

Congratulations to our Female and Male Golden Athlete for 2009!

The New Mexico Senior Olympics Inc. has named Frances Addison as the 2009 Outstanding Female Golden Athlete and Terry Lauritsen as the 2009 Outstanding Male Golden Athlete.



Addison moved to New Mexico in 1954 with her husband F.M. and two children Bobby and Brenda. The family has been cattle ranching on land just south of Mountainair ever since. Addison has participated in both the local games in Torrance County and the New Mexico State Games almost every year since 1987. In 2009, Addison won gold medals in air pistol benchrest, air pistol standing and badminton singles, and she holds state records in the air pistol events.



Lauritsen has been an Albuquerque resident for the last 37 years and has participated in the Senior Olympic Games since 1992. Lauritsen was the New Mexico gold medalist in badminton and racquetball from 1992 through 2009, the national gold medalist in badminton in 1993, the national silver medalist in racquetball in 1993, the national gold medalist in racquetball in 1995 and the national silver medalist in badminton in 2009.

Lauritsen is a retired Air Force officer and worked for 25 years as an engineer. He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from San Diego State University, a master's degree in aeronautical engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology and a doctorate in biomedical engineering from the University of Southern California.

