

Awards and Recognitions

The Dick Barbour

Meritorious Service Award

1985.....	Hank Patton
1986.....	George Newlon
	Roxanne Anderson
1987.....	Dan Dotta
	Del Dotta
1988.....	Harry Young
	Henry "Hank" Weston
1989.....	Ed Parker
	Harmon Brown
1990.....	Horace Crow
1991.....	(No award)
1992.....	Dick Connors
1993.....	George Kleeman
1994.....	Tom Moore
1995.....	Charlie Sheppard
1996.....	Norm Morrison
1997.....	(no award)
1998.....	John Luppés
1999.....	Richard Zulaica
2000.....	Jim Hume
	Jim Wynn
2001.....	Bob Shor
	Rick Milam
2002.....	Bob Rauch
2003.....	Lori Maynard
	Sonny Maynard
2004.....	Gail Wetzork
2005.....	Phil Watkins
2006.....	Bill Edgar
2007.....	Ed Hicks

The George Newlon

Special Recognition Award — Track

1995.....	Bob Mason
1996.....	Ben Morjig
1997.....	(no award)
1998.....	Jerry Colman
1999.....	Bobby Hughey
2000.....	Dan Davidson
2001.....	John Coie
2002.....	Gerry Collet
2003.....	Dick Iwamiya
2004.....	Rick Urband
2005.....	Joe Harper
2006.....	Richard Cabral

2007..... Colin Campbell

The Horace Crow

Special Recognition Award — Field

1995.....	Sonny Maynard
1996.....	Rich Zulaica
1997.....	(no award)
1998.....	Bill Edgar
1999.....	Joan M. Wilson
2000.....	Phil Watkins
2001.....	Dr. Leon Glover, Jr.
2002.....	Bruce Colman
2003.....	Dick Petruzzi
2004.....	Teddy Hayes
2005.....	Shirley Connors
	Margaret Sheehan
2006.....	John Murray

2007..... Bill Hawkes



Turns & Distances

Pacific Association Officials Committee

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Initial Inductee Class for the PA/USATF Hall of Fame

The Board of Athletics of the Pacific Association of USA Track & Field is proud to announce the inaugural class for induction into the new Pacific Association Hall of Fame. Each of the inductees was chosen because of their significant contributions to the local USATF programs in Northern California and Nevada. The six inductees are **Dr. Harmon Brown, Horace Crow, George Kleeman, Sonny and Lori Maynard and Tom Moore**. Each has been instrumental in keeping the sport of athletics growing in this area. Each was an official but more than that they were coordinators, meet directors, and officers.



From left to right, "Doc" Brown, Don Maynard for his mother Lori Maynard, George Kleeman and Sonny Maynard.

Dr. Harmon Brown

"Doc" Brown was high school and collegiate sprint hurdler. He was born in Washington D.C. and graduated from Mc Kinley High School there and was a National Honor Society member. He went on to Lafayette College in Easton, PA where he graduated Cum Laude with a B.A. in Chemistry. Since his college didn't have an indoor track team he got to run in the open division with the best hurdlers of his time.

Following college he went to George Washington University School of Medicine in his home town. He then traveled to Atlanta where his was an intern, resident and chief resident of Internal Medicine at Emory University Hospital. In 1961 he was drafted into the Navy and wound up as a Lt. Commander at the US Naval Radiological Defense Lab in San Francisco and thus to the association



Harmon Brown

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Since 1962 Doc has been part of the staff of the University of California, School of Medicine in San Francisco where he started as an Associate and ended up as a Clinical Professor. He spent 10 years at the VA Hospital in Livermore and 17 as Director of Student Health Services at Cal State University at Hayward. He has been a club, school and intercollegiate coach since 1953, primarily in throwing events with several regional and national champions and three Olympians. He coached the Millbrae Lions from 1962 to 1974 then Cal State University at Hayward from 1974 to 1992 and since then at San Francisco State. He was named to 10 National Team Coaching positions between the Pan Am Games in Winnipeg in 1967 to the 1986 Goodwill Games in Moscow. His top assignments might have been the 1975 Tour of the People's Republic of China--one of the first good will tours to China--and the 1976 US Olympic Team where he was the field events coach.

He has been one of the National Team Physicians at the 1982 Pan Am Games in Venezuela, the 1985 World Cup in Canberra, Australia, the 1987 World championship in Rome and the 1991 World Championships in Tokyo.

Horace Crow

Horace Crow, or "Ho" as his friends called him, had three passions: work, baseball and track. A contemporary of his, George Newlon, felt that "Ho" was excessive in his dedication and commitment to the track and field community. Ho was always there, working the pole vault in Modesto, in San Jose, in Sacramento, at Stanford, at Berkeley, at all comers meets, at age group meets, at fancy invitationals, at national championships or at the Olympic Games. "Ho" was more than a good official. He helped improve both the local and national track and field programs. He was as quick to offer a clinic to officials as he was to chair a committee in order to help the organizational structure.



