

FIJI SPORTS HALL OF FAME

The FIJI SPORTS HALL OF FAME was inaugurated in 1990 by the Fiji Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee, as an everlasting tribute to sportsmen and sportswomen of Fiji.

The Hall of Fame acknowledges and honours Fiji's super athletes who for over 65 years have competed in Fiji and abroad against the best in the world. Many have excelled and brought glory and fame to themselves, their sport and to Fiji as a nation and deserve to be recognized and remembered by the people of Fiji.

FASANOC is able to provide the avenue for recognition of these great sportspeople through the Fiji Sports Hall of Fame that is currently based at Fiji Olympic House, Suva.

Every year nominations are called for from National Sporting bodies and members of the general public. FASANOC is grateful to those who support this prestigious Awards recognition initiative.

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Twenty-seven "all time Fiji sporting greats" have been inducted into the FIJI SPORTS HALL OF FAME. This evening we will witness the induction of two more "super athletes" of Fiji into the prestigious FIJI SPORTS HALL OF FAME.

FASANOC is proud of all its FIJI SPORTS HALL OF FAME inductees.



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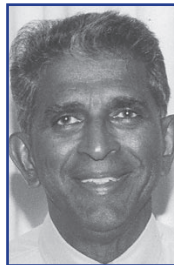
Fiji Sports Hall of Fame

1990	Mataika Tuicakau (Athletics) Josefa Levula (Rugby)	2002	Pio Bosco Tikoisuva (Rugby) Vijay Singh (Golf)
1991	Mesulame Rakuro (Athletics) Saimoni Tamani (Athletics)	2003	Joseph Rodan (Athletics)
1992	Justine Macaskill (Swimming) Luke Tunabuna (Athletics)	2004	Fiji Sports Hall of Fame was not convened
1993	Ana Ramacake (Athletics) Usaia Sotutu (Athletics)	2005	Ilikena Bula (Cricket) Waisale Serevi (Rugby)
1994	Mere Turukawa (Athletics) Samuela Yavala (Athletics)	2006	Maraia Lum On (Lawn Bowls) Vilame Takayawa (Judo)
1995	Torika Varo (Athletics) Carl Bay (Swimming)	2007	Albert Miller (Athletics) Sharon Pickering (Swimming)
1996	Vilame Liga (Athletics) Subhash Chand (Boxing)	<h3>Fiji Olympic Order</h3>	
1997	Miriama Tuisorisori (Athletics) Apakuki Tuitavua (Rugby)	2001	Patrick Raddock
1998	Mereoni Vibose (Athletics)	2002	Stanley Brown
1999	Vilame Saulekaleka (Athletics)	2003	Sophia Raddock
2000	Fiji Sports Hall of Fame was not convened	2005	Hector Hatch Sashi Mahendra Singh
2001	Willow Fong (Lawn Bowls) Alipate Korovou (Boxing)	2006	Hari Raj Naicker
		2007	Brian Wightman Dr M.S. Sahu Khan



Message from

Vidhya Lakhan
PRESIDENT FASANOC



FASANOC extends a very warm welcome to each one of you for once again supporting our annual FIJI SPORTS HALL OF FAME Induction Ceremony. A special welcome to our corporate partners.

You would be aware that earlier this year FASANOC had taken a Team of 477 athletes and officials to the Samoa 2007 South Pacific Games. We came back home with 40 gold, 54 silver and 42 bronze medals following a host of some very fine performances by our young and talented athletes, either recording personal bests, or breaking Games records.

For our athletes to excel and succeed on the world stage, there is always a group of people who, in partnership, work behind the scenes making sure that our athletes have the best of support services in their pursuit for excellence. This partnership is with the Government of Fiji, our Corporate Sponsors, and a group of volunteers from FASANOC and the National Federations who include Coaches, Trainers, Medical Staff and the Administrators

It is these sterling performances and selfless services that FASANOC'S FIJI SPORTS HALL OF FAME and the FIJI OLYMPIC ORDER recognises for posterity. It is therefore, fitting that tonight we publicly recognise those individuals who by their sterling efforts, commitment, dedication and sacrifices over the years brought fame and glory to Fiji.

