast cancer and at that stage quit the power lifting and since then has been around the weightlifting seen which she enjoys very much, meeting people every year. Dagmar also worked for seven years as leader and trainer of the weightlifting section of her club. Now she concentrates only youth training and enjoys the work with the kids.

BILL CLARK

Bill Clark started the US Masters Weightlifting and Powerlifting programs in 1974 – finally succeeded in having the first meet in 1975. After he turned the USAW Masters over to Walter Imahara (simultaneously with Ernie Frantz breaking out the US powerlifting masters) Bill started the United States All-Around Weightlifting Association (which covers all ages from 11 to infinity). The All-Rounds are mostly limited to Australia, Britain and the USA so far as participants are concerned.



Bill have been active in sports of all kinds for over 50 years, both as an athlete and as an administrator. He refereed college and professional basketball for many years until his knees gave out. He ran many lifting meets in the Missouri area, including pioneering prison meets before he started the Masters program.

He has been a top official of the Audubon Society at the state and regional level for many years. His principal occupation has been a professional baseball scout. He was with the Cincinnati Reds and later with the Atlanta Braves. Currently Bill works with the San Diego Padres. He has traveled extensively in this country and in Central America, Australia, the Caribbeans and South America. He is a member of the IWF-Masters Hall of Fame and the USAW Masters Hall of Fame. He has set many records in the All-Round lifts, primarily heavy lift. Bill is probably proudest of his being an honoree of the AOBS (joining such luminaries as Tommy Kono, Norbert Schemansky, Bill Pearl, Peary Raeder, and John Grimek). Thanks Bill for all your past and continuing contributions to the sport of weightlifting.

By: C. Jack Lano

Bill Clark is the dreamer and founder of the Masters Weightlifting as it exist today. Bill started the program in 1974 for the U.S. Masters. This was the beginning. In 2003 we have over 3000 registered master lifters representing 50 nations. The World Masters became a part of the IWF in 1992. Every four years we have the World Masters Games and since 1986 we have the IWF-World Masters Championships annually as well as the European Masters and Pan American Masters. Special thanks from all the Masters in the World.

by Walter Imahara, Chairman, IWF-Masters Committee

CORAL QUINELL

Born 12 August, 1957, in Australia. Coral always strove to be healthy and active. After the completion of her qualifications she became involved in the running of the Northern Territory Aerobic Championships.

She established a Fitness Centre at the Northern Territory University and trained athletes for the University Games. As weight training was part of their discipline she started training herself to become a better coach. For the first eight years she was involvement in the sport of power lifting and represented her State on the National and International stage, setting 13 world power lifting records over all three disciplines.



Always looking for the next challenge, Olympic Weightlifting came next. She competed in her first World Masters Weightlifting Championships in Melbourne 2002 where she set new World Records and won the Best Lifter Award and she has been an active Masters Lifter ever since, winning more titles and establishing many more weightlifting records.

Having gained so much enjoyment personally and professionally from the sport Coral sought to give back some of the knowledge and experiences she was privileged to have had. This led to her assisting with organizing the first national women's training camp to promote the sport of Weightlifting in Australia.

Coral has been appointed to the National Masters Panel and has involvement with the International Masters Federation; she will continue to help others achieve their personal goals.

Leslie Simonton

Les was born August 3, 1958, and has been involved in Masters weightlifting as a lifter as well as an official and has competed both nationally in the US and internationally at Pan-American and World Masters weightlifting championships between 1999 and 2010.



He has worked tirelessly at updating and correcting our Hall of Fame programme combining information from different qualifying criteria from 1985 to the present time with paper records to electronic files. A task that is made even harder due to the fact that not all information has been captured and displayed in a consistent manner from the way dates of birth have been displayed and participants names and country information.

In recognition of his hard work we would like to present Les with the Chairman's Special Award.

JOHN McNIVEN MBE

Sportsman Extraordinaire

John McNiven began lifting weights with two friends when he was 18. As he made progress his friends lost interest but happily for the sport of weightlifting, John was already bitten by the iron bug, so severely that 40 years on he is still a dedicated enthusiast.

It didn't matter what lift it was; John would have a go. At the age of 45 and weighing 56 kg, John could press 90 kg, left and right hand snatch 47.5 kg and right hand clean and jerk 52.5 kg, right hand dead lift 122.5 kg and straight-arm pullover 45 kg. Of course, it is for his ability on the "Olympic Three" that he has earned recognition. This aspect of his career began in 1962 when he became a Scottish Weightlifting Champion. This title he proudly and successfully defended for 25 years, an awesome feat. During this time he gained six British Championships and represented Scotland in six consecutive Commonwealth Games, from Jamaica 1966 to Edinburgh 1986. In the last, and at the age of 51, he missed out on a bronze medal by a whisker. For Great Britain, he competed in two World and three European Championships and has competed in 24 countries around the world from Austria to Puerto Rico.



Since the advent of Masters lifting in Great Britain, John has regularly won British titles for both weightlifting and powerlifting. He took part in the first World Masters Championships in Colorado 1985 and won his class. He is one of only a handful of lifters who have attended all the World Masters Championships and even rarer has won 15 times. In addition, and only three weeks after winning in Aalborg, Denmark, 1989, he competed in Frankfurt in the World and European Masters Powerlifting Championships, winning this too with a mighty last attempt deadlift to reverse the positions of the previous year when he had to settle for silver. To his credit John is one of the few lifters who has put back into lifting as much as he has taken out. Early in his career he became a Coach for the British Weightlifting Association and for 32 years has regularly coached up-and-coming lifters in his club. He is a Class I IWF referee and holds the IWF gold medal of honor for services to lifting. Twice he has been chosen as Sportsman of the Year for his hometown of Glasgow and is a longtime member of the Executive Committee of the Sports Council for Glasgow. A truly great Ambassador for lifting - John McNiven we salute you!

Special thanks to John for being the 1999 IWF-Masters Meet Director in Glasgow, Scotland. By: Jim Smith and IWF-Masters Committee

2000 European Masters Hall of Fame

FRIEDRICH STEINER

Prize Pioneer

My school friend, Walter Legel, was really the reason that I started with weightlifting on May 1st, 1957. His father who is still alive and 94 years old, had a place behind his pub (Krafsport-Verein Bruck Ander Leitha) where we trained. This was in 1953 and as school boys, we tried to play with the bars. As I really started weightlifting training in 1957, a couple of week later Walter followed me. Now for many years, we are together as real sport friends. I was training twice a week in the weight class 82.5, 129 kg Snatch and 162.5 Clean and Jerk. Walter Legel at this time already was participating in the Austrian National team and in 1960 the Olympic Games in Rome, Italy.



In 1985 we both started as master lifters. It was a new area in Colorado Springs, CO (USA). The second time we participated in Deutsch Wagram, Austria with the help of Bill Clark. This was a breakthrough for the Masters movement. Up until now I have participated in all 23 Championships and 20 times I have carried off the first prize in his bodyweight class and 1 third place. I have participated in 13 European Championships. I am still lifting for my team in my club in Moedling, Austria. I am very proud of my son, Matthias, who is following my footsteps. He is 21 years old and lifts in the 94 kg class with 135 Snatch and 165 Clean and Jerk. So long as I am fit, I will lift. That's my wish.

By Austrian Weightlifting Federation Masters Committee

We, the members of the IWF-Masters Hall of Fame, are very proud to have Frederich Steiner as our number one leader in the 2005 Survey of Hall of Fame. Frederich is an inspiration to all our members and sets a fine example of those who are behind him. We wish you continued success in the Masters Program.

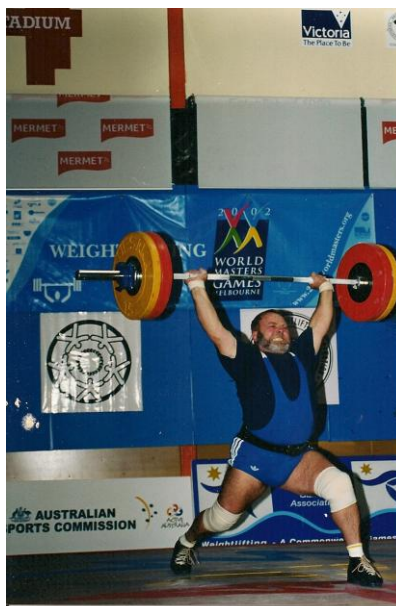
By: Walter Imahara, Chairman, IWF-Masters Program

1999 European Masters Hall of Fame

JOACHIM MITTMANN

Joachim Mittmann was born in Breslau, Germany, in March 1936, and now lives in Berlin. He started his sporting career at the age of 14 when he played football and also was involved in athletics. He discovered weightlifting at the age of 22 and competed at both weightlifting and athletics until he turned 65 years of age when he decided to focus only on weightlifting.

Joachim competed at the Berlin Championships and won 6 golds and the East German Masters Championships which he won 15 times in the 90 kg class. After German unification he participated in the German Masters Championships and moved up to the 105kg class and so far has won 4 golds. His best lifts were 115kg snatch and 155kg clean & jerk, 270kg total when he was in age group 2.



He has competed in European Masters, World Masters as well as World Masters Games Championships and accumulated 9 gold, 14 silver and 5 bronze medals and there is no stopping him as he has proven here in Lviv.

Joachim has one daughter and two sons, unfortunately, he lost his wife last year but I am sure they all are proud of his achievement.

2005 European Masters Hall of Fame

SANDRA SMITH-VOKROJ

Sandra Smith-Vokroj was born in East London, England, in 1962, after her parents had emigrated from Jamaica two years earlier. She enjoyed sports from an early age as it was one way of getting out of doing household chores, her actual sporting career began at the age of 15 when she started playing basketball and made the England trials when she was 16,



Unfortunately, not making the final team selection for her country. Not having been selected did not stop Sandra from continuing with ball games but changed to netball at the age of 18 and played against Australia when she was disappointed again when not chosen for the England team.

While at college Sandra took up athletics trying a number of disciplines finally deciding on the shot putt, she was so committed to her sport that college took second place as she often would miss afternoon lessons by jumping out of classroom windows and going training instead. This time she was selected to represent her country from 1983 – 1985.

In 1985 at the age of 23 she sustained a serious lower back injury and was told she had to stop athletics or risk ending up in a wheelchair. This was devastating news but fate brought her to weightlifting. She won her first national championship in 1986 in the 75kg class and qualified for the first official women's weightlifting championships held in Daytona Beach in 1987. During 1987 – 1994 Sandra competed in 4 senior world and 7 senior European championships and won the European Union Championships in 1990. She also has participated in power lifting at international level winning two medals at the world championships in 1997 and broke the British deadlift record with 220 kg.

Sandra's master's career started in 1998 at the World Masters Games in Portland, Oregon. Her greatest moment came at the European Masters Championships becoming Master's Champion despite having to overcome various serious injuries sustained in her job as a prison officer.

Sandra knows that her time as a masters lifter will soon have to come to an end, her long term aspirations are to continue the sport through coaching and developing lifters of all ages. She is very proud to have run the first women's workshop in Poland in 2010 at the world masters championships.

MICHAEL HUSZKA

International Ambassador

Michael Huszka was introduced to weightlifting by a friend at the age of 18 and he has devoted his life to the sport ever since. He started training with train wheels attached to a bar. His first coach told him he would never be a lifter, but Mike certainly proved him wrong. In 1955, he competed against that same coach and beat him by 2.5 kg. Before he left Hungary in 1965, he was a famous Hungarian champion and represented his country well with 6th place at the 1960 Rome Olympic Games in the 67.5 kg weight class, and 6th place at the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games in the 75 kg class. He was second in two World Championships: 1962 in Budapest, Hungary and 1963 in Stockholm, Sweden when he tied for 1st place but lost on bodyweight.

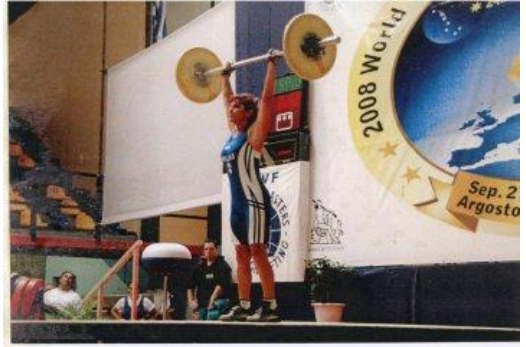
In 1967 he came to the United States and became a citizen in 1973. He was involved in coaching and lifting. Mike has won 16 World Masters Championships and 26 U.S. National Masters Championships. Mike has shown his love of the sport of weightlifting through his years of competition, coaching and involvement in promoting weightlifting on the local, national and international level. He was the owner of the Nebraska Fitness Center in North Platte, Nebraska. In 1993, he was inducted into the USA National Masters Hall of Fame. In April 2000, he received a special one time "GRAND MASTER OF THE CENTURY" award from the USA National Masters Committee. In April 2001 the USA National Masters Committee presented Mike Huszka a prestigious award to honor him for being a former Olympian who has supported and competed in masters lifting for 25 years.



