

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 Luppess
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

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

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



Turns & Distances

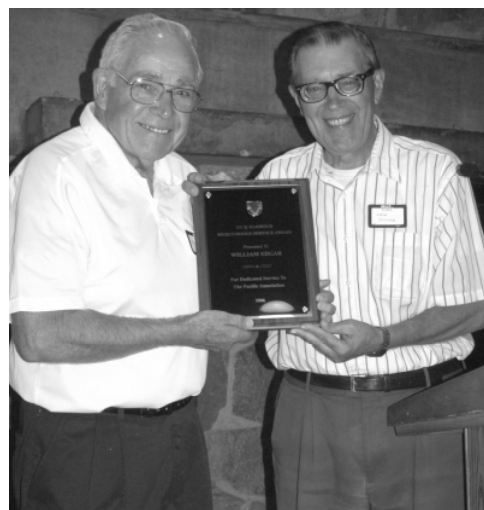
Pacific Association Officials Committee

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Award notes from the annual meeting

At the annual officials committee meeting held August 29th at UC Davis, Awards Chairman **Leon Glover** made award presentations to the following individuals:

- *The Dick Barbour Meritorious Service Award: William "Bill" Edgar* of Sacramento,
- *The George Newlon Special Recognition Award — Track: Richard Cabral* of Elk Grove,
- *The Horace Crow Special Recognition Award — Field: John Murray* of Sacramento,
- *A Special Recognition Award was presented to Bob Rush* of San Mateo for his years of service to the Community College cross country and track



Bill Edgar receives the 2006 Dick Barbour Meritorious Service Award from Awards Chair **Leon Glover**.

and field programs and for his pioneering efforts in using electronic technology for meet management.

Based on the number of certified officials within our association, we are able to recognize a number of officials with a National Award. In 2006 these awards went to: **Harlan "Andy" Anderson** – posthumously-- **Dennis Boyle, Charles DesJardins, Joe Keever** and **Jon Siegel**.

Within our association, we are able to recognize a number of who have made an impression with their skill and dedication. In 2006 these awards went to: **John Bodley, Michele Doggett, Tiffany Banks, Peter Guerrini, Frank Hart, Baird Lloyd, Leroy Milam, Dalton Simmons** and **Leon Wimbley**.



John Murray receives the 2006 Horace Crow Special Recognition Award from Awards Chairman **Leon Glover**

Credits this issue: Credits this issue: **Lori Maynard** for copy reading, **Bruce Colman** for editing suggestions and writing, **Jim Hume** for writing, photography, and desk top publishing, **Bill Hawkes** for the Association 2007 calendar, **John Shirey** for writing, **Dick Connors** for writing and mailing.

Thoughts From the Certification Chair

The national certification chair, Jim Flanik, will, any day now, send me the information I need to be one of the certification chairs who will test “on line” certification of new officials. Since this is not the time of year when we have many new registrations, I am sitting on four so I have something for practice. I am looking forward to this new system as it should speed up certifications.



Jim Hume

A part of this newsletter has everything you need to know about our 2007 training clinics. I believe that there is something for everyone. As you look at our schedule of clinics, ask yourself, “Which of these clinics will help me become a better official?” When I look at the schedule, the ones I want to attend are the specialty clinics on the long jump, the high jump, the pole vault, the throws and the always popular clinic on FieldLynx. Just because this is only your second or third year does not mean you should ignore these clinics. This is your opportunity to expand your knowledge and learn how to avoid the pitfalls which you may encounter when you are suddenly in charge of the event.

If you want to add a new field of knowledge, consider becoming a starter or learning how to measure the throwing implements (Weights and Measures). LDR (Long Distance Running) is offering several opportunities and race walking is offering you a chance to get started judging their events. There is always a need for umpires and marshals at big meets.

All of the clinics are designed to be one

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Bob Rush was the recipient of a **Special Recognition Award** for his years of service to the Community College cross country and track and field programs and for his pioneering efforts in using electronic technology for meet management.

stop clinics where all of your paperwork will be completed when you leave, but don't forget your check book. In many cases, once you have gone through the class, you may add your new skill to your card, BUT to do so you must complete a new USATF Database Form and pay \$5.00 for the printing of your new card. If you do not complete these steps, you can not expect your new skills to show on your card.

If you are going to attend a clinic, it is to your advantage to register in advance. Not only will you save \$\$-- there is a \$5.00 fee for registering late-- but you will be assured of receiving a set of the handouts and you will probably get to sit in a room which is large enough for your comfort. We really do need to know how many people will attend the class. Your application is included in this newsletter.

If you already have three years of experience as an Association Level official, and if you have already built a résumé of officiating experience, I urge you to consider advancing from the Association Level to the National Level. The good news: a change in level does not cost you that \$5.00 reprinting fee. Of course

you must attend one of the clinics for **Head Of Events**

Officiating For Those Wanting To Advance To The National Or Master Level.

