

NATIONAL OFFICIALS AWARD

Each year, the officials' committee for each USATF association is urged to recognize the good work of some of its officials by recommending them to receive a NATIONAL OFFICIALS AWARD CERTIFICATE. The number of awards we can recommend is based our number of certified officials. This year we are pleased to recognize the good work of the following officials.



**Stephanie
Bolden**

Clerk



**Edith
Coleman**

Clerk



**Leon
Glover**

Wind Gauge



**Scott
Kostka**

Vertical Jumps



**Roger
Quimby**

Throws



**Dennis
Stroiney**

*Throws
Leica Measurement*

PACIFIC ASSOCIATION LEVEL AWARD

Each year, the officials' committee recognizes the good work of some of our younger officials by recommending them to receive a THE PACIFIC ASSOCIATION TRACK & FIELD OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD CERTIFICATE. We are not limited in the number of awards we can recommend, and this year we are pleased to recognize the good work of the following officials.



**MIKE
BAKER**

*High School
Referee, Starter,
and Clerk*



**GREG
BEALE**

*High School
Starter and
Vertical Jumps*



**CARL
BRYANT**

*Youth
Horizontal Jumps*



**MICHAEL
BREWER**

*High School
Throws*



**ANTHONY
DAVIS**

*High School
Starter*



**KEVIN
DEMPSEY**

*Kevin spreads his
time around all of
the field events.*



**CHRIS
HOUSTON**

*Youth
50% Track and
50% Field Events*



**JAMES
KELLY**

*Youth
Starter*



**JULIET
KELLY**

*Youth
Clerk*



**TOM
MCGUIRE**

*High School
Throws, Clerk, and
Competition Secretary*

MISSING FROM THE TRACK

Bob Shor's Obit from Santa Rosa Press Democrat, 08.14.17

Bob Shor, the man with the starting pistol at countless track meets, dies at 76

For decades at foot races throughout Sonoma County and much of Northern California, Bob Shor was the lanky, exacting guy with a stepladder beneath him and a starter's pistol raised above his head.

Typically, the battle-wounded Vietnam veteran and a lifelong believer in the myriad benefits of competitive running was the first person to arrive at the track or cross-country course and the last to leave.



Widely praised for positively influencing legions of young runners, Shor died of carcinoid tumors on August 9th at his Santa Rosa home. He was 76.

"Runners, on your mark!" he barked at the starting lines of as many as 100 running events a year. But before raising his blanks-loaded pistol, Shor always savored speaking with the student-athletes about how and where they needed to be and what they needed to do as their starting time approached.

The Brooklyn native and 41-year resident of Sonoma County thought it demonstrable that the life skills children learn from participation in track and field or cross-country are invaluable to other aspects of their lives.

Mark Drafton of the nonprofit Santa Rosa Express youth running club said Shor "liked to see kids set goals. He liked to see

them be persistent and to persevere through setbacks." Shor was a pillar of the club going back to 1987.

He told *Press Democrat* sports columnist Bob Padecky in 2011, "I can't tell you how many parents have come up to me over the years and thanked me. Their kids were more focused. Their kids were more disciplined. Their kids took responsibility for their actions."

"I can say without exaggeration that almost all of the kids who have gone through the Express have gone on to lead successful lives. That's why track is the greatest sport as far as I'm concerned. It teaches all those things."



As a teenager and young adult, Shor ran long-distance races at Great Neck High School on Long Island and at the Pennsylvania Military College. Upon graduation from military school, he became an Army officer and found he liked the precision and adherence to rules required by the armed services.

In 1963, said Shor's daughter, Adrienne Anila of the Sierra County town of Sattley, "He went to Vietnam on purpose." Americans were there then as advisors to the South Vietnamese in their war with the North.

In 1964, Shor was badly injured in a landmine explosion. He spent six months in treatment at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Maryland. He retired from the Army as a captain in 1966.

He worked most of his civilian career in sales and advertising. He sold ads for *The Eureka Times-Standard* and, in the late 1970s and early '80s, *The Press Democrat*. At the time of retirement in 2000, he was a salesman for Windsor Vineyards.

Retirement, said his wife of 37 years, Alix Shor, allowed him to concentrate more fully on “his real passion. That, 100 percent, was track and cross-country.”

As an expert among the region’s certified track-and-field officials, Bob Shor was familiar to generations of runners as their track meets’ no-nonsense, on-schedule starter and adjudicator of false starts. He also helped to coach track at Santa Rosa High School and was active in the Empire Runners Club.

Editor’s note: Bob was first certified in 1990, was a Master Level starter, a National Level High Jump official and a G1 LDR referee.

Mike Hammerquist, July 18, 2017

Known throughout the USATF, college, high school and youth circuit as a throws coach who cares, it was a sad day in history when it was discovered that **Mike**



Hammerquist’s spirit had fled this earth on Tuesday, July 18. While his earthly body may no longer be present with us at track & field meets, the many memories of a man who cared deeply for each and every athlete he trained will stay with us for many years to come.

As a die-hard 3M Track Club coach, Mike not only serviced the throws coach needs for his own club but he kindly spread his wealth of throwing knowledge to any youth athlete in need. As an active contributor to the Pacific Association (PA), USATF for nearly three decades he still

found time to train at local high schools in our area. Although his health was dramatically deteriorating in the last year, he still found the inner strength to continue in his most recent coaching stint at Berkeley High School through the 2017 season.

