

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

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

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



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Bob Huey Ceremony at Stanford...

*In 2007, Stanford began ceremonies to honor certified officials who dedicate endless hours to make Stanford's home track and field meets and especially the Stanford Invitational a success. This is the text Coach Floreal read to honor **Bobby Hughey** at this year's meet.*



Photo by Mark Foyer

Today we are delighted to honor *Bobby Hughey*.

Bobby ran track as a kid over in Sanger, California, near Fresno, but his real service to track and field began in the 1970s, when his eldest daughter was running for the San Jose Cinder Gals.

Bobby began working Youth, High School, collegiate and invitational meets, first as a timer, back in the days before Fully Automatic Timing, then as a clerk and finally as a starter.

For the past twenty years he has been a mainstay at our meets here at Stanford, and has served for many years as our head starter.

Bobby used to live nearby, but about four years ago moved up to Pioneer, in the Sierra foothills—and he still comes to the Bay Area twice a week during the season, to start meets—as many as 60 per year.



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He has worked national championships for the NCAA and for USA Track and Field, has worked the Modesto—now California—Relays regularly over the past quarter century, and been a starter for the Central Coast Section finals for the past 25 years, too.

Furthermore, Bobby is one of the guys who arranges other starters' schedules, for meets throughout northern California, so that when athletes come to the line, they benefit from the services of well trained, dedicated officiating.

Bobby is one of our sports' fine servants, and a valued contributor to Stanford's Track and Field program.

We thank and honor him for his service.

Heard at the track

- **Special thanks for donations...** Since the last *Turns and Distances*, the officials committee has received donations from the Peninsula Athlete League, a member official who wishes to remain anonymous and the **About Timing Association**.
- **Pacific Association Officials Committee Annual Meeting...** The Officials annual meeting will take place Sunday, August 30, 2009 on the campus of the University of California Davis, in the CLUB ROOM at the new football stadium located on Hutchison. Dr. **Jon Vochatzer** and the Aggie Track and Field Program are our gracious hosts, as they have been the last several years. More details on the meeting will be made available in coming months. **Phil Watkins** heads the annual meeting committee, with **Jay Abbott, Stephen Crowe, Gail Decatur, and Phil Leake**.

Directions to the CLUB ROOM at the stadium: Coming from the West on I-80, or from the East on I-80 turn North on Highway 113 (Highway to Woodland) and get off at Hutchison Drive and go East to the Football Stadium. From the North (I-5) get off at Highway 113 Woodland and go South to Hutchison Drive. Go East over the highway to the Football Stadium.

- **Could this be the end of an Era? California Invitational Relays put on hold this spring** With a tight time schedule forcing meet organizers to race against the clock California Invitational Relays will take a one-year hiatus before returning to the national track calendar in 2010.

The world-renowned track and field event, which announced the move to the state capital late last year following a 76-year run in Modesto, was scheduled for May 9 at Sacramento State's Hornet Stadium. Meet Director Gregg Miller said it was a very difficult decision to cancel the 2009 meet and delay the event's Sacramento debut, but he expressed confidence that it is the best decision for the event's long-term future.

"There were logistical and financial details that took longer than anticipated to nail down in time for this year's event," Miller said. "We want to do this right by putting on a first-class event in keeping with our long tradition. We're going to have all of the details worked out plus far better resources in 2010 than we would have had this year." (Google "Track and field: Modesto-to-Sacramento move on hold" for John Crumpacker's entire San Francisco Chronicle article.)

Of This And That

- **Scott Chisam**, a veteran track coach and Association-level starter from the Santa Clara Valley, was invited by his son Matt (Matt is an assistant track coach at Harvard and a former UC Davis athlete) to start the North East Youth Conference Indoor Championships at Harvard on February 14. Scott ended the day at the meet by starting forty-five 200 meter races.
- **High School Hair:** In March, **Dino Certa**, National-level starter, e-mailed the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), for clarification of the National Federation of State High School Associations jewelry rule--specifically regarding types of hairpins, bobby pins and other fasteners designed to keep hair under control. **Hal Harkness**, the head of CIF's track and field rules committee, responded: "*Anything that is used sparingly for hair control is ok. Exceptions would be large plastic and metal clips. Size matters.*"
- **Steve Green** had a question about the high school rules and the use of electronic gear in the area of competition. After a bit of e-mail traffic, this is his response. While the NCAA Rule (6-8-b) and USATF (Rule 144.3h) books flatly prohibit the use of electronic gear in the competition area of a

track meet, the high schools (Points of Emphasis, page 78, 1 Electronic Devices) leaves such a decision up to the games committee. As **George Kleeman** noted, "It is a game committee decision if you outlaw whatever electronics on the field of play. However, if not eliminated they still cannot be used for coaching or guidance. As **Jerry (Colman)** suggested either at the coaches meeting or in pre meet information or by announcement the Games Committee conditions may be communicated."

