# 2016 USATF *Pacific* Service Awardees

## Carl Bryant

Carl Bryant has been a member of the Pacific Association since 2003. Carl currently serves the association as an Official, Youth Vice Chair and, Head Coach of the Central Valley Roadrunners Youth Track and Field Club in Modesto.

Carl has coached high school track & field and basketball at Modesto Christian and Big Valley Christian High Schools in Modesto.

Carl previously served as co-meet director of the Youth portion of the Coca-Cola/S&W relays in Modesto. He is also founder/organizer and meet director of the Tom Moore Youth Classic Track and Field meet which has run for 11 years.

For the 2016 Junior Olympic Nationals in Sacramento, Carl had the privilege to serve as one of the Announcers.

You will usually find him officiating the long jump and triple jump at Association meets throughout the season.



#### **Phil Leake**

Phil's professional career in the area of Physical Activity and Wellness spans well over 25 years. Phil was first inspired as a runner and athlete by Dwight Stones ('72 Olympic Gold – High Jump) in his track and field tutoring clinics. Phil was a four-year high school letterman in Soccer, Track and Field and Cross Country, running mainly sprints and middle distance, specializing in the short and long hurdles races. Phil lettered at both LA Valley College and CSU Northridge. At CSU Northridge, Phil earned a Bachelor's Degree in Adapted Physical Education and a Master's Degree in Exercise Science. For the past 32 years, Phil has worked as a Clinical Exercise Physiologist/Specialist providing exercise testing, leadership and counseling as well preventative health and employee wellness program development services to individuals and corporations in the greater Sacramento area. He currently serves and has served on



several collegiate, state and professional advisory boards helping guide physical activity and wellness programs across California and the nation for the past 20 years. In addition, he has been apast president of the local Sacramento area Wellness Association. Phil has designed and helped construct several corporate fitness facilities in the Sacramento area, including gyms, running tracks, etc.

Phil has coached Youth Athletics for over 15 years, both in youth soccer and in track and field. Phil is a USATF Master Level Throws and Implement Inspector Official, officiating high school, collegiate, national and international meets for the past 15 years averaging 15-20 meets/year.

Phil's viewpoint is that as officials we should provide a fair judgment for all competitors and to act as ambassadors and promoters of our sport. In addition, officials should be promote recruitment of new officials, enhance mentoring of these new officials to facilitate movement to National and Master levels and to broaden the expertise of officials to all areas of officiating.

#### **Jennifer Oliver**

Jennifer Oliver is a National level Certified Official with Pacific Association.

For the past year she has served on the PA Youth Coaches Committee and created a survey questionnaire that was sent out to all youth coaches within PA. She has volunteered in the sport of track and field since 2004 when her youngest son started competing in track and field while in middle school. She has served as a Certified Official with PA-USATF for six years and also serves as Official's Coordinator for UC Berkeley Track & Field. This past summer Jennifer officiated horizontal jumps at the Youth Outdoor National Championships held in Clovis, CA, and officiated as an umpire at the Junior Olympics held at Sacramento State.

In addition to working in the field of Special Education at Castro Valley High School she also assists high school and community college student-athletes with their pathways to college through her nonprofit, SportsHopes.

Prior to serving as a Certified Official Jennifer trained in Tae Kwon Do for 15 years (4th degree blackbelt), instructed youth in Tae Kwon Do for 14 years, served as president of the local high school Athletic Boosters Board and has been a long time distance runner for many decades.



## Les Ong

Les Ong became the scorer of the Pacific Association Cross Country Grand Prix back in 2006 and for the last 11 years has produced both the team and individual scoring for over 140 races. Scoring a PA Grand Prix race is a complex task that requires many skills even when things are working as they should. When problems arise, as they always will in a system as full featured as ours, an even greater skill set is required. For the last 11 years Les has dealt with every issue with patience and a sense of humor while still efficiently posting scores for a Grand Prix that has a race almost every week. Simply put, even with all the great work done by the XC committee and the race directors, we could not have the PA Cross Country Grand Prix without Les Ong. Last year we had over 900 runners participate in our XC Grand Prix. We all owe Les a debt of gratitude.



### **Charlotte Sneed**

Charlotte has been involved in the Pacific Association youth programs since 2009. In that time she has served as a coach, master official, meet director and member of the Pacific Association Board of Athletics. She dedicates hundreds of hours each year in effort to maintain and improve the Cross Country and Track and Field programs for the Youth of the Pacific Association. Charlotte currently serves as the Pacific Association Youth Chairperson and  $2^{nd}$  Vice-President in addition to running her youth club, the Contra Costa Cheetahs.



#### **<u>Ieff Teeters</u>**

pausatf.org Webmaster Jeff, as a fellow running club member of Thom Trimble, combined with his Ph.D in computer science, was a natural fit for the PA's Website team. He joined Thom in the late 1990s and together they developed the software that streamlines the scoring of PA Grand Prix cross country and road racing events. This software is truly unique to the PA and a huge reason why these Grand Prix series are so successful. He also developed and continues to manage a software program that allows the membership database to be regularly updated, another program unique to the PA. Add to this, his computer technology skills that enable him to troubleshoot and solve Website problems, in order to keep pausatf.org downtime to a minimum.



#### **Thomas Vincent**

As self described on his twitter page, "Chef, puppet and all automation and configuration in between, recovering youth track coach, and open source contributor, most proud of just being a Dad", Tom joined the pausatf.org team in 2007 to assist with pausatf.org's technical design and development. Thom Trimble was "retiring" from his more time-consuming pausatf.org duties, so this addition was essential to the ever-expanding and continuously more complex site. Since then, Tom has tirelessly been the "go to guy" for website development, especially during the transition of the site to the WordPress platform in 2014. He continues to keep a watchful eye on the security of the site, better hosting options, and WordPress plugins that improve the site's functionality.

