

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
2008.....	Dick Iwamiya
2009.....	Bruce Colman

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
2008.....	Jeannie White
2009.....	Rory Osborne

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
2008.....	John Shirey
2009.....	Jim Waldron

The Lori Maynard

Special Recognition Award

2009.....	Art and Becky Klein
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Pacific Association Officials Annual Meeting August 22, 2010

The Executive Committee has announced that the annual meeting of the Pacific Association Official Committee will take place on August 22, 2010 on the campus of UC Davis. The exact time and place are yet to be determined. All officials and guest are welcome to attend. Vice-chairman Phil Watkins will be contacting members with details. Please save the date on your calendar.

National Championships Are Coming To Northern California

The first of the Championships is the **National Club Championships** to be hosted by Pacific Association, at Cox Stadium, San Francisco State University on

Friday-Saturday, July 9th and 10th. Last year, when the meet was at Icahn Stadium in New York, some 45 teams participated in the two-day affair. Bruce Colman is the officials' coordinator for the event and is still seeking officials to work as umpires and marshals. If you are interested in working please contact Bruce at: brucecolman@earthlink.net. (Al Hernandez is meet director; Irene Herman is chairing the local organizing committee.)



A gold medal performance was turned in by the FieldLynx operators from Buchanan High. At the California State High School Track & Field Championships (Buchanan High in Clovis on June 4th and 5th) they sent results to the spectators and the press. Covering the events were **Brittany Mearns** (a junior 3200 meter runner who worked the boys pole vault, including 5-Alive); **Taylor Paige** (a triple jumper who worked the triple jump); **Kevin Bono** (a freshman sprinter and horizontal jumper who worked the long jump); **Noemi Murrilo** (a thrower who worked the shot put); **Chrystal Phetngao** (a freshman high jumper who worked the high jump); and **Joy Busenback** (a junior pole vaulter who worked the girls pole vault).

The USATF National Masters Championships is the second national competition scheduled for the Association. The competition will be held July 22-25 at Hornet Stadium on the campus of California State University, Sacramento. Though there are no openings for on-field

officials, the meet needs many people in support positions, FieldLynx operators, doing packet hand-out, results posting, spotting for the announcers, equipment coordinating and distribution, and so on. Interested officials should contact the meet director, George Kleeman at [.george_kleeman@comcast.net](mailto:george_kleeman@comcast.net), or the officials' coordinator, Phil Leake at pgal1@sbcglobal.net. Volunteers are welcome even for single-day stints; most jobs will take just a few hours.

The USATF National Junior Olympics

Championships is the third USATF Championship for the association to host in 2010. The meet will be held from July 27-to August 1st at Hughes Stadium on the campus of Sacramento City College. Hopefully over five thousand young aspiring athletes will make up the competitive field. John Murray is the official's coordinator and may have officials positions available for the meet or a daily basis. "I could always use a few in the pool just in case, but can't make promises," Coordinator Murray tells *Turns and Distances*. He may be contacted at jmurr01@aol.com. (Hume's note...there are openings for FieldLynx operators every day.)

Turns and Distances also heard from Mary Woo: "We are still in need of officials for the 3rd Annual Western States Masters Invitational at UC Davis July 9-11th. Friday is an evening session and Saturday and Sunday are morning sessions. We'll be serving **great** food and providing parking passes for officials who arrive on Friday (parking is free Saturday and Sunday.) Please go to www.sactrack.net for complete event info or call Mary Woo at (707) 469-8486. Phil Leake is the Head Official for this meet- please contact him directly if you are able to assist at (916) 863-1032 or pgal1@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!"

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Heard at the Track

After several glasses of liquid refreshment at the Steelhead Brew Pub in Eugene, Oregon, during the NCAA Championships official **Rory Osborne** revealed that he was so much in love and was so excited about his impending marriage last October that he forgot to send in his application for the National Championship to be held in Des Moines, Iowa. his new wife. Sorry about that Rory!

At UC Berkeley's Brutus Hamilton Invitational, this past April, Cal publicly presented **Margaret Sheehan** with a team jacket in recognition of almost twenty years of officiating at Edwards Stadium, and as special thanks for serving as Cal's officials coordinator these past five or so years. She is also Cal's field-events referee.

Then, at their track-team dinner, on May 23, Cal coaches recognized and thanked two more of our members. **Don Bailes** received the Andy Anderson Award. And **Shirley Connors** was given the William Monheit Award.

