## In Recognition of Those Who Have Contributed to Our Sport



## Tom Moore Award - Robert 'Bob' Rush

Bob embodies all the qualities of those before him who have been honored with The Tom Moore Award. Below are just a few of Bob's contributions to our sport over his lifetime of service:

- In 1979 Rush invented the 'chronomix' timing system which made accurate timing of large races possible. The machine was pioneered at the Bay to Breakers. With over 80,000 runners, Rush's goal was to provide everyone who crossed the line an accurate time.
- In 1971 Rush developed and still oversees the famous Crystal Springs Cross Country course in Belmont, scene of many national and state championships. To this day in

his 70's, Bob maintains the course, and acts as its coordinator hosting over 100 high school, college, and open meets a year.

- Tireless administrator, timing countless age group, high school, college, and open events while announcing with the goal of providing every contestant accurate marks and acknowledgement. Rush still times the Stanford XC invitational along with the California High School and Community College Championships, in addition to several USATF national XC championships.
- Rush has served as head coach of the West in the Olympic Festival, assistant coach to the 1985 World University Games when in Japan, and continues to contribute to the USATF Men's Hurdle Development program.
- Rush began his coaching career at McClatchy High school in 1958 where after a three year tenure moved to San Mateo High for six years, before following in the footstep so Berney Wagner and landing at the College of San Mateo for over 30 years. For Rush's years of service to the Community Colleges, he was inducted into the State Community College Hall of Fame in 2004.
- In 2008 Rush was awarded the USATF President's Award for lifetime achievement by then President Bill Roe.
- Rush ran cross country and track at Grass Valley High School speeding to a 4:28.3 mile in the 60's, and ran collegiately for Bud Winter at San José State before devoting the next phase of his life to coaching and administration.

Previous recipients since award's inception in 2003: Tom Moore, Harmon Brown, Herb Rodabaugh, and Bob Bowman

## Legacy Coach Award - Jim Hunt



Coach **Jim Hunt,** synonymous with the successes of Humboldt State from the mid-60's to the late 80's is the recipient of the inaugural PAUSATF Legacy Coach Award. Coach Hunt exemplifies the qualities of a legacy coach having coached on all levels for 63 years, while mentoring many of his former athletes and assistants to become successful coaches in their own right. While at Humboldt, Hunt coached 20 individual and team NCAA D-II champions, while being instrumental in the creation of the D-II coach association and serving as its president.

Coach Hunt began his coaching career at Wayne State, and coached at Fillmore and Buena Vista highs schools before Humboldt State for 22 years. After Hunt's stint on the north coast, Hunt coached at Sierra College, UC Davis, UN Reno, and Bishop Manogue in

Reno before recently retiring from active coaching. Mark Conover, Cal Poly's recently named head T&F coach was coached by Hunt, winning the 1988 Olympic Trials marathon.

Hunt has been involved with the Special Olympics for many years while writing authoritative publications, and creating videos on the neurological aspects of distance running.

The Legacy Coach Award has been initiated by the PA Coaches Committee in recognition of the many influential coaches who have served in our association, and have selflessly strengthened our sport(s) through teaching, mentoring, and promoting our profession. Criterion is weighted heavily on coaches who were not only great coaches, but who also inspired and trained/mentored many of us to become coaches ourselves.