Horace Crow

He was born in Lafayette Indiana in 1924. He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a degree in political science. He was a veteran of the Second World War and retired from the Army reserve at age 62 as a major. Crow worked for Sonoma County as a personnel analyst. His boss who was the first personnel director for the county said, "He was a dedicated, capable person. He was like a walking encyclopedia, retaining facts like a computer. "Ho" would go out of his way to assist employees. He was involved with developing the county's health plan. He retired in 1981 as the assistant personnel director for Sonoma County

Horace chaired the TAC National Membership committee from the inception in 1980. In 1978 Horace was chair for Track and Field under the AAU umbrella and then later served four years as our third President. Horace was always willing to go anywhere at any time and his outstanding rapport with all levels helped to get things accomplished. "Ho" in conjunction with George Kleeman got the Pacific Association incorporated as a nonprofit organization in the late 80's. "Ho" was somewhat of a history buff and always went to local attractions when he wasn't working at the meet. Horace was truly a one of a kind and dedicated to the causes he felt close to. He was constantly on the go during the outdoor season answering requests for his services. And, he never asked for a dime in return that any of us ever heard of. The experience of this quiet man was such that he headed up the pole vault officials at the 1984 Olympic Games.

Horace Crow was as well known for his administrative talents as his officiating prowess and has two national awards named after him, namely one for Field Event Officials by the USATF Officials Committee and one for administration by the USATF Associations Committee. Likewise the Pacific association field event award is named for him...^{The} **Horace Crow Special Recognition Award — Field**

Horace died in May 1991 having suffered a heart attack while attending a Giants-Montreal Baseball game at Candlestick Park his other passion. He went to a ball game almost every day whether at Candlestick or the Oakland Coliseum. He had season tickets to both. No matter where He traveled on his off days particularly at track meets you would find Horace at the local baseball park, but track was his true love.

George Kleeman

George was a chemical engineer and engineering manager for Shell Oil and Shell Chemical, which accounts for his many travels. He graduated from Gonzaga University in 1962 as a chemical engineer and then went to the University of Minnesota for his doctorate. He then moved back to his native California and took up running for exercise. He then moved to New York City, back to the Bay Area, then Houston and West Virginia. Consequently he has been a member and officer in three associations and a member of numerous national committees since 1977 when he attended his first AAU convention. He has been president of the Pacific Association twice and a member of its Board of Directors since 1985. He has been an outstanding Master level official, referee and international official.



George Kleeman

George began his officiating career in Long Distance Running in 1974 in the Gulf Association and Track and Field soon after and continued in the West Virginia Association in 1980 and then in the Pacific Association since 1985. He is currently an editor for the USATF Rulebook, Rules Vice Chair for Officials and Subcommittee chair for Equipment and Facilities Specifications and assistant Chair for the IAAF Technical Official Committee. He has been Training Chair for the Pacific Association since 1988 and was National Training Chair from 1996 to 2003. He authored many of the monographs on officiating that are available on the national website. He has been involved in all of the disciplines of the sport during his career and is currently on the Divisional Board for Long Distance Running.

George has received numerous awards for his officiating and administrative endeavors from Officials, Associations, Masters LDR including the Andy Bajkin Award and the Robert Giegengack Award. He was Officials' Coordinator for several national championships and has been technical director or assistant technical director for four NCAA Championships, several national Cross Country Championships and two Olympic Trials including the Race Walks. He has been a member of the Local Organizing Committee for numerous LDR, Cross Country and Track and Field Championships starting in 1977. He was an International Technical Official for a

number of IAAF meets including the 2003 World Championships, the 2004 Indoor World Championships, the 2005 Grand Prix Finals and several North American, Central American and Caribbean Championships. George will be an ITO at the Beijing Olympics.

Lori Maynard



Lori Maynard

Her nominator first met Lori as a Race Walker in the late 70's in Texas at a national championship. She was very good. She received the National Master's T&F Committee RW award in 1979 and 1981 as an athlete. Her nominator George met her again in California in 1984 where she was an official at Stanford and sometimes at Cal in the mid 1980's. She has been active as a RW official and with the Race Walk Committee both locally and nationally for many

years and was a Level II and III International Area Race Walk Judge working a number of meets throughout the North America, Central America and Caribbean region for NACAC during the 90's and until 2006. She worked numerous local Race Walk meets yearly and helped make the Pacific Association program one of the strongest in the nation. She was one of the Race Walk Judges at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Lori conducted clinics on race walk judging for over twenty years. She has been involved with combined events competitions in the Pacific Association for many years at UC Berkeley and Davis. She worked at many San Jose City College meets and the old Bruce Jenner meets. Lori became a nationally certified official about 1986. She has been an active member of the Board of Athletics since the mid 1980's. Lori worked as a Travel agent until a few years ago. She and her husband, Sonny, have a son, Don. She was the Women's T&F representative to the Official's Selection committee from 2001 to 2005. She acted as proof reader for about 15 years for Turns and Distances.

Sonny Maynard

Sonny began his relationship with Track & Field while competing in the Pole Vault in High School on the old bamboo pole. He jumped around 12 feet which was very good in those days for high school and Junior College. He attended meets at Berkeley in the 60's and 70's as a spectator.

In the 70's he did some coaching with the Woodside Striders. As a career Sonny taught 7th & 8th grade Science in the local public schools. Since he was an accomplished



Sonny Maynard

swimmer he taught swimming to kids during his summer breaks. He got re-involved in local track meets when his wife began to compete as a Master race walker in 70's. Sonny has worked mostly local meets. He has had opportunities to work others but true to his nature, he supported others rather than doing them himself. He worked as a race official and volunteer.

