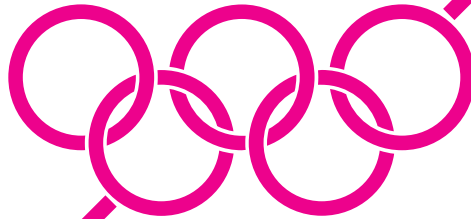


LONDON



ROAD TO

RIFLE STARS AT THE GAMES



THE 2012 SHOOTING SEASON IS STARTING, AND IT'S TIME TO LOOK FORWARD TO LONDON, WHERE THE XXX OLYMPIC GAMES WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR, FROM JULY 27 - AUGUST 6.

These Olympics are considered to be a milestone in the history of the Shooting Sport at the Games: the venue will be set at the heart of the event, at the Royal Artillery Barracks (RAB), just a few minutes away from the Olympic Village, a decision strongly supported by the ISSF leadership to give Shooting the showcase that it deserves.

The venue itself is noticeably different from that of the previous Games: it will be a temporary complex, featuring facilities that will be used during the Olympics and then handed over to other institutions, as a legacy of the sport. And, for the first time, the 10 and the 50 meters ranges will be combined, introducing a new way to view these installations. Only the best will have a chance to compete on those lines during the Games. 390 select shooters,

the best marksmen of the world, who have been trying to qualify for the event throughout the last three years. Beginning with the 2010 ISSF World Championship in all events in Munich, the first qualifying competition for London among all sports, and all through the ISSF World Cup Series and the Continental championships, the best emerged, earning the precious quota places – the entry tickets for London – for their countries.

These athletes are in the spotlight today. But the 2012 London Olympic Games are not an isolated event. This year's will be the XXX edition of the modern Games, founded in 1896 by Pierre de Coubertin. Shooting Sport has been a part of this secular history since the very beginning, being one of the founding sports of the modern Olympic era. And, on the Road to London, ISSF NEWS Magazine will take the opportunity to turn back and take a look at this history of tradition – because there's no better way to walk toward the future than being proud of our past.

We start our historical overview with Rifle events, which were present since the very

beginning at the Olympics. Shooters from 121 different countries, from all continents, participated in Rifle events at the Games: 1533 men and 260 women, who made outstanding efforts to finish at the top of the most prestigious podium of the world. Extraordinary men and women, such as Alesander Viggo Jensen Rowing of Denmark, who competed in four different sports – Rifle, Weightlifting, Gymnastic and Athletics – at the very first modern Olympics in Athens in 1896, winning a Bronze medal in shooting. Or like the USA's Margaret Murdock, a woman who finished on the podium of an open male competition at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, ending most of her competitions with a final score of 1162 points in the 50m Rifle 3 positions event.

Well, the sport has evolved since 1896, but after a century of victories and defeats, after discontinuing 28 events and introducing new competition formats throughout the 19th century, going from paper targets to electronic systems, the values of precision and stamina required to succeed in this sport has not changed. (figure 1)

1. AMOUNT OF RIFLE SHOOTERS FROM NOCs WHO TAKE PART at the OLYMPIC GAMES MEN 1896-2008 and WOMEN 1976-2008

RANK	NOC	YEAR	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	NUMBER OF OG
1	USA	1896-2008	103	82	21	21
2	GBR	1896-2008	93	91	2	19
3	SWE	1908-2004	86	82	4	21
4	NOR	1900-2008	78	71	7	21
5	FRA	1896-2008	73	61	12	22
6	SUI	1896-2008	59	53	6	18
7	DEN	1896-2004	57	55	2	22
8	GRE	1896-2004	52	49	3	17
9	FIN	1908-2008	51	47	4	21
10	KOR	1956-2008	44	22	22	11
11	HUN	1908-2008	43	39	4	19
12	CAN	1908-2008	40	36	4	14
13	BEL	1900-2004	36	31	5	19
14	AUS	1908-2008	35	26	9	15
15	CHN	1984-2008	34	19	15	7
15	ITA	1896-2008	34	30	4	18
15	NED	1900-2004	34	32	2	15
18	AUT	1912-2008	32	26	6	17
18	TCH	1920-1992	32	30	2	12
20	RSA	1912-2008	29	28	1	11
20	THA	1960-2008	29	23	6	12
20	URS	1952-1988	29	26	3	9
23	GER	1908-2008	28	20	8	8
23	POL	1924-2008	28	23	5	13
25	RUS	1912-2008	26	19	7	5
26	ESP	1920-2008	25	21	4	15
26	YUG	1952-2000	25	18	7	11
28	JPN	1952-2008	24	19	5	14
28	POR	1920-1996	24	22	2	11
30	MEX	1924-2008	23	22	1	15
30	ROM	1924-1992	23	23		12
32	ARG	1924-2004	22	21	1	15
32	FRG	1968-1988	22	16	6	5
34	ISR	1952-2008	18	18		13
35	BUL	1936-2008	16	11	5	12
36	BRA	1924-1984	15	15		11
36	IND	1952-2008	15	10	5	10
38	CUB	1948-2008	14	12	2	8
38	CZE	1996-2008	14	8	6	4
38	PER	1936-1984	14	12	2	9
38	PHI	1936-2000	14	13	1	11
42	EGY	1952-2008	13	9	4	5
43	GDR	1968-1988	12	10	2	5
44	LIE	1936-2008	11	11		9
44	MON	1924-2008	11	10	1	15
46	KEN	1956-1996	10	10		7
46	VEN	1952-2008	10	9	1	7
48	BLR	1996-2008	9	6	3	4
48	EUA	1956-1964	9	9		3
48	UKR	1996-2008	9	4	5	4
121	TOTAL	1896-2008	1793	1533	260	

ANZAHL DER GEWEHR SCHÜTZEN ALLER NOCs, DIE AN DEN OLYMPISCHEN SPIELEN TEILNAHMEN / MÄNNER 1896-2008 und FRAUEN 1976-2008

NOMBRE DE TIREURS DE CARABINE des CON PARTICIPANT AUX JEUX OLYMPIQUES / HOMMES 1896-2008 et FEMMES 1976-2008

CUÁNTOS TIRADORES DE RIFLE provenientes de NOC's PARTICIPAN en los JUEGOS OLÍMPICOS / HOMBRES 1896-2008 y MUJERES 1976-2008