- Another **Chisam** story. On March 14, at the Aggie Invitational at UCD, your T&D editor ran into Scott Chisam in the grandstands. Scottie was watching his son **Matt** pole-vault. Matt is in training for the USA National Decathlon team. Scott mentioned that last summer, when Matt shipped his vaulting poles home for the season, the shipping company managed to run over them with a truck, destroying all eight. Since then Matt has had to borrow poles until two family friends came forward and bought him two new ones. The new poles have been given the names "Glory" and "Unwheatable." Matt is still in need of additional backup poles. If you can help Matt out, it would be greatly appreciated. Naming rights are available. Matt may be contacted at mchism@sas.harvard.edu.
- **Joe Harper** of Vacaville, and chairman of the San Joaquin Valley CIF Starters Association, has been asked to be one of four starters at this June's CIF State Championships at Clovis.
- The United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association is creating an award in the name of **Terry Crawford**, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo head coach for Track and Field and Women's Cross Country. The Terry Crawford Program of the Year Award will go annually to the most outstanding NCAA Division I women's cross country, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field program.
- A similar award for Division I men's teams is named in honor of John McDonnell, retired University of Arkansas coach.
- **Fall running calendar:** coaches, as you decide on your cross-country (and road-running) schedules, please send them to Becky Klein for inclusion in

the fall officiating calendar. Best address? boopwalk@comcast.net

- **Ken Taylor** (Potomac Valley Association) has resigned as National Officials Committee Treasurer after being named to the USATF Board of Directors. NOC chairman **Len Krsak** has named **Sue Polansky** (from the Long Island Association) to fill the position on an interim basis. Congratulations to both individuals.
- The Masters folks gave out a bunch of year end awards and our own **Joy Upshaw Margerum** was one of those selected as Athletes of the Year in the 39-59 category.
- **Romance: Jerry ("JJ") Noble**, Association-level official and assistant coach at DeAnza College, and **Lyndsey Kuehn**, newly certified in 2009, are engaged to be married July 11. Best wishes from all your officiating colleagues!



Photo by Hume

JJ gives us a little background...Lyndsey is an All-American steeplechaser and I am also an All-American in the decathlon (Chico of course). We look forward to working track meets together

during the summer in the field events (although she likes to be a starter now) This was all possible thanks to **Pat Randall** who had us both working the CIF state high school meet together (high jump) and this planted our seed of officiating together for the rest of our lives.

- **More Hits to D-I track and field:** on March 4, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, reported that Pepperdine University will drop its men's varsity track program this year, while women's swimming and diving will be disbanded after the 2009-2010 school year. And **Bill Hawkes** found an internet notice that the University of Cincinnati is phasing out financial aid to its men's track and field/cross country athletes beginning this coming fall.

Missing from the Track

- **Al Minturn**, a veteran starter and field official from Los Angeles, passed away December 7, 2008 at the USATF Convention in Reno, Nevada. Al was an officer and a very active official in the Southern California Association. He had dual certification in Pacific Association and annually worked several meets up here. He taught a safety clinic at our annual meeting in 2006. Al was retired from the LA city school system.
- **John Ogden Lipsey, Jr.** passed away suddenly on April 10th, at his home in Cottonwood, California. John had just become a Master official and had days before celebrated his 40th wedding anniversary, with wife Sandra, by working the Stanford Invitational.



John was one of those guys you loved to work with—serious on the field of play, but gracious, thorough and fair to the athletes, more than willing to do his share of the grunt work, especially around his specialty, the pole vault. John could be assigned to any field event and you knew it would go right.

Dennis Boyle remembers recruiting John to be an official: “Here was this guy, hanging on the fence, watching at a meet, and I just went over to him,

obviously he loved the sport and we had great times commuting to meets together.”

In fact, John had competed as an NCAA athlete at University of Maine and was coach and mentor to numerous young athletes in the Plus One program around Cottonwood and at middle schools and high schools in the area.