Sonny first became nationally certified in 1987 although he had already been officiating for a number years at what is now the association level. Sonny can and does work all the field events but most often the throws. He fills in where needed and is always present when there is a nearby combined events competition. His low key and friendly spirit has endeared him to all the officials. Sonny has been the long time field officials' coordinator for Stanford meets since the early 80's where he was mentored by the then Stanford head coach, Brooks Johnson. Sonny was also the Officials Coordinator for the National Junior Olympics in 1995 in San Jose.

Sonny's commitment to track and field is not limited to Stanford. He also officiates at meets throughout the bay area and up to Sacramento, and at all levels of competition. After years as a certified official, Sonny volunteered his time at the 1984 Olympics. As the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta approached, Sonny withheld applying for an officiating assignment so that Lori would be assured selection as an official. (He later learned that he would have been selected along with her as an official). Sonny has given countless hours to the Stanford Track and Field program as the field officials' coordinator. Sonny's work ethic has been a vital part of the Stanford Track and Field home meets success. His ongoing contributions for the past 25 years have been solely from the goodness of his heart, expecting nothing in return. He embodies the meaning of a true volunteer. Sonny is an inspiration to us all. He has been a mainstay of the Stanford Track and Field meets and the Stanford Cross Country meets. There is never a cross word on the field when he has been in charge, but as he would say, "Don't go there." Sonny is a remarkable man and we have all been blessed by his dedication and commitment to our sport.

Tom Moore

Tom was an athlete, official and meet director. Tom was a high hurdler at both 120 yards and 440 yards and set the World Record in 1935 at 14.2 seconds. He was the 1935 AAU champions at 440 yard in 53.5 seconds when he ran for the San Francisco Olympic Club. He was an Olympic Team member with Jesse Owens in Berlin in 1936.



Tom Moore

As an official Tom was a starter at many northern California meets and particularly at his alma mater the University of California at Berkeley for over 50 years. He

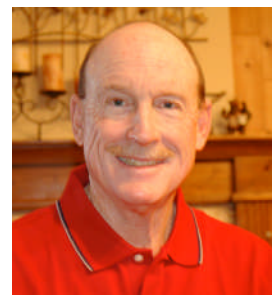
made the trip from Modesto to Berkeley for every meet including the winter All Comers series in January and February. Tom started to officiate sometime in the late 1930s and continued to his death at age 88. He first became certified as a TAC Official (precursor to USATF) on September 20, 1977. He was still an active starter at UC Berkeley in the spring of 2002 although he had cut back on his officiating schedule.

Tom was founder and meet director for the Modesto Relays from 1940 until his death in May, 2002 on the eve of the 61st version of the relays. Tom was inducted into the USATF Hall of Fame in 1988 as a meet director. The Tom Moore Award for Lifetime Achievement established in the spring of 2002 is the top award for service to the Pacific Association and it is named after Tom.

Pacific Association Officials (and friends) Honored

Every year at our annual meeting we recognize Pacific Association Officials for their contributions. It seems that others also value the contributions of our officials.

- On Saturday, February 9th, **Scott Chisam**, a second year official and former university-level coach, was honored at the UCLA vs. Arizona basketball game for his role in coaching the UCLA Women's Track and Field Team to NCAA Championships in 1982 and 1983. UCLA is having a year-long celebration of its "First to 100" in earning 100 school-wide NCAA division I Championships.



Scott Chisam

Leon Glover, Ph.D., a fifty-year veteran of track and field officiating and our highly respected wind gauge operator at numerous venues in the association, was honored September 20, 2007 by his employer Tyco Electronics, at a black tie dinner party at San Francisco's Palace of the Legion of Honor. One hundred technical awards were presented by Tyco President Tom Lynch. (Tyco has 120,000 employees world wide.) Leon was promoted to "TE Technical Fellow"; he was awarded a "Key Innovator Award"; and finally he was awarded one of seven "Life Time Achievement Awards." Congratulations, Dr. Glover



Dr. Leon Glover

Heard At The Track:

- **Bruce Rosenblatt** is the latest PA official to go emeritus. Thanks for your years of fine service, Bruce.
- The first week of the new year brought good news to the track and field athletes at four San Mateo Union High School District schools. The District is planning to retrofit the current dirt tracks at Aragon, Capuchino, Hillsdale and Mills with new all-weather surfaces. While the district is paying for the new all weather tracks, it seems that only Aragon and Mills will have the money to install synthetic turf on the football/soccer field. This construction work is scheduled to be completed by the middle of August...in time for the next football season. [A personal note said Jim Hume, "Now I'm going to have to coach at least one more year so I can experience what it will be like to practice out of the mud."]
- **Date Changes at Modesto Junior College:**
 - The California Relays (Modesto Relays) will be run on May 10th.
 - The North California Junior Colleges Championships will be run on May 9th.
 - The "Big Eight" Conference Trials will be on Wednesday, April 23rd and the Finals will be run on Saturday, April 26th.