2. MEDAL STANDING OLYMPIC EVENTS by NOC for RIFLE MEN and WOMEN 1896-2008

RANK	NOC	YEAR	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1	USA	1908-2008	25	18	10	53
2	GBR	1908-1988	8	8	8	24
3	CHN	1984-2008	7	2	3	12
4	URS	1952-1988	6	7	8	21
5	SWE	1908-2000	6	6	7	19
6	FRA	1900-1996	6	6	4	16
7	NOR	1900-2000	5	6	8	19
8	SUI	1900-1984	4	4	5	13
9	FRG	1968-1988	3	3	2	8
10	HUN	1912-1988	3	2	4	9
11	DEN	1896-2000	2	7	4	13
12	RUS	1996-2008	2	5	2	9
13	GRE	1896	2	2	1	5
14	KOR	1988-2000	2	2		4
15	TCH	1956-1988	2	1		3
16	POL	1936-2000	2		3	5
17	YUG	1988-1996	2		1	3
18	EUN	1992	2			2
19	AUT	1960-2004	1	2	2	5
20	GER	1992-2004	1	2	1	4
21	CZE	2004-2008	1	1	1	3
22	UKR	2008	1	1		2
23	CAN	1908-1956	1		2	3
24	EUA	1960	1		1	2
24	ROM	1952-1972	1		1	2
24	SLO	2000-2008	1		1	2
27	IND	2008	1			1
27	PRK	1972	1			1
29	BUL	1964-1992		4	1	5
30	FIN	1920-2008		3	3	6
31	GDR	1972-1980		2	1	3
32	ITA	1984-2004		2		2
32	KAZ	1996		2		2
34	MEX	1932		1		1
34	RSA	1920		1		1
36	BEL	1900			2	2
36	BLR	2000-2004			2	2
36	IOP	1992			2	2
36	SVK	1996-2004			2	2
40	AUS	2008			1	1
40	CRO	2008			1	1
40	CUB	2008			1	1
40	HAI	1924			1	1
40	JPN	1992			1	1
40	NZL	1968			1	1
40	VEN	1960			1	1
TOTAL			99	100	99	298

MEDAILLENSTAND DER NOCs BEI DEN OLYMPISCHEN SPIELEN FÜR GEWEHR / MÄNNER UND FRAUEN VON 1896-2008

CLASSEMENT DE MÉDAILLES DES JEUX OLYMPIQUES PAR CON POUR CARABINE / HOMMES ET FEMMES 1896-2008

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NATIONS

– the USA Tops the Historical Medal Standings

The history of Rifle shooting in the Olympics dates back to the very first modern Games in 1896. Since then, and considering all the different rifle events that were held at the Games throughout the last century, the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** stands at the top of the medal standings. A positive omen from the past: the very first Olympic Gold medal of the US rifle team was won in 1908, at the IV Olympic Games held... in London! Throughout the last 104 years, the USA has finished in the spotlight, with an impressive total number of 53 medals, including 25 Gold medals. Out of 29 Olympic editions, American shooters have finished on the podiums of rifle events 16 different times, winning 48 medals in male events and 5 medals in female events.

In this historical medal rankings, the second place went to the host country of the next Games, **GREAT BRITAIN**, a nation with a solid tradition in the Shooting Sport, which can proudly display 24 Olympic medals won ever since London 1908. Starting to rise in the international rankings during the last years, the **PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA** stands in third place with 12 medals. The Chinese team chose the home of the rifle team with the highest amount of medals in the world, the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, to win its very first rifle medal, collecting a total of seven Gold, just one victory away from stealing the second place to the next hosts, Great Britain. (figure 2)

Figure 2 Note:

E: 1900 Paris (FRA): 2 BRONZE medals in 300M RIFLE 3 POSITIONS MEN, OESTMO Ole (NOR) and VAN ASBROECK Paul (BEL) / 1900 Paris (FRA): 2 SILVER medals in 300M FREE RIFLE KNEELING 40 SHOTS MEN, KELLENBERGER Emil (SUI) and NIELSEN Anders Peter (DEN) / 1900 Paris (FRA): No BRONZE medal in 300M FREE RIFLE KNEELING 40 SHOTS MEN / 1976 Montreal (CAN): SILVER medal to female shooter MURDOCK Margaret (USA) in 50M RIFLE 3 POSITIONS MEN (open)

D: 1900 Paris (FRA): 2 BRONZEMEDAILLEN im 300M GEWEHR 3 STELLUNGSBEWERB DER MÄNNER für OESTMO Ole (NOR) und VAN ASBROECK Paul (BEL) / 1900 Paris (FRA): 2 SILBERMEDAILLEN im 300M GEWEHR MÄNNER KNIEND 40 SCHUSS BEWERB für KELLENBERGER Emil (SUI) und NIELSEN Anders Peter (DEN) / 1900 Paris (FRA): Keine BRONZEMEDAILLE im 300M GEWEHR MÄNNER KNIEND 40 SCHUSS BEWERB / 1976 Montreal (CAN): SILBERMEDAILLE für die weibliche Schützin MURDOCK Margaret (USA) im 50M GEWEHR 3 STELLUNGSBEWERB DER MÄNNER (offen)

F: 1900 Paris (FRA): 2 médailles de BRONZE aux 300m CARABINE 3 POSITIONS HOMMES, OESTMO Ole (NOR) et VAN ASBROECK Paul (BEL) / 1900 Paris (FRA): 2 médailles d'ARGENT aux 300m CARABINE LIBRE EN POSITION DE GENOU 40 COUPS HOMMES, KELLENBERGER Emil (SUI) et NIELSEN Anders Peter (DEN) / 1900 Paris (FRA): Aucune médaille de BRONZE aux 300m CARABINE LIBRE EN POSITION DE GENOU 40 COUPS HOMMES / 1976 Montréal (CAN): médaille d'ARGENT, MURDOCK Margaret (USA) aux 50m CARABINE 3 POSITIONS HOMMES (Ouvert)