Born in Pennsylvania, John spent an itinerant life in the timber industry before settling in Northern California for the bulk of his career, with Sandra and their sons, Chris and Curtis.

At the Woody Wilson Invitational, just days after John's death, UC Davis observed a moment of silence and dedicated the pole vault to John's memory. (Five women made national-qualifying marks in that competition.) Cal State Chico is naming the vault at the Chico Twilight Invitational for John. And, at the viewing of the body, on April 15, Sandra saw to it that he was laid out in his officiating uniform.

Gifts in honor of John may be made by check to: Burnham Institute for Medical Research, 10901 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla CA 92037...Attn: Jane Langer

Do mention John's name in the memo line or any cover note; the family is particularly interested in supporting research on Type 1 diabetes. BC

- Emeritus official **Luka Sekulich**, of Pleasant Hill, who was active until the middle 1990s, passed away on October 22. He was a retired high school industrial arts teacher. In March of 2008, the Diablo Runners put on a Martinez Luka Sekulich Brickyard Race-- we believe in honor of our colleague.
- **Joe Wyrick**, of San Jose, CA passed away November 21, 2008. Joe was an active official in the San Jose Area during the 1980s and '90s.

It's Election Time for the Officials Committee

The Nominating Committee of the Pacific Association Officials Committee cordially invites its members to submit the name(s) of individuals or advance THEIR own name as a candidate for one of the eight elected positions available for a two year term starting with our annual meeting in 2009.

In order to be eligible as a candidate, the nominee must be a member of Pacific Association, be currently a certified official DURING the present Olympiad (ending with the London games in 2012), put the nomination in writing and advance THE NOMINATION to any one of the contacts that you will find below.

The ELECTED positions include the following:

- Chair of Officials
- Vice Chair of Officials
- Secretary
- 2 Members-at-Large to the Officials Executive Committee
- 3 Representatives to the Pacific Association Board of Athletics

Please contact any of the committee members below with your questions or nomination(s) and submit your name or nominee's name, in writing, by July 1, 2009.

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Post ReCertification/Certification Report

by Certification Chair Jim Hume

When the Olympic flame was extinguished in Beijing at the end of the last Olympic Games, all of the certifications of USATF Track & Field officials expired, thus our emphasis for the 2009 clinic season was on recertifying our officials. Thanks to our officials, our efforts were a smashing success! 40+ officials chose to complete the recertification process on their own while 250⁺ chose to go to a clinic. Only a hand full of officials (and I mean that literally) arrived at a clinic unprepared to complete the process and took their papers home. A few of those have yet to mail back the forms to complete their recertification. All of those officials, Newbies and ReCerts, who made this



certification/recertification process so painless are hereby awarded a huge *Atta Boy!*

Many thanks, and a second *Atta Boy*, go to the people who hosted our clinics: **John Bowen** (Reno...18 attendees), **Sean Laughlin** (San Francisco City College...49), **Jeanette Allred-Powless** (American River...88), **Jon Vochatzer** (UC Davis...26), **Kathleen Raske** (Sacramento State...8), **Maura Kent** (Oakmont High in Roseville...55), **Mike Buncic** (Wilcox High...60), **Jim Marheineke**, (Serra High...55), **Ed Miller** and **Jenny Simon** (Cal, for the hands on umpire and referee clinics, 8) and **Joseph Nemeth** (Hartnell JC...20).

Furthermore, earning a *Atta Boy* are the folks who ran our clinics; **George Kleeman** (who guided the entire process and ran clinics every weekend for two months) and those who conducted the clinics: **Dick Connors**, **John Lilygren**, **Margaret Sheehan**, **Jon Siegel**, **Shirley Connors** and **John and Sue Murray** (classes for Newbies); **Sonny Maynard** (Association ReCert); **John Wise** (beginning starters), **Tiffany Banks** (intermediate starters); **Pat Randall** (combined event ReCert); **Phil Watkins** and **George Kleeman** (Implement Inspector, formerly known as Weights & Measures); **Art and Becky Klein** and **Ann Gerhardt** (Race Walk); **Bob Rush** and **Jim Marheineke** (Hy-Tek's Meet Manager); **Sean Laughlin** (FinishLynx) **Megan Cook** (FieldLynx); **Bob Podkaminer** (National/Master ReCert and referee certification/ReCert), **Mark Winitz**, **Baird Lloyd**, **Kathleen** and **Rick Berman** and **Irene Herman** (LDR); **Bruce Colman** and **Margaret Sheehan** (rules update), **Jerry Colman** and **George Kleeman** (Intro for Referees); **Charles Murphy** (Long Jump) and **Mark Youman** (Basic Field Officiating).