Two senior officials applied for—and were granted—emeritus status this spring. **Bob Peterson** was first certified in 1965 (his certification number was below 1000!). **Bill Pratt** was a mainstay of the PA clerking corps for many years and one of the people who really made Cal's All-Comers meets a success over the years.

Further about Cal: the officials leadership for Cal All-Comers (in 2011: January 15 and February 5 and 19) is considering adding the post of Field Events Clerk. This official would sort out throwers and horizontal jumpers into flights by age and gender, to ease the work-burden on event officials. Interested in the job? Then drop a line to calofficials@gmail.com.

Donna Broussard's Air Force medevac unit once again provided medical coverage to the PA Youth Championships, held at Santa Rosa High School, June 12-13. The main problems she and her crew had to deal with those days were heat-related, but hanging out under their pop-up, *Turns and Distances* heard various and sundry remarks about deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Missing From the Track

Patricia Rico (1933-2010), President of USATF during the transition from Ollan Cassell to Craig Masbach as CEO, died in April in Sleepy Hollow, NY. The following are some highlights of her career, drawn from Paul

Myerberg's New York Times obituary.



Patricia Rico

Along with her husband, Heliodoro Rico, who died in 2006, Ms. Rico was a fixture at amateur track meets throughout the New York area. The Ricos helped plan, conduct and judge up to 30 local amateur meets a year under the auspices of the metropolitan

branch of what is now USA Track and Field.

As a referee, Ms. Rico served at the 1996 Olympic Games, the 1976 United States Olympic trials and multiple NCAA outdoor championships.

As an athlete, she competed in the discus at the 1960 United States Olympic trials but did not make the team for the Summer Games in Rome.

Ms. Rico's association with the United States' governing body for track and field began in 1971, when she became the chairwoman of its women's track and field committee. She held that position through 1975 and served a second term from 1984 to '88. As a longtime member of the International Association of Athletics Federations, she lobbied to widen the scope of women's sports in the Olympics.

In 2006, Ms. Rico and her husband were honored with USA Track and Field's Lifetime Achievement Award for their contributions to the sport.

The award has since been named in their honor.

Sterling L. Hammack, Jr., a vertical jumps official active from 1967-1985, passed away at Stanford Medical Center on January 8. Readers with personal memories of Sterling are invited to share them with *Turns and Distances* for future publication.

Geoffrey Baxter Blood, a Pacific Association starter, passed away May 9. He was just 55 years old. The following obituary is from the San Jose Mercury News, March 24.

Geoff Blood died Mar 9 after a 4 year battle with lung cancer. A caring and passionate man, he loved his work and was valued and honored by his fellow professionals. He also passionately enjoyed Frisbee, music, refereeing soccer and basketball, **officiating track meets**, playing bridge, and square dancing. But Geoff reserved his greatest passion for his family. We miss him dearly. Geoff is survived by his wife, Judith, his children Christopher and Katherine, his mother Patricia Blood, and by his four siblings Timothy Blood, Elizabeth Bascom, Laurence Blood Jr., and Kenneth Blood. In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged to the Geoff Blood Memorial Fund to benefit the MVHS Track. Donations may be made to any Wells Fargo Bank or sent to family.

When called upon PA Officials come through.

Turns & Distances publisher Dick Connors was impressed and proud of the large number of Pacific Association USATF officials that turned out to work two major early season meets in the Association this year.

At the Pac-10 meet at UC Berkeley on May 15-16th Officials Coordinator Bruce Colman reports that 65 officials answered the call for the two-day championship competition. There were even 10 umpires and four marshals on the track for the running events. All of the field venues were well covered with five or more



Geoff Blood, the starter

officials, and officials were not called upon to rake the long jump pit. The field events were so well officiated that only one protest was submitted for the entire meet—and that was resolved with dispatch. The running events did have some controversy, but the correct calls were made by the officials. Cal provided snacks at all times of the day and an excellent lunch for the officials both days was provided under the direction of **Barbara Sandoval**. (Barbara is head coach Tony's loving wife.) Cal did a wonderful job of providing parking for officials immediately adjacent to the front gate of Edwards Stadium.

