



2005 - The year in review

The Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee continues to be a vital part of Northern California's sports community. As we wrap up a successful 2005, we are looking forward to an Olympic year full of exciting activities.

Calendar

February 10, 2006

Night of Champions, Italian Athletic Club, San Francisco. Gala dinner with screening of the Torino Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony.

April 11, 2006

Olympic Night at the Giants. The San Francisco Giants and BASOC team up to celebrate the Bay Area's Olympians during the Giants' home series against Houston.

August 3-17, 2006

FINA Masters World Championships, Stanford. More than 10,000 Masters athletes from 60 countries compete in swimming, open water swimming, diving, water polo and synchronized swimming.

December 2007

World Junior Table Tennis Championships, Stanford.

August 2009

National Senior Games - The Senior Olympics, venues throughout the Bay Area.

In Memoriam

Rick Tharp

Chief graphic designer for our 2012 Bid campaign, Rick Tharp created BASOC's logo and visual voice. He died in the summer.

Jan Elix

An inspiring advocate of disabled athletes, Jan Elix passed away in August. The San Jose resident was an invaluable source of expertise for our 2012 Paralympic Bid.

Message from the President

Still the best place for sports and athletes

It's been a busy year for us here at BASOC. In 2005, members of our Executive Committee traveled to places as far away as Austria, China and Pennsylvania in our efforts to bring world-class sports events to the Bay Area. This organization has played a crucial role in attracting the 2006 FINA Masters World Championships, the 2007 World Junior Table Tennis Championships, and the 2009 National Senior Games to Northern California. We are now fully engaged in organizing and marketing these events.



But the one event that captured everybody's imagination took place in Singapore. On July 6, the International Olympic Committee awarded London the right to host the 2012 Summer Olympic Games. Shortly after New York City had been eliminated from the race, our phones started ringing. Reporters from all over the country wanted to know if the San Francisco Bay Area would launch another Olympic Bid for 2016. While it remains our goal to eventually bring the world's greatest sport event to Northern California, it is too early to commit to yet another Olympic dream. The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) will decide in the spring of 2006 whether or not it wants any U.S. city to throw its hat in the ring at all. In the meantime, we have signed an agreement with the USOC to raise \$250,000 over two years to fund youth athletic programs throughout the Bay Area (see below). How better to signal our support for the Olympic Ideal! After all, this region remains the best place for sports and athletes.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year,

Anne Cribbs

Community Partnership

BASOC and USOC team up to support local youth sports programs

On November 7, BASOC joined the USOC's new Community Partnership Program. This initiative aims at promoting the Olympic Ideal within a few select U.S. cities. Over the next two years, we will use our best efforts to raise \$250,000 that will be distributed in our region to Olympic related youth training programs. The first fundraiser will be the Night of Champions Gala Dinner on February 10, at San Francisco's Italian Athletic Club.

BASOC Members

Individual

Michael D. Boot
John Briscoe
Laird Blue
Gwen & John Callan
Joshua Callan
Rosie Casals
Kevin Caton
Anne Cribbs
Paul Conrado
David Currier
Mark Curtis
Edith McGuire Duvall
Elaine Dove
Alan Elias
Bob Enea
Patricia Ernstrom
Steve Heminger
Bill Hogan
Starr Walton Hurley
Mark Ishikawa
Craig Issod
Andy Kerr
Derek Liecty
Burnham Matthews
Ray Meador
Helen Mendel
Dean Munro
Garrett O'Doherty
Jürgen Padberg
Tom Quaglia
James Reuben
Bill Schlough
Robert Steinberg
Robert Stiles
Mike Waller
Richard Woolworth
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Corporate

24 Hour Fitness
AT&T Foundation
Birdsall Interactive
Bruner Family Foundation
Burr Pilger & Mayer
Catholic Health Care West
Clorox
Greater Bay Bancorp Foundation
Norcal Waste Systems
The O'Brien Group
The PMI Foundation
Pankow Special Projects, LP
Providian Financial
SF Convention & Visitors Bureau
San Francisco Giants
Stanford University
Sobrato Development
Thelen Reid & Priest
University of California at Berkeley

Table Tennis

[A winning trip to Shanghai - and another one to Austria](#)

In early May the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) awarded its 2007 World Junior Championships to BASOC, Stanford University and USA Table Tennis. BASOC President and CEO Anne Cribbs, Co-Chair Mike Bruner and Executive Committee member Melinda Yee flew to Shanghai, China to successfully present the bid at the ITTF's annual meeting. Cribbs and Bruner also traveled to Linz, Austria in December to observe the 2005 World Junior Table Tennis Championships.

Senior Games

[Learning from Pittsburgh](#)

The 2005 National Senior Games were held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A BASOC delegation observed the event and will do so again in 2007 when Louisville, KY hosts the Games before the country's largest participatory multi-sporting event comes to the Bay Area in 2009.

Rugby

[Taking roots in the Bay Area](#)

We continue our efforts to bring USA Rugby to the Bay Area. The national organization, currently based in Colorado, is in the process of setting up/negotiating a high-performance training center and academy on Treasure Island. It has also selected the Bay Area to host several games of the Churchill Cup over the next two years. The 2006 tournament will see the following national teams play each other at Santa Clara University's Buck Shaw Stadium: USA, Ireland and New Zealand Maori.

Notes

[Torino and beyond](#)

BASOC member Bill Schlough is taking a three-month break from his job as the San Francisco Giants' Chief Information Officer. He currently resides in Torino, Italy for the experience of a lifetime as a member of the Winter Olympics' IT department. • BASOC will change its by-laws in 2006 reducing the number of board members to under 25. • With 100 participants, our 2005 Celebrity Golf Classic was a smashing success. The event at Corde Valle Golf Club raised circa \$50,000. Mark your calendars: The 2006 tournament is scheduled for September 11.

Membership

[We need your support](#)

Our Executive Committee has agreed to keep membership fees at the very affordable levels of \$100 per individual and \$1,000 for corporate members. Renewal invoices to current members will be mailed in January. We depend on your continuing support. For information please contact us at (650) 856-3200 or visit the membership section at www.basoc.org