My apologies if I forgot anyone. We appreciated your help and I'll make it up to you later with your *Atta Boy!*

I could stop here, but what fun would that be? Let's look at some numbers.

325	total # of officials currently in good standing
64	Master level officials
17	National advanced to Master
60	National level officials
18	Association advanced to National
191	Association level officials

57 Newbies certified in 2009

10 Emeritus

233 cards have been distributed

50 people have been “certified” but have not yet received their new cards.

34^{+/-} haven’t completed their paperwork.

87 people did not respond to our request to ReCertify for this Olympiad (85 Association level and two National level)

18^{+/-} people who did respond to our request to Recertify but declined ReCertification at this time, often citing the economy and need to make priorities for spending.

14 people who expressed an interest in being certified but did not follow through.

39 people were certified before 2004, ReCertified in the 2004-2008 Olympiad, but have not yet Recertified for the 2009-2012 Olympiad.

Of the Newbies for the 2004-2008 Olympiad, we seem to have lost:

13 who were certified in ’08,

12 who were certified in ’07,

18 who were certified in ’06, and

5 who were certified in ’05.

Next winter when clinic season arrives again, we will have clinics so everyone may sharpen their skills and two clinics, probably at American River College in Sacramento and at Serra High in San Mateo, so officials who wish to advance from Association to National or from National to Master level will have an opportunity.

Uniforms, Uniforms...Talk about Official’s Uniforms

- Officials do NOT have to wear logo’d uniforms in order to work track meets within the Pacific Association. Our policy only calls for a white shirt and khaki pants or skirt.



- Now for the disclaimer: Any gear and clothing shown on the PA web site or spoken of below does not constitute endorsement by Pacific Association Officials Committee.

- Often a meet will give you a polo shirt and/or hat. When this happens it is appropriate for you to wear the meet’s shirt/hat.
- Within the Pacific Association we do NOT wear the national blue/red shirt except for national track and field meets. Some associations always wear this shirt, but that is not true within the Pacific Association.
- Red shirts, jackets and caps are reserved for starters.
- Most of the logo’d polo shirts, hats and jackets you see within the Pacific Association come from NBN Sports. If you go online to PA/USATF.org, then under the green *Show Me* column click on *Officials*, and then to the middle of the page and the *2009 Officials Gear and Clothing* you can see their full line and order forms by clicking on the PDF link. For other people who supply gear and clothing, go to *Officials Operating Policies* and the sixth bullet *Equipment and Clothing*. While this section is out of date it is useful to show what else might be available.
- NBN offers you the opportunity to have this logo embroidered on your shirt or jacket. You may also have your name embroidered on your gear. While I chose to not have my name embroidered on my jacket, it may have been a mistake. You have no idea how much alike all those jackets look.

Off on a new subject

I do not know if our Newbies are just an eager bunch or if our mentoring program is working full force, but I have seen lots of Newbies hard at work this track season. It is the responsibility of all of our experienced officials to welcome and encourage our newest officials. If you want a mentor, or if you want to become a mentor, contact **John Shirey** (Jshirey1@comcast.net).



Many officials form an officiating attachment to a specific school. This can be a good thing unless that attachment is so strong that they won’t work meets

anywhere else. Every school...middle school, high school, community college or four year institution is always in need of more officials. As officials we should all look for a home.

Conversations with the Elders: Five

Questions for Norm Morrison...By Bruce Colman

Norm Morrison was “present at the beginning”: one of the founders of Pacific Association officiating, close to a half-century ago. He created many of the tools that implement inspectors use now to certify javelins, shot puts, discuses, hammers, and throwing weights. Some of his measuring equipment, hand made is still being used in PA today. Now Emeritus, Norm lives in Alameda.

Turns and Distances asked Mr. Morrison five questions about his career; we thank Don and Joan Wilson especially for their help in contacting Norm, and George Kleeman, John Luppés and Sonny Maynard for their help in formulating these questions.



T & D—You got into track and field officiating very early. When was this? What got you into officiating?

- My mother

would not let me play football, thus the early interest in Track. While at Ventura JC, I won the Southern California League high jump event.