Mike also fulfilled roles on the PA youth Board of Athletics as the first ever Treasurer and then our Field Chairperson for several years. Mike contributed in so many ways it will be impossible to remember them all. We ask that you consider replying with a Mike story of your own. How did he touch your world?

In sport,

Joanne Camargo, Pacific Association
Past Youth Chair

Langdon “Chuck” Foss, November 22, 2016,
Monterey, CA, Published in *The Monterey Herald*
on Nov. 27, 2016

Langdon - who preferred to be called **Chuck - Foss** was born the elder of two brothers in Atlanta, GA. He grew up and attended schools in Georgia, New Mexico, and Northern California. During his years at the Woodside Priory in Portola Valley and later at Woodside High School he developed a lifelong interest in track and field events and eventually became a judge for the USA Track & Field Association.

In 2012 the Pacific Association Track and Field Officials Committee awarded him for outstanding service. [Ed. THE

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OUTSTANDING
SERVICE AWARD
CERTIFICATE.]

Moving to the
Monterey
Peninsula in 1981
Chuck worked for twenty years in outside



services at many of the local golf clubs. For the last ten years of his life, he has been employed by the Monterey County Weekly and The Monterey Herald. He was an enthusiastic member of CERT and of the Kiwanis, where in 2015 he was named "Kiwanian of the Year." Chuck is survived by his mother, Abby. He was preceded in death by his father, Jay, and younger brother, Robert.

Chuck was first certified in 1989 and was an Association Level throws official. According to Competition Secretary Jim Hume, *"When Chuck was the recorder, you could count on the results being easy to read."*

HEARD AT THE TRACK

OUR 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Pacific Association officials was hosted by the U. C. Davis track team in the *Bruce Edwards Club Room* in their football stadium. 74 officials answered the call.



Along with recognizing the good work of our officials, there was business to be conducted as there was a change in leadership as Mike Bower gave up his gavel as Chair and Phil Leake assumed the duties.

If you look on the last page, you will see all of our leadership listed in their proper places.



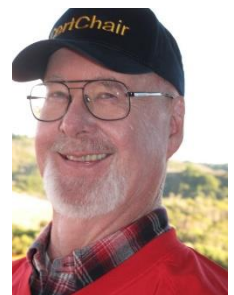
Why, Oh, Why, does outgoing Chair Mike Bower have such a large smile?



Awards Chair Leon Glover presented Mike with a memento of his service as our Chair.

THE CERTCHAIR'S REPORT...by Jim Hume

Every year there is turnover in the ranks of officials as we add new ones and some choose to retire. I'm not sure that a ReCertification year adds to this process.



Our current numbers show us with 262 certified officials and two rather permanent guests from other associations.

- ✓ We have **62 MASTER LEVEL** officials with seven new ones with our ReCert. A handful of officials are still in the process of an UpGrade to **Master Level**.

- ✓ We have **55 NATIONAL LEVEL** officials with 25 UpGrades with our ReCert.
- ✓ We have **81 Association Level** officials with 39 from 2017 UpGrades.
- ✓ We have **81 APPRENTICE LEVEL** officials and 38 of those are new in 2017.
- ✓ Eleven officials retired and claimed **EMERITUS** status.
- ✓ We have 231 officials with a Track & Field certification, 15 (6 new in 2017) with racewalk certification, and 42 with LDR certification.

In the middle of our ReCertification, USATF had to create a new database to handle officials. While their database does not do everything well, one part of the database which is working well is its checking your NCSI background check. If your NCSI background check expires, the USATF database no longer recognizes you as “certified.”

In the beginning, USATF created a database to handle background checked coaches. Hence, the NCSI reminder that your background clearance is about to expire may be an email from coaching@usatf.org. Please read and heed the following note which was in the official's newsletter.

Notes from the Desk of Our Chair

Don't Miss Renewing Your Background Check: The required Background Screens for officials are good for two years. That means that the Background Screens for some are expiring. You will receive email reminder 30-days before your screen expires. Be aware, however, that though it may come from "coaching@usatf.org" and may be addressed to "Coach" it still applies to officials. If your Background Screen expires, your certification becomes invalid, and it may cause you to be ineligible to apply for the 2018 championship meets. If you have questions about when your Background Screen is set to expire, contact your Association Certification Chair.

I am in the process of listing your NCSI expiration dates and will also be sending you

reminders.

OFFICIALS TRAINING IN 2018

The following information comes from **Bill Bartel's** Annual Meeting report and updated information.

While the Training Committee is interested in establishing the dates for our clinics and workshops, many of the folks involved are busy with the beginning of school.

What we know so far:

There will be certification clinics in the Sacramento Area and on the San Francisco Peninsula. The dates are undetermined.

Field event officials are expressing a good deal of interest in using computers during their events to record their results. There are two systems, **FieldLynx** and **Field Series Entry** by Craig Wilson of RedCap Timing. We will offer workshops for both systems. The workshops will guide you to meets where you can actually use these systems.

If you know of someone who would be interested becoming “certified” give them my e-mail address (jimhume@comcast.net) and I will add them to the list to receive the necessary information.

If you are interested in hosting a training session, please send an e-mail to Training Chair Bill Bartel at bbartel@sbcglobal.net.



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Bill Bartel

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