It is never an easy task to select the winners from the many nominations received. I therefore on behalf of FASANOC thank our panel of judges who consisted of our Vice Patron Sir Moti Tikaram, prominent sports personalities Mr Bobby Tikaram and Mr Sam Yavala, himself an inductee in the FIJI SPORTS HALL OF FAME, who had the unenviable task of selecting the recipients of the awards tonight.



Albert Miller is arguably one of the Greatest Fiji Athletes ever. This can be supported by the fact that he was the South Pacific Decathlon Champion for three successive Games with silver to back it up at his fourth Games, with record breaking performances.

Albert won this event in 1983 Samoa Games, with a total of 6870 points, then again in New Caledonia in 1987 with 7019 points and then in Port Moresby in 1991 with 7265, with a silver in Tahiti, in 1995.

His performances in the region have not been matched for over 24 years and Albert continues to hold the National Record, South Pacific Games Record and the South Pacific Best performance in Decathlon.

Albert represented Fiji at the Commonwealth Games in 1986 in Edinburgh, where he finished in 10th place overall, against top Decathletes like the then World and Olympic Champion and Record Holder Daley Thomson. Albert was also a member of the most successful Fiji relay team ever in the 4 X 100m which finished 4th at the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games.

Albert participated at 3 Olympic Games, with very competitive results. In 1984 – did not finish due to injury sustained during the competition; 1988 - Seoul with 7016 points in 32nd place and then in 1992 in 24th place with 6971 points.

Although Albert was renowned for his exploits in the Decathlon, he was also as competitive in the 110m hurdles. He has won two silvers and a bronze medal in the 110m hurdles during the 1983, 1987, and 1991 South Pacific Games.

In 1983 Albert competed in the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) Div II National Championships, in the USA while representing California State University of Sacramento (CSUS) where all the top athletes in the sport of Track and Field from throughout the USA competed. Albert finished 3rd overall with a score of 7455pts, establishing a new South Pacific best score and a new record for the California State University of Sacramento. Due to his success at the 1983 NCAA Championships, Albert was inducted into the Sacramento University Hall of Fame and was also the recipient of NCAA All American award.

Albert has dedicated 24 years of his life representing Fiji and assisting in the development of the sport of Athletics. He is currently the Hon Secretary of Athletics in Fiji. In recognition of his unequalled performances and commitment to Athletics, FASANOC is proud to induct ALBERT MILLER into the FIJI SPORTS HALL OF FAME.



2007 INDUCTEE



Albert Miller
ATHLETICS



Sharon Pickering made her debut as a National Fiji Representative on home soil as a young 12 year old swimmer at the 1979 Suva South Pacific Games. At the 1987 Noumea South Pacific Games, Sharon Pickering was the toast of Team Fiji, having bagged 2 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals in the pool. In the process she broke the South Pacific Games records in the 100m and 200m Backstroke.

At the peak of her swimming career Sharon Pickering dominated every swimming competition at the Suva Olympic Pool. Guided by the man behind many Fiji swimming champions, Horace Petersen, Sharon Pickering added to her South Pacific Games medal haul by a further 5 silver medals at the 1991 Port Moresby South Pacific Games.

Sharon Pickering represented Fiji at the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane in 1982 and in Edinburgh in 1986. She became an Olympian at the tender age of 17 years when she attended her first Olympic Games in 1984 in Los Angeles and her impressive swimming career spanned over 3 Olympiads. In the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games she was selected as the Flag Bearer for the Opening Ceremony and she represented Fiji again at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games. After retiring from competitive swimming in 1992, Sharon Pickering put back what she had gained from her sport by contributing her time as a Coach. In 1994 she started her own swimming club and the Tritons Swimming Club continues to be a swimming powerhouse today. In 1996 Sharon Pickering was proud to be named the National Coach for the Fiji Swimming Team to the Atlanta Olympic Games. She remains in the coaching role today – albeit in Samoa where she is currently residing with her family.