Feel free to invite your friends, neighbors and spouses to become officials. Get them to our beginning clinics. Think how many things you will now have to talk about!

Included in this newsletter is an application to work the NCAA Division I T&F Championship meet in June. This is our last opportunity for some years to work this meet while it is in our association. The selection committee will be looking for National and/or Master officials. There is still time to upgrade your certification before the selections are made.

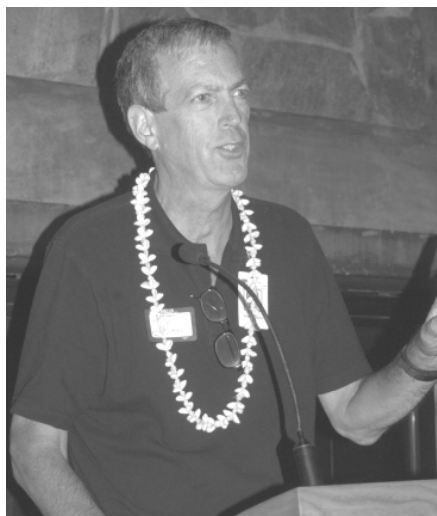
I can not pass up on this opportunity to encourage officials to join the wonderful world of technology. There are clinics in the use of Palm Pilots running FieldLynx, and Sean Laughlin is offering a clinic in the set-up and use of LaserLynx. There are many meets in our association this year where you will be able to use this technology. When Sean Laughlin is at a meet, or I am at a meet, FieldLynx is available and I am sure Sean will loan someone his LaserLynx. It is quite possible that in the future you will be able to

add these skills to your official's card, and now is an opportunity to get started.

The back of the second page of the 2007 T&F schedule is an application for USATF Membership. The next article, by Bruce Colman, emphasizes the importance of renewing your membership. Let's try to get everyone signed up by December 1st. All it takes is getting the application together with your check book.

BC Rants One...Renewal of membership

Now is the time to renew your membership in USA Track and Field. The Pacific Association asks



Bruce Colman, Officials Committee Chair

you to do two things: be certified as an official (we recertify each Olympiad, so if you are certified now, you're "good" until the Summer Olympics in 2008) and keep your dues paid up to the national track and field body, which

USATF requires on a yearly basis.

You ask: what's in it for me, that I should renew?

- Eligibility to work national-championship meets.
- Coverage under USATF's medical and liability insurance at sanctioned meets.
- Coverage under the wrap-around liability insurance for Pacific Association's officials at non-sanctioned events, such as high school and junior college meets that don't provide their own coverage.
- Eligibility to vote and hold office in Pacific Association and the PA Officials Committee
- Subscriptions to *California Track and Running News*, plus *USATF Official* and *Fast Forward*, not to mention this esteemed publication, *Turns and Distances*.
- Discounts and deals from over 25 companies, including certain hotel chains and rental-car companies, Thorlo Socks, The Stick "muscle massage device," *Track and Field News*, *Her*

Sports, and other vendors of sporting goods and services.

None of that is yours, if you don't renew your USATF membership.

Remember: half of your \$29.95 dues comes back to the Pacific Association to fund our programs, including youth athletics, sanctioning, and sponsorship of such meets as the Golden West High School Invitational.

Heard at the Track

- Found in this issue are:
 - An application to officiate the 2007 NCAA Division I Track and Field Championships,
 - the Pacific Association Annual Calendar of major Track and Field meets during 2007,
 - a USATF membership application, and
 - the Pacific Association Officials Clinic schedule of classes and application.
- Please check the enclosed master calendar carefully. May and the first part of June are going to be a **very busy period** for officials in the Pacific Association. The schedule is loaded!!! There are many opportunities for you to work meets and increase your polo shirt wardrobe.
- **Jerry Collet** has moved to Utah where he already has starting assignments. Not only will his move leave a gigantic hole in our starter corps, but we will miss Jerry's leadership, friendship and dapper hats.
- **The Farm Team**, the post graduate running club at Stanford, has abandoned the "Farm" for greener pasture in Eugene, Oregon. Good luck guys, we will miss you.
- **News from the Davis coaching staff:** **Tim Fua** has been named a full time assistant coach. Director of Women's Track and Field coach **Deanna Vochatzer** was recently named Director of Men's and Women's Cross Country. Coach **Jason Jaques** has left the program. We wish him well. Coach **Irv Hunt**, highly successful retired track and field coach at the University of California Berkeley, has returned to the track as part time sprint and relay coach at the University of California Davis. Welcome back Coach Hunt.
- The Official's Committee is in receipt of donations from:

