



30 YEARS OF ISSF WORLD CUPS

THE ISSF WORLD CUP TURNS 30 THIS YEAR. THE SERIES WAS ORIGINALLY LAUNCHED AND INCLUDED IN THE OLYMPIC QUALIFYING SYSTEM IN 1986, WHEN THE INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING SPORT FEDERATION - UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF PRESIDENT OLEGARIO VÁZQUEZ RAÑA - DECIDED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITIES THAT SHOOTERS HAD TO COMPETE FOR AND EARN OLYMPIC QUOTAS FOR THEIR COUNTRIES. THE ISSF FURTHER STRENGTHENED THE NEW WORLD CUP SYSTEM AT THE 1986 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHERE IT WAS DECIDED THAT SCORES REACHED IN WORLD CUP MATCHES COULD BECOME WORLD RECORDS.

The inaugural ISSF Rifle and Pistol World Cup took place in Mexico City, Mexico, in March 1986. One month later, the first Shotgun World Cup was opened in Montecatini, Italy.

Today, 30 years and hundreds of World Cup stages later, we are celebrating a story of success. Thousands of athletes from all over the world have participated in the ISSF World Cup, which has become the most important international meeting for top-level shooters, and the main road to the Olympics.

And that's not changed: the 2016 ISSF World Cup Series is about to start, with the first World Cup Stage of the year scheduled to take place in Bangkok, Thailand (Rifle and Pistol events, March 1-9), and it's going to be another thrilling season leading to Rio 2016,

the Games of the XXXI Olympiad. As the best shooters of the world prepare to stand on the lines, getting ready for the 30-year anniversary World Cup Series, we decided to dig into the ISSF archives and find out some interesting facts about this competition.

We've asked ourselves: who are the athletes who made it to the most amount of finals during regular ISSF World Cup stages and World Cup Finals? That's an interesting fact, because it highlights the most consistent shooters who were able to advance to the final phases of the competitions time after time, year after year. And when you look at the names on the tables, you will also find out that the most consistent World Cup shooters were also some of the most successful Olympian in the history of our sport.



Debevec Rajmond (SLO)

MEN – MOST FINALS QUALIFIED

RANK	NAME	NOC	YEAR	WC FINALS	DISCIPLINE	EVENT
1	DEBEVEC Rajmond	SLO/YUG	1986-2013	108	Rifle	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
2	STENVAAG Harald	NOR	1986-2011	73	Rifle	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
3	KIRIAKOV Tanyu	BUL	1986-2009	70	Pistol	AP60; FP
4	DI DONNA Roberto	ITA	1987-2007	68	Pistol	AP60; FP
5	SCHUMANN Ralf	GER/GDR	1986-2012	62	Pistol	RFP
6	GONCI Jozef	SVK	1995-2011	60	Rifle	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
	WANG Yifu	CHN	1986-2004	60	Pistol	AP60; FP
8	AYVAZYAN Artur	UKR	1997-2013	59	Rifle	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
	SIDI Peter	HUN	1999-2015	59	Rifle	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
10	EMMONS Matthew	USA	1999-2015	56	Rifle	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
	KHADJIBEKOV Artem	RUS	1993-2013	56	Rifle	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
12	MARTYNOV Sergei	BLR/URS	1988-2012	50	Rifle	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
13	BABII Sorin	ROM	1986-2005	48	Pistol	AP60; FP
14	HIRVI Juha	FIN	1987-2005	46	Rifle	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
15	KNOEGLER Mario	AUT	1999-2011	45	Rifle	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR

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WOMEN – MOST FINALS QUALIFIED