Sharon Pickering's dominance on the national swimming scene is marked by her well established National Records. Her National Open Records in the 400m Freestyle, 800m Freestyle and 200m Butterfly remain intact after more than 15 years, despite the better facilities and greater training opportunities that exist today. Her outstanding performances saw her named Sportswoman of the Year in 1987 and again in 1991.

In recognition of her exceptional swimming career and contribution to her sport, FASANOC is very proud to induct SHARON PICKERING into the FIJI SPORTS HALL OF FAME.



2007 INDUCTEE



Sharon Pickering
 SWIMMING



FIJI

2006 INDUCTEES



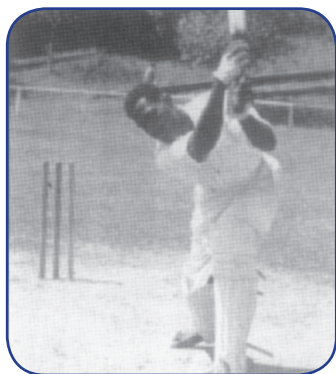
Viliame Takayawa
JUDO



Maraia Lum On
BOWLS



2005 INDUCTEES



Ilikena Bula
CRICKET



Waisale Serevi
RUGBY

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2003 INDUCTEE



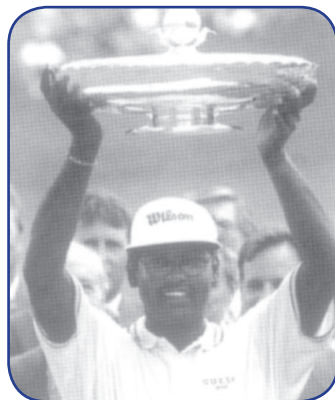
Joseph Rodan
ATHLETICS



2002 INDUCTEES



Pio Bosco Tikoisuva
RUGBY

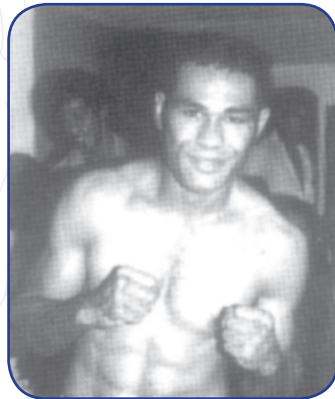


Vijay Singh
GOLF

2001 INDUCTEES



Willow Fong
BOWLS

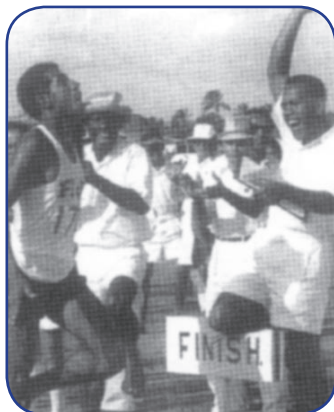


Alipate Korovau
BOXING



The Fiji Sports Hall of Fame was not convened in 2000

1999 INDUCTEE



Viliame Saulekaleka
ATHLETICS

1998 INDUCTEE



Mereoni Vibose
ATHLETICS



1997 INDUCTEES

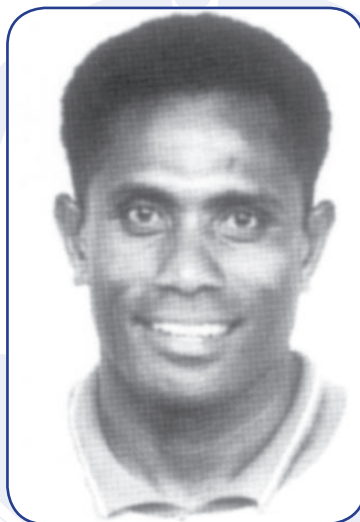


Miriama Tuisorisori
ATHLETICS

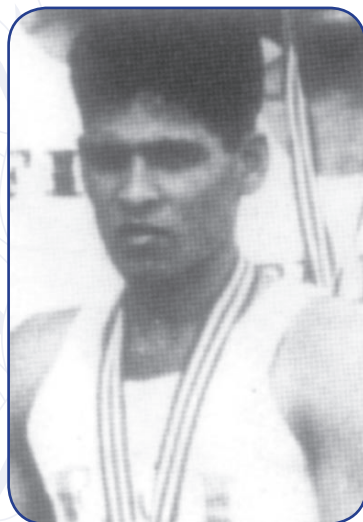


Apakuki Tuitavua
RUGBY

1996 INDUCTEES



Viliame Liga
ATHLETICS



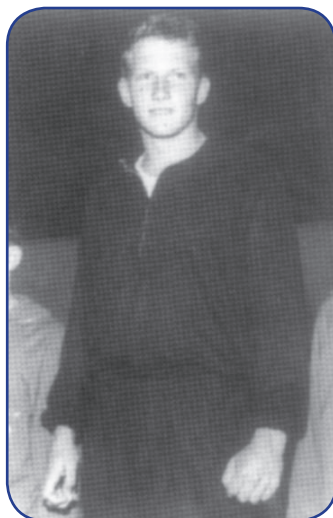
Subhash Chand
BOXING



1995 INDUCTEES



Torika Varo
ATHLETICS

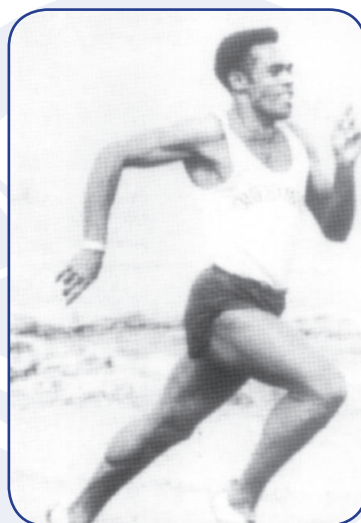


Carl Bay
SWIMMING

1994 INDUCTEES



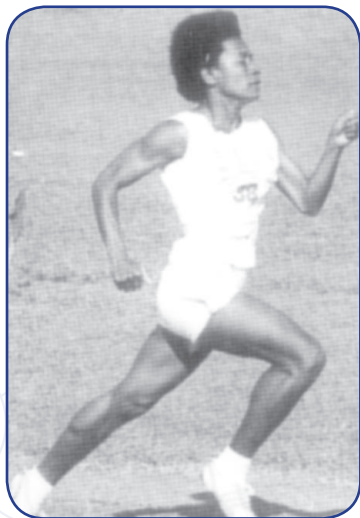
Mere Turukawa
ATHLETICS



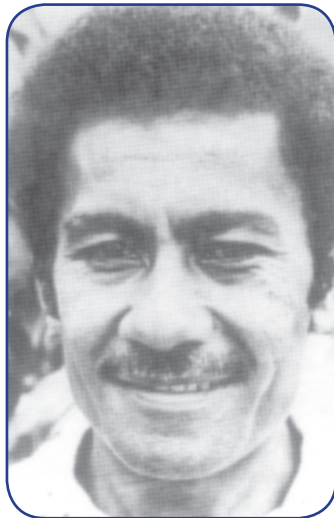
Samuela Yavala
ATHLETICS



1993 INDUCTEES



Ana Ramacake
ATHLETICS



Uraia Sotutu
ATHLETICS

1992 INDUCTEES



Justine Macaskill
SWIMMING



Luke Tunabuna
ATHLETICS



1991 INDUCTEES



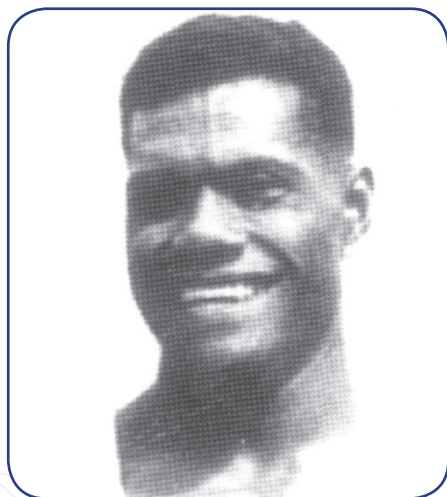
Mesulame Rakuro
ATHLETICS



Saimoni Tamani
ATHLETICS



1990 CHARTER INDUCTEES



Mataika Tuicakau
ATHLETICS