- **About Timing Association** of Sacramento,
- **Kevin Selby** from **De La Salle High School** in Concord, and
- **Alameda Run-for-the-Parks**
- **Bob Fraley**, Head Track and Field Coach at Fresno State writes a quarterly newsletter, the *Pole Vault Standard* dealing with all things related to pole vault.
- **Phil McMullen** has left the coaching staff at U C Berkeley to pursue other interests. Replacing McMullen on the staff is **Scott Slover** from Los Gatos, a former UCLA world-class pole-vaulter.
- **George Kleeman** has recently returned from Athens, Greece, where he worked on field as an International Technical Official (ITO) at the 2006 IAAF Track and Field World Cup competition in September. **George** also traveled to San Juan, Puerto Rico as an ITO at the NACAC Combined Events Championships this past August.
- **Bob Podkaminer** has also been traveling: this past July. Pod worked as an Area Technical Official (ATO) in Cartagena, Columbia at the XX Central America and Caribbean Championships.



Tiffany Banks receives her Pacific Association Official's Award from Awards Chair Leon Glover.

- **Tiffany Banks** was a part of a **Starter Exchange Program with the UK**. A detailed report is now available on-line at <http://www.cttweb.com/UKexchange> and well worth the read.
- In the middle of October, the USATF Board of Directors approved a new organizational logo. The new logo will be presented at this year's USATF Annual Meeting and will be launched at that time.
- At the recent meeting of the Pacific Association board of athletics, **Cynici Calvin** and **Bob Shor** were honored with awards for their service to the Organization. Calvin works with long distance runners, writes for *California Track and Running* and is the committee secretary. Shor is an age group coach and a dedicated Youth Athletics starter from Santa Rosa.

- The **University of Nevada, Reno** unfortunately will not be hosting its usual indoor track and Field program this winter as the wood surface of the running track has been ruled unsafe for competition. Let's hope UNR can get the track replaced in the immediate future so this outstanding program can be resumed.
- The **2007 Pole Vault Summit** (sponsored by UCS Spirit) will take place at the Grand Sierra Resort (formerly Reno Hilton) in Reno, Nevada on January 17-20, 2007.
- **JMU Axes Men's Track** On September 29, the James Madison University's Board of Visitors voted to approve a plan to bring JMU's athletics program into compliance with Title IX. JMU is located in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Effective July 1, 2007, the following varsity teams will be eliminated:
Men's Sports: Archery, Cross Country, Gymnastics, Indoor Track and Field, Outdoor Track and Field, Swimming, Wrestling. **Women's Sports:** Archery, Fencing and Gymnastics. **Editor's note:** The women's programs in Cross Country, Indoor Track and Field and Outdoor Track and Field are to be continued.
- The track and field program at **Montana State University** in Bozeman recently received a big, positive boost as a very generous donator anonymously has set up a \$1million endowment for the program's benefit.
- **2007 National Federation High School Rule Changes...** The primary high school rule change this year deals with the throwing sector. Effective with the 2006-07 high school track and field season, the throwing sector of 34.92 degrees is now required for the shot put and discus events, and is the only sector now allowed for high school competition nationwide. This year's committee developed optional guidelines for the discus cage which can be found in the rulebook appendix. Yes, discus cages will need to be altered in order to accommodate the new throwing sector. The other changes may be seen on the NFHS website or in the new book.

- **NCAA To Move Around The Country** The NCAA Division I Track and Field Champions will be moving on following the meet in June 2007 at Sacramento State's Hornet Stadium. It will have been a good three years for the Sac State program that has brought a great deal of recognition to the University and the City of Sacramento. The Division I track and field committee decided in late August that the 2008 Championships will be held at Drake Stadium on the campus of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. The 2009 Championships are slated to be held at John McDonald Stadium on the campus of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Arkansas. In 2010 the championship will come back to the west coast with University of Oregon hosting the meet at Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon.
- **2007 NCAA Tack & Field Rule Book Changes** This year the NCAA rules committee made numerous changes to their rules. The published summary is eight pages long and the actual text 24 pages long. Please go to the web site: <http://www.usatfofficials.com>, click on Rules and behold the wealth of information to be gleaned. Note! This is not the USATF site for that is <http://usatf.org>. *This is the OFFICIAL'S web site.*

Missing from the Track

Peter Clentzos - From the San Francisco Chronicle 9/16/06... **Pete Clentzos**, a pole vaulter who competed for Greece in the 1932 Games and carried the Olympic torch en route to Athens two years ago, has died in Rancho Mirage. He was 97. (Editor) Pete was a very active USATF track and field official in Southern California and was part of the track and field management team at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Bob Mathias died on Saturday, September 2, 2006 in a Fresno hospital. An obituary is available at <http://www.chrisboyles.com/multimedia/docs/Bob20Mathias20Obituary.pdf>, or you may search on Google for a number of other obituaries. Bob Mathias was a two-time Olympic decathlon champion from Fresno, a Stanford graduate and the youngest male Olympic track and field gold medalist in history.