S: Paris 1900 Paris (FRA): 2 medallas de BRONCE en RIFLE 3 POSICIONES 300M VARONIL, OESTMO Ole (NOR) y VAN ASBROECK Paul (BEL) / Paris 1900 (FRA): 2 medallas de PLATA en RIFLE LIBRE DE RODILLAS 300M 40 TIROS VARONIL, KELLENBERGER Emil (SUI) y NIELSEN Anders Peter (DEN) / Paris 1900 (FRA): No hubo medalla de BRONCE en RIFLE LIBRE DE RODILLAS 300M 40 TIROS VARONIL / Montreal 1976 (CAN): Medalla de PLATA para una tiradora: MURDOCK Margaret (USA) en RIFLE 3 POSICIONES 50M VARONIL (abierto)

EXTRA-ORDINARY MEN

Forged the History of Rifle Shooting

Extraordinary men forged the history of Rifle shooting at the Olympic Games, and once again we should look at the historical medal standings and participation rankings to find

out who topped the charts of rifle events. US athletes are once again under the spotlight: the USA's **LONES WIGGER** stands as the man who obtained the highest amount of titles in individual rifle events at the Olympic games, with two Gold and one Silver medals won in 1964 and 1972 in 300m and 50m events. His team-mate, current ISSF Vice President **GARY ANDERSON**, also finished at the top of the rankings, winning two Olympic Gold medals in 1964 and 1968 in the 300m three position events, joining a very small elite of international athletes who were able to win two Olympic Golds back to back.

(figure 3a+b)



WIGGER Lones (USA)



ANDERSON Gary (USA)

3.A Medal Standing Olympic Events by NOC for RIFLE MEN individual and team 1896-2008

RANK	NOC	YEAR	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1	USA	1908-2008	22	17	9	48
2	GBR	1908-1988	8	8	8	24
3	SWE	1908-2000	6	6	7	19
4	FRA	1900-1996	6	6	4	16
5	URS	1952-1988	5	7	6	18
6	NOR	1900-2000	5	6	8	19
7	SUI	1900-1984	4	4	5	13
8	CHN	2000-2008	4	2		6
9	HUN	1912-1988	3	2	4	9
10	DEN	1896-2000	2	7	4	13
11	GRE	1896	2	2	1	5
12	FRG	1968-1988	2	1	2	5
13	TCH	1956-1988	2	1		3
14	EUN	1992	2			2
15	AUT	1960-2004	1	2	2	5
16	GER	1992-2004	1	1	1	3
16	RUS	1996-2000	1	1	1	3
18	KOR	1988-1992	1	1		2
18	UKR	2008	1	1		2
20	CAN	1908-1956	1		2	3
21	EUA	1960	1		1	2
21	ROM	1952-1972	1		1	2
21	SLO	2000-2008	1		1	2
24	IND	2008	1			1
24	PRK	1972	1			1
24	YUG	1988	1			1
27	FIN	1920-2008		3	3	6
28	GDR	1972-1980		2	1	3
29	KAZ	1996		2		2
30	BUL	1964-1980		1	1	2
31	MEX	1932		1		1
31	RSA	1920		1		1
33	BEL	1900			2	2
33	BLR	2000-2004			2	2
33	SVK	1996-2004			2	2
36	AUS	2008			1	1
36	HAI	1924			1	1
36	IOP	1992			1	1
36	JPN	1992			1	1
36	NZL	1968			1	1
36	POL	1936			1	1
36	VEN	1960			1	1
TOTAL			85	85	85	255

3.B Medal Standing Olympic Events by NOC for RIFLE MEN individual 1896-2008

RANK	NOC	YEAR	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1	USA	1908-2008	14	16	7	37
2	GBR	1908-1988	6	5	8	19
3	FRA	1900-1996	6	4	1	11
4	URS	1952-1988	5	7	6	18
5	NOR	1900-2000	4	2	7	13
6	SWE	1912-2000	4	2	4	10
7	CHN	2000-2008	4	2		6
8	SUI	1900-1984	3	4	3	10
9	HUN	1912-1988	3	2	4	9
10	GRE	1896	2	2	1	5
11	FRG	1968-1988	2	1	2	5
12	TCH	1956-1988	2	1		3
13	EUN	1992	2			2
14	DEN	1896-2000	1	7	3	11
15	AUT	1960-2004	1	2	2	5
16	GER	1992-2004	1	1	1	3
16	RUS	1996-2000	1	1	1	3
18	KOR	1988-1992	1	1		2
18	UKR	2008	1	1		2
20	CAN	1956	1		1	2
20	EUA	1960	1		1	2
20	ROM	1952-1972	1		1	2
20	SLO	2000-2008	1		1	2
24	IND	2008	1			1
24	PRK	1972	1			1
24	YUG	1988	1			1
27	FIN	1948-2008		3	2	5
28	GDR	1972-1980		2	1	3
29	KAZ	1996		2		2
30	BUL	1964-1980		1	1	2
31	MEX	1932		1		1
32	BEL	1900			2	2
32	BLR	2000-2004			2	2
32	SVK	1996-2004			2	2
35	AUS	2008			1	1
35	IOP	1992			1	1
35	JPN	1992			1	1
35	NZL	1968			1	1
35	POL	1936			1	1
35	VEN	1960			1	1
TOTAL			70	70	70	210

MEDAILLENSTAND DER NOKS BEI DEN OLYMPISCHEN SPIELEN FÜR GEWEHR MÄNNER, EINZEL UND TEAM VON 1896-2008

CLASSEMENT DES MÉDAILLES D'ÉVÉNEMENTS OLYMPIQUES PAR CON DE CARABINE HOMMES INDIVIDUEL ET PAR ÉQUIPES 1896-2008

OBTENCIÓN DE MEDALLAS EN EVENTOS OLÍMPICOS POR NOC EN COMPETENCIAS DE RIFLE VARONIL INDIVIDUAL Y POR EQUIPO 1896-2008

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OBTENCIÓN DE MEDALLAS EN EVENTOS OLÍMPICOS POR NOC EN COMPETENCIAS DE RIFLE VARONIL INDIVIDUAL 1896-2008