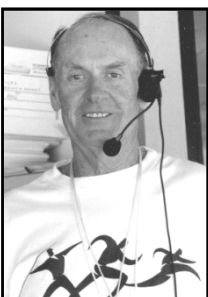
On Saturday May 29th the California Invitational Relays were staged at Hughes Stadium on the campus of Sacramento City College. Actually there were three meets held on the venue during a ten hour period. Starting at 9:00 a.m. the Sacramento City School District hosted its year-ending Junior High School Championships. At approximately noon the Pacific Association Youth program took over the venue and with assistance of twenty willing association officials, members ran a competition to 3:00 PM. Then the main competition of Open Athletes commenced (the old Modesto Relays). From 3:00 p.m. until 7:30 PM ten field events were competed as well as numerous running events. This latter part of the meet involved 53 of our finest officials doing a remarkable job.

This outstanding effort by the volunteer members of our association has to be praised as both the Pac-10 meet and the Cal Invitational Relays made the national television networks. Good going Pacific Association officials!!!!

In Recognition of Those Who Have Contributed to Our Sport by Dave Shrock

Tom Moore Award - Robert 'Bob' Rush

Bob embodies all the qualities of those before him who have been honored with The Tom Moore Award. Below are just a few of



Bob's contributions to our sport over his lifetime of service:

- In 1979 Rush invented the 'Chronomix' timing system which made accurate timing of large cross country and road races possible. The machine was pioneered at the Bay to Breakers. With over 80,000 runners, Rush's goal was to provide everyone who crossed the line an accurate time.
- In 1971 Rush developed and still oversees the famous Crystal Springs Cross Country course in Belmont, scene of many national and state championships. To this day in his 70's, Bob maintains the course, and acts as its coordinator hosting over 100 high school, college, and open meets a year.
- Tireless administrator, timing countless age group, high school, college, and open events while announcing with the goal of providing every contestant accurate marks and acknowledgement. Rush still times the Stanford XC invitational along with the California High School and Community College Championships, in addition to several USATF national XC championships.
- Rush has served as head coach of the West in the Olympic Festival, assistant coach to the 1985 World University Games when in Japan, and continues to contribute to the USATF Men's Hurdle Development program.
- Rush began his coaching career at McClatchy High school in 1959 where after a four year tenure moved to San Mateo High for six years, before following in the footsteps of Berney Wagner and landing at the College of San Mateo for over 30 years. For Rush's years of service to the Community Colleges, he was inducted into the State Community College Hall of Fame in 1995.
- In 2008 Rush was awarded the USATF President's Award for lifetime achievement by then President Bill Roe.
- Rush ran cross country and track at Grass Valley High School speeding to a 4:38.1 mile in the 50's, and ran collegiately for Bud Winter at San

José State before devoting the next phase of his life to coaching and administration.

Previous recipients since award's inception in 2003: **Tom Moore, Dr. Harmon Brown, Herb Rodabaugh, and Bob Bowman**

Legacy Coach Award - Jim Hunt

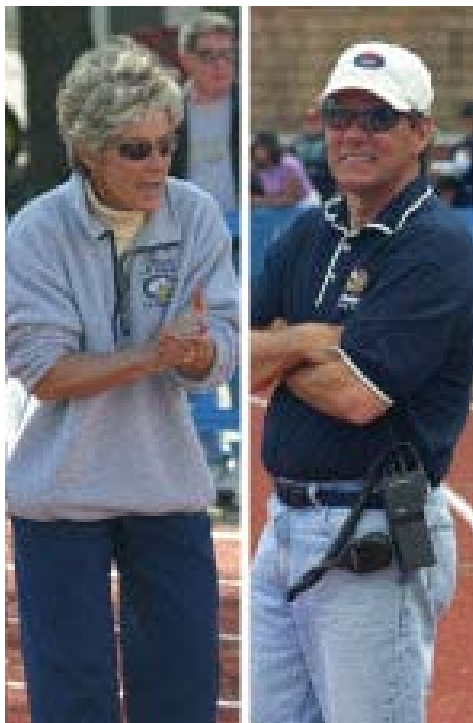


Coach **Jim Hunt**, synonymous with the successes of Humboldt State from the mid-60's to the late 80's is the recipient of the inaugural PAUSATF Legacy Coach Award.

Coach Hunt exemplifies the qualities of a legacy coach having coached on all levels for 63

years, while mentoring many of his former athletes and assistants to become successful coaches in their own right. While at Humboldt, Hunt coached 20 individual and team NCAA D-II champions, while being instrumental in the creation of the D-II coach association and serving as its president. Coach Hunt began his coaching career at Wayne State, and coached at Fillmore and Buena Vista high schools before Humboldt State for 22 years. After Hunt's stint on the north coast, Hunt coached at Sierra College, UC Davis, UN Reno, and Bishop Manogue in Reno before recently retiring from active coaching. Mark Conover, Cal Poly's recently named head T&F coach was coached by Hunt, winning the 1988 Olympic Trials marathon. Hunt has been involved with the Special Olympics for many years while writing authoritative publications, and creating videos on the neurological aspects of distance running.