Marge Jordan - From the San Mateo Daily News on Saturday, October, 28th, 2006, "Marge Jordan...life partner of longtime Stanford track coach Payton Jordan, has died. Marge Jordan passed away

after a long fight with cancer on October 13. She was 89. Contributions can be made to the -Payton and Marge Jordan Scholarship Fund- to assist future track athletes at Stanford. Checks can be made out to **Stanford Athletics, Payton and Marge Jordan Scholarship Fund**, 641 East Campus Drive, Stanford, CA 94305-6150. Send correspondence to the attention of Eileen Gall."

John Shirey's Story by John Shirey

(Editors' note: From a continuing series of stories about how our officials became officials.)



John Shirey

From an early age I was destined to become a track and field official.

I grew up in a small Midwestern town where there were few diversions for young people. I started attending track meets at our nearby high school in the third grade. A new coach just out of college had been hired, and he brought enthusiasm and quality to a lackluster program. With that came victories and championships, and our small school became known for its track and cross-country teams. That same coach became my coach in junior high school and high school and remains a friend to this day. He certainly sparked my interest in the sport.

But I digress. There were no "officials" at those high school meets except one paid starter. Events were run by volunteers who scarcely knew how to use a stopwatch much less judge the competition. I would occasionally be a raker for the long jump. (It was still the broad jump in those days!)

I was so inspired by the spectacle of track meets that I decided to stage my own meet when I was in the fourth grade. The venue was a vacant field and a street alongside our house that resembled a cinder track. We improvised for equipment – an old dumbbell served as the shot and my dad helped me make hurdles from inexpensive lath wood purchased at a local lumberyard. My best friend publicized the meet through his own amateur newsletter that he distributed at school.

It was an "all-comers" meet, and, boy, did they come! My mother, now 91, has never forgotten the Saturday morning when seemingly every kid in town showed up at our house for my track meet. It was

more like a three-ring circus, but it was a great experience for me.

During my college years, there was not time to pursue my interest in track and field, but while attending graduate school at the University of Southern California, I went to work nearby for the City of Monterey Park. In that job I came to know a friend of our City Hall receptionist, a fellow by the name of Bob Werner. His given name was Ralph and his nickname was “Whitey” because of his white hair. One day he happened to ask me if I was interested in track and field, and when I responded positively, he told me that he was an AAU track and field official.

Bob asked if I would like to join him at a track meet one weekend, and I quickly accepted the invitation. The rest is history, as the old saying goes. It was not long until I was hooked and wanted to be a regular official. Bob introduced me to his best friend Woody Ginn, who was also an AAU official, and the two of them sponsored me in becoming an official. (In those years, a new official had to be sponsored by at least two current officials.) That was in 1973. Later, the AAU became The Athletics Congress and that organization evolved into USA Track and Field. Through all these changes, I have remained involved in the sport these many years.

Bob and Woody are now deceased after lengthy careers as officials and attendance at nearly every summer Olympic Games. I have worked every event as an official, including being a timer and finish judge before technology all but eliminated those jobs. It is ironic, though, that in more recent years I have become something of a specialist in the pole vault--the same event Bob and Woody worked exclusively.

If there is a moral to this autobiographical story, it is this: It took someone inviting me to get involved that lead to my becoming an official. In my case, it was Bob Werner. To grow our organization and provide for its future, each of us needs to be like Bob was and ask others to get involved.

Tim Oder never saw it coming, and a last second warning was too late

(Editors' note: From a continuing series of stories emphasizing how important safety is when dealing with throwing implements.) By Steve Brand, Union-Tribune Writer 5/2/06

When the veteran track and field coach at Fallbrook High woke up he was disoriented. One minute he was walking behind the discus throwers, the next he was on the ground waiting for an ambulance after getting hit in the head by the implement.

“They were throwing in the opposite direction, 180-degree difference, and there was not only a cage behind the ring there was a fence between me and them,” Oder said of the 1987 accident.

“The girl threw the discus the wrong way, over the back of the softball backstop and over that fence. Pretty good throw, about 100 feet.”

Humor aside, there is nothing funny about getting hit by discus or shot put.

Oder was taken to the hospital, received stitches and a newfound appreciation for the dangers of the weight events coaches.

Years later, there was an even more chilling incident at the section championships in 2000. While officials were determining who would be advancing to the final of the B flight of the girls shot put, veteran volunteer **Peter Jepson** took the opportunity to smooth out the area where the shots landed.

At the same time, one of the competitors launched a warm-up practice throw. With a sickening thud that caught the attention of everyone, the 8-pound implement hit the official in the head. Although Jepson suffered a loss of blood, he never lost consciousness and survived.