"New" Meets

- The City of San Francisco will host the 42nd International Children's Games on July 10-15, 2008. Athletes from 100 cities representing 50 countries will be competing in eight sports including track and field. The International Children's Games is endorsed by the International Olympic Committee, and is the only global youth athletic event that combines sports, educational programs and peace-motivated cultural exchange. If you would like to officiate at this competition please contact **Rick Milam** at: milam@hotmail.com.
- **Elmer Haynes** is seeking officials—and an official's coordinator—for a Masters/Senior Games meet to be held in Sacramento July 18-20. To help out, contact Elmer at Elmer.Haynes@dcss.ca.gov.
- The College of San Mateo will again host the State Junior College Championships in 2009.
- The Pacific Association USATF will host the 2009 National Junior Olympic Cross-Country Championships at Reno, Nevada.
- The Pacific Association USATF will host the 2010 USATF National Masters Track and Field Championships at Sacramento State's Hornet Stadium and other venues around the "River City."

For additional calendar changes see www.PAUSATF.org. Click on "Schedule/Meetings" then "Calendar," then "Officials Calendar."

- **Chris Zepeda** has been named interim head track coach at Hartnell College. **Jerry "JJ" Noble** has been reassigned by the school administration. Coach Z is a distance runner and graduate of CSU Chico. On Saturday, April 5th, Coach Z will host **the Ed Adams T&F Meet** at Hartnell. Officials are needed for all events, and this is a wonderful opportunity for new officials to get some experience. Coach Z has reported that he will continue the practice of having lots of fresh produce (Yes, fresh vegetables) for the officials and volunteers who help this meet be a success.
 - The Stanford University and UC Berkeley track and field and cross-country programs have again this year made nice, matching contribution to the PAUSATF Officials Committee. We wish to thank Stanford head coach **Edrick Floreal** and Cal head coach **Tony Sandoval** for remembering the hard-working officials who make the competition possible.
 - Stanford University will host the 2008 Western Regional Cross Country Championships on the Stanford Golf Course on Saturday, November 15, 2008.
 - **Kevin McMahon** has joined Stanford's staff as assistant men's and women's throws coach. Coach McMahon graduated from Bellarmine College Prep and Georgetown University and threw the hammer in two Olympics (1996 and 2000) and four World Championships. He is one of the few athletes to medal in ten consecutive US Track and Field Championships.

Club News

- **Dena Day Evans**, former women's track and cross country coach and outstanding athlete at Stanford, is starting a new elite athlete track club on the Peninsula. Her new club will be called **Peninsula Distance Running-Brooks**. The officials will be looking forward to having Deana back on the track.
- **Tiger Bar Sports**, the elite training group run by Coach **Dan Pfaff** in Isleton, California, has merged with Livermore's youth-oriented Tri-Valley Vault Athletics club and secured training facilities at the Port of Stockton. The new entity is called Tri-Valley Athletics, Inc.

Missing From the Track

Retired PA wind gauge operator Tony Oppenheim passed away January 12, 2008. The following appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle January 26.

Antoni Kazimierz Oppenheim, a professor emeritus of mechanical engineering at UC Berkeley and a leader in the field of high-speed combustion processes, died of cancer Jan. 12 at his home in Kensington. He was 92.



Tony Oppenheim

Officially he was retired, but Professor Oppenheim's latest research dealt with efforts to improve the efficiency of the internal combustion engines that power most of today's automobiles, said Eilyan Bitar, a UC Berkeley graduate student working on the research with Oppenheim.

"The goal was to reduce pollution while simultaneously increasing efficiency," Bitar said. "The kind of higher goal was to benefit society and mankind in general. This is one of the main polluters in the world. He really wanted to help society."

During his long career, Professor Oppenheim helped to unravel the mysteries of detonation, developing a high-speed-photography process that used a laser light source to capture submicrosecond exposures, according to the university. That allowed him to design experiments to further study what causes a detonation, said J. Ray Bowen, dean emeritus at the University of Washington's College of Engineering and one of Professor Oppenheim's first doctoral students.

"It just provided understanding for the phenomenon and made it possible for people who had his analysis to better understand how detonation happened," Bowen said.

Bowen said that Professor Oppenheim's interest in detonation and combustion probably stemmed from his days as a researcher in London during World War II, when he worked with other scientists to improve the engines of Britain's fighter planes - Spitfires and Hurricanes - to compete with Nazi aircraft.

"He helped produce an engine with better performance," Bowen said.

Professor Oppenheim was born in Warsaw in 1915 and was home-schooled in French until he was 9 years old.

He then went to a local school and began learning Polish, according to a news release from UC Berkeley. He graduated as valedictorian of his high school in 1933 and studied aeronautical engineering at the Warsaw Institute of Technology.

His studies were interrupted when he fled to England after the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939. According to a biography released by Cal, Professor Oppenheim enlisted in the Free Polish army in Scotland and taught himself English. During this time, he completed his degree requirements and graduated from the Warsaw Institute of Technology in 1943. He earned a doctorate in mechanical engineering at the University of London, and a Diploma of Imperial College degree in 1945, according to UC Berkeley.

He moved to the United States in 1948 and became an assistant professor in mechanical engineering at Stanford University. He moved to Cal in 1950 and remained there for the rest of his career.

Although he was forced to officially retire in 1986 at age 70 by a mandatory retirement policy, he worked in his lab 12 hours a day until a year before his death.

Then, while under hospice care, Professor Oppenheim worked in bed with a laptop, editing a new edition of a book on the dynamics of combustion systems and discussing his research.

He is survived by his wife, Lavinia (Min) Oppenheim of Kensington; a daughter, Terry Ann Cort of El Cerrito; and two grandchildren.