By U.S. Masters Committee

MAGDALENA ROLLIDOU-TSITSOULA

Magdalena Rollidou-Tsitsoula was born in Thessaloniki, Greece in November 1951. She started her athletic career at the age of 10 and participated in team sports as basketball, volleyball, beach volleyball, swimming and shooting. Magdalena became the first Greek female referee in basketball and volleyball in 1980. She is currently President of the Masters Athletic Championship Association for Rhodes and a commissar for the Basketball Games in Greece.



She graduated from Greek University in 1973 with a degree in business administration and started work as a manager in the Ministry of Agriculture. In 1977 got married to a military officer and has two children, a daughter and son now in their early thirties and she has passed on her interest in sports as both her children are athletes.

Magdalena joined her weightlifting club in 1991 and has competed in World Masters and European Masters weightlifting championships as well as Athletics in World Masters Games, European Games, Balkan Championships competing in javelin, shot put, discus, long jump, high jump, triple jump and weight throwing, winning many medals and setting many new records. To date, Magdalena has won 10 World Masters and another 10 European Masters weightlifting medals.

She is a truly dedicated athlete and an inspiring example for women with a truly competitive spirit.

2008 European Masters Hall of Fame

DONALD KELLET WALKER

Don was born in Bolton, Lancashire, in 1932. He commenced weightlifting in June 1950 after failing his medical for the National Service due to severe asthma and has been a competitive weightlifter for over 60 years. In June 1950 he was the North West Counties Junior Champion and runner-up in the N.W. Strength Set, a forerunner to power lifting.



Until 1959 Don regularly organized and competed in the N.W. Divisional Championships and in 1958 represented the North of England against the South of England at the annual Health and Strength Display at the Scala Theatre in London. During the 1950's he was three times British Civil Service Champion. After a move to Yorkshire in 1974 Don was unable to find a weightlifting club in the area so began power lifting and in 1984 came second in the 90kg class in the British Masters Power lifting Championships.

Don started Masters Weightlifting in the early 1980's and has been British Champion many times over the years at various body weight and age categories. He first competed in the World Masters in 1988 in Orlando, Florida, when it was held in December. To date Don has won one gold, eleven silver and one bronze medal at the World Masters Championships as well as four gold, nine silver and one bronze medal at the European Masters Championships and held four European Masters records. He also participated in the World Winter Games in 1988 in Ottawa, Canada, and won his class.

Until the age of 75 he was Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee of the British Weightlifters Association working actively against drug taking and has been presented with the Award of Merit plaque.

2011 European Masters Hall of Fame

WALTER IMAHARA

World Class Winner

Walter Imahara was born in Sacramento, California in 1937 to second generation Japanese-American parents. The family was in the grape-chicken farming business when World War II began. Walter and his family spent 3 1/2 years in the Relocation Camps, starting in California and ending in Arkansas. Walter starting weightlifting in college and he won 3 collegiate championships and then six U.S. National championships. He won the gold medal in the 1967 Pan American Games and ended his career in 1968. His highest placing in the World Championships was 4th.



In 1980, Walter started his lifting career in Masters lifting, and since then he has won 25 National Masters Championships and 16 Pan American and NACACI Masters Championships. He has won 10 gold medals in the World Masters Championships and he currently holds two World Masters records. Masters founder Bill Clark remarked that Walter, as National Team Coach, drives himself as hard as a Master as he did in his youth. He continues to train with tremendous intensity, and is committed to performing at the very highest international level. Among former U.S. Senior National Champions, Walter is the one who is most actively involved in Masters lifting. Currently Walter is the IWF-Masters Committee Chairman and promotes the interests of all Masters throughout the world. What most distinguishes his style of leadership is that he always takes direct personal responsibility for making sure that important tasks are accomplished correctly and on time, and that urgent issues are addressed before they turn into unmanageable problems. He has been responsible for the regular publication of the IWF-Masters Newsletter, which links together the worldwide Masters community. His deep commitment to our Masters sport, and his intense pride in its achievements and progress, have been major factors in the continuing international growth of Masters weightlifting. Walter has always said that weightlifting is "Number One" in his life, and his actions prove that this is in fact the truth!

By Dr. David Meltzer, IWF-Masters Committee

1998 PAN AMERICAN MASTERS HALL OF FAME

RUBE HOWES

Master Example

Rube Howes of Queensland, Australia is an example of a person who is determined not to allow seemingly overwhelming problems to force him into a life of sedentary inactivity. He is a 74 year-old retired electronics technician who got his first set of weights at the age of 16 (50 kg barbell set). Within a few weeks he was able to press that weight with one hand.

At 18 he joined the R.A.A.F. and went to England in 1943. He was attached to an R.A.F. Squadron (218) in bomber command on Lancasters as a rear gunner and completed 36 missions over enemy territory, including a special decoy operation for D-Day. He occasionally exercised with weights at various air force bases when they were available. Rube entered his first competition at age 36 after six weeks of preparation and pressed 100 kg, snatched 81 kg and clean and jerked 112.5 kg. In 1972 at age 50, he suffered the first of three heart attacks.

Six months later, he entered a competition and pressed 130 kg, snatched 97.5 kg, and clean and jerked 137.5 kg, then retired from competitive lifting.

He had two more heart attacks, the last one in 1978. After a massive stroke on the 29th of July, 1986, resulting in damage to 40% of his brain and the inability to talk for three months, he was paralyzed down the right side. Rube recovered through weight training and one year later on July 11, 1987 he managed to clean and jerk 100 kg which exceeded the World Record. He attended the World Masters Championships in December 1988 and since then has won 12 gold and one silver medal.

By Bill Keir, Australian Masters Committee



in 2003, at the IWF World Masters in Savannah, Ga. Rube and his wife made the journey to the US as a final trip to the World Masters. Rube was given the farewell ceremony on the stage by the IWF Masters Hall of Fame Committee. We wish Rube the best for the best.

Walter Imahara, Chairman, IWF Masters Committee

JAN HELEBRANT

Jan Helebrant was born in Prague on the 18th February 1946 and started weightlifting in 1964 at the age of 18. He is a member of the Bohemian Praha weightlifting club. He was part of the Czechoslovakian national team from 1968 – 1975 and his best placing was at the World Championships in 1969 where he placed 15th. His best results were 112,5 kg in the snatch and 150 kg in the clean and jerk in the 60 kg class.



Jan was 6 times national champion as a senior lifter in three weight categories 52 kg, 56 kg and 60 kg classes and was a professional weightlifting coach from 1980 to 1984.

In 1990 Jan competed at his first World Masters Championships and has been a familiar face on the winner's podium in the World Masters Championships, the World Masters Games and European Masters Championships.

JAN HINRICHSEN

Jan Hinrichsen was born in Nyköping; Sweden 14 august 1953 and has a twin brother.

He started with sport very early participating in Track and Field. When he was 17 years old he injured himself throwing the discus and he couldn't continue with track and field sports. He started at the Police Academy when he was 18 and decided there that he would make weightlifting his sport. After only 2 weeks of actual weightlifting training he won the Sweden Police Championship and that was the start of his weightlifting career.



Not too long after starting weightlifting Jan became a coach and was coaching schoolchildren and also all the lifters in Stockholm's Police Weightlifting Club which went on to become one of the best clubs in Sweden. He was also Vice Chairman of the club for many years and then in the year 2000 he became Chairman. He is also a Vice Chairman of the Stockholm Weightlifting Federation and a member of the Swedish Weightlifting Federation and the Masters Section. He has also been an Anti Doping Officer in Sweden and he is also responsible for opening three different weightlifting clubs.

Within the Masters "family" Internationally Jan has been an important member of the European Masters Weightlifting Committee (the EMC) since 1999 and is currently a Vice Chairman of that Committee. He is also Vice Chairman in the IWF Masters Committee and he is very proud of his positions in the Masters and the fact that he is able to contribute to the International Masters Program.

He became an IWF CAT I Referee with help from Bill Barton who wrote a letter to the Swedish Federation asking them to help the EMC and allow Jan to take his IWF CAT I Referee's examination.

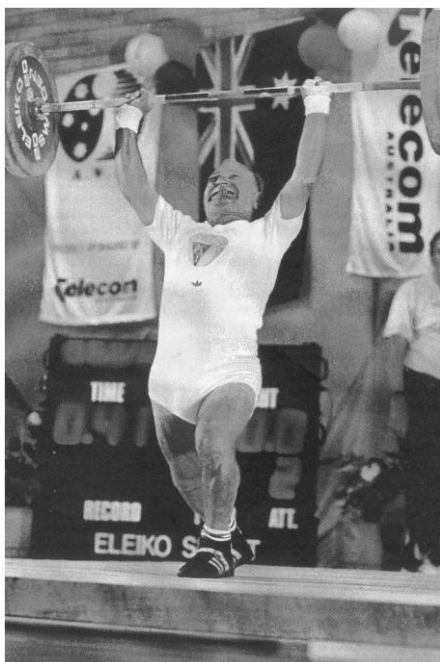
Everyone who competes in the IWF World and European Masters Weightlifting Championships knows Jan because he is physically big and his size is equaled by his big and friendly personality. He can be seen sitting on the Jury, helping organizers, helping lifters, helping to provide solutions when a problem arises, and helping just about everyone who asks him for help. He never refuses and he gives his help willingly and often. He is also a keen competitor and has won several medals in International Masters championships.

I first met Jan in Perth, Australia, in 1994, and formed an instant friendship with him that is stronger than ever now in 2008. His special Chairman's Award to Hall of Fame is another highlight in Jan's weightlifting career. When he was injured throwing the discus and turned to the sport of weightlifting, it was a loss to Track and Field, but a huge gain to weightlifting. Congratulations Jan.

(by Bill Barton, 7th August 2008)

REINHOLD JUNKES

*First Recipient of the IWF-Masters Hall of Fame
From Germany*



Reinhold Junkes was born in 1925 in Trier, Germany's oldest city. He began his weightlifting career at the age of 24 with the Traditions Club ASV Trier. In his over 47 years of lifting, he was always in the highest rank of lifters. His personal best performances in the 60 kg class were 80 kg snatch and 110 kg clean and jerk. As a Master he participated in 10 World Masters Championships. All of them were in the 67.5 kg class. With 7 World Championship Gold Medals, 2 seconds and 1 third, he is Germany's most successful senior lifter and the first German Master Lifter to enter into the IWF-Masters Hall of Fame.

By Hans Ehlenz, BVDG Masters Representative

RUDI SAUERBECK

Top Class Master

This 64-year-old weightlifter was born in the Schwaben area of Germany and later became involved with the Team TV Wetzgau, an athletic team noted for Germany's top class weightlifters. Rudi Sauerbeck is a 19-times European and 10 times World Masters Champion Weightlifter. He was inspired by his father, who won the Regional Championship and twice won the German Masters Weightlifting Championship. In 1957 Sauerbeck won his first title as German Youth Master in the featherweight class. Since then he has won 17 titles as a German Weightlifting Champion. His best result was at the 82.5 kg class with 432.5 kg at Fellbach, Germany. Rudi Sauerbeck has won medals at 20 World Masters Championships: 10 Gold, 6 Silver and 4 Bronze.



Rudi trains 5 times a week and he trains the youth of TV Wetzgau. Rudi was about 28 years chairman in a “do it yourself market” with about 700 employees.

By Kurt A. Rosenberger, German Masters Committee

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KLAUS OBERGFELL

All Round Athlete

Klaus Obergfell was born in Konstanz-Wollmatingen, Germany, on 13th September 1931. In his youth he was mainly interested in football and athletics until the early 1950's when he joined a weightlifting club and started winning regional competitions.

Klaus has been a very active person all his life participating in weightlifting, athletics, skiing and even some mountaineering over the last 50 years. He has been National, European and World Champion in Masters Weightlifting as well as in Veteran's athletics. When the World Masters Games were held in Australia Klaus took part in the High Jump where he came 2nd and the Heavy Hammer in which he came 3rd. He is also a keen Winter Sports fanatic and has participated in over 80 ski marathons.

Since 1984, Klaus has participated in German National Masters Championships, European Masters Championships, World Masters Championships and World Masters Games. He has won 22 times and placed amongst the top three 47 times in total.

Klaus says that he couldn't have done it without his wife Martha who has been accompanying him all over the world; he very much appreciates her help and support over the decades.



BARBARA BOYER

Barbara developed some shoulder problems and was told to join a gym for some general conditioning and weight strengthening exercises for her rotator cuff problems. 4 years later she, when she was nearly 58 years old, Barbara began weightlifting.

Barbara has competed in National, Pan Am and World Championships and when she competed in Kazcinbarchica she reached her milestone target of 100kg total.

She is living proof that age doesn't need to be a limiting factor for starting something new and she lives her life according to the motto:

“No matter what your age is strive to improve your health and lifestyle and success will be yours!”

Congratulations to Barbara for reaching the highest level of achievement in the IWF World Masters.