RANK	NAME	NOC	YEAR	WC FINALS	DISCIPLINE	EVENT
1	SEKARIC Jasna	SRB/SCG/YUG/IOP	1986-2013	108	Pistol	AP40; SP
2	SALUKVADZE Nino	GEO/EUN/URS	1987-2014	94	Pistol	AP40; SP
3	LETICHEVA Vesela	BUL	1986-2000	73	Rifle	AR40; STR3X20
4	GROZDEVA Maria	BUL	1989-2014	70	Pistol	AP40; SP
5	PFEILSCHIFTER Sonja	GER	1991-2014	58	Rifle	AR40; STR3X20
6	DORJSUREN Munkhbayar	GER/MGL	1990-2015	48	Pistol	AP40; SP
	YAUHLEUSKAYA Lalita	AUS/BLR/URS	1987-2012	48	Pistol	AP40; SP
8	LOGVINENKO Marina	RUS/EUN/URS	1986-2002	43	Pistol	AP40; SP
9	SMIRNOVA Svetlana	RUS/EUN/URS	1987-2006	39	Pistol	AP40; SP
10	MATOVA Nonka	BUL	1987-1999	37	Rifle	AR40; STR3X20
11	KOSTEVYCH Olena	UKR	2001-2015	33	Pistol	AP40; SP
	OTRYAD Gundegmaa	MGL	1997-2015	33	Pistol	AP40; SP
13	BUEHLMANN Gaby	SUI	1987-2004	32	Rifle	AR40; STR3X20
	RHODE Kimberly	USA	1995-2015	32	Shotgun	DT120; SK75
15	GALKINA Liubov	RUS	1999-2012	30	Rifle	AR40; STR3X20

WOMEN – PISTOL – MOST FINALS QUALIFIED

RK	NAME	NOC	YEAR	FINALS	EVENT
1	SEKARIC Jasna	SRB/SCG/YUG/IOP	1986-2013	108	AP40; SP
2	SALUKVADZE Nino	GEO/EUN/URS	1987-2014	94	AP40; SP
3	GROZDEVA Maria	BUL	1989-2014	70	AP40; SP
4	DORJSUREN Munkhbayar	GER/MGL	1990-2015	48	AP40; SP
	YAUHLEUSKAYA Lalita	AUS/BLR/URS	1987-2012	48	AP40; SP
6	LOGVINENKO Marina	RUS/EUN/URS	1986-2002	43	AP40; SP
7	SMIRNOVA Svetlana	RUS/EUN/URS	1987-2006	39	AP40; SP
8	KOSTEVYCH Olena	UKR	2001-2015	33	AP40; SP
	OTRYAD Gundegmaa	MGL	1997-2015	33	AP40; SP
10	CHEN Ying	CHN	2001-2014	28	AP40; SP



SEKARIC Jasna (SRB)

WOMEN – RIFLE – MOST FINALS QUALIFIED

RK	NAME	NOC	YEAR	FINALS	EVENT
1	LETICHEVA Vesela	BUL	1986-2000	73	AR40; STR3X20
2	PFEILSCHIFTER Sonja	GER	1991-2014	58	AR40; STR3X20
3	MATOVA Nonka	BUL	1987-1999	37	AR40; STR3X20
4	BUEHLMANN Gaby	SUI	1987-2004	32	AR40; STR3X20
5	GALKINA Liubov	RUS	1999-2012	30	AR40; STR3X20
6	CHERKASOVA Valentina	RUS/EUN/URS	1987-1997	27	AR40; STR3X20
	DU Li	CHN	2002-2012	27	AR40; STR3X20
	ENGLEDER Barbara	GER	2003-2015	27	AR40; STR3X20
	HORNEBER Petra	GER/FRG	1987-2004	27	AR40; STR3X20
10	BEYERLE GRAY Jamie	USA	2003-2012	26	AR40; STR3X20
	LESKIV Lessia	UKR/URS	1990-2007	26	AR40; STR3X20

WOMEN – SHOTGUN – MOST FINALS QUALIFIED

RK	NAME	NOC	YEAR	FINALS	EVENT
1	RHODE Kimberly	USA	1995-2015	32	DT120; SK75
2	REHAK STEFECHEKOVA Zuzana	SVK	2002-2015	25	TR75
3	WEI Ning	CHN	2001-2015	22	SK75
4	DEMINA Svetlana	RUS	1994-2011	21	DT120; SK75
	GELISIO Deborah	ITA	1993-2014	21	DT120; TR75
6	CAINERO Chiara	ITA	2000-2015	20	SK75
7	KIERMAYER Susanne	GER	1993-2010	18	DT120; TR75
8	BARTEKOVA Danka	SVK	2004-2014	17	SK75
9	TKACH Elena	RUS	1993-2015	15	DT120; TR75
10	BACOSI Diana	ITA	2005-2015	13	SK75

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS!