Josefa Levula
RUGBY

FIJI OLYMPIC ORDER

Since the inauguration of the Fiji Sports Hall of Fame in 1990 it became very apparent that for an athlete to succeed in his or her chosen sport, there is also a band of volunteers who freely give of their time and resources to ensure that those athletes in their charge do succeed.

The Fiji Olympic Order was inaugurated in 2001 to recognize the invaluable Contributions of volunteers in the areas of:

- Sports Administration
- Sports Management
- Coaching/Technical aspects of Sports Development
- Sports Medicine

Every year nominations are called for from National Sporting bodies and members of the general public. FASANOC is grateful to those who support this prestigious Awards recognition initiative.

The selection of the successful candidates is always the responsibility of an independent panel of judges, whose decision is final.

To qualify as a nominee for this prestigious award the individual must have excelled and contributed at the highest level of service in the development of sports for a minimum of 15 years.

However, extraordinary services provided over a shorter period of time resulting in the attainment of a high level of performance shall be worthy of consideration and recognition.

Recipients shall be of high moral character and integrity, a well respected Member of the sporting community; shall maintain the highest level of sporting ethics and possess an attitude and ability of good and fair sportsmanship.

FASANOC is proud of all its FIJI OLYMPIC ORDER recipients.



Brian Wightman – this name echoes through the history of sports administration in Fiji and indeed the whole Oceania region spanning from the 1970s to the 1990s.

Brian Wightman was born in Birmingham, England and came to Fiji in 1970 to work for the Education Department. He made significant contributions to sports development within the schools system, the most enduring being the formation of the Fiji Secondary Schools Athletic Association whose major event, the Coke Light Games, can be considered the breeding ground of athletic champions.