Donations in his memory may be made to Cal

Performances, 100 Zellerbach Hall No. 4800, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720-4800, or to Sutter VNA and Hospice Foundation, 1900 Powell St., Suite 300, Emeryville, CA 94608-1815.

(Min Oppenheim is also a retired PA official.—Ed.)

'07 Convention Report USATF National Officials Committee

By Dick Connors

Honolulu was a great site to hold a national convention with lots of hotels, a nice beach, good places to eat, and warm temperatures--but it did rain. The National Officials Committee met in general session

only once during the convention, but made great progress in passing legislation that will protect our members from financial loss and increase our membership. The questions around the certification of Field Lynx operators still needs



Gordon Bocock At the convention in Hawaii, Shirley Connors was presented with one of the Chair's Awards.

more work, but the committee put the organization in good order for the start of new Olympiad.

The liability insurance sub committee chaired by Bob Tice of North Carolina Association and ably assisted by **Irene Herman** and **John Murray** from the Pacific Association, John Drolla from the Southwestern Association, Chester Bradley of the Southwestern Association and others presented an excellent report that was overwhelmingly approved. The committee reported that a workable, reasonable, one million dollar personnel liability insurance policy covering individual officials at non-sanctioned track and field competitions could be obtained with the assistance of the national organization. (We in the Pacific Association already have this policy in place with the entire cost covered by anonymous donors and our local Association.) After determining that the insurance coverage was realistic, the committee recommended that each USATF certified official also must be a member of the USATF national organization. (We in Pacific have always been members of the UASTF national organization.) Of the current 8,000 certified officials across the nation approximately 5,000 are members only of their regional officials' organizations and have no national privileges. With the start of the new Olympiad, to be a certified official, all individuals must join or renew their USATF membership. This measure was passed by unanimous voice vote. The giving back of something of value to the membership by the National Officials Committee is a major change in philosophy by the committee and gives the membership much needed protection.

Mr. Tice and his committee members must be commended for their foresight and hard work.

After the passage of the insurance package the remaining business of the officials committee was to hear other committee reports. The clinic sessions put on by the training committee were well presented and covered topics of interest to the conventioners in attendance. A special banquet session of the committee was held Saturday night during which the initial class of the National Officials Hall of Fame was inducted and the committee's major recognition awards were also presented. Those members taken into the Hall of Fame as its initial class were: Emmitt Griggs from the Gulf Association, Charles Ruter from the Kentucky Association, Finn Hansen from the Utah Association, Ken Caouette from the New England Association, Dee Jensen from the Dakotas Association, Patricia Rico from the Metropolitan Association, Barbara Palma from the Adirondack Association, Chester Bradley from the Southwestern Association, and Leo Costanzo from the Southern California Association. Three officials were taken into the "Hall" posthumously: Andy Bakjain from the Southern California Association, **Horace Crow** from the Pacific Association, and John Davis from the Ohio Association.

Those officials receiving awards from the National Committee this year were: Dan Reynolds from the Arizona Association (the Andy Bakjain Award For Outstanding Service), **George Kleeman** from the Pacific Association (the Horace Crow Award For Outstanding Field Events Official), and Sue Polanski from the Long Island Association (the Charles Ruter Award For Outstanding Running Event Official). Charles Ruter from the Kentucky was the recipient of the first annual Jim Grey Award For Leadership. Ron Altoff from the Ohio Association was awarded the John Davis Humanitarian Award. **Shirley Connors** from the Pacific Association was totally surprised to receive a chairman's award for her work in the promotion of clinics at the national convention and national championships.

It was a great idea to have the convention in Hawaii even though it rained. A good time was had by all!

"Big" Steve Green does his thing

From THE REPORTER, Vacaville, CA,

By Jennifer Gentile 1/23/08

The day after the nation celebrated the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and 40 years after the slain civil rights leader's death, the words of his immortal "I have a Dream" speech resounded in the Vacaville High Gym.

With his booming, powerful voice, Coach **Steve Green** is known for riling up crowds at sporting events and pep rallies. On Tuesday, with just as much force and conviction, he delivered King's plea for peace and equality.

King, the Baptist minister turned activist, gave his famous address in August of 1963, in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. In a time of oppression and segregation, King spoke before a crowd of more than 200,000 about his hopes for the future.

Green's captivated crowd consisted of about 300 students, who brought their lunches to the assembly.

"Most kids know the end part of the speech; they've heard that over and over again." Green said. "What we hope to accomplish by doing the whole speech is to let them know that there's a lot of other very important things Dr. King had to say."

Green said that one notable passage is when king said not to use "evil means, violent means, to accomplish what was needed."

Quoting King's call for non-violent opposition, Green said, "In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds."

During his 15 minute recitation, Green's voice was virtually the only sound in the gym. He held the student's undivided attention throughout, earning applause from all and a standing ovation from some when he'd finished.

Katerina Keys said she came to the reading "because I know that it was something very important."

“It was very moving,” she said.

Ashley Watterson said this was her first time hearing the speech in its entirety.

“It is inspiring,” she said, adding, “If you think about it, it wasn’t that long ago.”

Vice Principal Ed Santopadre said he is especially touched by King’s vision of a day, when his children “will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.”

That’s what we strive for (at the school) everyday,” Santopadre said.