“You have to remember all of the weight event implements--the shot, the discus, the hammer, and the javelin--were once weapons used to kill people,” said **James Skelly** of the San Diego Track and Field Officials Association.

“Instead of just talking about the rules in the book, we take our most experienced officials and have them talk to the newer officials about the dangers of those events, discussing situations you have to deal with.

“But it’s always the bizarre, the most unexpected things that happen.”

In an effort to make the events safer, changes have been made to all levels, including high school.



Lori Cappola was spotted at the Stanford Cross Country Invitational while using her expressive hands to make a point.

In the shot and discus, smaller sectors (area in which the throw is legal) have been employed and they'll become smaller still next year. (*Editors' note:* for the 2007 season all high schools must use the 39.4 degree sector. In the discus, specific regulations about the size of the cage surrounding the ring and the makeup of that cage have been adopted.)

There must be mesh netting, not chain link fencing, surrounding the cage so errant implements will be absorbed and not careen back into the ring to injure the thrower or go out of control into the crowd.

In the San Diego Unified School District, the discus (as well as the pole vault) are no longer scored in dual meets and are contested only at those facilities that meet national federation guidelines. Cost and safety are the reasons.

As a result, the discus is often held far away from the regular competition in open fields.

It wasn't always that way. When section championships events were held at San Diego State and Balboa Stadium, the discus was held in the middle of the football field.

More than once, implements spun out of control, either flying or skipping into the long jumpers, who were supposed to be protected by plastic barriers that didn't always work.

But even moving the event away from the crowds isn't a guarantee of safety.

At the recent Arcadia Invitational, most of the best discus throwers in the nation converged for a competition that was held an hour before any other event.

Hundreds of fans not only filled the stands, but lined up and down the right sector line with lawn chairs and blankets. They were more than five feet behind a rope that was another five feet from the sector line. Still, on at least five occasions, spectators were warned about the throws that veered out of the sector, including a monster 210-footer by Morse High's Darius Savage.

As the throw left his hand, it looked as if it were going to land right in the middle of the crowd but, as it came down; it angled back and missed being a fair throw by a few feet.

"I knew it was going to curve back," said Savage, who started throwing at age 7 and was warned from the beginning by his father, Robert, to always face the ring while retrieving his implement.

"There's always a danger. At the Otay Ranch

Invitational I missed an official by two feet in the shot (12 pounds for boys). He wasn't watching and we had to shout to warn him."

Savage is No. 2 in the nation, having thrown the 2.5 pound discus 206 ft, 4 inches. His teammate, Jameena Hunt, leads the section at 140-1 with 1.8 pound girls' discus.

She recalls a horrific incident at Torrey Pines two years ago when a competitor was hit in the face by a discus thrown by his own teammate.

"He was unconscious a long time – it was a bad thing," said Hunt. "It hit him in the face. He lost some teeth and needed a lot of surgery. That was a reality check."

There are no records kept by the National Federation of High School Associations about deaths or even injuries from the shot and discus like there are for football.

"There are probably more injuries than reported," said



Dennis Boyle and Jon Siegel received their National Certificate of Recognition from Awards Chair **Leon Glover**. **Dennis** has combined with **Jon** to run our mentorship program for new officials.

Jerry Diehl, assistant director of the federation, "because there is no incentive to report an incident."

But just last year a veteran official helping during practice for the U.S. Track and Field Championships was killed when hit in the head by a shot.

"Everybody associated with the event has either seen someone get hit or has seen a close call," said Oder, who has been at Fallbrook for 26 years.

"A couple of years ago one of our girls got hit in the head by a discus about 150 feet from the ring. It sounded like watermelon being dropped from a high building.

"I thought it was all over. She wasn't seriously hurt, but if she had been, I was through. It's that serious."

BC Rant Two, Let's Enforce the Electronics Rules by Bruce Colman

At our annual meeting, a lively discussion took place on how to enforce the rules against the use of personal electronics at track and field meets.

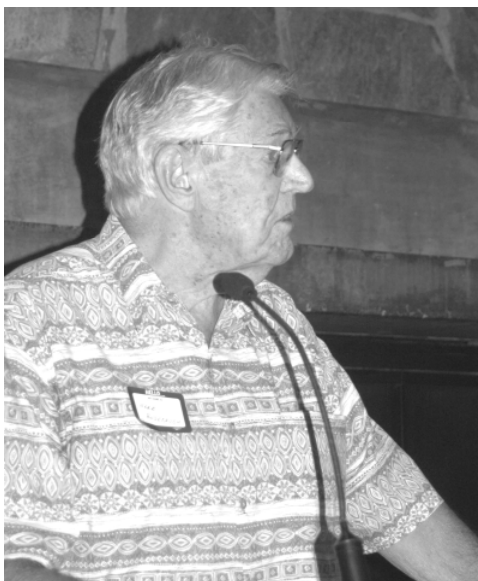
Under both USATF and NCAA rules, all personal electronics – head phones, cell phones, CD players, PDA's, iPods and radios – are banned from the field of play. Certain high school conferences and certain facilities have the same ban. (**Hume reports:** The high school rule book leaves such bans to the authority of the games committee. (Rule 3, Section 2, Article 4k.) Would each section please report if electronic devices are restricted by your high school section.)