4.A 20-TOP MULTI-MEDALISTS

RIFLE MEN Individual Olympic Games 1896-2008

RANK	NAME	NOC	YEAR	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL	EVENT
1	WIGGER Lones	USA	1964; 1972	2	1		3	300FR3X40; FR3X40;FR60PR
2	ANDERSON Gary	USA	1964; 1968	2			2	300FR3X40
2	BOGDANOV Anatoli	URS	1952; 1956	2			2	300FR3X40; FR3X40
2	COLAS Paul Rene	FRA	1912	2			2	300FR3X40; 600ARAP
2	COOPER Malcolm	GBR	1984; 1988	2			2	FR3X40
2	FISHER Morris	USA	1920; 1924	2			2	300800FRAP; 300FR3X40
7	OSBURN Carl Townsend	USA	1912; 1920; 1924	1	3		4	300800FRAP; 300AR2X10; 300ARST; 600ARAP
8	MADSEN Lars Joergen	DEN	1900; 1912; 1920	1	2		3	300ARST; 300FR3X40; 300FR40ST
9	BORISOV Vassily	URS	1956; 1960	1	1	1	3	300FR3X40; FR60PR
9	HAMMERL Laszlo Dr	HUN	1964; 1968	1	1	1	3	FR3X40; FR60PR
11	BASSHAM Lanny	USA	1972; 1976	1	1		2	FR3X40
11	EMMONS Matthew	USA	2004; 2008	1	1		2	FR60PR
11	KELLENBERGER Emil	SUI	1900	1	1		2	300FR3X40; 300FR40KN
11	KHADJIBEKOV Artem	RUS	1996; 2000	1	1		2	AR60
11	WRITER John	USA	1968; 1972	1	1		2	FR3X40
11	ZHU Qinan	CHN	2004; 2008	1	1		2	AR60
17	AMAT Jean-Pierre	FRA	1996	1		1	2	AR60; FR3X40
17	DEBEVEC Rajmond	SLO	2000; 2008	1		1	2	FR3X40
17	NUESSEIN Lawrence Adam	USA	1920	1		1	2	300ARST; FR40ST
17	ROEGEBERG Willy	NOR	1936; 1948	1		1	2	300FR3X40; FR30PR

TOP 20 DER MEHRFACHEN MEDAILLENGEWINNER BEI DEN OLYMPISCHEN SPIELEN, GEWEHR MÄNNER EINZEL VON 1896-2008

20 TIREURS TOP MÉDAILLÉS MULTIPLES DE CARABINE HOMMES INDIVIDUEL JEUX OLYMPIQUES 1896-2008

20 PRINCIPALES MULTI-MEDALLISTAS EN RIFLE INDIVIDUAL VARONIL DURANTE LOS JUEGOS OLÍMPICOS DE 1896-2008



Left: HIRVI Juha (FIN) / Center: DEBEVEC Rajmond (SLO) / Right: STENVAAG Harald (NOR)

Even when looking at the complete Olympic medal standings of the last 116 years, including discontinued and team events, the **US TEAM** stands in first place, reaching the first seven spots of the chart. The leader, Rifle shooter **CARL TOWNSEND OSBURN**, competed at the three Olympic Games (1912, 1920, 1924) winning a total of 11 rifle medals (five Gold; four Silver and two Bronze), including one Bronze medal in the discon-

tinued Running Deer event. Facts prove that the USA has been the best Rifle team of the modern Olympics, a team which is looking forward to confirm its excellent results of the past with new medals at the 2012 Games in London. (figure 4a + 4b)

4.B ■ 20-TOP MULTI-MEDALISTS**RIFLE MEN Individual and team Olympic Games 1896-2008**

RANK	NAME	NOC	YEAR	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL	EVENT
1	OSBURN Carl Townsend	USA	1912; 1920; 1924	5	4	1	10	200600ARPR; 300+600ARPR; 300800FRAP; 300AR2X10; 300ARPR; 300ARST; 300FR3X40; 600ARAP; FRPR
2	LEE Willis Augustus Jun	USA	1920	5	1		6	300+600ARPR; 300ARPR; 300ARST; 300FR3X40; 600ARPR; FR40ST
3	FISHER Morris	USA	1920; 1924	5			5	300800FRAP; 300ARPR; 300FR3X40
4	SPOONER Lloyd Spencer	USA	1920	4	1	1	6	300+600ARPR; 300ARPR; 300ARST; 300FR3X40; 600ARPR
5	FENTON Dennis	USA	1920	3		1	4	300FR3X40; 600ARPR; FR40ST
6	JACKSON Joseph	USA	1920	3			3	300+600ARPR; 300ARPR; 600ARPR
6	SCHRIVER Ollie Martin	USA	1920	3			3	300+600ARPR; 600ARPR; FR40ST
8	HELGERUD Albert	NOR	1908; 1912; 1920	2	3	1	6	300+600ARPR; 300FR3X40; FR40ST
9	MADSEN Lars Joergen	DEN	1900; 1912; 1920	2	2	1	5	300ARST; 300FR3X40; 300FR40ST
10	CARLBERG Wilhelm	SWE	1908; 1912	2	2		4	25FR40APDT; 25FR40APMT; 50+100FRPR40; FRPR
11	COLAS Paul Rene	FRA	1908; 1912; 1924	2	1	1	4	300800FRAP; 300FR3X40; 50+100FRPR40; 600ARAP
11	NUESSELEIN Lawrence Adam	USA	1920	2	1	1	4	300ARST; FR40ST
13	KELLENBERGER Emil	SUI	1900	2	1		3	300FR3X40; 300FR40KN
13	PIMM William Edwin	GBR	1908; 1912	2	1		3	25FR40APMT; 50+100FRPR40; FRPR
13	WIGGER Lones	USA	1964; 1972	2	1		3	300FR3X40; FR3X40; FR60PR
16	JOHANSSON Carl Hugo	SWE	1912; 1920	2		3	5	200600ARPR; 300ARST; 300FR3X40; 600ARPR
17	ANDERSON Gary	USA	1964; 1968	2			2	300FR3X40
17	BOGDANOV Anatoli	URS	1952; 1956	2			2	300FR3X40; FR3X40
17	COOPER Malcolm	GBR	1984; 1988	2			2	FR3X40
17	STAEHELI Konrad	SUI	1900	2			2	300FR3X40; 300FR40KN