The Legacy Coach Award has been initiated by the Pacific Association Coaches Committee in recognition of the many influential coaches who have served in our association, and have selflessly strengthened our sport(s) through teaching, mentoring, and promoting our profession.



Deanne and Jon Vochatzer have announced their retirement from UC Davis Athletics. (Photos by Mike Robles)

Criterion is weighted heavily on coaches who were not only great coaches, but who also inspired and trained/mentored many of us to become coaches ourselves.

Vochatzers Announce Retirement From UC Davis Athletics

Deanne and Jon Vochatzer retired June 30 from UC Davis. They have been great friends of PA officials over the years, as donors to our program, as hosts for our annual meetings, and as meet directors PA officials particularly like to work for.

Turns and Distances asked both coaches, what are you going to do next?

Coach D replied, "Just take some much needed time. We're heading to Oregon in our motor home for a few months, and then first and foremost, we'll do some fund raising for UC Davis. As you know, California schools are really hurting."

Following are highlights of their careers, drawn from UC Davis's May 17 announcement.

Deanne and Jon Vochatzer, who have combined for nearly 50 seasons of service with the UC Davis men's and women's track and field teams, have announced they will retire on June 30 as Co-Directors of the Cross Country and Track and Field programs, closing an era marked by conference and individual national championships, two NCAA Women of the Year, and countless other milestones and accolades.

Byron Talley, currently the associate head coach, will become Interim Director of Cross Country and Track and Field, effective July 1. Drew Wartenburg will continue as head coach for men's and women's cross country.

The Vochatzers have brought prominence to the Aggies' program, not only building successful Division II programs

that recently moved to Division I status, but as highly regarded track and field leaders on the national and international stage. Among Deanne Vochatzer's many career highlights was serving as head coach of the 1996 U.S. Olympic women's team while Jon Vochatzer was on the U.S. coaching staff for the 1999 IAAF World Outdoor Championships.

Both were also very involved with the staging of U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials held in Sacramento in recent years and assisted in the organization of the most recent Olympic Trials in Eugene, Ore., in 2008.

Their legacies at UC Davis have resulted from building nationally recognized track and field programs.

"The Vochatzers are synonymous with track and field at UC Davis and are among the most respected coaches in the country," said Greg Warzecka, Director of Athletics. "Their contributions have not only shaped our program but have been instrumental to the sport overall. They have had a positive impact on hundreds of student-athletes and also coaches, and it's that mentoring which might be their greatest contribution to UC Davis," he added.



Byron Talley has been named Interim Director of Cross Country and Track and Field. UCD is combining the men's and women's teams.

A former standout hurdler at UC Davis—he was an All American—Coach Talley is in his sixth year on the Aggie coaching staff. Under his tutelage, athletes have set 13 school records, two advanced to the 2009 NCAA Div. I Championships and five qualified for the NCAA West Regional.

Jon joined the Aggie staff in 1979 as both head track coach and as an assistant football coach. He was named Northern California Athletic Conference (NCAC) Coach of the Year seven times before receiving similar honors from the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) four years. He was also named the West Region Div. II Indoor Coach of the Year

and the Outdoor Coach of the Year six times each.

Coach V left for two years in the mid-1980's to coach in Germany. He has coached 80 NCAA All-Americans, including nine individual national champions. His outdoor teams finished in the top 10 four times during their Div. II era, including a program-best third in 2001.

Vochatzer guided UC Davis to 14 conference championships during his tenure, most recently making a run at a Big West Conference title in 2009 when the Aggies finished second in just their second year of Div. I membership.

"I've enjoyed bringing a recruit into the program, watch them mature and develop into an Aggie," he said. "Success isn't all about winning but it's about being part of the Aggie family. Watching student-athletes develop has been the most important part of my experience."

Besides his service at the World Championships, Vochatzer was on the Olympic Development Committee in 1996 and was an assistant coach at the U.S. Olympic Festival in 1995.

Deanne Vochatzer began as head women's track coach in 1989, assisted both the men's and women's teams from 1989-90 and then briefly departed for two seasons to Cal Poly where she won NCAA Div. II Championships in cross country (1990, 91) and track (1991). Deanne returned to UC Davis in 1992 where she began to build a dominant women's program in the NCAC and CCAA. She has also recently served as Director of Cross Country.