Charlie Sheppard Recognized Internationally For Service To The Handicapped.

*During November I heard that veteran track and field official **Charles Sheppard** from San Jose had made a trip to Taiwan, to receive recognition for writing a computer software program for handicapped athletes in track and field and several other sports. Upon seeing Mr. Sheppard at the January 29th Board of Athletics meeting I asked him about the award. Charley was so kind and send me the letter below explaining what the recognition was all about.*

Mr. Sheppard is a retired IBM software engineer. Charlie is currently the Treasurer of Wheelchair Sports USA and was inducted into the Wheelchair Sport, USA hall of Fame in 2004. He is also Records Chair for Pacific Association Youth Committee. The letter does get somewhat technical. –Editor



Charlie Sheppard

1/31/08

Dick:

A very short story of SAMS (Sports Able Management Software)

About 10 years ago to run a national championship for wheelchair sports was to put it mildly a data processing nightmare. There are several sports involved with different requirements. It meant in reality that to come up with

things such as heat sheets or scoring sheets for weightlifting involved many very late night sessions trying to get information together using spread sheets and word processors. It was decided that something had to be done to ease this burden. Myself along with two other people from wheelchair sports USA decided to build a database to at least have all the data in one place. We worked out that database using Filemaker Pro as the data base of choice. This greatly reduced the time to get the work done at the national games. From there I followed up on the process and incorporated automated routines in the program to produce the paper work needed to run the championships. Also added an interface to the Finish Lynx camera system

to get the heats and lane assignments transferred to the LYNX systems and get the results back into SAMS.

I also added an interface to Hy•Tek Swimming to get the athletes and classifications to that system and get the results back all electronically. A while back our national championships had expanded to include other disability groups. We now include along with wheelchair the amputees, blind, CP, deaf and dwarf athletes.

The program keeps track of all these athletes their disability group and classification. It can now produce all the paper work necessary to run the championship games. It also produces the results reports for all the different sports including Track and Field, Swimming, Weightlifting, Table Tennis, Archery, and team sports such as basketball and three additional sports as needed. These reports can be output in different formats including printed or HTML format to be posted on a web site. The program will automatically check the qualifying standards for the next level meet and produce a file that can be imported into the next level meet with the results as their qualifying mark or time. The program is now the required program to be used by all the regional or qualifying meets for the national championships. I supply it free of charge to anyone doing disabled games.

This summer (’07) The IWAS (International Wheelchair Amputee Sports) organization having learned of the program asked me to attend the IWAS World Games in Chinese Taipei in Taiwan to demonstrate the program to the international body. (At their expense) They have been working toward a program of this nature for several years and had been unsuccessful in getting the job done. They told me that my program was the only one they could find worldwide that had the capability to handle multiple sports for multiple disabilities. They have several programs available to them but each one will handle only one sport. They are now working toward an Internet based program to handle several of the sports involved, but this is a few years away. They have decided to use my program and distribute it to their member nations.

The first test will come this summer (’08) when we will use it at the IWAS Junior World Games to be held at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

There are several changes that I have incorporated into the program to conform to international rules. I have also been asked to produce a training CD for the program which I am now working on.

Charlie Sheppard

USATF BUSINESS: THREE DOCUMENTS

*I. USATF Communications, 9 January, 2008,
Indianapolis*

Masback to leave USATF after 10 years of service, will join Nike in Global Business Affairs role

USA Track & Field CEO Craig A. Masback is departing USATF after leading the organization for more than 10 years, USATF President Bill Roe announced Wednesday. Masback will become Director of Business Affairs for Nike's Global Sports Marketing Division and will transition to his new position over the coming weeks and months.

In his decade of service as CEO of USATF, Masback and USATF established the nationally televised Visa Championships Series and began an Elite Athletic Services Department that revolutionized governing body/athlete relations. Masback also worked with the organization's board of directors to institute one of the sporting world's first "Zero Tolerance" anti-doping policies, and vastly expanded the grass-roots services provided by the National Office. Since 1997, Team USA also has steadily seen its medal tally at World Championships and Olympic Games grow from an average of 17-19 to 25 medals or more at the last Olympic Games and last two World Championships.

"Craig has been a great leader of our sport," said Roe. "As a former athlete, he understood what would make a difference for our athletes and coaches. As a businessman and lawyer, he helped professionalize our operation at every level. We wish him well at Nike."

"I have said from Day 1 that this has been my dream job," said Masback, who was hired in July 1997. "Leading the organization out of financial difficulty, convincing new sponsors to come on board, establishing new events and TV properties, finding new partners, expanding our programs on the grass roots level and tackling the challenges presented by doping have been immensely challenging and, ultimately, immensely rewarding. I couldn't have done it without the work of a dedicated staff and the enthusiasm and expertise of our volunteer community. After 10 years, it's time for me to embrace a new challenge."

"It's been my privilege to work on behalf of the sport that gave me so many opportunities in life," Masback said. "I hope to be able to continue to contribute to the bright future of track and field in some capacity in the coming years."

Masback will join Nike as the Director of Business Affairs for Global Sports marketing. In this new role he will negotiate and manage Nike's contractual relationships with athletes, sports leagues, federations and teams around the world.

USATF's search for a new CEO will begin immediately Roe said.