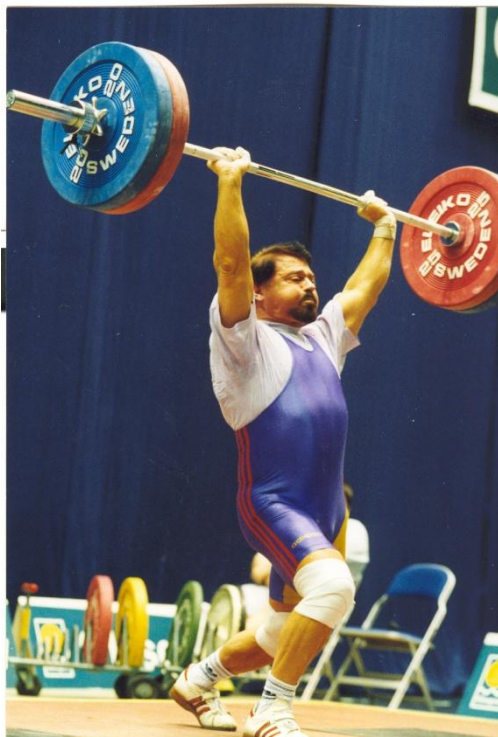
EDGAR ZIMPEL

World Champion Title

Edgar Zimpel was born in 1939 in Berlin, Germany. He started weightlifting very late in 1959 and joined a weightlifting club called "BEROLINA." In a very short time, he became a top weightlifter. His business brought him to Frankfurt/Main and he continued his weightlifting career. As a District Master Weightlifter, he never missed a Championship and he won 25 German National Masters titles. Presently he has won medals 14 times at the World Masters Championships: 8 times the Gold Medal, and 3 times the Silver and 1 Bronze. Behind Reinhold Junkes, he is the second top German Weightlifter with 7 World Titles.

He has won 11 European Championships. Edgar has his own business. He fought about 10 years in top team of German weightlifting. Edgar has two sons and is married for 43 years. Besides his work, he trains 3-4 times a week.

By Hans Ehlenz, BVDG Masters Representative

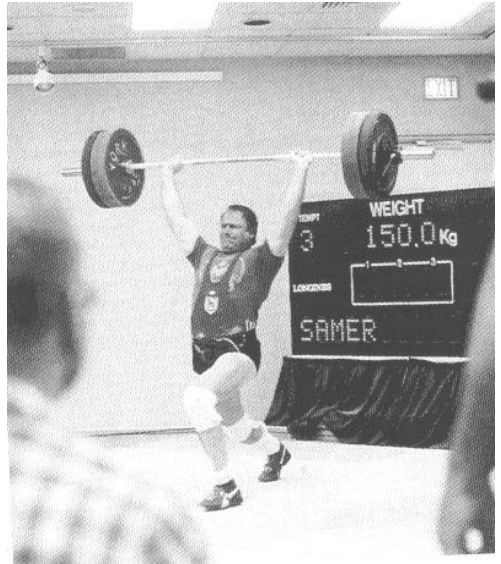


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KLAUS SAMER

German Giant

Klaus Samer, born in 1941, began his weightlifting career in 1962 with ASV Griesheim. He has remained faithful to this club without interruption until today, that is, for 36 years. As with his Hessian colleague Edgar Zimpel, one could describe Klaus Samer also as a later starter, since he also first found his way to the sport of weightlifting as a 21-year-old. In his career in the open division, he passed through every weight class from 75 kg to super heavy weight and was able to become Hessian champion six times. His best performances in the former 100 kg class were 127.5 kg in the snatch and 162.5 kg in the clean and jerk. As a Masters, there are eleven German Masters titles on the books for Klaus Samer. Six times he became European Masters Champion as well as three times coming in second. At the World Masters Championships he won championship title honors six times and added 8 second places, and once each third and twice fourth place. Since the 65 year old has indicated no intentions of withdrawing, we will see the congenial sportsman Klaus Samer as always with the Masters barbell, where he certainly will continue to be among the title contenders at Masters competitions.



By Kurt A. Rosenberger, German Masters Committee

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GEZA PATROVICS

Geza Patrovics was born in Hungary in 1954 and has been a successful weightlifter who has competed at many World Masters Weightlifting Championships as well as the European Masters Weightlifting Championships.



Geza competes in the 62kg class and has participated in 12 World Masters Championships. Recently he has won the World Championships in Savannah in 2003, Baden 2004, Bordeaux 2006 and Kazincbarcika in 2007.

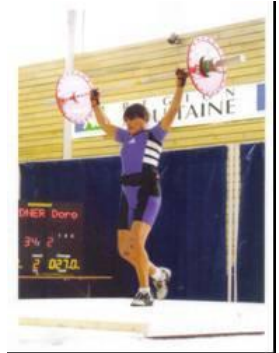
His love of weightlifting also makes him very proactive in organizing competitions and has served as competition director and event manager of many successful weightlifting competitions including the World Masters Weightlifting Championships in 2007 and the European Masters Weightlifting Championships in 1999.

Congratulations to Geza Patrovics for reaching the highest level of achievement in the IWF World Masters.

DOROTHY GARDNER

Dorothy Gardner, professor of psychology at Savannah State University's College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, is an internationally ranked weightlifter who holds world records in her age and weight class.

She became interested in Olympic weightlifting after the death of her husband – former University President – died suddenly of a heart attack in 1991. Gardner was already fit when she walked into Howard's Gym. Team Savannah's coach looked at Gardner as an opportunity to fairly quickly create a champion. He told her to enter an upcoming bench press competition. She complied and won a gold medal.



Gardner said that she was very depressed, so she came to Howard's Gym and he put her on the platform and she has been there since then. At first, Gardner said that she didn't have any goals when she started. But once she won a few medals, she got excited about it. Howard always said that she was strong because she grew up on a farm. Gardner began competitive weightlifting locally, becoming stronger with every competition. She then moved national and international competition; her first World gold medal was in Glasgow, Scotland. Her performance in that competition also won her a place in the record books – her 40 kg clean and jerk and 30 kg snatch and 70 kg total life score set a women's world record for her age and weight group.

Gardner noted that weightlifting is marked by technique rather than power – and it helps to have a great coach who not only teaches technique but demonstrates it as well. Howard Cohen, proprietor of Howard's Gym has been her trainer for the past 18 years. Gardner has won more than 30 gold medals during her weightlifting career. She has won nine National Masters gold medals; six World Masters gold medals – Florida, Australia, Austria, France, Canada and Savannah – three Pan American Masters – Savannah, Santo Domingo, Quebec, Savannah – Four Masters and eleven state and local Masters' competitions.

In addition to the numerous gold medals won by Gardner, she has received best lifter awards in every category of her competition – National Master, Pan American, Master American Masters and World Masters.

Gardner's enthusiasm for weightlifting is evident in the number of contests she participates. Whenever there is a competition, Gardner is there. Sometimes when competing locally, she is the only Masters Division lifter present, she simply smiles and lines up for introduction with all the little weightlifters; including Howard's granddaughter. She just loves the sport and the competitive spirit of weightlifting.

CHUCK MEOLE

And Getting Better

Chuck Meole was born in 1915 in Berwyn, Pennsylvania. He participated in football, baseball, and wrestling. He was a high school teacher and airplane-training specialist and served as an Army infantryman and in the U.S. Air Force. In 1961, back trouble motivated him to start a regular exercise program at the gym run by Alvin Roy. Only in 1984, at the suggestion of Coach Gayle Hatch, did he first begin weightlifting. As it turned out, his back problems disappeared after he started lifting weights.

Chuck competed in the first World Masters Championships in 1985 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He has competed in 15 World Masters Championships, as well as the World Masters Games. In 1990, he was forced to miss the World Masters Championships due to heart bypass surgery. However, since then, he has continued to compete successfully, winning many World and Pan American Masters titles, as well as setting many World and Pan American Masters Records. Chuck Meole has established an outstanding competitive record for Masters weightlifters in the highest age groups, which can serve as a model and a target for the younger generations of strength athletes.

By: U. S. Masters Committee



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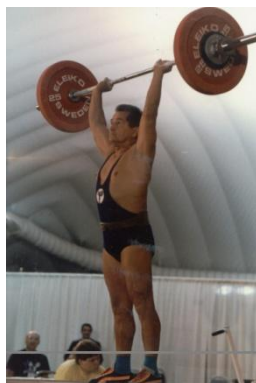
KAREL SAITL

A Giant For 59 Years

Karel Saitl began his weightlifting career in 1944, at the age of 20. During these wartime years, he worked 12 hours a day in an aircraft factory. A co-worker had asked him to join the heavy athletics club "Hellas" in Brno, then part of Czechoslovakia, to become a wrestler. In the gym, Saitl discovered dumbbells and a barbell. Although he had never seen or practiced weightlifting exercises, Saitl was able to perform the three Olympic lifts with precise technique after one brief demonstration. From that moment on, he was a weightlifter, and his wrestling career ended before it had started.

He won his first competition, the Moravian Championships, in 1945, with a three-lift total of 200 kg. During his military service in 1946-48, he carried a 50 kg dumbbell with him and lifted it every day. In 1947, he became the Czechoslovak champion in the 56 kg class with a total of 225 kg. He continued to pile up titles and was national champion of Czechoslovakia in the 60 kg class for an amazing 15 years. During this time (1947-1961) he was a member of the national team and broke 72 Czechoslovak records. His best performances were 90.5 kg in the press, 86 kg in the snatch, and 118 kg in the clean and jerk; his best total was 287.5 kg. His last record-in the press-was set at age 36. Saitl competed in the Olympic Games in Helsinki in 1952 and had his greatest success in 1953. In that year, he won the silver medal at the European Championships, and the bronze medal at the World Championships. He also won bronze at the 1956 European Championships. He left the national team undefeated. The coach of the national team, Bedrich Poula, offered Saitl the chance to become National Team Coach. Saitl promised he would do so, on the condition that he would first finish his active career as a lifter. The promise remained unfulfilled; Saitl did not have any idea that he would still be active 50 years later! Saitl won his first World Masters Championship in the 55-59 age- group, 60 kg class, with a total of 170 kg (72.5 kg snatch and 97.5 kg clean and jerk). He has won a total of 14 World Masters titles. He has also set many World Masters Records, in the age groups 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, and 80-84. He has also been European Masters Champion 12 times.

By: Czechoslovakian Masters Committee

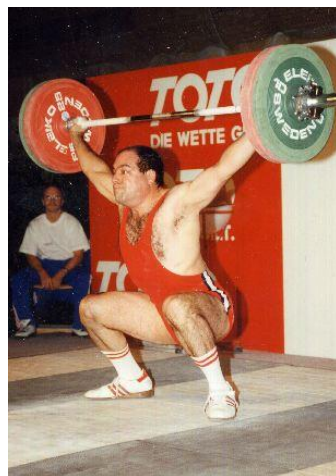


1998 EUROPEAN MASTERS HALL OF FAME

DR. DAVID E. MELTZER

PROMOTER OF THE MASTERS – WORLDWIDE

David Meltzer was born in 1952 in Brooklyn, New York. He started weightlifting at age 12, but for the next 23 years he trained without a coach and without a platform. During that time he concentrated on the press with a best lift in training of 115.5 kg. His first competition was in 1978 at age 25, when he totaled 217.5 kg in the 90 kg class. He moved to Florida in 1987 and joined Team Florida, getting coaching help from the late Bill McDaniel. His first Masters competition was in 1990 at the U.S. National Masters Championships. He has won the U.S. National Masters Championships twice, and in 1997 he won the “Best Lifter” award in age group 45-49 at the U.S. National Masters Championships. His best lifts were made in December 1996 (age 44: 110.0 kg snatch, 142.5 kg clean and jerk, and 252.5 kg total at a bodyweight of 96 kg.) He has also won ten gold medals and several age-group awards at the Pan American Masters Championships, and is a member of the Pan American Masters Hall of Fame. In 1997 at the IWF World Masters Championships in Koszalin, Poland, David won the silver medal in the 99 kg class, age group 45-49, with a 242.5 kg total. In 1998, 2001, 2005 and 2006 he won bronze medals at the World Masters Championships.



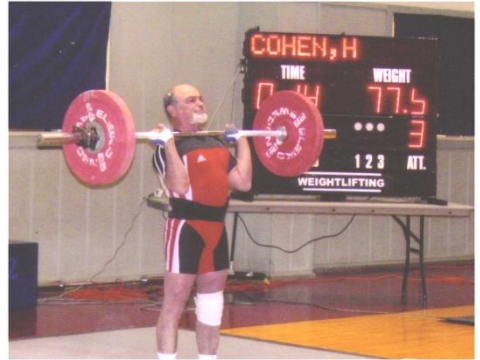
In 1993, David (who has a Ph.D. in physics) collaborated with U.S. lifter Pat Malone to develop a mathematical formula that allows comparison of weightlifters of different ages. This formula was called the “Malone-Meltzer Age Correction Formula,” and together with the bodyweight formula of Dr. Roy Sinclair (CAN), it has been used to compare weightlifting performances of lifters of all ages and bodyweights. The “Sinclair-Malone-Meltzer (S-M-M) Formula” has been used since 1994 in all IWF Masters weightlifting competitions worldwide. Also in 1993, David began his career of singing the national anthems at the IWF World Masters and Pan American Masters Weightlifting Championships. Since then, he has sung the national anthem of the gold-medal winner at hundreds of victory ceremonies at international Masters competitions, and often sings a medley of participating countries’ national anthems at the opening ceremonies. David can sing more than 130 national anthems in the original languages (more than 50 different languages!). *(US Masters)*

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HOWARD COHEN

A Great Man Twice In The Hall Of Fame

Howard, his wife Carol and son Michael are very dedicated to the sport of weightlifting and together they have strengths to the USA Masters program which has over 800 athletes. Howard is present at all 4 Masters Championships each year: National, Pan American, World and American Masters. He has a true love of our sport.