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20 PRINCIPALES MULTI-MEDALLISTAS EN RIFLE INDIVIDUAL VARONIL Y POR EQUIPOS DURANTE LOS JUEGOS OLÍMPICOS DE 1896-2008

5. ■ Multi-Participation RIFLE MEN (1533 athletes) at the Olympic Games 1896-2008**(6 OLYMPIC GAMES AND MORE...)**

NUMBER OF OG	NAME	NOC	YEARS	EVENT
7	DEBEVEC Rajmond	SLO/YUG	1984; 1988; 1992; 1996; 2000; 2004; 2008	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
7	LAFORTUNE Francois Jacques Marie Gerard	BEL	1952; 1956; 1960; 1964; 1968; 1972; 1976	FR3X40; FR40PR; FR60PR
6	HIRVI Juha	FIN	1988; 1992; 1996; 2000; 2004; 2008	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
6	STENVAAG Harald	NOR	1984; 1988; 1992; 1996; 2000; 2004	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR

MEHRFACHE TEILNAHME AN DEN OLYMPISCHEN SPIELEN, GEWEHR MÄNNER (1533 ATHLETEN) VON 1896-2008 (6 OLYMPISCHE SPIELE UND MEHR...)

PARTICIPATION MULTIPLE DE CARABINE HOMMES (1533 ATHLÈTES) AUX JEUX OLYMPIQUES 1896-2008 (6 JEUX OLYMPIQUES OU PLUS)

PARTICIPACIÓN MÚLTIPLE EN RIFLE VARONIL (1533 ATLETAS) EN LOS JUEGOS OLÍMPICOS DE 1896-2008 (6 JUEGOS OLÍMPICOS O MÁS...)

When we talk about athletes who forged the History of Rifle shooting at the Olympic Games, we should also mention the multi-participants. To participate in one Olympic edition is an extraordinary achievement, but what about those athletes who were able to prevail during several Olympic cycles, and to participate again and again throughout the years? The “Gold medal” goes to Slovenia’s rifle master **RAJMOND DEBEVEC**, who par-

ticipated in seven Olympic Games editions. Debevec attended every Game since Los Angeles 1984, and won his last medal just four years ago, by placing third in Beijing. And he continues shooting at the highest level: the Slovenian shooter qualified to participate in the London Games, his eighth Olympics, a record achieved by only five sportsmen since 1896. **FRANCOIS JACQUES MARIE GERARD**, a rifle shooter from Belgium, follows Debevec

as one of the most active rifle shooters at the Games, having achieved seven participations in the Olympics, competing in Rifle events between 1952 and 1976. Among the greats, only two shooters – both still in activity – competed in six Olympic Games: Finland’s **JUHA HIRVI** (who competed from 1988 to 2008), and Norway’s **HARALD STENVAAG** (who competed from 1984 to 2004). (figure 5)

STRONG WOMEN

Earn a Spot in the History of Olympic Rifle

The shooting sport has changed throughout the years, and competition options for women have increased from one Game to the next. A pioneer on this path of emancipation, **MARGARET MURDOCK**, was the first woman to finish on a podium in an official Olympic Rifle Men event. The American shooter, competing in the 50m Rifle Three Position Men event (open) at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal, finished in second, winning the Silver medal... with the same score as the winner!

The same year, 1976 witnessed the beginning of the Olympic history of an “endurance athlete”, **NONKA MATOVA** of Bulgaria, a rifle shooter who competed throughout six consecutive Games (except for Los Angeles 1984), becoming the woman with the highest number of participations in Rifle events at the Olympics, along with Monaco's Fabienne Pasetti (competing from 1988 to 2008).

Among the ladies, the “Medal Standings trophy” goes to Poland's **RENATA MAUER**, who earned three medals (two Gold and one Bronze) competing in “just” four Olympic Games in Atlanta 1996 and Sydney 2000. Three shooters who are still in activity – and thirsty for medals – follow her on this medal chart: **CHINA'S DU LI**, Russia's **LIUBOV GALKINA** and the Czech Republic's **KATERINA EMMONS**, winner of the 2008 10m Air Rifle Women Olympic Gold and proud owner of three Olympic medals.



MURDOCK Margaret (USA)

6. MEDAL STANDING Olympic Events by NOC for RIFLE WOMEN 1976-2008

RANK	NOC	YEAR	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1	USA	1976-2000	3	1	1	5
2	CHN	1984-2008	3		3	6
3	POL	1992-2000	2		2	4
4	RUS	1996-2008	1	4	1	6
5	FRG	1984-1988	1	2		3
6	CZE	2004-2008	1	1	1	3
7	KOR	1992-2000	1	1		2
8	URS	1988	1		2	3
9	YUG	1996	1		1	2
10	BUL	1988-1992		3		3
11	ITA	1984-2004		2		2
12	GER	1996		1		1
13	CRO	2008			1	1
13	CUB	2008			1	1
13	IOP	1992			1	1
TOTAL			14	15	14	43

DER MEDAILLENSTAND DER NOKS BEI DEN OLYMPISCHEN SPIELEN GEWEHR FRAUEN 1976-2008

CLASSEMENT DES MÉDAILLES D'ÉVÉNEMENTS OLYMPIQUES PAR CON DE CARABINE FEMMES 1976-2008

OBTENCIÓN DE MEDALLAS EN EVENTOS OLÍMPICOS POR NOC PARA RIFLE FEMENIL 1976-2008

Note:
1976 Montreal (CAN): Silver medal to female shooter MURDOCK Margaret (USA) in 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men (open)