Her track teams won 11 straight conference championships in its two leagues, ending their Div. II era with the 2003 CCAA Championship. Deanne,



Drew Wartenburg will continue as head men's and women's cross country. Wartenburg also works with the distance runners as an assistant coach with the Aggie track and field teams and enters his second year in 2009-10.

five-time NCAC Coach of the Year, also won the honor all five years of UC Davis' membership in the CCAA. She was named West Region Div. II Indoor Coach of the Year five times and was the Outdoor Coach of the Year on three occasions. She added national Coach of the Year honors in 1999 after top-10 finishes by both her indoor and outdoor squads.

Vochatzer has guided the Aggies to a combined 10 top-10 placings at national indoor and outdoor championships, including a fifth on the outdoor stage in 2001 and two fourths at indoor meets in 1996 and 2001.

Besides numerous All-Americans, Vochatzer's women's teams featured NCAA indoor champions with Suzy Jones, who won the mile in 1996, and with Jennifer Swanson in the pole vault in 2000, the latter an event which Vochatzer was instrumental in getting added to the NCAA track championships.

Her mentoring also extended off of the track. Two of her student-athletes - Jamila Demby (1999) and Tanisha Silas (2002) - were named winners of the prestigious NCAA Woman of the Year Award while another - Kameelah Elarms (2001) - was a top-10 finalist.

"When I reflect on my career at UC Davis, what attracted me, and I hope stays that way, is that UC Davis 'gets it,'" she said. "I want to win but I also believe student-athletes need to have balance and a healthy approach. UC Davis has allowed coaches to emphasize that."

Vochatzer's impact on the national scene goes beyond her pinnacle assignment as Olympic head coach in 1996. She was alternate head coach for the 1992 Olympic team, head coach for two World University Games and assisted with several U.S.

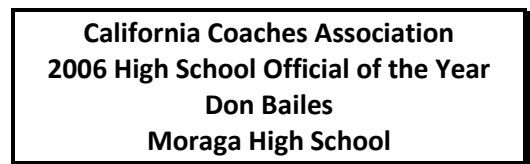
Olympic Sports Festivals.

Her achievements helped her earn induction into the U.S. Track Coaches Hall of Fame in 2002 and later led her to receiving the Special Service Award from U.S.A Track and Field in 2005. She also won the USATF Joe Robichaux Award in 2001.

Conversations With The Elders: Don Bailes

Don Bailes' certification number is 002380—thirteenth lowest among active PA officials. He lives with Sylvia, his wife of 57 years, in the lovely Moraga Valley, once a pear- and walnut-growing region.

One of his favorite possessions, proudly displayed, is a plaque reading



The joke being that there is, of course, no Moraga High School: the association gave Don the award to honor 25 years' service as Meet Director for the North Coast Section (high school) Championships, at Edwards Stadium.

Don sat down recently to talk with Turns and Distances. Following are excerpts from a charming hour of conversation. Don is a Master-level official.

On Holding A Record: This was at Dorsey High School in Los Angeles. At that time it was—well, it still may be—in the Crenshaw District of Los Angeles. It was about a ten-year-old high school. This was back during the bamboo pole vaulting days and when I went to high school I had learned to pole vault a little, self taught, which is the wrong way to do it. But I didn't do very well in class in my first semester and I was told that I couldn't compete in track because I didn't have the proper grades. And from then on I had straight A's and B's, because that's the motivation that sports can do some times. It works for some people. It worked for me.

At any rate, I did pole vault, in the LA City school system. I think 12'6" was the school record that I set.

And years later, I was down at the high school meet in Cerritos, and here was the Dorsey High School coach sitting down there. That's become an inner city high school over these many years (I

The Certification Chair's Report

As of July 1st, 2010, the Pacific Association has 302 certified officials

172..... Association Level

65..... National Level

55..... Master Level

10..... Emeritus

4..... Still waiting for their cards

was class of '49). I went down to the coach and said "You know, I went to Dorsey High School and I'm interested what the record is now in the pole vault." And he just looked at me and says "we don't do the pole vault." They do sprinting very well down there.

On his career off-track: I went from Dorsey High School to Occidental College on a half scholarship. Things were tough in those days, and I couldn't quite come up with the other half of the scholarship, so I went out to collect a few more dollars and in the meantime I got drafted into the Korean conflict and went into the Navy. Most of the time I was in the Navy I was going to different electronic schools and an experimental anti-submarine helicopter squadron, down in San Diego, down by the border.