He was born on October 21, 1932 in Greenville, South Carolina. His family moved to Savannah, GA three years later. Howard has remained in Savannah since then. As a youth he was very athletic but too small to play team sports. As a teenager he took up the sport of boxing and then won the Regional Golden Gloves title. At 16 he began lifting weights and fell in love with the sport. He won championships on the local, regional, district and national levels. In 1952 Howard opened the first weightlifting gym in Savannah and still operates the gym today. This covers a span of 60 years.

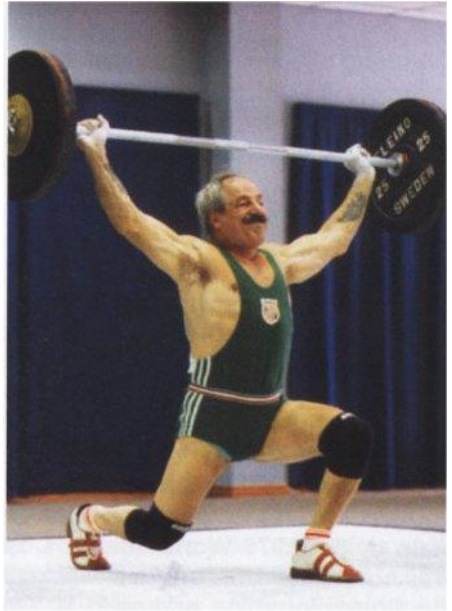
In 1988 he began lifting in the Masters Program. Howard is the current chairman of the USA Masters Program. He was inducted into the greater Savannah Athletic Hall of Fame, USA Weightlifting Federation Hall of Fame and USA Masters Hall of Fame and most recently the Pan American Masters Hall of Fame in Santo Domingo. He has been actively involved in the sport of weightlifting as a competitor, coach and administrator for 63 years. Howard will again be honored when he will be inducted into the IWF Masters Hall of Fame for his outstanding contribution to weightlifting. It will be my privilege to present this award to a man who has encouraged Master lifters in the United States and the World to continue in the Masters Program. Congratulations to Howard Cohen for reaching the highest level of achievement in the IWF World Masters as a lifter.

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BILL DENI

Buffalo Bill

Bill Deni was introduced to weightlifting by a friend in 1949 after serving four years in the U.S. Navy. But instead of a lifting, Bill turned to bodybuilding for ten years. In 1959 he participated in his first weightlifting contest and has been lifting non-stop since in the 60, 67.5, and 75-kg classes. Bill has won many State, Regional and National titles out of the 190 or more contests he has participated in. In the 1960's, Bill was a national referee in Physique, Powerlifting and Weightlifting and in the 1970's he became an IWF Category II Referee. In January 1981, Bill became an IWF Category I Referee. In 1985, Bill entered his first World Masters in Colorado Springs and won his first gold medal. Bill has since won 13 World Masters and has often won the Age Group Award. Bill has lifted in 4 different weight classes and in 4 different age groups. He has amassed World Records since 1985 with too many to count. Recently at the World Masters Games in Portland, Oregon, he did a 80 kg snatch, 87.5 kg clean and jerk and totaled 167.5 kg at bodyweight of 73.23 kg for the new World Records.



In 1999 at Glasgow, Scotland, Bill again won the gold medal at the IWF-World Masters. In 2000 at Orlando, FL Bill won a gold medal, and Grand Masters. At the 2002 and 2007 Pan American Masters, Bill placed first and received a gold medal.

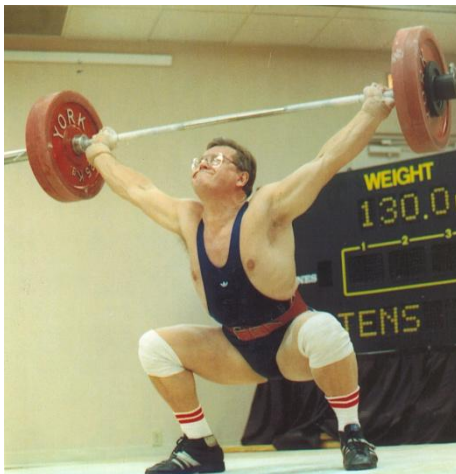
Bill has been a strong promoter of bodybuilding and weightlifting in Buffalo, New York at his club Bison Barbell. He moved in 1992 to Louisiana. Now Bill resides in Florida. He dedicates this Hall of Fame Award to his late uncle, John M. Deni who was a three time Olympian. Congratulations to Bill for his outstanding performance as a Master Lifter on the National and International level.

By: IWF-Masters Committee

CHUCK NOOTENS

Gold Medal Winner

Chuck Nootens began lifting at the age of 12. He saw a weightlifting magazine in a sporting good store and became self taught. At the age of 13, Chuck first competed at the 67.5 kg bodyweight class and pressed 62.5 kg, scratched 70 kg, and clean and jerk at 92.5 kg. He won the Illinois State Champion title in the 75 kg class with a 140 kg clean and jerk at the age of 15. Chuck continued weightlifting in the 1960's, 1970's, and 1980's competing in the 82.5 kg, 90 kg, 110 kg, and super heavyweight divisions and setting National and American Records in the snatch. He was a member of many National Teams and specifically was Captain of the 1979 World Team. Chuck has been active as a



national referee since late 1970's. As a Master Lifter, Chuck has competed in ten World Championships and won 10 Gold Medals. He has lifted in four different age groups and three weight classes and set world records in all age groups and weight categories that he has competed in. Several times, Chuck held all the American records in three weight classes in one age group.

At the 1998 World Masters Games in Portland, Oregon, Chuck lifted in the 55-59 Age Group and again he won the gold medal with 120 kg snatch, 130 kg clean and jerk and totaled 250 kg (at a bodyweight 110 kg) for three new IWF-Masters World Records. Congratulations to Chuck for the outstanding record of 12 wins in 12 meets. Welcome to the prestigious Masters Hall of Fame.

"I am proud to be a weightlifting and feel fortunate to have had the opportunity through participation in the sport to meet many wonderful people all over the world. I can still call many of them friends." Chuck Nootens, 6/3/99

In 2000 at the IWF-World Masters in Orlando, Florida, Chuck won another gold medal with 12 wins and 12 meets. Great lifting!

By IWF-Masters Committee

YASUMASA OMORI

Japan's Masters Chairman, Coach And Athlete

I was born on March 18 th, 1940 and I have lived in Kyoto city, Japan. I started lifting when I was 17 years old, longing for Mr. Tommy Kono. In those days, as Japan was not so rich country enough to make a barbell, belt and a pair of shoes, I made all of them by myself. People didn't deal in a variety of goods. However I had enough time to train lifting happily, which had good effect to me. I remember that I was so happy to enjoy lifting every day. I became a fire fighter of Kyoto City Fire Department to play lifting when I was 19 years old. Because my senior of firefighter asked me to train lifting together. Since then I attended the National Athletic Meet as a lifter of Kyoto, which is the most honorable meeting in Japan. I represented a Kyoto team at the Athletic meeting 21 times. Mr. Miyake also came out at the meeting with me, who got the Gold Medal at the feather weight class as Olympic Athlete after that. As Kyoto held this meeting, we talked about the all women weight lifting Championships in Japan. After then, I trained female lifters. Next, I suggested a new plan to the committee that we should hold the weightlifting championships for women. It was held in Kyoto in 1987 successfully. Then I attended the World Masters Championships held in Deutsch- Wagram, Austria at the first time. (I heard that it was the first competition in Japan.) As it was two lifters of participation from Japan, we understood nothing. Thanks to Mr. And Ms. Walter Legel, Friedrich Steiner, and Adolf Schmidt, I could get the bronze medal. I never forget this wonderful and memorial experience. Since then I attended the World Masters Championships every year with many Japanese lifters as a representative of Japan.



I will participate to the World Masters Championships in Vienna, Austria this year. This (2004) makes the fourth attendance in Vienna and the first trial with female lifters. The numbers of masters lifters is also increasing year by year because of aging society. In addition to it, I think that we should take a new way of thinking, improving our techniques in lifting. I feel excitement at my new conception of lifting, now I am 67 years old, though. I am sincerely grateful to Mr. Walter Imahara, Mr. Kurt Rosenberger and other many members for the recommendation of Masters Hall of Fame. Thank you so much.

By the Japan Masters

LEV NIKIFOROV

Honorable Coach Of Russia

Twice In The Hall Of Fame

Lev Nikiforov was born October 5, 1936. He is the honorable coach of Russia, referee of the 1st International category and president of the Russian Weightlifting Federation. Lev Nikiforov started his coaching career in 1960. He graduated from the St. Petersburg Institute for Physical Culture named after Lesgaft in 1967.

During 40 years of his coaching career Lev Nikiforov has trained many international class sportsmen, among them Nikolay Platoshechkin, European Champion, Andrew Nazarov, silver prize winner of the Junior World Championship and many others. From 1976-1988 he was a superior coach of the National weightlifting team of Russia. Lev Nikiforov was awarded a title "Honorable Coach of Russia" in 1997. From 1984-1996 he chaired the Referee Board of the Russian Weightlifting Masters Federation. In 1996 he was elected to the post of President of the Russian Masters Weightlifting Federation. Social responsibilities do not preclude him from the active sport training. The "playing" President won the Russian Championships, the Cup of Russia; became a World Masters Championships prizewinner; prizewinner of the European Masters Championships, as well as a World Masters Games.



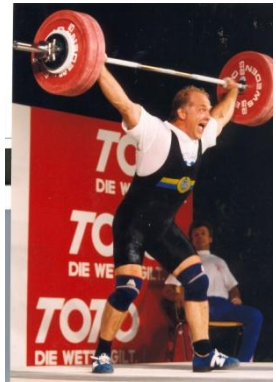
The Russian team headed by Lev Nikiforov has won European Masters Championships twice and World Masters Championships four times. Today the Russian Masters Team has taken a leading position in Europe and in the World. The Masters movement has grown enormously due to his energetic and intensive efforts. Lev Nikiforov maintains close contact with European and World Weightlifting Masters Federation.

By Russian Weightlifting Federation.

STEFAN JAKOBSSON

Swedish Strongman

Stefan Jakobsson was born in 1947 and became Swedish Junior Champion when he was 20 years old. Stefan represented Sweden at the World Weightlifting Championships in Moscow in 1975. Already nearly 28 years old he finished in 10th place overall with a total of 317.5 kg. At the Olympic Games in Montreal in 1976, he moved up to sixth place. For the next three years, Stefan continued to represent Sweden at the world championships, finishing 8th in the 90 kg class in 1977 in Stuttgart (total: 325 kg), 11th in 1978 in Gettysburg with his best world championship total of 330 kg (145 kg snatch and 185 kg clean and jerk). His best-ever lifts were in the 90-kg class: a snatch of 153.5 kg and a clean and jerk of 192.5 kg. Stefan also won a silver medal in the Swedish Powerlifting Championships. His last appearance at the World Weightlifting Championships was in 1979 in Salonica. Less than ten years later- in 1988-Stefan returned to the international platform, this time at the Masters World Championships in Orlando, Florida. At that competition, he won the silver medal in the 82.5 kg class with a total of 260 kg and he continued to pile up medals at the World Masters Championships, picking up silver in 1989, and gold in 1990. Moving up to the 90 kg class in 1992, he began a string of gold-medal winning performances. Stefan made a big breakthrough in his performance level in 1994 in Australia, when he totaled 305 kg at the World Masters Games in Brisbane. In 1995, at the World Masters Championships in Vienna, Stefan reached the outstanding total of 310 kg in the 91 kg class; a tremendous 140 kg snatch and an amazing 170 kg clean and jerk - equal to his best lift at the Olympic Games 19 years before! This performance ranks Stefan #6 on the all-time Masters ranking list. In 1998, in addition to winning yet another gold medal at the IWF World Masters Championships (his tenth) and also winning an award as best in the world in his age group (his fourth age-group award), Stefan made history at the European Masters Championships. There, his 167.5 kg clean and jerk was the greatest lift ever made in international weightlifting competition by an athlete over the age of 50 - truly a remarkable level of performance! Along with his 137.5 kg snatch at the Portland World Masters Games, this performance showed that Stefan will continue to shatter age-group weightlifting records for many years to come. In 2002, Stefan again won the gold medal in Melbourne, AUS with a 262.5 kg total. In 2004 Stefan won the gold medal in Baden, AUT with a 265 kg total. *By IWF-Masters Committee*



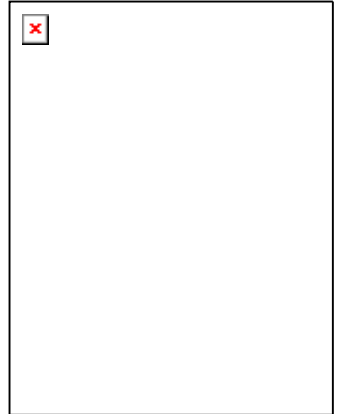
2002 EUROPEAN MASTERS HALL OF FAME

BARBARA ANN CONLEY

First Woman Hall of Fame Recipient

Barbara Ann Conley was born in Detroit, Michigan, on June 17, 1935. She taught high school English for many years and also conducted English as a Second Language evening classes for Adult Basic Education. After many years of aerobic training, she began reading of health benefits of weight training for women. She joined a local fitness center in 1992 and after a few months of weight training, she began Olympic lifting with Coach Michael Huszka. Olympic training became a very important part of her life and she grew to love the sport. She became a fitness trainer and worked as assistant Olympic coach with Michael Huszka. She became very interested in and completely dedicated to the women's movement in Masters weightlifting. In 1993, she competed in her first National championship, winning a gold medal. She has won gold medals in nine consecutive National Masters Championships. Barbara was also qualified for the first Masters World Championships to include women in 1993 at Newnan, Georgia. She has competed in 15 World Masters Championships. In 2000 at the USA National Masters, she was elected USA National Masters Women's Chairperson. Also that year at the World Masters Championship in Collingwood, Canada, she was appointed as the first IWF Masters Women's Chairperson. Also that year, she became a USA National Referee. Barbara participated in her first World Masters Championship in 1993 and since she has won 13 World Masters. At the IWF-Masters World Championship 2000 in Orlando, FL (USA) she was appointed vice-chair of IWF-Masters Executive Committee. At the Hall of Fame meeting in Portland, Oregon during the 1998 World Masters Games, Barbara Conley was selected as the first woman to be inducted into the IWF Masters Hall of Fame. Her goals are to become an IWF Referee and to still be lifting at the age of 100. In April, 2002, Barbara accomplished her goal and became an IWF Category I Referee. Congratulations to Barbara on her accomplishments. In April 2000, she was inducted into the USA National Masters Hall of Fame. In 2002 Barbara won first place at the Pan American Masters and the World Masters Games in Melbourne, AUS. Great lifting Barbara.