MAUER Renata (POL)

7. TOP 13 MULTI-MEDALISTS OLYMPIC GAMES**WOMEN individual 1976-2008**

RANK	NAME	NOC	YEAR	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL	EVENT
1	MAUER Renata	POL	1996; 2000	2		1	3	AR40; STR3X20
2	DU Li	CHN	2004; 2008	2			2	AR40; STR3X20
3	GALKINA Liubov	RUS	2004; 2008	1	2		3	AR40; STR3X20
4	EMMONS Katerina	CZE	2004; 2008	1	1	1	3	AR40; STR3X20
5	SPERBER Silvia	FRG	1988	1	1		2	AR40; STR3X20
6	IVOSEV Aleksandra	YUG	1996	1		1	2	AR40; STR3X20
6	WU Xiaoxuan	CHN	1984	1		1	2	AR40; STR3X20
8	JOHNSON Nancy	USA	2000	1			1	AR40
8	MEILI Launi	USA	1992	1			1	STR3X20
8	SHYLAVA Iryna	URS	1988	1			1	AR40
8	SPURGIN Pat	USA	1984	1			1	AR40
8	YEO Kab Soon	KOR	1984	1			1	AR40
13	LETCEVA Vesela	BUL	1988; 1992		2		2	AR40; STR3X20

TOP 13 MEHRFACHE MEDAILLENGEWINNERINNEN BEI DEN OLYMPISCHEN SPIELEN, FRAUEN EINZEL VON 1976-2008

13 TIREURS TOP MÉDAILLÉES MULTIPLES INDIVIDUELLES AUX JEUX OLYMPIQUES 1976-2008

13 TIRADORES MULTI-MEDALLISTAS DE LOS JUEGOS OLÍMPICOS EN RIFLE FEMENIL INDIVIDUAL 1976-2008

8. Multi-Participation RIFLE WOMEN (260 athletes) at the Olympic Games 1976-2008**(4 OLYMPIC GAMES AND MORE...)**

NUMBER OF OG	NAME	NOC	YEARS	EVENT
6	MATOVA Nonka	BUL	1976; 1980; 1988; 1992; 1996; 2000	AR40; FR3X40; FR60PR; STR3X20
6	PASETTI Fabienne	MON	1988; 1992; 1996; 2000; 2004; 2008	AR40
5	BUEHLMANN Gaby	SUI	1988; 1992; 1996; 2000; 2004	AR40; STR3X20
4	BOWES Sharon	CAN	1984; 1988; 1992; 2000	AR40; STR3X20
4	FORIAN Eva	HUN	1980; 1988; 1992; 1996	AR40; FR3X40; STR3X20
4	JOO Eva	HUN	1988; 1992; 1996; 2004	AR40; STR3X20
4	LETCEVA Vesela	BUL	1988; 1992; 1996; 2000	AR40; STR3X20
4	MAUER-ROZANSKA Renata	POL	1992; 1996; 2000; 2004	AR40; STR3X20
4	PFEILSCHIFTER Sonja	GER	1992; 2000; 2004; 2008	AR40; STR3X20
4	SHYLAVA Iryna	BLR/EUN/URS	1988; 1992; 1996; 2000	AR40; STR3X20

MEHRFACHE TEILNAHME AN DEN OLYMPISCHEN SPIELEN, GEWEHR FRAUEN (260 ATHLETINNEN) VON 1976-2008 (4 OLYMPISCHE SPIELE UND MEHR...)

PARTICIPATION MULTIPLE CARABINE FEMMES (260 TIREUSES) AUX JEUX OLYMPIQUES 1976-2008 (4 JEUX OLYMPIQUES OU PLUS)

PARTICIPACIÓN MÚLTIPLE RIFLE FEMENIL (260 ATLETAS) DURANTE LOS JUEGOS OLÍMPICOS 1976-2008 (4 JUEGOS OLÍMPICOS O MÁS ...)

But all these women set some sort of record in their exceptional shooting career. Du Li and Renata Mauer have been the only two female shooters to win two different Rifle events in two different Olympic Games. Liubov Galkina is the current oldest winner of an Olympic Gold in the Rifle women event, enjoying a victory on the lines Athens at the age of 31. And more to come: the lines of the 2012 Olympic Shooting Range in London are waiting for the next record-setting women to come and earn a spot in the history of shooting. (figure 6, 7, 8)



EMMONS Katerina (CZE) and Matthew (USA)

In the Legendary Chronicles of the Games

Rifle shooting wrote some great parts of the Olympic history, and some rifle shooters became a part of the Olympic Legend. Such as one of the first Olympic medalists ever, **ALEXANDER VIGGO JENSEN ROWING**, from Denmark, who won three medals (1 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze) at the very first edition of the modern Olympic Games, in Athens, in 1896. He won three medals, competing in four events... in four different sports: Rifle Shooting, Weightlifting, Athletic and Gymnastic. Once again, Great Britain's shooters should take a closer look at the history of Rifle at the

Olympics: they could find out some encouraging information. They should, for example, check the results of the 1908 Olympic Games – held in... London – where **GREAT BRITAIN** won the first nine places of the 50 and 100 Yards Prone event! The only negative note of the day was a lost World Record of 391 points, scored by Philip Edward Plater, who was declared an unofficial participant because of a mistake in the entry process.

But Rifle Shooting events were also stages where true Olympic spirit was displayed, such as at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, when two opponents, two Canadian teammates – **GERALD OUELLETTE** and **GILMOUR STUART BOA**, impressed the public by sharing a rifle throughout the competition. During practice, Ouellette was unhappy with his rifle, so during the competition, his team-mate Boa offered to share his own gun. This means that the two of them had to shoot twice as fast, in order to swap the rifle and to finish the 60 shots within the given time. Boa shot first, finishing

with 598 points and the third place, while Ouellette – shooting almost rapid-fire – finished in first with a perfect record score of 600 points.