- In 1937 I won a Block S at Stanford.
- My interest in Track resumed in the 1960's and I applied for Officials work at Stanford and Cal. Stanford did not accept me but Cal did. My first job was calling fouls in the running lanes.
- Don Bell, a Cal man, with a son captain of the Stanford track team, left Cal weights and measures to follow his Stanford son's progress.
- I was an aide to Bell at the time and took over weights and measures at Cal.

T & D—You developed or were instrumental in developing various equipment used in weights and measures (now known as implement inspection)—

including devices for measuring hammer handles and checking the balance point on javelins. Tell us about this gear, when you made it, and how your developments or innovations came about.

- The hammer is a very sophisticated implement, and the rule-book required difficult measures. Hanging the 16-pound weight did not remove the swales from the wire caused by coils when not in use.
 1. The wires in the handle could be compressed or elongated, changing the length.
 2. Swivel units could be stuck.
 3. The diameter of the ball had to be checked for flat surfaces.
 4. My wire-straightner was a first.
 5. I developed the Bar Go No Go Gauge to measure length and shortness.
 6. The loop in the wire detachment could wear thin, causing a safety problem.
- I made the first javelin board and kept it up to date with rule changes.
- The edge of the discus could be neglected. The thickness of the discus could be altered by loosening or compressing the center plate with a screw-driver on the way to the throwing ring—so the thrower should not transport his own implement to the competition venue.
- The accuracy of my equipment is due in part to the availability of the Hewitt-Packard Research laboratory with employee Carl Strombom.

T & D—What was your educational background, outside of track and field and what career did you pursue off the field?

- Stanford, BA in History.
- Stanford, MA in School Administration
- Army combat in the European Theater of Operations, I used a Go No Go Gauge to keep the caliber 50 machine gun from jamming.
- School administrator in the Alameda School District.

T & D—You worked the big US-USSR meets in the 1960's and 1970's. Were these the high points of your career? How did you find it to work with Soviet athletes, deep in the Cold War?

- The 1962 meet was held at Stanford Stadium and was promoted by Stanford Coach Payton Jordan. I attended the sold-out event.
- Russia was scheduled for the 1972 Olympic Games.

- The track meet was held at the University of California in 1971. It was named the USA-USSR World All Stars.
- With aid of a friend who spoke Russian, I did the Weights and Measures. I impounded every Russian implement. The Russian coach, a former discus thrower, watched me for two days. I feared trouble.
- But: he complimented me on a fine job and asked for help with his Olympic weights and measures problem. I gave him my only copies of machine drawings.
- However, President Carter imposed sanctions, pulling the US out of the Russian Olympics.
- The Soviet athletes were very friendly. They had never seen Polaroid instant pictures and we gave them photos. They traded their properties so as to take home Levis, to wear or sell.



T & D –Are you following athletics these days? Which athletes are you particularly interested in or excited by?

- I watch Stanford football, and men’s and women’s basketball. And baseball.

Payton Jordan

Remembered

Payton Jordan, long-time head coach at Stanford (1957-79) and head US Olympics coach (1968), died in February, at age 91.

At the Mexico City games, Coach Jordan’s athletes won two dozen medals, half of them Gold, and he continued to compete as a master athlete into his 80s, setting an age-group world record, in the 100 meters, at age 80.

This year’s Payton Jordan Invitational at Stanford will be the first of these meets contested since Coach Jordan’s death and will be preceded on Friday by a memorial dinner.

In addition, PA officials Dave and Lisa Shrock have named their first daughter for him. **Payton**

Shrock was born March 13. As Mom was a sprinter and Dad a 2:32 marathoner, it’s unclear as yet what combination of fast-and slow-twitch muscles young Payton will exhibit.

Turns and Distances asked two of Coach Jordan’s associates for their memories.



Brooks Johnson (Former Stanford head Coach, Head Coach USA Women’s Olympic Team 1984):

When I came on board at Stanford University in 1979 it was more than obvious to me that I was not Payton Jordan’s “Replacement”, because quite literally that would have been a totally impossible thing to try and do. Payton was more than unique and special. He was one of a kind!! Whenever I think of competitive grace and generosity of spirit, Payton Jordan comes to mind. He was a giving person and shared whatever gifts God provided for him with others. The legion of athletes and admirers who share my feelings about him speak volumes to what he brought to the sport and to the lives of those who were fortunate enough to know him.