These are good rules. They help make track and field events safer, and if you've ever given instructions before a field event, and had an athlete misunderstand procedures or competition order or not give you an opening height because he or she has been listening to music or text-messaging someone, well, you have another definition for the word "frustration." When athletes, officials and volunteers are out there, their/our full attention should be on the business at hand, not the groove or the gossip, not conversations with Mom or best friend. But how do we enforce the rules?

Your chair would suggest there are a number of components to this, and most need to come into play before the competition starts.

- Announcements: have the PA announcer repeat and repeat: "No electronics on the infield."
- Reminders in coaches' packets: have Meet Management include a sheet in each team's envelope, "We are enforcing these rules and need your leadership and support."
- Reminders at coaches' meeting: head referee or Officials coordinators should go to coaches meeting at the beginning of the meet with same message.

- Signage: post signs to this effect at the clerk's table and wherever else athletes (and others) check in or enter the competition area.
- Marshals: we seldom have enough marshals, the officials whose whole business is safety. Officials coordinators should, if possible, detail at least one person to patrol the field of play, reminding all, "put your personal electronics in your bag and pretend you don't have them while you're out here, whether or not you're currently competing, have finished your competition, or have urgent business elsewhere. If your call is that important, take your phone outside the track or into the stands, and take care of things there."



During our Annual Meeting, Emeritus official **Herb Rodebaugh** gave us a good history lesson as he related how his late wife **Maree** was one of the first woman's T&F official.

According to Herb, Maree's father was wounded during WWI and was so taken with his nurse that he named his daughter after her, **Maree**.

Benefactor To Provide New Indoor Track

By Ken Robinson, [The Fresno Bee](#), August 3, 2006

Fresno State announced that **Fred Arnold**, a longtime track and field official and retired construction company owner from Southern California, will pay for a track for use at indoor meets at the Save Mart Center.

Arnold is making the donation in memory of his wife, Madeleine, who died last year.

Arnold's Fresno connection involves Fresno State coach **Bob Fraley**, whom the Arnolds first met a few decades ago when Fraley's son, Doug, traveled to track meets throughout California.

Arnold is a long time pole vault official who worked at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los

Angeles.

The Arnolds have officiated at Fraley's annual North American Pole Vault Championships in Clovis, and Fred Arnold said he admires Fraley for keeping pole vaulting alive.

Arnold, who lives in Hollywood, will arrive in Fresno today for the news conference and then will officiate at Friday's Clovis vault fest.

He will finance what Fraley said will be a track with a rubberized running surface to attract the best runners for the Run for the Dream indoor track meet on the Martin Luther King Day holiday. Arnold said he won't know the cost until the track is built.



Assistant Davis coach **Byron Talley** was our host for the Annual Meeting in Davis. **Byron** scored points by offering us the best meal in Annual Meeting history and by offering all officials an opportunity to work meets at UC Davis this year.

“That means ESPN or somebody will broadcast it and you’ll get the world’s best athletes.”

That evoked thoughts of the old West Coast Relays, when that Fresno meet annually drew the best athletes.

“This is our best shot to replace the West Coast Relays,” he said. “The whole Valley loves the Save Mart Center. You can get the great athletes into a beautiful arena.”

Fraley said the track, which he expects will run 10 laps to the mile, would be constructed of wood and metal with a rubber surface. It could be loaded onto pallets, stored in a warehouse and trucked to the arena for competition.

Arnold, 85, said he plans to ask for donations from Valley track supporters to help with the project.

“I want to carry this on for my wife and myself,” he said. “It’s a matter of what you want to do with your life. You don’t have to wait until you die to give your money away.”

“I look forward to putting in the track, whatever it costs. If we get help from locals they can be part of it. If not, I have an adequate amount of money to do it. I’ll see that it gets paid for.

“I can’t think of anything I’d rather do than fund the **Madeleine Arnold Memorial Track**.”

Last year, Fraley rented an old wooden track from the Los Angeles Sports Arena for \$10,000 and paid \$7,000 to transport it. Having a track in Fresno will help keep costs down Fraley said.

“Not only that, it will be state of the art,” Fraley said. “U.S. Track and Field is interested in making “Run for the Dream” a part of the Visa Series, the highest level of track and field in the U.S.