Obviously, **RIFLE AND PISTOL** shooters stand out in the overall Men and Women rankings, as they have the chance to compete in more events within each World Cup stage. Slovenia's Rifle shooter **RAJMOND DEBEVEC** stands out from the ISSF historical results tables as the most consistent World Cup shooter, along with Serbia's pistol master **JASNA SEKARIC**. The two athletes have achieved an equal (and impressive) number of participations in World Cup final rounds: with 108 medal matches each. They are truly unbeatable and place far ahead of any other shooter in the history of the competition.

RAJMOND DEBEVEC, 52, started competing in 1977 under the flag of Yugoslavia, and he has been one of the most successful Rifle shooters of all times. Out of 108 World Cup medal matches, he has won 27 World Cup Gold medals, and a total of 67 medals including Silvers and Bronzes. This means that when he got into a final, he came out of it with a medal around his neck in more than the 60% of the cases. His consistency led him to become an Olympic Champion in Sydney 2000, and a two-time Olympic Bronze medalist in Beijing 2008 and London 2012. Enough triumphs to have his name written in the history book of Shooting Sport, and he's still active and looking for more! But he will have to



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MEN – PISTOL – MOST FINALS QUALIFIED

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1	KIRIAKOV Tanyu	BUL	1986-2009	70	AP60; FP
2	DI DONNA Roberto	ITA	1987-2007	68	AP60; FP
3	SCHUMANN Ralf	GER/GDR	1986-2012	62	RFP
4	WANG Yifu	CHN	1986-2004	60	AP60; FP
5	BABII Sorin	ROM	1986-2005	48	AP60; FP
6	PYZHIANOV Sergei	RUS/EUN/URS	1986-1999	44	AP60; FP; RFP
7	KOKOREV Boris	RUS/EUN/URS	1987-2009	43	AP60; FP
8	DUMOULIN Franck	FRA	1991-2012	42	AP60; FP
9	GONTCHAROV Vladimir	RUS	1997-2015	40	AP60; FP
	ISAKOV Vladimir	RUS	1995-2015	40	AP60; FP
	SKANAKER Ragnar	SWE	1986-2004	40	AP60; FP

MEN – RIFLE – MOST FINALS QUALIFIED

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1	DEBEVEC Rajmond	SLO/YUG	1986-2013	108	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
2	STENVAAG Harald	NOR	1986-2011	73	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
3	GONCI Jozef	SVK	1995-2011	60	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
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	KHADJIBEKOV Artem	RUS	1993-2013	56	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
8	MARTYNOV Sergei	BLR/URS	1988-2012	50	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
9	HIRVI Juha	FIN	1987-2005	46	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
10	KNOEGLER Mario	AUT	1999-2011	45	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR

MEN – SHOTGUN – MOST FINALS QUALIFIED

RK	NAME	NOC	YEAR	FINALS	EVENT
1	DIAMOND Michael	AUS	1991-2015	42	DT150; TR; TR125
2	DI SPIGNO Daniele	ITA	1995-2014	30	DT150
3	FALCO Ennio	ITA	1988-2009	29	SK; SK125
4	BADE Lance	USA	1992-2007	28	DT150; TR; TR125
5	ALIPOV Alexey	RUS	1998-2015	27	TR125
6	PELLIELO Giovanni	ITA	1991-2015	26	TR; TR125
7	MARK Russell	AUS	1991-2013	22	DT150; TR; TR125
8	BROVOLD Tore	NOR	2003-2014	21	SK125
9	ACHILLEOS Georgios	CYP	2000-2015	20	SK125
	BENELLI Andrea	ITA	1986-2008	20	SK; SK125
	ELLER Walton	USA	2001-2015	20	DT150
	ERICKSON Bret	USA	1987-2008	20	DT150; TR; TR125