The core of Brian Wightman's extensive contribution as a Sports Administrator was his years of service to FASANOC from 1970 – 1987, during which he served as the Hon Secretary General for 17 years before being appointed President and later Life Member. He also served as the Chef De Mission of Fiji Teams to the Guam South Pacific Games in 1975, the Edmonton Commonwealth Games in 1978, the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games and the 1986 Edinburgh Commonwealth Games.

Brian Wightman was one of the inaugural members of the Interim Oceania National Committee when it was formed and subsequently served as its Vice President from 1981 to 1988. In 1990 he was appointed the Zone Development Officer of ONOC and until 1996 worked tirelessly in the region helping in the development of new National Olympic Committees and assisting the existing ones in up-skilling them in the area of sports administration and development.

Brian Wightman's expertise in various fields of sports helped him mentor a large pool of upcoming sports administrators in Fiji and the Region. His extensive sporting experience was second to none and his sound advice was much sought after within the region. In 1986 the Oceania region was justly proud when the IOC recognized Brian Wightman's considerable contribution to sport in the region by awarding him the IOC Olympic Order in Silver, the very first Olympic award presented to a person within the Oceania region.

Brian Wightman was heavily involved in the organizing of the 1979 Fiji South Pacific Games and the 1989 Tonga South Pacific Mini Games. After the 1979 Games, he was appointed the Manager of the newly established Fiji Sports Council. The Fiji Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year Awards is a legacy which he inaugurated in 1981.

Brian Wightman also served the Fiji Rugby Union as an Executive Committee Member from 1977 – 1982 and was also Liaison officer for the British Lions Tour of Fiji in 1977. His greatest contribution for Fiji rugby was perhaps being the Manager/Coach of the inaugural Fiji Team to the Hong Kong Sevens in 1976, which established Fiji as a powerhouse in Rugby Sevens in the world.