When I got out of the navy I went to work for Pacific Telephone in Los Angeles, and moved into a management development. Just about that time, punch card computers were coming along so they put me over in there because of my background in electronics and computers ended up being the business for me, most of my career. I had both the programmers and the machine room at different times.

They wanted me to come to San Francisco to select their third generation computer. And we fought it for a number of years, because all our friends and family were in Southern California. After we couldn't fight it any longer, we came up here and after we were here six months we decided we never wanted to go back. That was February of 1966.

On Coaching Females: I got involved with track with my daughter who was 12 at the time. We were living in the area here, in Moraga. Somebody wanted her to run on their track team; she was a fast runner. I

had never heard of girls running track on a club team. At that time it was an AAU track club, the Orinda Girls and Women's Track Club, back before Title IX, and at that time we had both the Olympic age gals or women and the high school and age group, because that was the only place your Olympic gals could develop; there were no other programs but clubs. So after one year of that in 1968 and 1969, the coach had to go back to Canada and I picked it up with Frank Sutton an old timer, who helped me through that first year, then he left and I was on my own. I stayed with the club and developed over the years.

At that time the coaching clinics were just beautiful. You had the Bowermans, the Payton Jordans, the best college coaches in the country

coming in and doing these clinics, and the discussions you had with the other coaches around were wonderful.

I can remember sitting in Bud Winters' living room, three or four of us. He was at that time considered one of the best sprinter coaches in the world—Lee Evans and Tommy Smith at San Jose State, those were his

guys. He was talking, and he said, probably the one basic, most important thing you'll ever learn about coaching a sprinter and if you learn that you'll do real well: if you have a sprinter that feels he or she can't do very very well unless they eat purple peanut butter before they compete, the coach will always carry a jar of purple peanut butter in their pocket.

On Meet Directing: Over the years I started developing the Orinda Invitational, a two-day meet. We usually had the age-groupers on one day and the women on the next. In those days, you had clubs coming up from Southern California. These are Olympic-level gals. One year we had the Canadian traveling team down, who walked away with a lot of trophies.



However did Dr. Harmon Brown and Don Bailes find time for a chat at a track meet?

It was all parent help at that time. We didn't know much about there being any official-officials around; they usually did things like indoor meets or college meets. Which is still much the case, unless you get to higher levels, Junior Olympics and so on.

So you had parents and every year we would conduct officials training for new parents, so we were constantly training people to run it. You had to have like 70 parents out there over two days; that's a lot of people to spend 12 hours a day at it, which age group track can certainly be. But those were wonderful years. Most of our best friends in this area came out of parents we met. And I still now see parents at the gym and run into some of my old gals.

After Title IX came in, the high school program and the club program could not exist at the same time.

We had some pretty good athletes. Jane Frederick ran for us, later was number three in the world in heptathlon. What an athlete she was. She was also homecoming queen at Miramonte High School.

Cherie Sherrard and **Deanne** (Johnson) **Vochatzer**—were quite the hurdlers along with sprinter **Irene Obera**--competed for the Laurel Track Club in Berkeley, for **Roxanne Anderson**. **Kathy Costello** was on our club and had the half mile and mile high school national records—both.

A Kathy Costello Story: We had an indoor meet at the Cow Palace and you also had one in Oakland. After a while they did away with the Oakland one. Oh, the excitement of those indoor meets, you could just feel everything going on because you were right on top of everything.

I did some officiating in those meets. And I was in the Oakland meet, officiating indoors, when the first American woman jumped six feet, Joanie Huntley, and I measured it. I wasn't even a certified official—but who was, in those days?

They had the athletes in folding chairs right down on the floor and you're right there, you can feel them go by and you can smell the sweat. And Kathy Costello is sitting right next to me and behind us is Steve Prefontaine. He won men's mile, or whatever the distance was, and Kathy won the women's. Now when Pre won it, he got a TV, a big TV. And when Kathy won the women's open, she got this six inch statue, one of the generic little statues, all it said on it

was "winner" and she says, "Mr. Bailes, look at this." She turned around to Pre and said, "I'll trade you."

On Harmon Brown (and others): Harmon was quite a guy. That troika of Harmon Brown, Jim Hume, and the Mills High School coach Ed Parker, that was quite a group, the Millbrae Lions Track Club. At that time, all you really had were women's track clubs. There were boys track clubs, age-group, they weren't very big, we didn't know much about them, but I understand they did have a regular age group schedule.