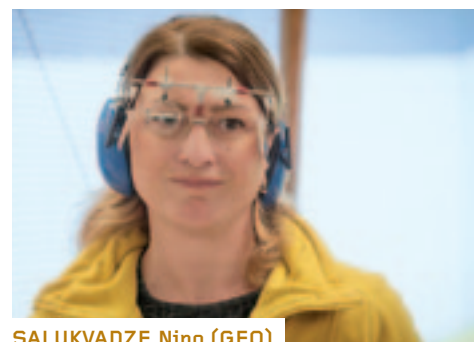
MEN – RUNNING TARGET – MOST FINALS QUALIFIED

RK	NAME	NOC	YEAR	FINALS	EVENT
1	SOLTI Attila	GUA/HUN	1987-2000	34	10RT; 50RT
2	KURZER Manfred	GER/GDR	1990-2004	27	10RT
3	JAKOSITS Michael	GER/FRG	1989-2004	26	10RT
4	SIKE Jozsef	HUN	1989-2003	25	10RT
5	JANUS Miroslav	CZE/TCH	1989-2004	21	10RT
6	LYKIN Dimitri	RUS	1996-2004	16	10RT
	YANG Ling	CHN	1994-2004	16	10RT
8	RACANSKY Lubos	CZE/TCH	1991-2000	15	10RT
9	COLOMBO Carlo	ITA	1989-1999	13	10RT
10	ANGYAN Jozsef	HUN	1989-2000	10	10RT
	AVRAMENKO Gennadi	UKR/URS	1987-2000	10	10RT; 50RT
	KOLESOV Igor	RUS	1997-2004	10	10RT
	TORRES VIDAL Andres Felipe	COL	1996-2002	10	10RT
	ZIMMERMANN Jens	GER	1991-2000	10	10RT

watch out for some other athletes who rank in the Top-10 of the ISSF World Cup / World Cup Finals multi-finalists. There are Rifle shooters like 2004 Olympic Champion **MATTHEW EMMONS** of the USA and 2010 World Champion **PETER SIDI** of Hungary in that list. These are shooters who have proved their consistency throughout the years, winning World Cup stages and World Cup titles, as well as competing at the highest Olympic levels, and they will not miss the chance to do their best in Brazil this year.

JASNA SEKARIC was one of Debevc's teammates, when the nation of Yugoslavia still existed. The Pistol shooter, who started competing in 1984, recorded similar figures, earning 61 World Cup medals, including 37 Gold medals won out of the 108 Air Pistol and Sport Pistol finals she participated in, throughout the last twenty years. And World Cup results are a mirror of her Olympic Games showcase: the Serbian athlete won a 10m Air Pistol Olympic Gold (with a new Final World Record) in Seoul 1988, where she also obtained a Bronze in the 25m Pistol Women event. But that was just the beginning, as she proved in 1992, 2000 and 2004, when she won three Olympic Silver medals. And the history continues: Sekaric has secured a Rio 2016 Quota Place at the 2014 ISSF World Championship, obtaining another chance to display her superior skills at the Olympic scene.

Who is going to challenge Sekaric in Rio? Among others, there will be her long-lasting opponent **NINO SALUKVADZE**, one of the most successful World Cup and World Cup Final participants throughout the 30-year long history of the competition, as well as protagonist



SALUKVADZE Nino (GEO)

of the Olympic Games. With an Olympic title won in Seoul 1988, (and a Silver medal also won there), as well as an Olympic Bronze won in Beijing eight years ago, she has been competing neck and neck against Sekaric for many years. And Rio probably won't be the exception, since Salukvadze has also secured an Olympic Quota at the 2015 European Champions (that's the only Quota of Georgia, in shooting sport, so far).

Salukvadze and Sekaric won't be the only Pistol World Cup / World Cup Final multi-finalists under the spotlights throughout the 2016 season. Indeed, all eyes are also on **OLENA KOSTEVYCH** of the Ukraine (2004 Olympic Champion and two-time Olympic Silver

