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Annual meeting of veteran athletes of the „U” Cluj Club (27)

The meeting of the veteran athletes of Cluj took place on September 2, 2023, at the athletics oval of the Iuliu Hațieganu Sports Park. Following the tradition, the former athletes of the “Universitatea” Sports Club gathered in front of the monument raised in the memory of the two giants of Cluj athletics, dr. Ion Arnăuț și Ion Moina. During these meetings the participants share their memories and thoughts about the times when they were young, training and playing on the running course and grounds of the stadium. These are occasions that take us back in time, remembering sporting events and adventures with great joy, warming the hearts of everyone, even the most introvert. The meeting of this year (2023) was attended by 10-11 veterans, the same number as last year. Most of them are 60-65 years old, some of them older, like Vasile Bogdan, the multiple decathlon national champion, born in 1950. Another veteran participant this year was the coach Prof. Dumitru Oltean, who will be 90 years old in January 2024.

All of us, Draga Crișan-Comșa (high jump), Ioana Dobrău-Ciupeiu (sprint), Mariana Simplăcean-Nedelcu (fences), Agepsina Rusu (shot put), Mioara Cornea-Bodea (sprint), Maria Marta (jump), Dumii Oltean (coach) and Vasile Bogdan (decathlon), enjoyed a wonderful meeting, forgetting all our age differences, with Dumii being 89, while Ioana much younger.

In fact, this is what sports does, it brings people together, they run together, some lose, others win, but they forget failures and mistakes, gaining in exchange an everlasting friendship.

You won? Continue! You lost? Continue! (Pierre de Coubertin)

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Some of the veterans who participated in the meeting, from left to right: Draga Comșa-Crișan, Ioana Ciupeiu-Dobrău, Vasile Bogdan, Mariana Nedelcu-Simplăcean, Maria Marta, Agepsina Rusu, Mioara Cornea-Bodea.



This year we also met coach Prof. Dumitru Oltean (third from the right), who will be 90 years old next January.

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