There was a while where you had four or five clubs, big clubs that were dominant—Millbrae Lions, Orinda, San Jose Cinder Gals, Will's Spiketettes--Will Stevens, up in Sacramento--those were probably your prime clubs, so we were always banging heads.

On a learning curve: The first Orinda Invitational that I did as meet director, I was as green as they come. All the parents were in our living room, seeding. The entries are due by Wednesday because it's a Saturday and Sunday meet. So all the parents came in here; it was a lot of fun.

Remember, at that time, meet results and anything, it was carbon paper. We were going to go to Europe with some friends, right after our meet, we were going for two weeks, and we had to finish, we were leaving Monday. So Sylvia was up all night, typing the carbon papers, because we felt we had to send the meet results out...which we did on the way to the airport. These were the only records you had at that time of what marks were made by the athletes.

When this first meet I did, and the first hundred trials take place, here comes Doc Brown, running over, saying "Don, Don, let me talk to you. I think you need to reseed these heats."

What we did, we put all the fastest in the first heat, and the next fastest in the second. We have come a long way since then. So Doc and Ed Parker reseeded it for me. Wow.

On the trip after the meet: There is a group of people who went to school in Berkeley. Some went to Berkeley High and most of them went to UC. **Bruce Rosenblatt's** and some of the others daughters were on the track team. So Kirby Moulton, who was a professor over at Cal, he's retired now, was over doing a sabbatical in France, in Montpellier. Sylvia and I and Bruce and Marie Rosenblatt and another couple met him in Paris and we rented a Peugeot station

wagon and Kirby drove up from Montpellier with his car, and we had all our stuff on top and Kirby's car and six people in our car, and drove all the way down into the Loire Valley.

Kirby was a viticulturist, so he lined up all these places we were going to eat and stay, it was one of the most wonderful trips you would ever imagine, just these superb little places all out of the way, three star restaurants, it was just a wonderful experience.

Kirby Moulton's daughter Mary was at that time the state quarter mile champion.

Bruce was president of our club for a number of years. He had a daughter who was a very fast sprinter. She only loved the fifty-yard dash and when they did away with the fifty yard dash, she left. My daughter, who was a 100/200 meter sprinter stayed for a couple of years. But Bruce stayed on with the club. Sylvia and I become close friends with the Rosenblatts.

On Moving On: Sylvia--as you might imagine, Orinda being a women and girls track club, and me being a male coach--Sylvia would go to all the work outs and help out with the kids. So after 35 years of coaching that club, we thought, it was about time we better do some traveling, so we couldn't continue with the club. I still coached high school for ten years, overlapped five years while I was doing the club and then five years later, at Campolindo High School, here in Moraga.

On His Beginnings as an Official: 1980 is the first time I officially had an officials card, that's the oldest card I can find, although in 1968, the very first time I went to the track I started officiating with the age-groupers. I was shoveling sand, and I said, gee this is neat. It was the middle of July, hotter than heck out in Clayton.

I enjoyed working with the kids after all those years, that's really a wonderful thing to do, and I knew I was going to be missing I when I quit coaching, so I thought I would get involved with the officiating that I'm now doing. And it's fun watching over the years the development of the athletes there at UC Berkeley, because you get to know the individuals, and watch their development both physically and their maturity.

Some don't quite totally do the entire maturity bit, but I'm sure that all that changes once they get their cap and gown on. That's why I went from coaching to officiating.

On Favorite Events to Officiate: I love doing Masters. I would love to do the World Masters some day. I plan to do the Masters Nationals in Sacramento this summer.

I enjoy the pole vault. I enjoy the shot. I enjoy the horizontal jumps. One thing that is not as enjoyable about (conducting field events) is that the athletes are always needing to go somewhere else to do another event, because these are usually sprinters and other events. Keeping control of that is not the most enjoyable thing. But there are ways you can do it.

On Measuring (another) Record: In '84, I couldn't get in on the Olympic Trials, and my friend down south, who's an official said, "Donnie, why don't you come on down here?" And I said I hadn't been invited. "Well, I'll get you in." So anyway, he got me in there and I officiated mostly in the high jump.

I was the shortest guy, I'm five-eight and of course all the rest of the guys are six-forever and they had me putting the bar up, as you might imagine.