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2	SALUKVADZE Nino	GEO/URS	1988-2014	28	Pistol	AP40; SP
3	SEKARIC Jasna	SRB/SCG/YUG	1988-2013	25	Pistol	AP40; SP
4	GROZDEVA Maria	BUL	1989-2012	23	Pistol	AP40; SP
5	LETICHEVA Vesela	BUL	1988-1999	18	Rifle	AR40; STR3X20
6	KOSTEVYCH Olena	UKR	2001-2015	15	Pistol	AP40; SP
7	DORJSUREN Munkhbayar	GER/MGL	1996-2013	14	Pistol	AP40; SP
	GALKINA Liubov	RUS	2002-2010	14	Rifle	AR40; STR3X20
	SMIRNOVA Svetlana	RUS/EUN/URS	1989-2006	14	Pistol	AP40; SP
10	LOGVINENKO Marina	RUS/EUN/URS	1988-2002	13	Pistol	AP40; SP
	YAUHLEUSKAYA Lalita	AUS/BLR/URS	1989-2012	13	Pistol	AP40; SP
12	DEMINA Svetlana	RUS	1994-2011	12	Shotgun	DT120; SK75
	TAO Luna	CHN	1997-2003	12	Pistol	AP40; SP
14	DU Li	CHN	2002-2012	11	Rifle	AR40; STR3X20
	GELISIO Deborah	ITA	1993-2010	11	Shotgun	DT120; TR75
	REHAK STEFECEKOVA Zuzana	SVK	2004-2015	11	Shotgun	TR75
17	CHEN Ying	CHN	2001-2012	10	Pistol	SP
	DOVGUN Olga	KAZ	1999-2010	10	Rifle	AR40; STR3X20
	GAO E	CHN	1995-2005	10	Shotgun	DT120; TR75
	KIERMAYER Susanne	GER	1996-2009	10	Shotgun	DT120; TR75
	MAUER-ROZANSKA Renata	POL	1994-2000	10	Rifle	AR40; STR3X20
	OTRYAD Gundegmaa	MGL	2003-2015	10	Pistol	AP40; SP

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4	KOSTEVYCH Olena	UKR	2001-2015	15	AP40; SP
5	DORJSUREN Munkhbayar	GER/MGL	1996-2013	14	AP40; SP
	SMIRNOVA Svetlana	RUS/EUN/URS	1989-2006	14	AP40; SP
7	LOGVINENKO Marina	RUS/EUN/URS	1988-2002	13	AP40; SP
	YAUHLEUSKAYA Lalita	AUS/BLR/URS	1989-2012	13	AP40; SP
9	TAO Luna	CHN	1997-2003	12	AP40; SP
10	CHEN Ying	CHN	2001-2012	10	SP
	OTRYAD Gundegmaa	MGL	2003-2015	10	AP40; SP

WOMEN – RIFLE – MOST FINALS QUALIFIED

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1	PFEILSCHIFTER Sonja	GER	1991-2014	29	AR40; STR3X20
2	LETICHEVA Vesela	BUL	1988-1999	18	AR40; STR3X20
3	GALKINA Liubov	RUS	2002-2010	14	AR40; STR3X20
4	DU Li	CHN	2002-2012	11	AR40; STR3X20
5	DOVGUN Olga	KAZ	1999-2010	10	AR40; STR3X20
	MAUER-ROZANSKA Renata	POL	1994-2000	10	AR40; STR3X20
7	BEYERLE Jamie	USA	2003-2013	9	AR40; STR3X20
	JOO Eva	HUN	1988-1997	9	AR40; STR3X20
	SPERBER Silvia	GER/FRG	1988-1994	9	AR40; STR3X20
10	HORNEBER Petra	GER	1993-1999	8	AR40; STR3X20
	MATOVA Nonka	BUL	1988-1998	8	AR40; STR3X20
	PEJICIC Snjezana	CRO	2008-2015	8	AR40; STR3X20
	WU Liuxi	CHN	2005-2014	8	AR40; STR3X20



KIRIAKOV Tanyu (BUL)



LETICHEVA Vesela (BUL)

medallist in London 2012), and on **GUNDEG-MAA OTRYAD** of Mongolia (2008 Olympic Silver medallist), who both won a Quota for Rio and will participate in the 2016 World Cup Series in preparation for the Brazilian Games. They tested their skills against thousands of athletes in the World Cup series, and they are capable of making it to the podium in any competition.