After his retirement from Stanford, Payton would regularly drop by the office, but always bringing fruit or produce from his Los Altos orchard and garden. He never came empty handed, always wanting to share in the rich bounty that was his. We would sit, with our feet propped up on the desk, and talk track and field for hours on end. These were special events as we would gleefully recall all of the good things that track and field had done for both of us. Just two coaches reveling in each other’s company and companionship, no pretenses, no bravado or bragging, just two coaches talking, exchanging and sharing things about the sport that we both loved so much.

There are those rare people who fully understand and know the definition of what they do. Then there are even rarer people who are in fact the definition of what they do. Payton Jordan was the definition of Head Coach. Further, he was the definition of a Good Man. For the better part of ninety years God held

open a special place for Payton Jordan. Those of us he left behind do not feel deserted, but rather we feel blessed and fortunate to have had Payton with us for all too short a time before he went to higher ground.

Goodbye Payton,...God blessed us through you,
Brooks

**Leon Glover Jr., PhD (Master Official,
PAUSATF):**

Dad (Dr. Leon “Skip” Glover) had moved our family from Modesto – where we’d first started T&F wind measurements at the California Relays – to Palo Alto in the summer of 1955. Payton came to Stanford from Occidental in 1957 and served as track coach from 1957 to 1979. We’d been asked by George Newlon – head of officials at Stanford and for the Pacific Association – if we’d like help out at Stanford. Payton brought considerable excitement, organization and expertise to the Stanford Track and Field program, whose meets were then held in old Stanford Stadium in which he organized a series of major triangular meets with the best schools that drew audiences of over 20,000. Payton was very demanding of us as officials in those days, requiring a formal uniform of navy blue blazer, gray pants, black shoes, white shirt and tie.

He gave specific instructions to officials before each meet and demanded a “clean,” orderly infield without chatting officials. Above all he demanded and inspired the best from our officials group. Early on – as Stanford had no wind gauge – he bought us one of the relatively new Cantabrian “blue tube” wind gauges (designed for the 1948 London Olympics) for our use at Stanford. My Dad carefully designed and built a wooden box to carry and store the gauge. The gauge was only used at Stanford and a once yearly trip to Modesto for the California Relays. Pac 8 (10?) track was interesting and exciting. As others have noted Payton had the special skill and bearing to bring out the best in his athletes and officials.

Payton’s organizational talents came out when he was able to arrange and carry out the fantastic two-day USA-USSR dual meet at Stanford Stadium in 1962. The stadium was packed both days (ca.

155,000) as the enthusiastic audience followed the feats of world and Olympic champions on both sides – Cold War or not. I enjoyed watching from the stands while Dad did the wind measurement. Among Payton’s greatest accomplishments, though, was being chosen to coach the 1968 (Mexico City) Olympic team. Dad and I were both part of the officials crew for the Olympic Trials at 7200 feet above South Lake Tahoe. The special track was built along Highway 50 at Echo Summit among the trees at the bottom of a ski slope. Payton made sure all the many details over those ten days or so were very well prepared and communicated. In spite of that preparation he still had to deal with the “brush spikes” controversy, involving Adidas and Puma. It cost athletes a couple of world records. Interesting sights and sounds included seeing the 200-meter sprinters disappearing behind infield trees and then breaking onto the final straight and blast to the finish. Larry Quedstedt, one of Payton’s own from Stanford, made the team--I think a second. The hammer and discus had their moments when a few errant throws cracked off tall sugar pines. Others have written how the team – prepared here at South Lake Tahoe – went on to its great performance at Mexico City.

In later years Payton put his talent and committed strong training to good effect by competing in Masters sprints. One of his favorites was the special Masters 100 meter races Tom Moore staged at Modesto’s California Relays. Dad and I measured the winds on a number of Payton’s national and/or world record sprints. On one occasion he ran a record time then came over to get his wind reading. It was above the limit! So I had to tell this marvelous, competitive man that it was wind aided. Payton double checked the reading, turned to me and confidently stated, “I’ll get next time.” And – he did a few weeks later. He brought such skill, determination and class to the track and field world and he made us all better for having the opportunity to work with him. At the time of the first Payton Jordan Invitational at Stanford in 2004 I was able to get him to sign one of the reprint posters of his famous *Life Magazine* cover. Now it’s framed and hung on my wall. May he rest in peace.

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