And when Dwight Stones broke the American record, I was on my tiptoes. Remember now, this is 80 to 85 degrees in the LA Coliseum. We had those wool grey slacks and a tie and a shirt and a hat and you're trying to look real cool, because you're up there on the big scoreboard. You're standing on top of the standard itself, on your tippy-toes, your fingers pushing the bar on, and I barely got it on at his height, and he broke the American record. And he came out and he shook my hand and here I am on the big screen.

A few years later I was at the high school state meet, and he's doing the television thing now, and we're up in the VIP section and he's right behind us. So I turn around and say, "I don't know if you remember me Dwight, but I was officiating when you set the American record at the Trials," and he just looks at me with this deadpan and says, "Where were you during the Games?"

Next travel destination: In ten days we're going to Cabo San Lucas. After that we're flying to Fort Lauderdale and taking a ship around through the Panama Canal and back up to LA. Then we're going to Chicago and taking a boat around Lake Michigan. You go into all the different places around the lake. Then in September we're going to Hawaii. You just can't be a coach when you're doing all that stuff.

Favorite travel destination: London and the theater. That's just a wonderful place, but a very expensive city.

We have a favorite bed and breakfast we go to in Windsor, because it's a twenty minute train ride into London so we can take the train right back in and do all of London and still go our own reasonably priced and lower key operation.

We've done trips along the Portugal and Spain coasts, to the small towns. We love the small towns, especially the coastal ones, because the food's better on the coast.

With the recording device running out of space, T&D started a speed round of final questions. Here are Don's answers:

Favorite play: Cats. Les Miserables, too.

Favorite piece of music: Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto Number two.

Best car he's ever owned: 91 Honda Accord

Who cooks in the Bailes household: Sylvia.

Favorite dish Sylvia cooks: Beef bourguignon.

Favorite beverage: good red wine. Can I say that?

Rick Milam's Service is Recognized

The following tribute was read at the Stanford Invitational on March 27, 2010.

While attending San Jose State in the 1960's, Rick started working with Dr. Bruce Ogilvie, the first person to study Sports Psychology. During this time Rick also worked with Bud Winters, the Track and Field Coach at San Jose State. For those who don't know Bud, he was the coach of what became "Speed City" and had many of his athletes become Olympic Champions, Lee Evans, Tommy

Smith, and John Carlos to name a few.

Rick worked from Dr Ogilvie in many other sports besides Track and Field but Rick always gravitated back to the sport he really enjoyed, Track and Field.

After graduating from San Jose State, Rick spent 2 years in the US Marine Corps starting Operation Transition at Camp Lejeune, NC.

After being discharged from the Marine Corps Rick came back to San Jose State to get his teaching certificate. While student teaching he was hired as a substitute teacher at Homestead High School in their History Dept. He heard that they needed a track coach, so he volunteered for that job too. In his first year he took a rag/tag track team and won the CCS Championship.

At this time he also started officiating at some of the local meets because there were not many that would take time to do so.

During this time he married Margaret and they had one son, Brian.

Over the past 44 years Rick has officiated at thousands of Track and Field Meets in the Bay Area. Many times being the meet director.

He has been an official at 4 Olympic Trials, many NCAA finals, PAC 10 finals, and the Texas Relays.

In recent years he has been the meet director for the International Children's Games, held in San Francisco, CA. This meet involved children for 87 countries from



*As friends looked on, Coach **Edrick Floreal** presented **Rick Milam** with plaque recognizing Rick's service to the Stanford Track & Field Program.*

around the world. He was the meet director for Track and Field area of the Senior Games held here at Stanford in 2009 where 8000 runners competed over 9 days.

Last year Rick was honored with a Certificate of Recognition from the State of California Senate, Stating in part, "Through more than 45 years of service as a track and field coach, teacher, mentor, and advocate for children and young adults..."

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors also honored him with their Resolution that states, in part, "Rick was presented the Central Coast Section (CCS) Distinguished Service Award for his dedication and contribution to the positive

educational growth of the student-athletes in the CCS."

Over the past 33 years Rick has been the driving force behind the Los Gatos High Schools "All Comers" meets held in January and February just before track and field season starts and again in June and July.

In 1979 Rick started the Los Gatos Athletic Association All-Comers Meets with Willie Harmitz. They put on 16 meets a year; in 1982 he started the CCS Top 8 Meet and Frosh/Soph Classic at Los Gatos High School; in 1986 he became a Track Official at Stanford and in 2001 Rick received the Dick Barber Meritorious Service Award from the Pacific Association of USATF.