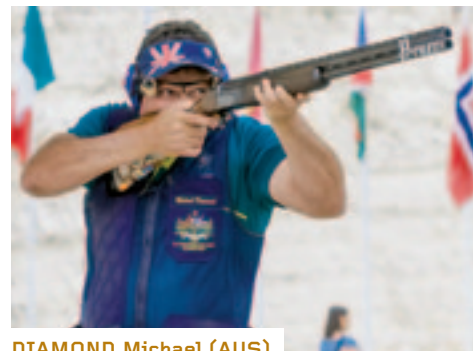
Many other historical champions stand out from all the rest in the ISSF tables, such as Bulgaria's 1988 and 2000 Pistol Olympic Champion **TANYU KIRIAKOV** and two-time Rifle Olympic Silver medallist **VESELA LETICHEVA**, as well as Running Target masters such as **ATILIA SOLT** of Hungary and the 2004 Olympic Champion **MANFRED KURZER** of Germany. The history of the ISSF World Cup Series is a history of excellence and excellent performances.



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	KIERMAYER Susanne	GER	1996-2009	10	DT120; TR75
6	BARTEKOVA Danka	SVK	2004-2014	8	SK75
	CAINERO Chiara	ITA	2001-2014	8	SK75
8	LARICHEVA Irina	RUS	2000-2008	7	TR75
	RHODE Kimberly	USA	1996-2011	7	DT120; SK75
	SPADA Katuscia	ITA	2003-2015	7	SK75
	TKACH Elena	RUS	2001-2013	7	TR75
	WEI Ning	CHN	2001-2010	7	SK75
	ZHANG Shan	CHN	1998-2011	7	SK75



DIAMOND Michael (AUS)

We should not forget that the ISSF World Cup has been a launching platform also for the best **SHOTGUN SHOOTERS** in the world throughout the last 30 years. Looking at the names on the tables of World Cup multi-finalists, it's impossible not to think about how these athletes applied their experience in the Olympic Games.

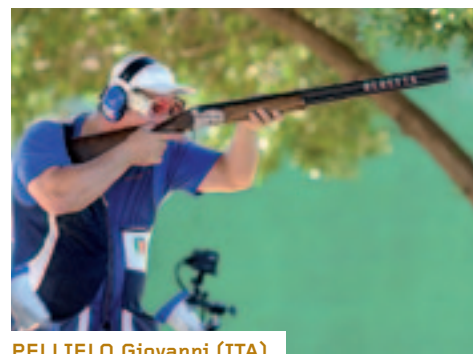
MICHAEL DIAMOND, who is at the top of the Shotgun Men World Cup Multi-finalists, is surely one of the most successful Shotgun shooters of the history of the sport. The Australian athlete made it to 42 finals, from 1991 to 2015, winning 24 medals and showing an incredible consistency throughout two decades. And that experience was evident at an Olympic level, as he claimed two titles back to back in 1996 and 2000, becoming a worldwide iconic personality of our sport.

MEN – PISTOL – MOST FINALS QUALIFIED

RK	NAME	NOC	YEAR	FINALS	EVENT
1	SCHUMANN Ralf	GER/FRG/GDR	1989-2012	20	RFP
2	KIRIAKOV Tanyu	BUL	1988-2006	19	AP60; FP
3	DUMOULIN Franck	FRA	1994-2010	17	AP60; FP
4	ISAKOV Vladimir	RUS	1996-2015	16	AP60; FP
	KOKOREV Boris	RUS/EUN/URS	1989-2007	16	AP60; FP
	TAN Zongliang	CHN	1997-2012	16	AP60; FP
	WANG Yifu	CHN	1990-2004	16	AP60; FP
8	DI DONNA Roberto	ITA	1991-2001	15	AP60; FP
	GONTCHAROV Vladimir	RUS	1999-2014	15	AP60; FP
10	MILEV Emil	USA/BUL	1994-2014	13	RFP
	PYZHIANOV Sergei	RUS/EUN/URS	1988-1997	13	AP60; FP

