

*Hasta pronto
querido presidente*



OLEGARIO VAZQUEZ RAÑA

1935-2025



Sabíamos que este día tendría que llegar y aun así, no se encuentran las palabras adecuadas para informarlo a nuestras federaciones de América.

La ISSF ya escribió esta excelente reseña en su página oficial hoy:

We sorrowfully regret to inform you of the passing of former International Shooting Sport Federation President Don Olegario Vázquez Raña at the age of 89.

Mr. Vázquez Raña led the shooting sport movement during four separate decades from 1980 to 2018, making him the longest-serving President in our modernizing 's history.

His service to our sport dates back to the 1950s as an athlete and administratively in 1969 when he was made a member of the Mexican Olympic Committee. In 1975, he became President of the Mexican Shooting Federation, a position he held for 17 years before being named Lifelong Honorary President.

The year before being elected as the ISSF President, Mr. Vázquez Raña became the President of the Shooting Confederation of the Americas in 1979, stepping down in 2010 and once again granted the role of Honorary President.

He was a passionate administrator, who was the Vice-President of the Mexican Sports Confederation from 1983 to 1992 and an integral part of the Olympic Movement, first becoming a member of the International Olympic Committee in 1995. During his tenure, he served on the Olympic Solidarity, New Sources of Funding, Research for the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in 2000, Marketing and IOC 2002 Commissions.

But the entrepreneur was also a great athlete in his own right. He was a four-time Olympian between 1964 and 1976 and represented Mexico on home soil at the Mexico City 1968 Olympic Games. He held national records in many shooting disciplines and was a world record-holder in air rifle.

President Luciano Rossi said:

“Olegario Vazquez Raña was truly a colossus in the history of our sport and of the Olympic Movement.

“His presidency will be remembered for modernizing the sport and its competition formats, which can still be seen today. He was the first ISSF President to introduce the finals format, electronic scoring systems and mixed team events.

“We pay tribute to the former President and thank him for his decades of service to shooting sport as an athlete and as an administrator.”

We express our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Vázquez Raña at this time.

Y es que cualquier tributo, homenaje o encomio sobre la figura de Don Olegario Vázquez Raña, nunca podrá ser suficiente ni completa.

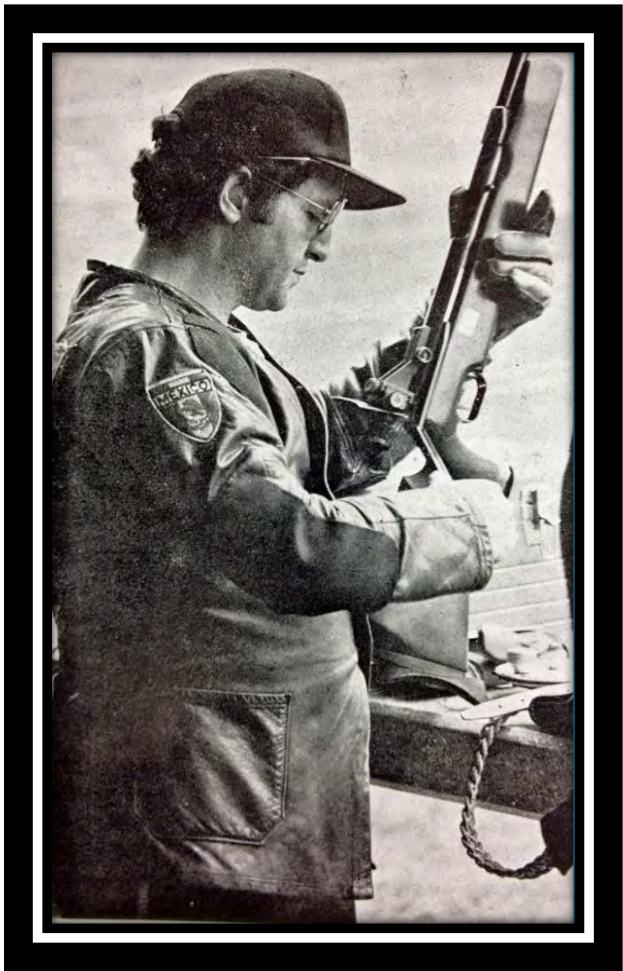
La Vicepresidenta de la ISSF, múltiple medallista olímpica Kim Rhode, nos reseña lo que todos los que tuvimos el privilegio de conocerlo pensamos sobre él:

Una gran pérdida para todos aquellos que conocieron a Olegario. No sólo fue un líder excepcional, sino un auténtico caballero, de generoso corazón y profundamente apasionado del Tiro Deportivo y de la vida. Su impacto permanecerá en todos aquellos a quienes inspiró. Se le extrañará profundamente.

Como hombre de familia y gran campeón, dedicó literalmente su vida a transformar el Tiro Deportivo, desde que, en 1972, iniciara con los inolvidables Torneos de Tiro Benito Juárez, en el campo olímpico de la ciudad de México. Fue Presidente de la CAT por más de 30 años y de la UIT/ISSF por 38 años y en todo ese tiempo, el Tiro Deportivo pasó de los blancos de papel y aburridas competencias, hasta las sensacionales finales olímpicas actuales.

Su nombre y figura, estarán por siempre ligados al deporte de sus amores.

Descanse en Paz



Campeón Mundial.



En 1980 asumiendo la presidencia de la UIT.



Siempre fue hombre de familia.



Fundo la CAT el 4 de abril de 1973 durante el desarrollo del II Campeonato de tiro Benito Juárez.