Family affairs were also part of the history of Rifle Shooting at the Games. ISSF shooters and members often refer to themselves as “part of a family”, but some shooters actually have lived this experience by competing at the Games with their relatives. Such as Swedish brothers and sisters **ERIC** and **WILHELM CARLBERG** -who won 12 medals in Rifle and Pistol events at the 1908, 1912 and 1924 Olympic Games – and **CHRISTINA** and **MARGARETA GUSTAFSSON**, shooting together on the rifle ranges at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. Shooting is often a family passion, and families engrave their names the Olympic Games history: such is the case of **ALBERT** and **RUDOLF SIGL**, father and son, participating together at the 1956 Melbourne Games.

And what about competing with your husband or wife? It can be tough, but it can also turn out to be rewarding: such is the experience of

10. ■ ALL OLYMPIC MEDALISTS OF CURRENT RIFLE EVENTS

50M RIFLE 3 POSITIONS MEN

1952-2008

2008 Beijing (CHN)

QIU Jian (CHN)

SUKHORUKOV Yuriy (UKR)

DEBEVEC Rajmond (SLO)

2004 Athens (GRE)

JIA Zhanbo (CHN)

ANTI Michael (USA)

PLANER Christian (AUT)

2000 Sydney (AUS)

DEBEVEC Rajmond (SLO)

HIRVI Juha (FIN)

STENVAAG Harald (NOR)

1996 Atlanta (USA)

AMAT Jean-Pierre (FRA)

BELYAYEV Sergey (KAZ)

WAIBEL Wolfram Jun (AUT)

1992 Barcelona (ESP)

PETIKYAN Hrachya (EUN)

FOTH Robert (USA)

KOBA Ryohei (JPN)

1988 Seoul (KOR)

COOPER Malcolm (GBR)

ALLAN Alister (GBR)

IVANOV Kirill (URS)

1984 Los Angeles (USA)

COOPER Malcolm (GBR)

NIPKOW Daniel (SUI)

ALLAN Alister (GBR)

1980 Moscow (URS)

VLASOV Viktor (URS)

HARTSTEIN Bernd (GDR)

JOHANSSON Sven (SWE)

1976 Montreal (CAN)

BASSHAM Lanny (USA)

MURDOCK Margaret (USA)

SEIBOLD Werner (FRG)

1972 Munich (FRG)

WRITER John (USA)

BASSHAM Lanny (USA)

LIPPOLDT Werner (GDR)

1968 Mexico City (MEX)

KLINGNER Bernd (FRG)

WRITER John (USA)

PARKHIMOVITCH Vitali (URS)

1964 Tokyo (JPN)

WIGGER Lones (USA)

CHRISTOV Velitchko Velitchkov (BUL)

HAMMERL Laszlo Dr (HUN)

1960 Rome (ITA)

SHAMBURKIN Victor (URS)

NIYAZOV Marat (URS)

ZAEHRINGER Klaus (EUA)

1956 Melbourne (AUS)

BOGDANOV Anatoli (URS)

HORINEK Otakar (TCH)

SUNDBERG Nils Johan (SWE)

1952 Helsinki (FIN)

KONGSHAUG Erling Asbjørn (NOR)

YLOENEN Vilho Ilmari (FIN)

ANDREJEV Boris (URS)

50M RIFLE PRONE MEN

1908-2008

2008 Beijing (CHN)

AIVAZIAN Artur (UKR)

EMMONS Matthew (USA)

POTENT Warren (AUS)

2004 Athens (GRE)

EMMONS Matthew (USA)

LUSCH Christian (GER)

MARTYNOV Sergei (BLR)

2000 Sydney (AUS)

EDMAN Jonas (SWE)

GRIMMEL Torben (DEN)

MARTYNOV Sergei (BLR)

1996 Atlanta (USA)

KLEES Christian (GER)

BELYAYEV Sergey (KAZ)

GONCI Jozef (SVK)

1992 Barcelona (ESP)

LEE Eun Chul (KOR)

STENVAAG Harald (NOR)

PLETIKOSIC Stevan (IOP)

1988 Seoul (KOR)

VARGA Miroslav (TCH)

CHA Young Chul (KOR)

ZAHONYI Attila (HUN)

1984 Los Angeles (USA)

ETZEL Edward (USA)

BURY Michel (FRA)

SULLIVAN Michael (GBR)

1980 Moscow (URS)

VARGA Karoly (HUN)

HEILFORT Hellfried (GDR)

ZAPRIANOV Petar (BUL)

1976 Montreal (CAN)

SMIESZEK Karlheinz (FRG)

LIND Ulrich (FRG)

LUSHIKOV Gennadi (URS)

1972 Munich (FRG)

LI Ho Jun (PRK)

AUER Victor (USA)

ROTARU Nicolae (ROM)

1968 Mexico City (MEX)

KURKA Jan (TCH)

HAMMERL Laszlo Dr (HUN)

BALLINGER Ian Roy (NZL)

1964 Tokyo (JPN)

HAMMERL Laszlo Dr (HUN)

WIGGER Lones (USA)

POOL Tommy (USA)

1960 Rome (ITA)

KOHNKE Peter (EUA)

HILL James Enoch (USA)

FORCELLA PELLICIONI Enrico (VEN)

1956 Melbourne (AUS)

OUELLETTE Gerald (CAN)

BORISOV Vassily (URS)

BOA Gilmour Stuart (CAN)

1952 Helsinki (FIN)

SARBU Iosif (ROM)

ANDREJEV Boris (URS)

JACKSON Arthur Charles (USA)

1948 London (GBR)

COOK Arthur Edwin (USA)

TOMSEN Walter (USA)

JONSSON Jonas (SWE)

1936 Berlin (GER)

ROEGEBERG Willy (NOR)

ALLE OLYMPISCHEN MEDAILLENGEWINNER DER AKTUELLEN GEWEHR BEWERBE / TOUS LES TIREURS MÉDAILLÉS DES ÉVÉNEMENTS ACTUELS DE CARABINE