By IWF Masters Committee



2006 PAN AMERICAN MASTERS HALL OF FAME

KAREL PROHL

Karel Prohl was born on Christmas Day Of 1947 in the town of Loket in Czechoslovakia. He began Weightlifting in autumn of 1961 in the weightlifting club of Cheb. He won his first youth title of Czechoslovak national champion four years later. Between 1966 and 1978 he represented Czechoslovakia, taking part in 7 European and 6 World Championships, as well as the Olympic Games of 1976 in Montreal, winning on the whole 18 medals. He won the title of European champion in 1976 in the category of 56 kg for lifting 112,5 kg in snatch and two years later in the same category he became European champion for 142,5 kg in clean and jerk. He won 11 titles of Czechoslovak national champion, making more than 50 national records throughout his career.



Since 1989, Karel Prohl has been taking part in Masters international competitions, winning the title at the World Masters Games in Aalborg. He has 8 Masters World Champion titles and won the World Masters Games twice gaining 58 points. Since 1991 when European Masters Championships has been held, he never missed any competition, winning the title 15 times and gaining 98 points. Several European and Masters world records has been made by him. In 2003 he became member of the Hall of Fame of EWFC. On the national scale of Masters Championships he became champion 21 times.

In between the years 1980-2000 he devoted his experience to rofessional coaching of the weightlifters of Bonatrans Bohumín. Since 1986 he has held various functions in Czech Weightlifting Federation. He was elected the vice-president of the Czech Weightlifting Federation and also works as the president of the disciplinary committee.

His family members are also active in weightlifting. Ludmila, Karel´s wife, has become World Masters champion four times and European Masters champion nine times. She herself has also become member of the Hall of Fame of EWFC. His younger son Pavel won the title of Czech national champion and was a member of Czech national team, his older son Karel was also a successful weightlifter having won several medals on the national scale.

Currently Karel Prohl works as a technician at the Quality Control Department at Bonatrans Group in Bohumín, which is the biggest producer of railway wheel sets in Europe.

MURRAY LEVIN

As a young teenager, Murray Levin became an iron game enthusiast. By the time he was 16 his picture appeared in Strength and Health magazine. After serving his country in the Navy, Murray went back to training with weights and in the mid-50's started his own weightlifting club in the garage of his home in Islip, New York, not only training himself but also a group of young men from his neighborhood. He coached his Islip Weightlifting Club from 1956 to 1969.



Murray became active as an advocate for weightlifting at the state and national levels. He served as New York Metropolitan Chairman from 1964-1970, regional Vice-Chairman and Region One USA from 1970 through 1973 and as Supervisory Regional Chairman, USA in 1973-74. In 1975 Murray began 13 years of service as President of US Weightlifting, achieving many milestones for our sport, including spearheading the drive to recognize and support women's and master's competition.

Murray arranged funding for the U. S. Masters Program in the late 1970s, hosted and created the first World Masters Competition in 1985 in Colorado Springs, hosted the World's Masters in Orlando in 1988; created the Pan American Masters competition; fought for recognition of the Masters Program from IWF against the entire IWF Executive Committee and set up rulings that Masters in world competition must have proper uniforms and helped to ensure drug testing in world and regional competitions.

Murray Levin is, at the present time, retired President of the Pan American Weightlifting Confederation, President of the NACACI Weightlifting Confederation and a member of the Executive Board of IWF.

We salute Murray Levin, a true friend of Master's Weightlifting.

By Rafael Guerrero, USA Weightlifting

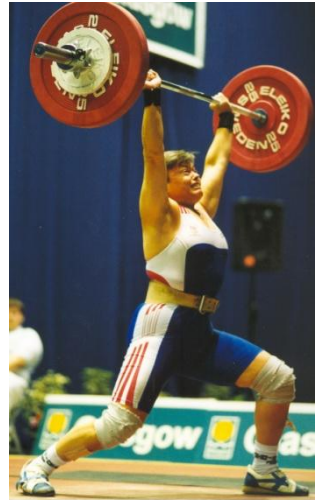
Special thanks to Murray for his contributions to Masters Weightlifting throughout the world from the Masters. Special thanks to Murray for being a true friend and a continuous backer of the IWF-Masters Chairman.

By Walter Imahara, Chairman, IWF-Masters Committee

BRONWIN CARTER

Bronwin Carter, affectionately called Bron and now nearing 54, was a relatively late starter in Olympic style lifting. At age 27, she used it to help her athletics. Bron is a shot putter still and a throws coach and field events judge.

Considering that she has raised two sons alone and still has the grateful 18 and 25 year old at home, one a semi-pro soccer player and the other a non-playing employee of a soccer club, she is remarkable in staying with her sports. Friends tell her that she should resign herself to knitting at her age. Less friendly critics think she must be a female “Goliath” to follow lifting. Anyway she feels that the sport carried a burden, being considered “unladylike”. So she gets scarce attention from the local press, in spite of keeping them informed.



An exception was when she was featured on TV after winning the Europeans. Another highlight of her sporting life was presented with the best lifter award at the Elz tournament, when she was deeply touched by the warmth and friendship of all the Masters. Her enthusiasm has taken her from one club to another, seeking good facilities, largely unavailable since her first coach, Jay Feltham, a major influence, sold his gym. Through her dedication and family commitments have imposed a difficult financial burden for her to sustain as an Operations Manager in the National Health Services she has finally taken the plunge and opened her own “heavy weights” club, attracting many athletes. So far she’s recruited one new lifter too. Other highlights for her were the world title at the Oxford Masters in 1992 and her athletes international, throwing against France in 1978. This busy lady is full of plans. She aims to find sponsors for next year’s Worlds so that she can make a handsome donation to a charity she runs – the “Rocky” appeal. It buys equipment like scanners for Health Service hospitals. Some of us know that Bron has her own health problems, not that it shows nor slows her down. But as she says, “Sports keep you young in body and soul!” In 2002 Bron placed first at the European Masters Championships and the World Masters Games in Melbourne, AUS. *By: Brian Hamill (GBR)*

“Bron” is a truly dedicated lifter and is an inspiring example of a woman with a true competitive spirit. *(Barbara Conley, Women’s Chairperson)*

2006 EUROPEAN MASTERS HALL OF FAME

MILOSLAV GLIZ

Miloslav Gliz was born December 7, 1936 in Litovel, Czech Republic. Miloslav started working with barbells in 1957 and began regular training in September 1952. In April of 1953 he entered into his first contest with 200 kg in triathlon. In between 1951-1956 he was a participant of the Czechoslovakian Weightlifting Championships and placed 3rd to 6th. Since 1976 he has been a participant in the Masters Championships in Czechoslovakia.

A founder of a weightlifting club in the town of Sumperk., Miloslav has been the head coach there and achieved his first referee qualifications. Over the years his enthusiasm attracted many friends to numerous clubs he helped to start and run. His activities in Sumperk were interrupted in the period between 1957-62 owing to university studies. He has been a weightlifting referee since 1963 on the national level and he is now a IWF Category I referee. Since 1980, Miloslav has been in various committee of the Czechoslovakian Weightlifting Federation. He has been chairman of the Czech Masters Committee since 1993.



Miloslav has taken part in International Masters Championships since 1989 and placed Gold twice, 2 Silver and 3 Bronze in the European Championships. He has placed Silver twice and Bronze once at the World Masters Championships.

Currently, as a member of the Executive Board of Czech Weightlifting Federation, International Referee (Category 1) he continues to be a major support and inspiring role model for many young men and women in his sport.
By Czech Masters Committee

Mr. Gliz has been an invaluable volunteer as a referee at the European and World Masters level. He is always willing to help the committee in anyway possible. Special thanks from the IWF-Masters Committee and welcome to the prestigious IWF-Masters Hall of Fame

By: Walter Imahara, Chairman IWF-Masters Committee

DAVID PURSLEY, M.D.

Doctor on Duty

David Pursley, M.D. was born in New York City in 1946 and started weightlifting at age 13. His first years of training were in the basement of his parents' home. His formal weightlifting training began in the early 1970's while he was in medical school. That was when he first learned the important training secret of improving technique to improve performance. His busy practice of medicine has proved to him how much the lack of proper sleep affects performance. He often trains after working all day and all night. At a meet in 1985, World Masters founder, Bill Clark, introduced him as "Dr. David Pursley from Lexington, KY who will be lifting as a Masters lifter next year". That was the first time David had heard of Master Weightlifting. He competed in his first National Masters championship the next year and won the silver medal. He has competed in all National Masters Championships since and has been National champion several times. He has competed in all Pan Am and NACACI Masters Championships since they began in 1988 and has been the champion many times. David has competed in the 75, 70, and 69 kg classes in five World Championships and did his best performance on this 50th birthday in Collingwood, Canada in 1996 where he was the silver medalist. David is an IWF Category I referee and stays very busy as an official, physician, and doping control officer for the Masters Program at the US, Pan Am and World levels. He has helped make revisions to the IWF Masters Rulebook and is Chairman of the Anti-doping Commission. He was inducted into the Pan Am Masters Hall of Fame in 1998.



David is a valuable asset to the IWF Masters Committee and his contribution includes the Anti-doping Policy of the IWF-Masters Rulebook. The Chairman asked David to revise the entire Anti-doping Policy to become in line with the IWF, adopted by the Masters Congress, a tremendous task and a job well done. We, the members of the IWF-Masters, thank Dr. Pursley very much for his contributions.

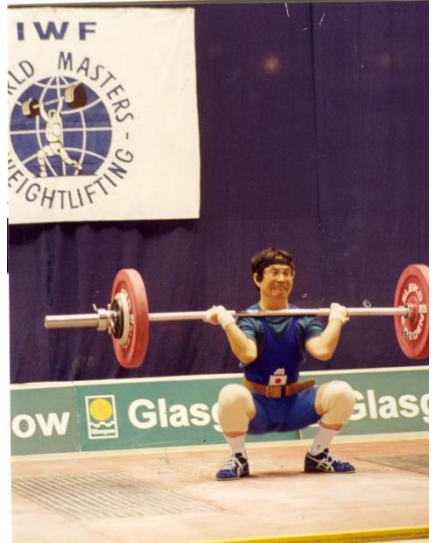
By IWF-Masters Committee

1998 PAN AMERICAN MASTERS HALL OF FAME

YUKIHIRO SUZUKI

Japan's First

Yukihiro Suzuki began lifting at the age of 17. What gave him strong inspiration was the fighting spirit of Mr. Miyake who was a winner of the feather class in Tokyo Olympic Games. The first Japanese flag was raised by Mr. Miyake. The splendid statute on the middle stand give Yukihiro a deep impression from which he was determined to be a great champion of weightlifting world. His strength, speed and stamina grew very rapidly, making him a local champion though he had been a weak and delicate boy. Gradually his interest for lifting increased quickly to make him champion twice in several championships in Kanto District including Tokyo. When he was 40 years of age, the All Japan Masters Championships began, making him known of World Masters Championships led by Mr. Walter Imahara.



From 1988 to 2005 he competed 18 times in World Masters Weightlifting Championships, obtaining 13 gold and two silver medals. His best result was Snatch 82.5 kg, C & J 95 kg. However he wants to be successful to lift 85 kg in Snatch and 100 kg in C & J in the near future. Congratulations to Yukihiro for his striking success to become the first Master Lifter from Japan who was added to the IWF Hall of Fame.

By: The Rev. James H. Muto, Japanese Weightlifting Federation Masters Committee

Mr. Suzuki has been an inspiration to the successful Japanese Masters Team to reach the highest level of achievement in the IWF-World Masters. "The IWF Masters Hall of Fame." Congratulations to Mr. Suzuki, the first Hall of Fame from Japan and welcome to the prestigious IWF Masters Hall of Fame.