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1	DEBEVEC Rajmond	SLO/YUG	1989-2013	34	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
2	GONCI Jozef	SVK	1995-2011	22	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
3	KHADJIBEKOV Artem	RUS	1993-2011	20	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
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8	AYVAZAN Artur	UKR	1998-2013	13	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
	HIRVI Juha	FIN	1988-2004	13	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
10	AMAT Jean-Pierre	FRA	1988-2000	11	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
	FARNIK Thomas	AUT	1997-2008	11	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR



PELLIELO Giovanni (ITA)

One of the Diamond's most fierce opponents, Italy's **GIOVANNI JOHNNY PELLIELO** is also in the list. The Italian trap shooting guru ranks 6th in the world cup multi-finalist list, but tops the World Cup finals multi-finalist ranking, with an outstanding amount of 19 medal matches in World Cup Finals competitions from 1992 to 2015. His participations had a positive repercussion over his trophy collection, with 15 World Cup final medals shining in the showcase, including 7 World Cup titles, and an Olympic tally of 2 Silver medals and one Bronze (2000, 2004, 2008).

Diamond and Pellielo will meet again during this year's ISSF World Cup Series, and most probably in Rio de Janeiro, where they will compete again at the highest possible level. And talking about World Cup and World Cup final multi-finalists who are still actively competing, we should also mention 2008 Double Trap Olympic Champion **WALTON GLENN ELLER**

MEN – RUNNING TARGET – MOST FINALS QUALIFIED

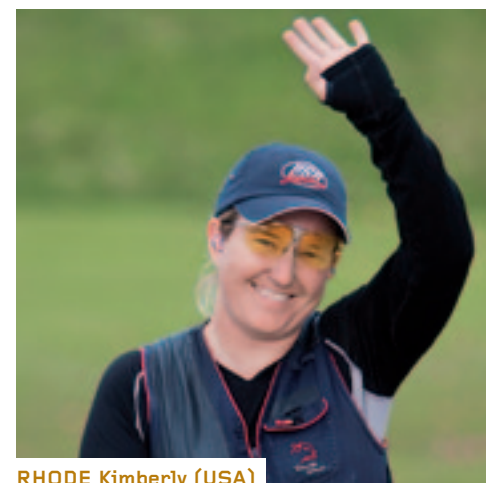
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1	JAKOSITS Michael	GER/FRG	1989-2004	11	10RT
2	JANUS Miroslav	CZE/TCH	1989-2003	9	10RT
	SIKE Jozsef	HUN	1989-2003	9	10RT
4	KURZER Manfred	GER	1993-2004	8	10RT
5	LYKIN Dimitri	RUS	1996-2003	5	10RT
	SOLTI Attila	GUA/HUN	1989-2000	5	10RT
	YANG Ling	CHN	1995-2004	5	10RT
8	KERMIET Jan	TCH	1988-1992	4	10RT; 50RT
	KOLESOV Igor	RUS	1997-2002	4	10RT
	NIU Zhiyuan	CHN	1997-2001	4	10RT

MEN – MOST FINALS QUALIFIED

RANK	NAME	NOC	YEAR	WC FINALS	DISCIPLINE	EVENT
1	DEBEVEC Rajmond	SLO/YUG	1989-2013	34	Rifle	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
2	GONCI Jozef	SVK	1995-2011	22	Rifle	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
3	KHADJIBEKOV Artem	RUS	1993-2011	20	Rifle	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
	SCHUMANN Ralf	GER/FRG/GDR	1989-2012	20	Pistol	RFP
5	EMMONS Matthew	USA	2001-2015	19	Rifle	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
	KIRIAKOV Tanyu	BUL	1988-2006	19	Pistol	AP60; FP
	PELLIELO Giovanni	ITA	1992-2015	19	Shotgun	TR; TR125
	SIDI Peter	HUN	1999-2015	19	Rifle	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
9	DUMOULIN Franck	FRA	1994-2010	17	Pistol	AP60; FP
	MARTYNOV Sergei	BLR/URS	1988-2013	17	Rifle	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
11	ALIPOV Alexey	RUS	1998-2015	16	Shotgun	TR125
	ISAKOV Vladimir	RUS	1996-2015	16	Pistol	AP60; FP
	KOKOREV Boris	RUS/EUN/URS	1989-2007	16	Pistol	AP60; FP
	STENVAAG Harald	NOR	1989-2001	16	Rifle	AR60; FR3X40; FR60PR
	TAN Zongliang	CHN	1997-2012	16	Pistol	AP60; FP
	WANG Yifu	CHN	1990-2004	16	Pistol	AP60; FP
17	DI DONNA Roberto	ITA	1991-2001	15	Pistol	AP60; FP
	GONTCHAROV Vladimir	RUS	1999-2014	15	Pistol	AP60; FP