The Pacific Association’s 2007 Officials Clinic Schedule As of 11/10/06 Contact: **George Kleeman** at 925-229-2927 with questions.

1. **Sunday, December 3rd, 2006...Officials Mentoring Training**, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. hosted by **Don and Joan Wilson**, 2630 Otis Dr., Alameda, CA. **Dennis Boyle** and **Jon Siegel** will conduct. Contact Dennis Boyle for more information dkboyle@frontiernet.net.
2. **Saturday, December 16th, 2006...Officials Mentoring Training**, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, hosted by **Dan Davidson**, 7124 Linda Vista Dr., Citrus Heights, CA **Dennis Boyle** and **Jon Siegel** will conduct. Contact Dennis Boyle for more information dkboyle@frontiernet.net.
3. **Saturday, January 6th, 2007... Marina Middle School, Bay at Fillmore, San Francisco**
 - **Intro to LDR Officiating Clinic** *including certification*, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Instructors: **Rick and Kathy Berman** and **Dick Connors**.
 - **LDR Referee Clinic** *with cross country emphasis*, 1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m. Instructors: **Bob Shor, Mark Winitz** and **Dick Connors**.
4. **Saturday, January 13th, 2007...University of California – Berkeley** Contact Bryan Fetzter at (510) 624-5386 or e-mail at bnfetzer@berkeley.edu for details.
5. **Saturday, January 13th, 2007...American River College, Sacramento, Raef Hall, College Oak at Orange Grove**
 - **Introduction to T & F Officiating** *including taking the rules review, getting your picture taken and filling in of all the papers you need*, 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m....Instructors: **Dick Connors** and **Jim Hume**.
 - **2007 Rules Update**, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Instructors: **Phil Watkins** and **George Kleeman**.
 - **The Finish line...Timing, Placing and Lap Scoring**, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon, Instructor: **Dan Davidson**.
 - **The Horizontal Jumps**, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Instructors: **Teddy Hayes** and **Shirley Connors**
 - **All About Clerking**, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Instructors: **Dan Davidson** and **Dick Connors**.
 - **Heads of Events** (*Officiating for Those Wanting To Advance To the National or Master Level*),

1:00 p.m.-4 p.m. Instructors: **Phil Watkins** and **George Kleeman**.

- **The Throws**, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Instructor: **John Murray**.

The **Officials Executive Committee** will meet after the last ARC clinic finishes. The place and agenda are to be determined and will be announced. You, of course are invited to attend the meeting.

6. Saturday, January 20th, 2007...UC Davis, Hickey Gym, just south of track, Russell and Howard

- **Intro to LDR Officiating Clinic and Certification**, 9:00 -1:00 p.m. , Instructors: **Charles DesJardins** and **Bob Shor**.
- **Meet Management with Hi Tek's Meet Manager** 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.; Instructor: **Bob Rush** (*The new version of Meet Manager is supposed to be released sometime in January*)
- **Track Referee**, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon...Instructor: **Bob Podkaminer**
- **The Pole Vault** (*from setting up the pit to breaking ties in the results*), 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon, Instructor: **John Shirey**
- **Weights and Measures**, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Instructors: **Phil Watkins** and **George Kleeman**
- **FieldLynx** (*From Turning Your Palm Pilot On To Five-Alive In Vertical Jumps*), 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.; Instructor: **Jim Hume** (*This is NOT a prerequisite for the LaserLynx class at Serra, BUT if you can't run FieldLynx, you can NOT run LaserLynx.*)
- **Introduction to Race Walking Officiating**, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Instructor: **Art Klein**
- **The Field Referee**, UC Davis 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Instructor: **George Kleeman**
- **The Umpires**, 1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.; Instructor: **Dick Connors**

7. Sunday, January 28th, 2007...Serra High School, 451 West 20th Avenue, San Mateo, CA

- **Introduction to T & F Officiating including taking the rules review, getting your picture taken and filling in of all the papers you need**, 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Instructors: **Dick Connors**, **Margaret Sheehan**, **Joe Nemeth** and **John Wise**.
- **2007 Rules Update**, 10:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.; Instructor: **George Kleeman**
- **The High Jump** (*from setting up the pit to breaking ties in the results*), 10:00 a.m. -12:30

p.m.; Instructors: **John Lilygren** and **Margaret Sheehan**

- **Starters** (theory and practice), 1:30 p.m. -4:30 p.m., Instructor: **John Wise**
- **The Throws**, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Instructors: **Bill Hawkes** and **John Murray**
- **The Marshal**, 1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.; Instructor: **Bill Hawkes**
- **LaserLynx** (from set-up to measuring), 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Instructors: **Sean Laughlin**, **Jim Hume**
- **Head Of Events** (*Officiating For Those Wanting To Advance To The National Or Master Level*), 1:30 p.m. -4:30 p.m.; Instructor: **George Kleeman**
- **The Pole Vault** (from setting up the pit to breaking ties in the results), **1:30 p.m. -4:30 p.m.**; Instructor; **Jon Siegel**