II. PA Board of Athletics Stands up

At the January 29th meeting of the Board of Athletics of the Pacific Association USATF held in Foster City, the Board voted unanimously to send a letter to USATF President Bill Roe protesting the awarding of competition sites for the upcoming National Championships and the Olympic Team Trials. Below is a reprint of the letter .

Mr. Bill Roe, President
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Dear Bill,

On behalf of the Board of Athletics of the Pacific Association, this letter is to inform you of our intent to file a grievance against the individuals involved in the award procedure for the 2009, 2010, and 2011 outdoor Track and Field Championships and the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Track and Field Trials.

As the largest Association in the United States, and one very familiar with the bidding process and the hosting of national Championships, we are extremely disappointed and concerned that our National leadership has permitted the procedure that resulted in the awarding of these championship events. The process as it occurred raises significant questions with respect to the adherence to USATF regulations and the apparent disenfranchisement of our Committees for Open Men's and Women's Track and Field as well as our Athlete's Advisory Committee.

The award procedure also presents serious ethical issues with respect to the conduct of the National Staff, especially in light of Mr. Masback's resignation and his acceptance of an executive position with NIKE which occurred shortly after the award of the championship events. In the public sector at the State and Federal level, similar conduct is specifically proscribed with significant sanctions for any violation. We believe that prohibitions may also exist in our organization with regard to the Internal Revenue Service and our not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) status.

We are concerned that, unless the details of this awarding procedure are fully disclosed, the perception of conflict of interest will plague this organization. Given the intense scrutiny by the public, we believe that we must be scrupulously candid, or run the risk of loss of the public trust.

We are an organization that places the highest value on competition, believing that fair and equitable competition insures the best performance. Our regulations and bylaws were drafted to insure equality in order to guarantee that competition be fair. When rules are broken or bylaws ignored, equality is compromised and the benefit of fair competition are lost. We must strive to assure that our organization devotes every effort to

preserve the advantage of fair competition. When we fail in that endeavor, we have abrogated our duty to the sport.

Respectfully,

John Mansoor

Executive Director
Pacific Association
USA Track and Field

III. From the Sacramento Bee, December 26, 2007

**Sacramento on new course as track events relocate:
NCAA women's rowing and basketball fill a hole left
by the Olympic Trials...** By John Schumacher

Pass the baton to Eugene. And wonder if the stick will come around again. USA Track & Field's decision earlier this month to award the 2012 Olympic Trials to Eugene – a decision made before the Oregon city hosts the 2008 event – as well as the '09 and '11 USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships has left Sacramento out in the cold.

But Sacramento – the host of successful U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials in 2000 and '04 and the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in '03, '05, '06 and '07 – is diversifying its approach to bring other sporting events to town.

The Sacramento Sports Commission, fresh off a year that included hosting first- and second-round games of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament and the NCAA Women's Volleyball Final Four, still has some track on its upcoming menu. But it also has landed or is pursuing several other noteworthy events.

The Tour of California bicycle race is set to return in 2008. The NCAA Women's Rowing Championships are headed here next year. And the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament West Regional is on the books for 2010.

John McCassey, the Sacramento Sports Commission's executive director, said his group was close to a deal to bring the Intercollegiate Rowing Association Men's Championships to town in 2009 and '13.

As for track, Sacramento landed the 2010 USA Masters Outdoor Track and Field Championships and the '11 World Masters Athletics Championships – an event that is projected to pump \$14 million into the local economy.

McCassey said when he put in Sacramento's bid for the USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships for 2009, '10 and '11, he "smelled something foul."

"We didn't have a real good feel for it," he said. "We backed ourselves up. We went after other events. We've got a real good stable of events we'll be bringing in over those years.

"I don't think stepping away from track is a step backwards at all. ... There was some concern maybe we were too dependent on track. It's what we were doing, and doing it frequently and doing it well."

Still, losing all those big meets to Eugene, and the 2010 USA Outdoor Championships to Des Moines, Iowa, stings a bit. Especially after the NCAA, which awarded four of its past five outdoor track and field championships to Sacramento, opted in August of 2006 to award its 2008 through 2010 outdoor championships to Des Moines, Fayetteville, AK and Eugene.

Sacramento was awarded the 2004 Olympic Trials after drawing rave reviews for hosting the 2000 event, which averaged 23,338 spectators for the eight-day meet. But Eugene was given another Olympic Trials before hosting the 2008 meet next summer, and without a bid process.

Instead, Eugene officials, with Nike's financial backing, cut a deal with USA Track & Field to bring all those big meets to Oregon.

"I think that surprised everybody," McCassey said. "Obviously they put one hell of a deal in place for them to do this."

Craig Masback, USA Track & Field's chief executive officer, said Eugene officials came forward with a proposal to host the 2012 Olympic Trials and the '09 and '11 USA Outdoor Championships. USATF responded with a counterproposal, which Masback said Eugene accepted.

"That's what happened, plain and simple," Masback said. "We're thrilled with the decision and outcome."

Masback praised Eugene's commitment to track and field – the city hosted the Olympic Trials in 1972, '76 and '80, the USA Outdoor Championships in 1999 and 2001, and the Prefontaine Classic for 33 years – noting ticket packages sold out months ago and there is "a buzz in the air" about the Trials.

He also said Sacramento would be in the running for future events.

"I don't think it's lacking anything," Masback said.

