



AMUA TIMES

ARMY MARKSMANSHIP UNIT ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 52025; Fort Benning, Georgia 31995-2025

APRIL 1996

Issue Number VII

What's Inside

AMUA President's Report
..... Page 2

Olympic Torch Bearers
..... Page 2

Commander's Report
..... Page 3

North American Championships
..... Page 3

World Cup in Atlanta
..... Page 3

USAMU 40th Reunion
..... Page 4

America's Finest

Among this quarter's individual accomplishments within the USAMU are the following individuals that were selected for the 1996 Olympic Team:

- CPT Rob Harbison
- CPT Glenn Dubis
- SSG Bret Erickson
- SGT Todd Graves
- SGT Terri DeWitt
- SPC David Alcoriza
- CPL Ken Johnson
- Mr. Tony Kidd



Photo by USAMU PAO

Glenn Dubis (left) and Rob Harbison finished one, two in Air Rifle and Men's 3 x 40 to earn berths on the 1996 Olympic Team.

USAMU Shooters Capture Olympic Team Berths

USAMU Olympians: Six members of USAMU will vie for gold in the 1996 Olympics at Wolf Creek

AMUA

Glenn Dubis and Rob Harbison of the International Rifle (IR) section won Olympic slots in Air Rifle and the Three-Position events. Four members of the Shotgun section: David Alcoriza, Terri DeWitt, Bret Erickson, and Todd Graves earned berths.

Glenn Dubis, a veteran of the 1984 and 1988 Olympics, was the high shooter in two events at recent Olympic Trials. He shot scores of 1971.8 in air rifle and 3693.2 in 3 x 40. Rob Harbison finished

a strong second in both events with scores of 1970.0 and 3679.1.

Bret Erickson and Todd Graves both competed in the 1992 Games. Erickson earned his second berth in Trap with a score of 668. Graves, who shot in Skeet and Trap in '92 returns in Skeet with a score of 666.

Terri DeWitt shot a 338 out of 480 in Double Trap to win her slot. David Alcoriza's score of 539 out of 600 won him a slot in Double Trap.

The USAMU Custom Firearms Shop will also be represented on the 1996 Olympic Team. Anthony Kidd, USAMU Pistol Gunsmith, was selected as the Armorer for the Modern Pentathlon Team. Also, Ken Johnson (IR) was selected as an alternate for the 3 x 40 event on the Olympic Team.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Bill Blankenship

Noah (Beetle) Baily passed away in April. We would like to extend our sympathy to the Baily Family.

Olympic tryouts results are included in this issue of the *AMUA TIMES*. Congratulations to those shooters who made the U.S. Team. To the shooters who did not make the team, you should be a better competitor in the future for having the experience.

I am looking forward to the reunion and hope you are able to come. It will be great to see you all again. The reunion is August 16 through 18 this year.

AMUA Members Will Carry the Olympic Torch

AMUA



Three Columbus area AMUA members will carry the Olympic torch on July 12 along a route past the Women's Fast-Pitch Softball venue at Golden Park.

Charlie Davis was a 1972 Olympian shooting in Running Target.

Laurence "Red" Mosley was a 1960 Olympian in Rapid Fire Pistol Competition.

Glenn Dubis was a 1984 three-position and air rifle Olympian and 1988 Olympian in three-position and prone.

Also, Randy Stewart of Kirby, Arkansas, will carry the torch in his state. He was a 1984 Olympian shooting in Running Target.

Women Olympians Honored *Murdock, Jewell Credited for Achievement*

AMUA

Major Margaret Murdock, 1976 Olympic Silver Medalist, and Major Wanda Jewell, 1984 Olympic Bronze Medalist, will be honored at the Flag Day luncheon hosted by the Women In Military Service for America Memorial Foundation. The theme of the June 14 luncheon is "Flag Day Salute to America's Military Women Athletes - In Honor of the Olympic Year." The event will honor women military athletes who have medaled in past Olympic Games as well those competing in the 1996

See Women Olympians, Page 3

Biographies Needed for Data Base

AMUA

USAMU and AMUA are attempting to create a biography for each former member of the unit. These biographies will not only enhance the historical data, but they can be used by section Hall of Fame nominating committees for evaluation of past members. Past collections of the data are incomplete, so even if you have submitted information before please take time to do it again. Submit the below listed data to AMUA:

- Name & Address (Phone number optional)
- Date of Birth
- How did you get your start in competitive shooting
- Dates of Army service/Army assignments
- Years assigned to USAMU (or summer pickup) and section assigned
- Years you were a member of winning interservice, international, or national championship team/individual competition champion
- Other matches such as All Army, Regional, CISM, Palma, etc., that you placed well in as a team member or individual
- Winning matches you participated in as a non-shooter (coach, team captain, gunsmith, staff, etc.)
- Anything special you did other than competitive shooting (military awards, combat tours, family information, etc.)

Lones Wigger honored as a "Golden Olympian"

AP

Lones Wigger, a former member of the U. S. Army Marksmanship Unit and former director of training for the U.S. Shooting team, was selected by the U.S. Olympic Committee as one of the 100 Golden Olympians, "an honor to commemorate Olympic athletes through the 100 years of the modern Games."

Wigger won Olympic gold medals in 1964 and in 1972. During his USAMU career he won 24 world titles, 87 national titles, and set 29 world records.