TODOS LOS MEDALLISTAS OLÍMPICOS DE EVENTOS DE RIFLE ACTUALES

9. ■ YOUNGEST / OLDEST

YOUNGEST / OLDEST	NAME	AGE	EVENT	RESULT	OLYMPIC GAMES
Men youngest gold medal winner	KOHNKE Peter (EUA)	18 years 335 days	FR60PR	590	1960 Rome (ITA)
Men youngest medal winner	DINWIDDIE Marcus William (USA)	16 years 300 days	FR40ST	396	1924 Paris (FRA)
Men oldest gold & medal winner	MILNER Jerry Kearney (GBR)	61 years 4 days	1000YFRPR	98	1908 London (GBR)
Women youngest gold medal winner	YEO Kab Soon (KOR)	18 years 78 days	AR40	396+102,2	1992 Barcelona (ESP)
Women youngest medal winner	HOLMER Ulrike (FRG)	16 years 300 days	STR3X20	578	1984 Los Angeles (USA)
Women oldest gold medal winner	GALKINA Lioubov (RUS)	31 years 158 days	STR3X20	587+101,4	2004 Athens (GRE)
Women oldest medal winner	MATOVA Nonka (BUL)	37 years 183 days	STR3X20	584+98,7	1992 Barcelona (ESP)

DIE JÜNGSTEN UND ÄLTESTEN / LES PLUS JEUNES ET LES PLUS ÂGÉS / MENOR EDAD / MÁS EDAD

MALCOLM and **SARAH COOPER**, participating together at the 1984 and 1988 Olympics, where Malcolm won two Gold medals. And, more recently of Eugeni **ALEINIKOV** and **LIUBOV GALKINA** of Russia (winners of a Bronze medal at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney and of a Gold at the 2004 Games in Athens). We love Shooting,

and Shooting can be part of a love story, as happened at the 2008 Olympic Games, where Katerina Emmons of Czech Republic won the very first Gold of Beijing at the 10m Air Rifle Women events, while her husband Matthew Emmons finished on the podium of the 50m Rifle Prone men event a couple of days later. (figure 9, 10)

What's next?

The history of Rifle shooting continues in London 2012. Right now, somewhere, there are shooters training hard to become the next heroes of the Olympic Games.

Wolfgang Schreiber / Marco Dalla Dea / Georgi Nekhaev

BERZSENYI DR Ralph (HUN)
KARAS Wladyslaw (POL)
1932 Los Angeles (USA)
ROENMARK Bertil Vilhelm (SWE)
HUET Gustavo (MEX)
HRADEZKY SOOS-RUSZKA Zoltan (HUN)
1912 Stockholm (SWE)
HIRD Frederick S (USA)
MILNE William (GBR)
BURT Harry (GBR)
1908 London (GBR)
CARNELL Arthur Ashton (GBR)
HUMBY Harry Robinson (GBR)
BARNES George (GBR)

10M AIR RIFLE MEN
1984-2008
2008 Beijing (CHN)
BINDRA Abhinav (IND)
ZHU Qinan (CHN)
HAKKINEN Henri (FIN)
2004 Athens (GRE)
ZHU Qinan (CHN)
LI Jie (CHN)
GONCI Jozef (SVK)
2000 Sydney (AUS)
CAI Yalin (CHN)
KHADJIBEKOV Artem (RUS)
ALEINIKOV Eugeni (RUS)
1996 Atlanta (USA)
KHADJIBEKOV Artem (RUS)
WAIBEL Wolfram Jun (AUT)
AMAT Jean-Pierre (FRA)
1992 Barcelona (ESP)
FEDKIN Juri (EUN)
BADIOU Franck (FRA)
RIEDERER Johann (GER)
1988 Seoul (KOR)
MAKSIMOVIC Goran (YUG)
BERTHELOT Nicolas (FRA)
RIEDERER Johann (FRG)
1984 Los Angeles (USA)
HEBERLE Philippe (FRA)
KRONTHALER Andreas (AUT)
DAGGER Barry (GBR)

50M RIFLE 3 POSITION WOMEN
1984-2008
2008 Beijing (CHN)
DU Li (CHN)
EMMONS Katerina (CZE)
CRUZ Eglis Yaima (CUB)
2004 Athens (GRE)
GALKINA Lioubov (RUS)
TURISINI Valentina (ITA)
WANG Chengyi (CHN)
2000 Sydney (AUS)
MAUER Renata (POL)
GOLDOBINA Tatiana (RUS)
FEKLISTOVA Maria (RUS)
1996 Atlanta (USA)
IVOSEV Aleksandra (YUG)
GERASIMENOK Irina (RUS)
MAUER Renata (POL)
1992 Barcelona (ESP)
MEILI Launi (USA)
MATOVA Nonka (BUL)
KSIAZKIEWICZ Malgorzata (POL)
1988 Seoul (KOR)
SPERBER Silvia (FRG)
LETICHEVA Vesela (BUL)
CHERKASOVA Valentina (URS)
1984 Los Angeles (USA)
WU Xiaoxuan (CHN)
HOLMER Ulrike (FRG)
JEWELL Wanda (USA)

10M AIR RIFLE WOMEN
1984-2008
2008 Beijing (CHN)
EMMONS Katerina (CZE)
GALKINA Lioubov (RUS)
PEJCIC Snjezana (CRO)
2004 Athens (GRE)
DU Li (CHN)
GALKINA Lioubov (RUS)
KURKOVA Katerina (CZE)
2000 Sydney (AUS)
JOHNSON Nancy (USA)
KANG Cho Hyun (KOR)
GAO Jing (CHN)
1996 Atlanta (USA)
MAUER Renata (POL)
HORNEBER Petra (GER)
IVOSEV Aleksandra (YUG)
1992 Barcelona (ESP)
YEO Kab Soon (KOR)
LETICHEVA Vesela (BUL)
BINDER Aranka (IOP)
1988 Seoul (KOR)
SHYLAVA Iryna (URS)
SPERBER Silvia (FRG)
MALOUKHINA Anna (URS)
1984 Los Angeles (USA)
SPURGIN Pat (USA)
GUFLER Edith (ITA)
WU Xiaoxuan (CHN)