John Mansoor, the California International Marathon race director and the director of meet operations for the NCAA meets here, said giving Eugene a second consecutive Trials before holding the 2008 event raised some questions.

"We were very disappointed that the 2012 Trials have been awarded to Eugene and they have not conducted the 2008 Trials," he said. "It's one thing to have the money to be able to do these things. ... The other thing is, can you stage the event successfully?"

"There's a lot of us who are not convinced that Eugene can pull this off."

Mansoor, who also is a regional director for USA Track & Field, said there's a cyclical nature to where big meets are held.

"If you look at the last seven years, all the big meets were in Sacramento," he said. "What happens is generally they find a place that works, they like to stay there."

"Then you stay there for a while, then the rest of the country begins to complain about it – 'They're not moving this stuff around' – and they kind of look at other alternatives to it."

McCasey said he would be open to going after the NCAA track championships again after the masters meets are held here in 2010 and '11.

"I see us back in the NCAA track business," he said. "I can see us bringing that one back. ... The gamesmanship and the politics isn't there, or the money."

Conversations with the Elders: 6 Questions for Joan Wilson

Joan Wilson and Don Wilson are Emeritus Officials. Up through the early 2000s, they handled long throws at Cal, Stanford, UC Davis, Reno and around the US. Turns and Distances asked them a few questions about their careers. (Don's answers will appear in a future T&D.)

T&D: How did you get started in track and field officiating?

JOAN: Our younger son David was a champion age-group swimmer until age 9 when he wanted to try something new and that happened to be the throws. Since I had just become manager of the Pacific AAU Office in 1980 I worked hard to revive the AAU Junior Olympic Track & Field program, of which our son was a member. I sanctioned the meets, sent out entry forms, registered the athletes, officiated and published the results.



Joan Wilson

T&D: You have been involved in another sport: weight lifting. How did you start there? What are the similarities between working the two sports? What are the significant differences?

JOAN: I became involved in the sport of Weightlifting when I married Don in 1955 and began serving as a scorekeeper at various Bay Area meets. By 1965 we officiated up to 23 meets per year. In 1990 I became a National Referee and in 1998 became an International Category II Referee who has traveled extensively to National Championships in the performance of my duties. The similarities of the two sports is that we always try to promote a fair and safe competition for all athletes. The major difference is venue. Track & Field is generally outdoors while Weightlifting is generally indoors.

T&D: Officiating cannot take all of one's time--can it? Tell us about your "day job."

JOAN: My professional career encompassed many detail-oriented jobs, from Publications Coordinator for Transamerica Airlines to Reliability Analyst for

DHL, to Purchasing Manager for worldwide Kue-Ken Rock Crushers, and finally retiring in 2001 as a Law Librarian and Data Collection Agent for the Business Software Association. Now our day jobs consist of meeting the needs of our elderly friends and neighbors.

T&D: Your annual holiday letters always speak of travels around the Western US. You mention "fifth wheeling." What is that? What are your favorite places you've visited in the last few years?

JOAN: My fifth-wheel trailer is my dream home that allows me to escape the city and noise and traffic, and just relax in some new and beautiful place with all the conveniences of home at my fingertips. In 2005 we traveled round-trip to Vermont--8000 miles. At one campground we sat out in the warm night just marveling at all the fireflies; another time we were surrounded by a herd of 1500 bison crossing the road in Custer State Park, and watching the sunsets on the multi-hued mountains of Death Valley.

T&D: Don was involved in the Atlanta Olympics, if memory serves. What was the high point of your officiating career?

JOAN: The high point of my officiating career had to be my selection as Weightlifting Scorekeeper at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, and as Head Judge for Women's Discus at the 2000 Olympic Trials in Sacramento. I felt very honored on both occasions.

T&D: Finally, the obvious: your advice for a new official in the throws?

JOAN: Commit the rules of your events to memory, but know where to find them when others challenge your authority. Know the dangers of your events and how to keep yourself and others safe. Finally, work as many meets as you comfortably can, and watch the way seasoned officials do things, ask questions work with different officials and in different positions until you gain confidence.

Note: Don & I retired from Track & Field officiating in January 2004 after 23 years of service. We also retired from 13 years of officiating the Heavy Athletic Events of the Scottish Highland Games (Horace Crow got us involved in that). We still participate as International Officials in the sport of Weightlifting.

There is great satisfaction in giving of yourself and your time for the benefit of others in a sports venue, you gain great friendships and can have the thrill of seeing one of your "kids" turn into an Olympic Champion.

Third Year of PA Mentor Program Underway



Dennis Boyle

Twenty-seven new officials have completed their first clinic, *Introduction to Track & Field Officiating*. New this year, as part of the Intro clinic structure, was a brief session conducted for the new officials regarding the benefits of participating in the PA USATF Mentor Program. At its conclusion, sign ups were underway. Of the 27, fourteen asked to

be contacted by a mentor in order to get their officiating career off to a great start. The PA USATF at present has 20 active mentor officials. Over the past three years, PA Mentors have made every effort to make new officials feel welcome to officiating. In doing so, the Mentor Program is striving to increase officiating longevity, and, as well develop each new official more quickly as a knowledgeable and effective member of the PA USATF.

Dennis Boyle



At the convention in Hawaii, Charlie Ruter presented George Kleeman with the Official's Horace Crow Award.

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