Commander's Report:

USAMU Launches Forward in International and Service Arenas and Progress Made in Move to Department of the Army Staff

Colonel Alan D. Fenty

The 1996 competition season is upon us. The first major event was the selection of the 1996 Olympic Team this April. The USAMU has placed seven soldiers on the team: CPT Glenn Dubis (IR), CPT Rob Harbison (IR), SSG Bret Erickson (SG), SGT Todd Graves (SG), SGT Terri DeWitt (SG), SPC David Alcoriza (SG) and one alternate, CPL Ken Johnson (IR). Extra congratulations to CPT Dubis and CPT Harbison who doubled! Mr. Anthony Kidd has been named the pistol armorer for the Modern Pentathlon Team. Former AMU soldiers that are on the team are John McNally in pistol and Eric Uptagraff in rifle. Jean Foster, the daughter of Jack Foster, was also selected for rifle. As you know, the Olympics will be held on the Wolf Creek Range in Atlanta and I hope many of you will have the opportunity to see your team in action there.

The USAMU continues to upgrade its facilities. A fourth UIT skeet field is being constructed at Hook Shotgun Range and ten electronic targets have been purchased to shoot all 10 meter and 50 meter rifle and pistol events. The shop is also undergoing a facelift with the acquisition of two new state-of-the-art milling machines and an additional lathe. These additions were certainly needed and will add to the already dynamic facilities at the unit.

In the service arena, the Service Rifle Team is training hard with its M16A2 in order to defend the titles it won in 1995. The Service Pistol Team is now being issued the USAMU accurized M9 Beretta, thereby following in the footsteps of the Service Rifle Team's use of the M16A2 in place of the long used M-14. The Custom Firearms Shop has been working diligently at accurizing the M9 over the last two years. The first accurized M9's were given to the Service Pistol Team in April. The shooters are expecting great things from this new service pistol and I will keep you informed about the status of this program in a later issue of the *AMUA TIMES*.

As announced in previous editions of the *AMUA TIMES*, the USAMU is undergoing a transition from FORSCOM to the DA Staff. At the present time, we are still working the personnel and financial issues that are necessary to best support our shooters and gunsmiths. As part of this transition, however, Department of the Army has approved a sponsorship program for the USAMU. This program gives the USAMU a greater ability to market itself by allowing selected companies to sponsor different projects. Projects could encompass the purchase of travel uniforms and ammunition to the construction of range facilities. More to follow on this as the program develops. I look forward to meeting you in the future, be it at Camp Perry or at the 1996 Olympic Games. I also strongly encourage you to attend the

See Commander, Page 4

World Cup in Atlanta

USAMU's Double Trap Shooter Wins the Silver

AMUA

Several USAMU international competitors traveled to Atlanta to compete against the best in the world at the UIT's 1996 World Cup. During the competition Sergeant Terri DeWitt competed against forty other competitors in the Women's Double Trap event. With a score of 104 out of 120 before leading to the finals she was able to take the silver medal with a final score of 143 out of 160.

North American Championships

USAMU's International Rifle Sweeps Free Rifle Shooting Event

AMUA

During the North American Championships in Atlanta, April 15 through 17, the USAMU international competitive shooters won against the best shooters from Bermuda, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The competitive shooters won first places in Skeet, Free Rifle, Air Rifle, Free Pistol, and Free Rifle; second places in Skeet, Women's Double Trap, Air Rifle, and Free Rifle; and third places in Trap, Women's Double Trap and Free Rifle during the championships.

Women Olympians from Page 2

Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia. Invited guests include First Lady Hillary Clinton, Secretary of Defense William Perry and Ms. Donna de Varona, ABC sportscaster and former Olympic medalist.

40th USAMU Reunion: Come Early, Stay Late

*Numerous Activities are Scheduled for
the Three Day Alumni Reunion*

AMUA

Plans are coming together for the USAMU 40th reunion August 16 through 18 at Fort Benning. For those arriving on August 16, a fish fry is planned. Local AMUA members have stocked their freezers so there will be plenty of good eating for everyone. Liquid refreshments will also be available. Registration and the fish fry will be at the Pecan Grove/Phillips Range starting at four o'clock.

Activities on the 17th include the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at the Fort Benning NCO Club. Two sumptuous meal choices are being offered. USAMU invitations offer you the choices of your liking. Shooting demonstrations and range exhibitions will start the day's activities beginning at ten o'clock.

A ceremony dedicating USAMU headquarters as Thomas J. Sharpe Hall is scheduled at one o'clock on Sunday. A portrait of Colonel Sharpe will be unveiled at the ceremony. The building, including the USAMU Hall of Fame, will then be open for viewing.

A catered barbeque picnic closes out the scheduled reunion activities on the afternoon of the 18th. Five dollars of your initial AMUA dues pays for this meal.

In addition to scheduled reunion activities, Fort Benning, Columbus, and surrounding areas offer a number of attractions some of you may be interested in seeing. Maps, directions, and advice will be provided during registration.

Reunion Souvenirs and Invites



AMUA

Reunion invitations are in the mail. The reunion is scheduled August 16 through 18, 1996. Please call, write, or send your responses to allow planning.

AMUA hats and patches will be available for purchase. The hats and patches will have a multi-colored AMUA logo which is shown above. Prices will be dependent on quantities needed. The more the membership buys, the lower the prices will be.

If you are interested in purchasing hats or patches let us know so we can have ample stock on hand. Additionally, if you are unable to attend the reunion but would like a hat or patch they will be available via mail order.

Commander from Page 3

40th reunion of the USAMU, August 16th through 18th, just following the Olympic Games. It will be an excellent opportunity to renew old friendships and see how your USAMU has evolved in recent years.



USAMU 40th Reunion

August 16-18, 1996

Fish Fry, Hall of Fame, Demonstrations,
Dedications, Socializing, Picnic

Army Marksmanship Unit Association
P.O. Box 52025
Fort Benning, Georgia 31995-2025

Stamp

Address Label