By: Walter Imahara, Chairman IWF-Masters Committee

SID GRANT

Outstanding Contributor

Sid Grant was born in Manchester, England in 1925. At the age of 15, he and a friend started weight training simply to gain body weight. He joined the Manchester Weightlifting Club at 17 and thus began his education in weightlifting. After only a few months, Sid entered a "war time" championship in Manchester and made 60 kgs snatch and 75 kgs jerk at a bodyweight of 59 kgs. The following year he was called up for service in the Royal Navy. When his spell in the Royal Navy ended at the end of 1946 Sid resumed weightlifting at his club and competed in Area League matches and reached 80 kgs press, 77.5 kgs snatch and 102.5 kgs jerk at 63.5 kgs bodyweight. From 1949



he trained on various "odd" lifts whilst running a club for bodybuilders and strength lifters, bench pressing 135 kg (strict style) at 70 kg bodyweight and making a British record two hands curl with a lift 5 kgs over his own bodyweight. In 1989 after 40years of all round training he returned to weightlifting and won his age/bodyweight class at the British Masters Weightlifting Championship and went on to win it almost every year since and to date. It was in 1989 that I persuaded Sid (after many weeks!), to compete his first World Masters at the World Masters Games in Aalborg, Denmark, where he took the bronze medal in the 67 kgs category, over 60 age group, with a total of 112.5 kgs. Since then he has competed in 13 World Masters, including 3 World Masters Games and has won a medal in every one including 5 gold and many silver. His best total was 132.5 kgs, achieved two years running at age 69 and age 70 in the old 70 kgs category. In 6 European Masters Weightlifting Championships Sid has won 4 gold and 2 silver and has held two European records made in Hungary in 1999. Sid still hopes to carry on competing as long as he can overcome the usual injuries and maintain coordination, speed and flexibility. He is very active as an IWF CAT I referee at British, European, and World Championships.

I have known Sid since I was 19 years old - he is a special friend, a special man, and he thoroughly merits his inclusion in the IWF-Masters Hall of Fame. Congratulations, Sid.

By Bill Barton, Secretary, IWF-Masters Committee

1999 EUROPEAN MASTERS HALL OF FAME

JILL MILLER

Jill emigrated to Canada from England in 1970. She began her life-long commitment to sport and fitness in 1972 as a Swimming Instructor and Pool Manager for the City of Windsor Parks and Recreation Department. She then accepted the position of Assistant to the Director of Aquatics with the City of Mississauga in 1974 where she also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Life Saving Society of Ontario.



After moving to Collingwood in 1977, Jill focused her efforts on Olympic Weightlifting. She began serving on the Board of Directors for the Ontario Weightlifting Association in 1998 and was President of the board from 2000 to 2006. She is also an International Referee for weightlifting. As an Olympic style weightlifter, Jill has enjoyed much success including several World, and Pan American Masters Championship wins and has held World, Pan American and Canadian records for a number of years. Jill's hard work and accomplishments were recognized when she was inducted into the Collingwood Sports Hall of Fame in April 2007.

Jill has served as competition director and event manager of many successful weightlifting competitions including World Masters, Pan American Masters and Canadian National Championships.

Jill has is a Nationally Coaching and Certification Program (NCCP) Weightlifting Level 3 Coach and Master Learning Facilitator training weightlifting coaches, and varsity athletes, and is currently on a team developing a Weightlifting Instructors Course to be delivered to, other sports coaches and the fitness industry across Canada. Jill has also developed a very successful "Wonder of Weights", (WOW), strength and conditioning training program, for men and women.

Jill as employed as the General Manager of the 2008 Ontario Winter Games which is the provincial multi-sport games hosting 22 sports disciplines 3500 participants. Jill is now working with a software development company IJ Solutions which has engineered an on-line collaborative software solution with application for, academia, enterprise and not-for profit organizations world wild. Jill sees the application as being particularly useful for sport organizations.

WALLY UNDERHILL

Wally Underhill started weightlifting in Merrick, New York under the mentorship of Ray Maddock at the age of 12 after having discovered a bar and weights buried in his garden! Except for the years he was in the Marine Corps, he has competed in at least one AAU or USAW sanctioned meet every year for the last 65 years. Now at age 77 he has accumulated 15 gold medals in the National Masters, 9 consecutive gold medals in the Pan American Masters and 5 gold medals in the World Masters. He was inducted into the National Masters Hall of Fame some years ago and into the Pan American Masters Hall of Fame in 2005 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. He has committed a large part of his life to healthy living, eating right, working out and weightlifting competitions. He is a certified weightlifting coach and a Category 2 IWF Referee.



His career has been in the financial planning arena and his hobbies include hypnosis and card magic. An avid reader he has continued to study languages and other topics of interest in an ongoing pursuit of personal improvement. He is the father of five children, eight grandchildren, and one great grandson. Recently widowed earlier this year, he survives his wife of twenty years, Thelma Jean. He currently resides in Coral Springs, Florida with his eldest daughter.

I have known Wally for many years as a lifter and an official. In 2004 and 2006, Wally won the USA Grand Slam award, for winning gold medals in 4 meet, the Nationals, Pan American, American and World Masters. Congratulations on being inducted in the IWF Masters Hall of Fame, the greatest achievements for a Masters athlete.

Walter Imahara, World Masters Chairman

I know that Wally has been lifting for over 60 years and as a young man he was a very good lifter. He even competed against and beat Bill March one time. As a master, Wally has won most of the events he has competed in. He has been inducted into the USA Masters Hall of Fame and the Pan American Masters Hall of Fame. Wally also serves as a referee at the meets in which he enters and he is always willing to help with any job needed. Congratulations, Wally.

Submitted by Howard Cohen, 7/25/07

2004 PAN AMERICAN MASTERS HALL OF FAME

RAYMOND LOZINSKI

A True Master

Raymond Lozinski was born in Easter Europe, City of Barnovichi, a former Polish town (now Belarus), October 6, 1926. A year later the Lozinski family emigrated to the United States. At that time Ray was 14 months old. Ray lettered in football and basketball in high school, at that time when weightlifting was frowned upon by coaches in athletics. He became involved in Olympic weightlifting while attending Youngstown College with a very active club at Youngstown, Ohio Y.M.C.A. This club went onto host several national weightlifting events. He competed with the club for many years on a national, regional, and state level. After a hiatus from Olympic lifting of 16 years, Ray returned to lifting competitively with emergence of the Master's Program. Lozinski has had the good fortune to be friends and in the presence of such great lifters in the area such as Mike Karchut, Kurt Setterburg and Lou DeMarco.



Lozinski was the founder of the Warren Police Athletic League and has supported both financially and technically their youth programs throughout the area for many years. In 1999 the Ohio LWC honored Raymond as the recipient of the Present's Award for having been one of Ohio's Weightlifting biggest supporters. He has been a hard-working volunteer, club founder and in 1997 became the single largest contributor to the Ohio LWC ever. Lozinski was also inducted into Ohio Weightlifting Hall of Fame in the category of Lifetime Achievement in the year 2000. Ray is also an honorary lifetime member of the USWF and the recipient of the USWF's President's Award. Lozinski has been in 16 World Masters Championships and has medaled in every event which included 3 gold, 8 silver and 4 bronze medals. He greatly appreciates the opportunity the Master's Program has provided for the aging weightlifters to continue lifting and meeting and making friends from around the world.

Submitted by IWF-Masters Program

I have known Ray for many years in the U.S National Masters and the World Masters. Special thanks for his financial and moral support to the Masters Program.

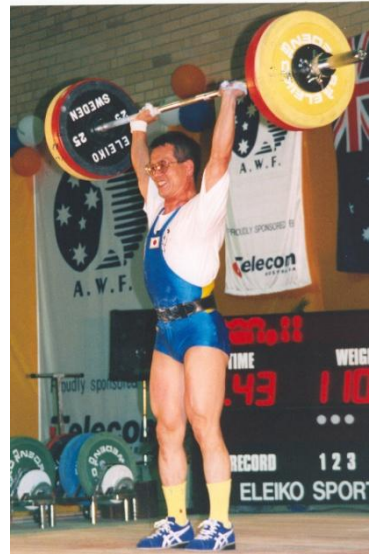
By: Mr. Walter Imahara, Chairman , IWF-Masters Program.

HIROSHI KOGA

A Samson in Japan

Hiroshi Koga was born in 1937, not in Japan, but on Jaluit Island, which is one of the Marshall Islands in the South Pacific Ocean. After the war, he grew in Saga Prefecture in Kyushu Island in Japan. When he was young his favorite sports were Baseball, Sumo, and Judo. He began weightlifting for himself in 1961 when he was 24 years old. But fortunately, Koga was to be friends with Mr. Miyake who was a brilliant lifter who obtained two gold medals both in Tokyo and Mexico, as well as Mr. Kamiya, one of the best lifters in Japan. Thus, Koga's successful career began to be promoted by the careful advice of those two leaders who were very stern with him.

For 16 years between 1967-1982 Koga made himself a glittering figure in All Japan Championships, Japan National Game and All Japan Social Workers' Championships in 67.5 kg class. In 1983 All Japan Masters Championships began and so far he has participated as a lifter 17 times, getting 7 gold medals, 4 silver and 1 bronze, and is determined to go on as many times as he can.



With World Masters Weightlifting Championships, his first result was the gold at the age of 51 in the 4th Championships in Orlando, Florida, USA. Since then he has continued to attend to this championship 18 times. He has obtained 5 gold medals, 5 silver and 4 bronze. He is determined to attain higher eminence. He is regarded as "Great Koga" in Asia as well as in Japan.

By: The Rev. James H. Muto, Vice-Chairman Asian Masters Federation

Mr. Koga has been to 18 World Masters and has been an inspiration to his fellow lifters to continue in the Masters Program in Japan and in the Worlds. Congratulations to Mr. Koga for reaching the highest level of achievement in the IWF-World Masters.

By: Mr. Walter Imahara, Chairman IWF-Masters Committee

CAROLINE CHARLES

A CHAMPION IN MANY WAYS

Caroline Charles was born on November 21, 1958 in Chelsea, London and works as a personnel officer in local government with 30 years of service. Originally trained as a judo player until she went to study for her work place qualifications. Then in 1988 at the age of 28 she attended a gym to do a bit of fitness training and drifted into the world of weightlifting where she remains after 18 years. At senior level she was 5 times



British Champion and 7 consecutive years as English Champion, achieving 9 international competitions at senior level for Great Britain and just missed out on a bronze medal at the EEC Championships in 1992 in Italy. She has lifted in different weight classes at 48 kg, 50kg, 52kg and now the 53kg class, although she has also competed at 58 on a couple of occasions. Caroline's claim to fame was when she was featured on Sky TV in the Great Britain V's Germany Competition. She began Masters competitions in 1998 when she was only going to do the one World Masters competitions and has been hooked ever since. She has won medals in the European Masters winning gold in Kazinobarcika, Hungary in 1999, Eysines, France in 2003 and in Heinsheim, Germany in 2006. She also achieved silver in Teplic, Czech Republic in 2001 Stockholm, Sweden in 2002, Kolobrzeg and in Poland in 2004. Caroline also holds the European record for the snatch in age group 3. This year Caroline will have attended 10 World Masters Championships, including two World Games, winning in 1999 in Glasgow, in 2000 Disney, Florida, 2002 Melbourne, 2003 Savannah and got second place in 1998 Portland, Oregon, Kefalonia in 2001, Baden Vienna in 2004 and a hard worked third place in 2005 in Edmonton, Canada. She is also an IWF Cat II referee and can be seen refereeing at most Masters Championships. She is also secretary of the Greater London Weightlifting Association, which is the Divisional Association of the BWLA and organizes local competitions at club level as well as master's level. When Caroline was informed she was to be introduced into the Hall of Fame, she said that she thought that she was far too young but nevertheless very honored.

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C. JACK LANO

GOLD MEDAL WINNER

Jack Lano was born April 17, 1922 in Port Clinton, Ohio, USA. He began lifting weights under the auspices of the Toledo, Ohio YMCA in 1939. Prior to 1939, Jack's sports were boxing, gymnastics and track. During 1942-1945 he served in the Marine Corps as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Sergeant with limited opportunities to lift weights and no opportunities to compete. He married in 1946, he has 2 sons. His wife died in 1995. While in college he won several local meets as well as the YMCA Regional in 1947-49. He pursued a career and in 1968 he returned to



weightlifting competition winning local meets in Colorado. Moving to California in 1970, he could only manage 2nds and 3rds against lifters who were 20 to 30 years younger. He was one of the four men who responded to Bill Clark's unsuccessful 1974 attempt to start a Masters Program. In 1977 he entered and won the first of his 27 USAW National Masters gold medals. He is undefeated in Masters Weightlifting with 9 Pan American golds and 11 World golds. He is undefeated in AAU Powerlifting competition in the "RAW" and "Lifetime Drugfree" categories; has won several USA All-Round championships; California State Games meets; "Odd Lift" meets at Venice Beach, CA; and all of the old American Weightlifting Association meets. He is a member of the USAW Master Hall of Fame as an Athlete and as a significant contributor and has received several Chairman's Special Awards and Outstanding Lifter Awards. He is particularly proud to be one of the 2 Americans who are members of "Die Alten Wiener Athleten". At the request of Walter Imahara, Jack (1) established the criteria for and administrators, the USAW Master Hall of Fame and (2) compiled a 30 year history of the USAW Masters National Weightlifting Meets.