8. Saturday, February 10th, 2007...Introduction to T & F Officiating Clinic including taking the rules review, getting your picture taken and filling in of all the papers you need, 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.; Hartnell College, , Salinas, CA, Homestead and W. Alisal, Old Gym, Room 136, Instructors: **Joe Nemeth**, **Jim Hume**, **Dick Connors**

9. Saturday, February 24th, 2007...Enterprise High School, 3411 Chum Creek Road, Redding, CA

- **Introduction to T & F Officiating including Certification** (*picture taking and the filling in of all the papers you need*), 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Instructors: **John Lipsey** and **Mark Youmans**.
- **High School Coaches Clinic**, 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.; Instructor **Scott Fairly**.
- **2007 Rules Update**, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon...Instructor: **George Kleeman**.
- **Head Of Events Officiating For Those Wanting To Advance To The National Or Master Level**, 1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.; Instructors: **George Kleeman** and **Dennis Boyle**.

For more information and the latest updates see www.PAUSATF.org . Then click on *Officials*, then *Clinics*, then *2007 Officials Clinics*. Maps to locations furnished upon request. If all else fails contact George Kleeman at 925-229-2927

Spectator Dick Connors Is Upset Team USA needs to wear the Red, White and Blue Three times this past track season I have watched USATF team relays run in meets when the national colors have not been carried by the respective team members. At the Texas Relays in early April the men's and women's 4 x1 teams ran against selected college and University teams. The relay team members were dressed basically in black uniforms of their own choosing. The three individual 4 x 100 meter teams were given team names of Red, White, and Blue. At the Modesto Relays the teams wore everything but a national uniform. Yet, in both of these instances they were identified as USA National teams Red, White and Blue. I never even saw a red white or blue ribbon on any of the team members. This summer at Amsterdam, Team USA in the men's 4 x 800 meter relay team was introduced wearing black and orange uniforms the same colors of the Kenyan national

Diana, Shirley and I attended two great track meets of the Golden League series in Europe. At both the meets (the Weltklasse in Zurich, Switzerland and Van Damme Memorial in Brussels, Belgium) the stadiums were packed with loud, enthusiastic, knowledgeable spectators watching the best athletes in the world compete. Even though Hawkes and I were there as spectators it did not stop us from being critical of the venues and the working officials. In terms of technology at the meets, we in the USA are very spoiled officials and spectators. The staging of track meets at Stanford, Sacramento State and Indianapolis are head and shoulders above the European Meets. This was particularly true when it came to timing systems and the recording and publication of the race results on the video boards. The video board at Stanford makes the results boards in Europe look like 1980 television screens. The programming of the media boards at the two meets was very slow and the



John Bodley

Dalton Simmons

Leon Wimbley

John, Dalton and Leon received Pacific Association Recognition Awards honoring their contributions to our association.

team. Until the final baton exchange, the spectators were totally unaware of which teams were challenging for the lead as two of the other five teams in the race were wearing their team's sponsor's colors as opposed to their team national colors. The Spanish team that finished last in the race wore their distinct national red uniform for fan identification. It was announced that the Kenyan team had set a World Record in the race and team USA had set a new national record.

Maybe there were not many flag waving US track and field fans in the stands in Brussels, but those of us who were present certainly would have liked to see our national team in matching Red, White and Blue uniforms.

The Connors on vacation Even on vacation it is difficult for me to stay away from the competitive track scene. During August, **Bill Hawkes**, his wife

available information quite limited. First place in a race was readily available but the placing of subsequent athletes and their times was very slow in appearing. The results for the entire field in a competition were shown only once and at the time when the awards were being presented.

Bill and I both found fault with the field event officials regarding several safety factors. We both about came out of our seats in Brussels when the officials allowed the competitors in the men's javelin on the field to retrieve their own implements during warm-up. Fortunately there were no casualties.

All things considered it was a good experience for me to be in the grandstands watching a world-class track and field meet and letting someone else worry about how the meet was being perceived by the fans.



Lloyd Baird

Leroy Milam



Joanne Slaton-Camargo

Irene Herman

Lloyd and Leroy also received Pacific Association Recognition Awards honoring their contributions to our association. Joanne, the Youth Chair, urged officials to consider scheduling some Youth meets on their colanders. For your help, check the schedule of meets included with this issue. Irene told us all about insurance, most specifically the blanket coverage insurance which now covers all Pacific Association officials.



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To:

Jerry (Collet), we'll miss ya'.