MEN – SHOTGUN – MOST FINALS QUALIFIED

RK	NAME	NOC	YEAR	FINALS	EVENT
1	PELLIELO Giovanni	ITA	1992-2015	19	TR; TR125
2	ALIPOV Alexey	RUS	1998-2015	16	TR125
3	FALCO Ennio	ITA	1990-2010	14	SK; SK125
4	DIAMOND Michael	AUS	1993-2011	12	DT150; TR125
5	BADE Lance	USA	1993-2007	11	DT150; TR125
6	BROVOLD Tore	NOR	2004-2014	9	SK125
	ELLER Walton	USA	2001-2014	9	DT150
	HU Binyuan	CHN	2003-2015	9	DT150
9	PERA Albano	ITA	1988-1998	8	DT150; TR
10	BENELLI Andrea	ITA	1988-2008	7	SK; SK125
	DAHLBY Hakan	SWE	2005-2012	7	DT150
	MARK Russell	AUS	1991-2010	7	DT150; TR; TR125



RHODE Kimberly (USA)

of the USA, Skeet Champion **GEORGIOS ACHILLEOS** of Cyprus, as well as 2004 Trap Men Olympic Champ **ALEXEY ALIPOV**. All are listed in the World Cup rankings: they proved to know something about consistency, and are certainly looking forward to Rio. But those won't be the only interesting Shotgun duels at the next Games. Indeed, the Shotgun multi-finalist tables also show three women at the top of the rankings who are still actively competing and will do their best to compete in Rio. We are referring to **KIMBERLY RHODE** of the USA, **ZUZANA REHAK STEFECEKOVA** of Slovakia, and **WEI NING** of the People's Republic of China (but, reviewing the Top 10, we should also mention Italy's Chiara Cainero and Diana Bacos, as well as Slovakia's Danka Bartekova).

RHODE is the Shotgun female shooter with the highest number of participations in finals at World cup events: 32 medal matches between 1995 and 2015, first as a Double Trap shooter, and then as a Skeet finalist. Thirty-two finals which led to a total tally of 23 World Cup medals (when she's in a final, it's highly probable that she will end upon the podium). There's no doubt that the American athlete

has been able to be consistent through different events, and different competitions, collecting 3 Olympic titles, as well as 1 Olympic Silver and 1 Olympic Bronze, throughout the last twenty years. But that page is still open: Rhode is, in fact, one of the favorites in the stage which precedes Rio 2016, where she will participate as the most titled Olympic female shooter in the history of the sport.

In Brazil, she will most certainly face China's **WEI NING** – who ranks second in the World Cup multi-finalist ranking. The Chinese shooter has made it to 22 World Cup final matches between 2001 and 2015, and



WEI Ning (CHN)

won two Olympic Silvers in 2004 and 2012. She did not win a Quota Place for Rio, but her team has two Skeet Women slots, and it will be difficult for the coach to leave her home after her performance at the last 2015 World Championship in Lonato, Italy, where she finished on the podium with a Bronze medal around her neck. The list of Olympic Games favorites we can spot in the list is long: Slovakia's **ZUZANA REHAK STEFECEKOVA** (Trap Women, two-time Olympic Silver medallist in 2008 and 2012), and her teammate **DANKA BARTEKOVA** (Skeet Women, Olympic Bronze in London), are certainly two athletes to follow in the lead up to the Games. But we should not be surprised about these numbers. That's the history of the ISSF World Cup Series. A 30-year long history of top level competitions, brought to life by some of the greatest shooters of all times through their exceptional performances. A history of successes, as well as a ambitious goal that became a reality, which we celebrate today, as the a new edition of the competition is about to start. **HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY, ISSF WORLD CUP!**

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