Submitted by US Masters

GEORGE HILLEY

Strong Scottish Master

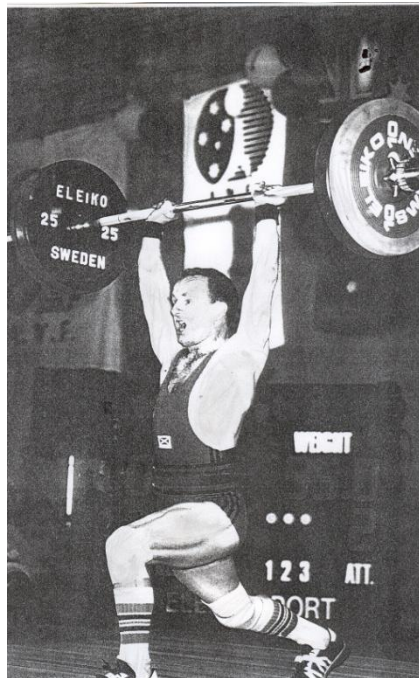
Mr. George Hilley was born on June 6, 1943 in Glasgow, Scotland. At 16 years of age, George Hilley bought a "Eugene Sandow" chest expander (strand puller) to build up his 50 kg body and then he went to weights. At that time he was a keen cyclist doing 210 miles a week to work. In 1960 Hilley joined Stephen's Shipbuilders Weightlifting Club and he was encouraged to participate in Olympic weightlifting. In 1962, he entered the First Scottish Junior Championships and won in the featherweight division.

After a long rest with some illness, Hilley was persuaded by his friend, then Team Manager Bob Edwards, to join the once famous Springburn Club run by John McNiven. With further coaching he aspired to the Scottish Team and competed at home and abroad for many years and he won many Scottish Championships at the 56 kg bodyweight class. Hilley considers himself to be a very nervous weightlifter and he believes that the coaches

have trouble keeping him in line at times. However Hilley was pleased to lift in the 1st World Masters Championship in Colorado and to visit the United States National Training Camp in Colorado Springs in 1985. George Hilley has since won at World Master Championships 7 gold medals and 2 silver medals.

Congratulations to Mr. Hilley for being inducted into the IWF-Masters Hall of Fame.

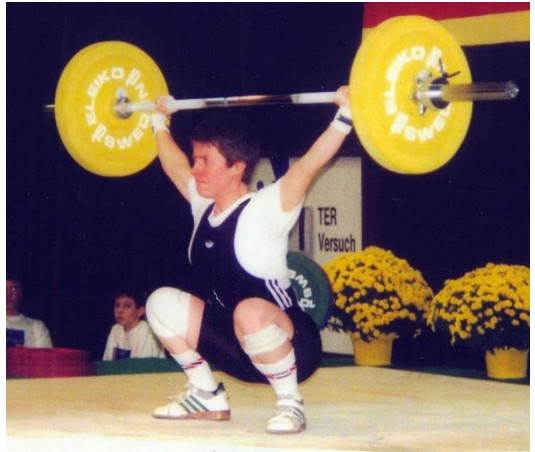
By Bill Barton, General Secretary, IWF-Masters Committee



GUDRUN SCHMIDBERGER

Germany's Finest

I have known Gudrun for many years and have admiration for her in performance and as a person. Nothing gave me as much pleasure as watching her lifts in ELZ in 1998 when we were both at our peak. She performed with brilliance after a very long drive from England. Gudrun played judo in Germany from the age of 7. She has a Black Belt. She started weight training to improve her strength and power. At the age of 29 she started competing at the London weightlifting championships and came in first in the 56 kg. Class.



Schmidberger represented a German Club AV Eiche 09 Wolfenbuettel and came in third in the German Seniors in 1992 and since then was 7 times German National German Champion in the 48 kg and 50 kg class. She has competed in every World Masters Championships since 1996 and three World Masters Games in 1998, 2002 and 2005. Her best lifts are 62.5 kg Snatch and 70 Clean and Jerk. She is currently the European Masters Women's Representative.

Submitted by Bronwin Carter (GBR)

Gudrun is an excellent weightlifting athlete and shows a magnificent dedication to our great sport. She has a superior athlete's perseverance which sets a fine example for other lifters. I've enjoyed knowing her for the past several years and have always admired her competitive spirit.

Submitted by Barbara Conley (USA), IWF Masters Women's Chairperson

2005 EUROPEAN MASTERS HALL OF FAME

KURT ROSENBERGER

TWICE IN THE HALL OF FAME

Kurt Rosenberger can be seen working at every IWF Masters and European Masters Weightlifting Championship because he is the Chief Referee. This means he has the most difficult job of appointing the three referees, the Technical Controller and the Jury, for over 30 weightlifting sessions at every championship. In addition he is also an IWF Category I Referee. He is also Secretary/Treasurer of the European Masters Committee. Bill Barton (European Masters Chairman) describes him as his “right hand”, and an invaluable asset to the Committee for all the important work he does. Most importantly he is a weightlifting and a very good lifter too. Kurt considers himself unique within the huge number of German Master with 4 medals from 4 World Masters Games. Kurt is still an active athlete and he has strived hard to continue to win medals in European Masters Weightlifting Championships. Because of his efforts in winning medals in these championships, he has made 2006 a year to remember. At the European Masters Championships in Heinsheim, Germany, he won another Gold medal and he was inducted into the European Masters Hall of Fame. At the IWF World Masters Championship in Eysines, France, he will be inducted in to the IWF Masters Hall of Fame.



Kurt's many successes in Masters weightlifting have gained him many trophies and many medals that speak as well for his love of the Masters and sport of weightlifting.

Submitted by Bill Barton, June 16th, 2006

Kurt has been the IWF-Masters liaison officer for the World Masters Games and on many occasions assisted the Chairman in meetings, IWF Executive Meeting and Congresses. Kurt, special thanks from the Masters Committee for a job well done.

Submitted by Walter Imahara, IWF-World Masters Committee

2006 EUROPEAN MASTERS HALL OF FAME

HANS EHLENZ

German Masters Representative And Top Master Lifter: 2 Times Hall of Fame



Hans Ehlentz, Masters Chairman for Germany, was born 1935 in Cologne, Germany. In over 47 years of lifting he has won many championships, from the local meets (club) and German Masters, up to the European Masters and the World Masters. In the World Masters Hans has won 6 times and held 8 world Masters records. To highlight more his career is the greater achievement of 78 German Masters records in different age and weight classes. At the age of 45 years he was still capable of lifts of 115 kg and 150 kg and a total of 265 kg in the 100 kg class. Hans manages the oldest weightlifting club in Germany called "Kolner Athleten-Club von 1882". He has been 22 years President of Nordrhein-Westfalen Weightlifting district and since 1982 a member of the German Weightlifting Federation executive board. In his spare time Hans is a writer of many books on Power Training which have been translated into several languages. Also important in his

career as trainer and organiser, from 1976 to 1994, Hans was the trainer of the junior national team for the BVDG and travelled to Turkey, Malta, and Syria, as trainer and to give instructions on how to start their national junior teams. During this period Hans has worked with many German champions. His best athletes have been Olympic medal winners Manfred Nerlinger and Martin Zawieja. Hans' desire, initiative, and strong leadership are the engine that in a few short years brought the German Masters Programme to be one of the strongest programmes in Germany, the European Masters, and the World Masters.

Submitted by: Kurt Rosenberger

German Masters Committee/IWF Masters Chief Referee

In the few short years that I have known Hans Ehlentz, he has demonstrated his leadership and on many occasion, his knowledge and wisdom have been a great benefit to the success of the IWF World Masters Program. We, the members of the Hall of Fame Committee, welcome with open arms Hans Ehlentz into the prestigious IWF Masters Hall of Fame.

By: Walter Imahara, Chairman, IWF-Masters Committee

JOHANN LICHTENWOERTHER

Technical Masters Sport Director

Johann Lichtenworther was born on January 8, 1947. His professional education is a mechanic for cars. Johann is married to Gisela and they have 2 children, a son and a daughter. His wife Gisela is also a national referee. For 35 years he was a fellow worker for the Austrian Railways in the part of a signal technic.

Before he started the training with barbells for weightlifting he was very successful in athletics in ballpushing and other athletic disciplines from 1962-68. In 1964 at the age of 17 Lichtenworther started the weight-lifting experience in the club Wr. Neustadt. In 1993 he changed to the club Modling. The personal best of the super heavy weightlifter in Press was 140 kg, snatch 127.5 kg and Clean and Jerk was 170 kg.



Johann is very knowledgeable about weightlifting and he has achieved two top goals: Austrian weightlifting trainer examination and the International Referee category. He started his Masters career in Worlds Masters Championships in 1987 in Puerto Rico winning the silver medal. He continues his success by winning 3 Golds, 7 Silvers, and 2 Bronze in World Masters Championships and 9 medals in European Masters Championships.

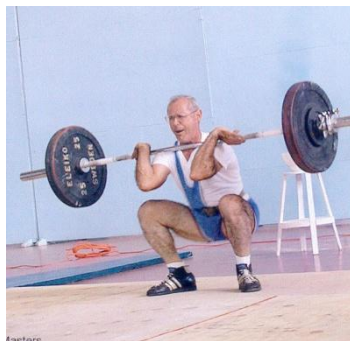
Submitted by Gerhard Peya, Austrian Masters Chairman

2008 EUROPEAN MASTERS HALL OF FAME

PEDRO SERRANO

Great Athlete, Great Person

Pedro was born in Aguas Buenas, Puerto Rico on November 9, 1931. In 1954 he moved to Juncos where he married a professional school teacher. They have only one child, a daughter who grew up to become a Catholic nun and very enthusiastic weightlifting fan. Weightlifting came natural to Pedro and soon he became an outstanding lifter. During the years of 1954-78 he participated in more than 35 international competitions: Olympic, Pan American Games, Central American and Caribbean Games, North American and National Championships. He held the record from 1962-78 on the Snatch for the Central American and Caribbean games.



He was ranked for several years by the IWF classification among the top ten world weightlifters. He participated in four collegiate championships and won 4 gold medals and established national and collegiate records that still hold on the snatch, clean and jerk and total for the 60 kg category. He was the national trainer for the weightlifting team of El Salvador from 1978-80. In 1979 he led the national team from El Salvador to their first medal in Pan American Games in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In 1970 he became an IWF category I referee. In 1988 he entered the Puerto Rican Sports Hall of Fame. In 1987 he won his first gold medal at the 3rd World Masters Weightlifting Championships in Salinas, Puerto Rico. Since 1987 he participated in 18 Masters Pan American (NACACI) Championships and 14 World Masters Championships winning gold medals on all championships except for the 2000 and 2002 that he tied for first place and lost because the heavier bodyweight and managed to be on the top ten best lifters. Since 1987 he has been establishing records for the Snatch, Clean and Jerk and total at the World Masters, Pan American (NACACI) Masters and National Masters Weightlifting Championships. In 1997 Pedro entered the Pan American Masters Hall of Fame. In 1999 he climbed to the exclusive 400 Club.

***1997 PAN AMERICAN MASTERS HALL OF
FAME***

MARGA JORGENSEN

A True Master

Marga says that she was born a sport's freak and liked all kinds of sport including soccer. Her husband was a weightlifter and still is, having been involved in the sport for 40 years. He liked to take all the family with him whenever he went to compete in or to watch weightlifting. This is what finally got Marga interested and she started her career in, and her "big love" for, Masters weightlifting in 1997 when she competed in the World Masters Weightlifting Championship in Poland.



Marga says that the sport is very fascinating in many aspects. She like the fact that one has to be flexible and fast at the same time and that's a good combination. Also you need dedication and application to force yourself forward into making improvements. At the same time she has great consideration for others and says it is impossible to achieve success without a good coach and good friends. She has a good coach and many friends in the area where she lives. In addition to being a Nordic Master and a Danish Master, Marga has maintained a high level of International Masters success. In the European Masters she has won 8 gold medals and 1 silver, and at the 2004 European Masters Championship in Kolobrzeg, Poland, Marga was initiated into the European Masters Hall of Fame. At World Masters level Marga has won 8 gold medals and 2 silver medals and one year after her initiation into the European Masters Hall of Fame, she has been admitted to the IWF World Masters Hall of Fame. Marga is a "true Master" because she knows that there are other aspects to weightlifting and it is not all about success on the platform. She is the Chairperson for the Danish Masters and never fails to attend the World and European Masters Congress. She is a fierce competitor but she is also a thoughtful and considerate person when discussing weightlifting away from the competition platform. Well done, Marga on two successful weightlifting Hall of Fame achievements.

BY: Bill Barton, Chairman – European Masters WL Committee

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GUNTER SCHMOLKE

Hamburg Champion



Gunter Schmolke began weightlifting with the weightlifting team "Bramfelder KSV" in Hamburg after starting his sports career in boxing and wrestling. His first competition was in 1962 with 80 kg press, 70 kg snatch and 100 clean and jerk. Two years later Schmolke competed in Denmark and he was the first Hamburg weightlifter to lift over 300 kg. In 1988 he started the masters career and now he has achieved awards 7 times in Germany, 5 European and 10 World Championships. His highlight was in 1998 in Portland, Oregon where he received the gold medal at the Masters Olympaide. Here Schmolke met Tommy Kono again formerly a German chief trainer with 15 world records in his name. Now he has moved to the country and belongs to the sports club "TSV Reinbeck".