Brian has a notable Rugby playing record of having been a British Lion on five occasions. In the early 1960's he was a player-coach for the Wisconsin Rugby Club and a coach for the University of British Columbia Rugby Team.

FASANOC is fortunate that Brian Wightman chose Fiji and the Pacific Islands to share his knowledge and expertise. On his retirement he moved to Auckland, New Zealand where he passed away in 1999.

In recognition of his immeasurable contribution to sports in Fiji and the Pacific region, FASANOC is very proud to confer, posthumously, the Fiji Olympic Order on the LATE BRIAN WIGHTMAN.



2007 RECIPIENT



Brian Wightman



Dr M S Sahu Khan is a prominent Ba lawyer by profession, however references to his profession are few and far in between the headlines of football news. Hardly surprising seeing that Dr Sahu Khan has given 38 years of service to Football to date.

Dr Sahu Khan launched his career as a football administrator in the 1960's. Having risen through the ranks of District and National football administration, he served the Ba Football Association as an Executive Member, Chairman and President from 1966 – 1970. He moved up to the Fiji FA in 1971 and held the position of Vice President up until 1985 when he was elected President, a position he has held for the past 22 years and still holds today.

Dr Sahu Khan's vision and foresight has seen the Fiji FA establish itself as a leading National Federation amongst Fiji's sporting bodies. Its strength lies in a strong organizational structure from the grass roots to the national level. Dr Sahu Khan's presidency has seen many milestones for the Fiji FA, among them Fiji being included in FIFA's Goal Project which has resulted in a magnificent football academy in Ba which boasts 2 international standard training fields and a second FIFA Goal Project is in the process in Nadawa. Under his leadership, the Fiji FA is the proud owner of two properties, Fiji FA House on Gladstone Road and Fiji FA Headquarters on Knollys Street in Suva.

Dr Sahu Khan's sports administration skills are also recognized at regional and international levels. He is one of a select few Fiji sports administrators who serve Oceania and International Federations. Dr Sahu Khan is the longest serving Executive Member of the Oceania Football Confederation, serving from 1985 – 2004 as an Executive Member, Chairman Legal Committee and Disciplinary Committee. He has been appointed to several FIFA Committees including its Disciplinary and Legal Committees, of which he has been a member since 1998. He served FIFA's World Cup Committees in 2002 and again in 2006. He has also served as a Match Commissioner for FIFA matches in the Olympic Games and World Cup.

There is no doubt that Dr Sahu Khan's dedication to football and his performance as a football administrator has brought fame and recognition to the Fiji FA and placed Fiji on the FIFA map. In 1991 he was awarded FASANOC's ANZ Sports Administrator of the Year and in 2004 received FIFA's Centennial Order of Merit. Also in 2004, he was made a Member of the Order of Fiji for his contribution to football in Fiji.

In recognition of his outstanding leadership and contribution to the development of football in Fiji, FASANOC is proud to confer the Fiji Olympic Order to DR M S SAHU KHAN.



2007 RECIPIENT



Dr. M.S. Sahu Khan

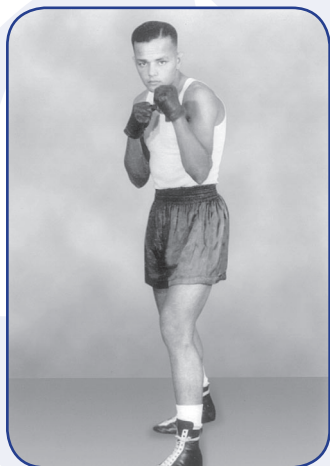


2006 RECIPIENT



Hari Raj Naicker

2005 RECIPIENT



Hector Hatch



Sashi Mahendra Singh



2003 RECIPIENT



Sophia Raddock

2003 RECIPIENT



Stanley Brown



Fiji Olympic Order INAUGURAL RECIPIENT 2001



Patrick Raddock