Submitted by Kurt A. Rosenberger, Chief Referee

JUERGEN GREINER

The Ironmaster From Thuringen

Juergen Greiner was born on November 4, 1957 in Sonneberg, formerly East Germany. Like most German youngsters Greiner started in sport gymnastic and track and field. At age 15 he saw on television for the first time weightlifting Masters

Weightlifting in East Berlin. Immediately he started lifting with a piece of round iron. He searched for a trainer but there was no lifting in his a"A" class. He found a trainer and started regular training. One year later his first performance was as a "B" youngster in the 67.5 kg class, press 65.0, snatch 70.0 and clean and jerk 97.5. A couple of months later he placed second at the National Championships with 300 kg in the 62 kg class. His career stopped in 1971 because of knee problems. Giving his experience with the youngsters, in 1990 started again for his Masters. He participated in the 1991 World Masters in St. Ilgen, Germany. Until now Greiner has participated in 8 World Masters Championships, placing 2nd in five championships and third place in two and participated in 205 performances. He accomplished his best performance in 1999 with a total result of 237.5 kg.

By Kurt A. Rosenberger, German Masters Committee



I have known Juergen since 1991 and he has been an outstanding person on and off the platform. In the 2003 IWF World Masters in Savannah, GA. Juergen again won the gold medal with a total of 220. We the members of the IWF Masters Hall of Fame Committee, welcome Juergen into the prestigious IWF Master Hall of Fame.

By: Walter Imahara, Chairman IWF Masters Committee

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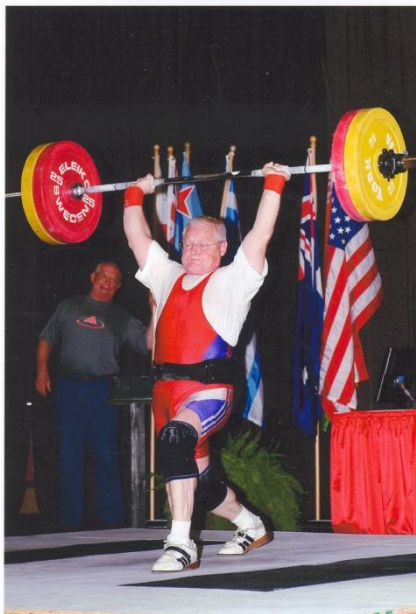
SIEGFRIED ROSENGART

Record Holder from the Ruhr-Valley

Siegfried was born in 1944 in Salzwedel, Germany. On February 3, 2004, Siegfried Rosengart celebrated with family and friends his 60th birthday. Years ago, young Siegfried lived in Bochum and he started sports in gymnastics and track and field. He found out fast that with enough power, it will push him to the front. Therefore, he started barbell training and in April 1962 he participated in his first local championship in the 60 kg class resulting in 210 kg. Two years later he was already a German Junior Champion. Then Siegfried changed to the club "German Oak", Gelsenkirchen and trained with top national athletes. In 1967 "Sigi" won a silver medal at the German Championships. The next 7 years he was a member of the national team and lifted with them against

Poland-Belgium and a couple of international meetings. In 1972 he was not in the best shape and missed the Olympic qualification for Munich. In 1980, Rosengart changed club for the last time to the Rolf Milser Club in the German Division of weightlifting. His wife and two boys keep him going. He has participated in numerous Masters weightlifting championships including 16 world records. The best was in 1995 in Vienna where Rosengart was the top athlete in the age group 4. His wife Annegret is also a Master weightlifter since 1994 and his two sons are weightlifters, too, and are very proud of him for getting the "Hall of Fame 2004".

By Kurt A. Rosenberger, German Masters Committee



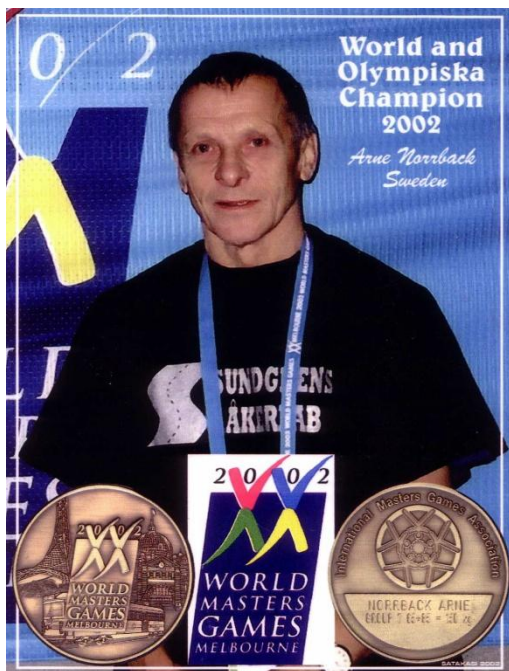
ARNE NORRBACK

Champion Of All Times

Arne Norrback was born in 1937 in Finland and moved to Sweden in 1954. He participated in his first competition in 1952 and he has since then been a regular name in competitions, most often as one of the top three lifters. His breakthrough came in 1969 at the Scandinavian championship. When he decreased his weight to the 52-kilo category and won gold medal and achieved three new Scandinavian records all in the same tournament. Throughout the years he has won many impressive titles. Norrback has lifted for Sweden on 12 occasions and for Finland 7 times. Arne was the 34 person ever to be included in the "National Hall of Fame". His total points are ranked as the third best of all times in the weightlifting history of Sweden. Arne has achieved amazing results

even after moving to master weightlifting. He started in 1989 in World Master Games and won in 2002 in Melbourne. Since 1988 he has participated in 13 world masters championships where he won 5 times. In the European Masters he's been second time and won twice. Even today Arne is still one of the top lifters in his class and his name is mentioned with respect among the other competitors. His club in Sandviken should be proud to have such an amazing lifer in their ranks. He is a role model for new lifters not only for his own club but also for lifters throughout the country. We hope that we will see Arne many more times as a medalist in future competitions and that he will have an ongoing career for many years to come.

Submitted by Jan Hinrichsen

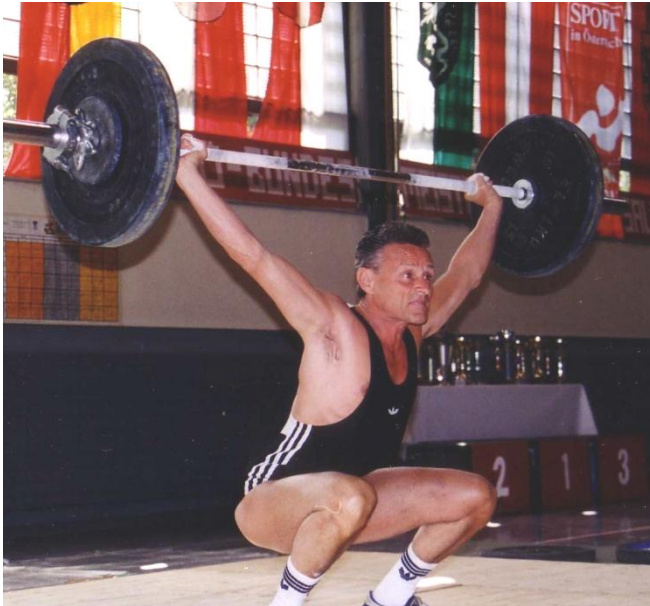


FRIEDRICH NIEDERMAYR

Austrian Masters Champion

Friedrich Niedermayr was born on April 1, 1940 in Salzburg and he has lived there ever since. He had a commercial training and since 1998 he has been enjoying his well-deserved retirement. In the year 1980 at the age of 40, Niedermayr began his weightlifting career. Since then he has been an active weightlifter. He does this kind of sport on a regular basis with great success, indeed. His successes include several times Regional Champion of Salzburg, Austrian medalist in the General Class and several times Champion of the Austrian Championships of Masters. Niedermayr is also a record holder in various weight and age classes. As an active weightlifter in the class under 56 kg, he has been an important weightlifter on the regional level. Moreover he is the most diligent and frequent starter in the course of the ARGE-Alp Cup. There is no other weightlifter from the region ARGE-ALP who has crossed the starting line more often than Fredrich Niedermayr. His hobbies are cycling and skiing and he also likes reading and enjoys participating in Masters events all over the world.

By: W. Steiner



JUAN SANTANA

Grand Master

Juan was born in San German on July 31, 1920. In 1948 he became the Junior Champion of the 67.5 kg category and set new records. In 1950 he won the gold medal in the Central American and Caribbean Games in Guatemala and in 1950 he won the gold medal at the North American Tournament held in Montreal, Canada. In 1952 and 1956 he classified for the Olympic Games in the 67.5 kg category. In 1950 Juan won a bronze medal at the Invitational Tournament in Mexico. In 1955 he became champion at the Intercollegiate Championships. In 1957 he won the silver medal at the North American Tournament held in Montreal, Canada and became the President of the Weightlifting and Body Building Association. In 1959 he was elected the President of the Weightlifting Federation of



Puerto Rico where he stayed for thirty years. In 1964 during the Olympics, he was elected a member of the IWF Technical Committee and was awarded twice for outstanding performance. In 1992 Juan received the IWF Order Award for rendering over fifty years of distinguished services in the sport of weightlifting. He is a member of the Hall of Fame of Puerto Rico, Pan American Masters, the city of Ponce, the University of Mayaguez and the city of San German. In 1962 he organized the weightlifting movement of the Old Timers that later became the Masters. In 1985 he participated in his first World Masters Championships in Colorado. All together he has participated in eleven World Championships winning ten gold medals and one silver medal. He has won five outstanding World Masters and eleven Pan American Masters Grand Masters awards.

By Pedro Serrano

I first met Juan Santana in 1985, in Colorado at the first World Masters. In the past 20 year, Juan has won so many Age Group and Grand Masters awards because he is such a good lifter. Juan, many thanks for all the years as an official, Chairman of the Pan American Masters, host of the 1987 World Masters in Puerto Rico. Congratulation and welcome to the IWF Masters Hall of Fame. You have reached the highest level of achievement in the IWF World Masters in Baden/Vienna, AUT in 2004.

By: Walter Imahara, Chairman IWF Masters Committee

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EMERY CHEVRIER

Champion Par Excellence

Continuing in the great tradition of French Canadian strongmen which began with Louis Cyr, we now have Emery Chevier. Emery is a true masters weightlifter in the sense that he did not begin to practice the sport until he was 48 years of age. He started to train at the same time as his son, Eric. He had limited success initially but through perseverance and a disciplined healthy life style Emery decreased his bodyweight from the 90 kg to the 77 kg class over a period of about 3 years while increasing his total from 160 kg to 212.5 kg ultimately. Emery's competitive results are exceptional: member of the exclusive 400.



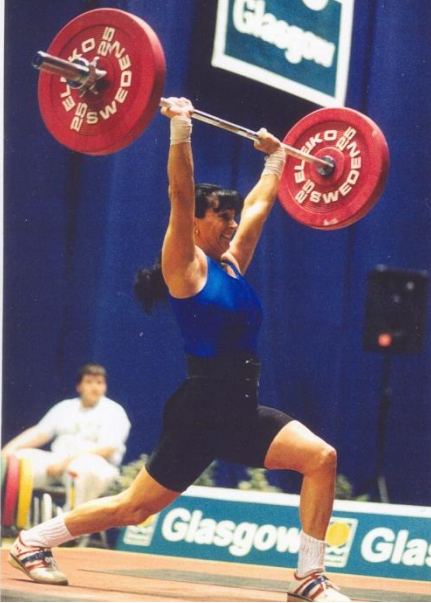
I have seen Emery as a competitor and as an IWF referee. On both counts Emery is an excellent person and a tremendous asset to the Canadian Masters Federation. Emery has been an inspiration to all Masters lifters throughout the World. Congratulations to Emery and welcome to the prestigious IWF Masters Hall of Fame.

By: Walter Imahara, Chairman, IWF Masters Committee

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WENDY RODGERS

Canadian Masters Champion



Wendy began competitive lifting in 1991 and has been hooked ever since. As a single parent, working for the Alberta Government for over 20 years she has always found time to make fitness part of her life. In 1988 Wendy received her black belt in karate and also did some competitive bodybuilding. She began competing with the Masters program in 1994 and trained constantly for competitions and still found time to complete many road races, a half marathon, coach girls hockey and community softball as well.

Wendy has achieved a consistent high level of competitions both nationally and internationally and has dedicated outstanding contribution to the promotion, development and organization of Masters

weightlifting at all levels. She has also been very active as a volunteer locally, provincially, nationally, and internationally serving as: Provincial Level Referee, Alberta Weightlifting Executive, World Masters member of Women's Committee with an exceptional level of dedication.

In 2001 she was the first Canadian woman to be inducted into the Canadian Masters Hall of Fame. In 2004 she was the first Canadian woman to be inducted into the Pan American Masters Weightlifting Hall of Fame.

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