

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 Luppes
1999.....	Richard Zulaica
2000.....	Jim Hume
	Jim Wynn
2001.....	Bob Shor
	Rick Milam
2002.....	Bob Rauch
2003.....	Lori Maynard
	Sonny Maynard
2004.....	Gail Wetzkork
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 Petrucci
2004.....	Teddy Hayes
2005.....	Shirley Connors
	Margaret Sheehan
2006.....	John Murray
2007.....	Bill Hawkes
2008.....	John Shirey



Turns & Distances

Pacific Association Officials Committee

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The officials of the Pacific Association held our annual meeting on September 7th at UC Davis' Recreation Pool Lodge. **Jon and Deanne Vochatzer** and the UC Davis track team hosted our meeting as an expression of thanks for our work at their home meets.

The Annual Meeting has three purposes: First, our annual meeting fulfills requirements in our by-laws. Second, our annual meeting is an opportunity for officials to get together, talk with each other and eat without the need to run off to run an event. And, third, our annual meeting is an opportunity to publicly acknowledge the fine work our officials do by showering them with awards. Oh, and somewhere in there is fun and anticipation of the raffle drawing

The first two reasons for our annual meeting went quite well, the second part, the opportunity to socialize, not so much. We know that there were not enough officials present for there was food left over. Many of you missed a great opportunity this year...so plan ahead to attend next year.

Our top three awards are the Dick Barbour Award, the Horace Crow Award for field event officials and the George Newlon Award for track officials.

This year our top award, The Dick Barbour Award, went to **Dick Iwamiya**, a Master level starter, a National level Clerk of Course and Technical Manager and a computer guru at the finish line. Dick often has difficulty as to which motto to use, "Have pistol, will travel," or "Have computer, will travel."

The Horace Crow Award for field event officials was presented to **John Shirey**, a Master level official in both throwing and jumping events. John has worked numerous national meets and was selected to work the 2008 Olympic Trials.

The George Newlon Award for track officials was presented to **Jeannie White**, a Master level Clerk of Course, a National level marshal, and an association level official in the long throws and horizontal jumps, but Jeannie spends most of her time as a very active Clerk.



Dick Iwamiya received his Dick Barbour Award from Award Chair Dr. Leon Glover.

Credits this issue: Writing: **Bruce Colman, Jim Hume, Martha Brown, George Kleeman and Dick Connors**; Photography **Jim Hume and Shirley Connors**; compiling the 2009 Track & Field calendar, **Bill Hawkes**; desk top publishing by **Jim Hume**, editing by Bruce Colman and mailing by **Dick Connors**.

Along with these awards, National Track and Field Officials Committee “Ourstanding Service” certificates were presented to **Katherine Berman** (LDR), **Richard Berman** (LDR), **Derwent “Deri” Bowen** (throws), **Anthony Camargo** (Competition Secretary...which means he runs the computer at the finish line which generates heat sheets and results {often at Youth meets}), **Sue Murray**(throws) and **Ted Waldo** (throws and jumps).

Pacific Association Track and Field Officials Committee “Outstanding Service Award” certificates were presented to **Deanna Bower** (throws), **Maria Castillo** (PA Youth Committee’s officials chair), **Diego “Dino” Certa** (a starter), **James Hart** (throws and horizontal jumps), **John Pretto** (throws and high jump), **Roger Quimby** (throws), **Cherrie Sherrard** (throws), **Michael Shimansky** (starter and high jump), **Susan Siegel** (Clerk, horizontal jumps and high jump), **Allan Smith** (horizontal jumps and high jump) and **Karen Williams** (Clerk of Course and implement inspector).

We are unable to celebrate the officials in the last two categories with a glorious picture of them for so many of them were among the absent at the meeting. Maybe next year...

Heard at the track

- ❖ **PA Officials in the National Officials Hall of Fame**...At the Pacific Association Officials Executive Committee meeting on September 28th, **Chairman Colman** extended the committee’s congratulations to **George Kleeman** and to the late **Lori Maynard** for their election to the USATF National Officials Hall of Fame. Their induction will take place on December 5, 2008 at the National Convention of USATF in Reno, Nevada
- ❖ **Bruce Colman to pass the baton**...During the annual meeting, current Officials Chairman **Bruce Colman** announced that he does not intend to run for reelection to the position when his term expires in 2009. “Time to go back to putting up vertical-jump bars and chasing implements,” he says, “it’s been an honor.”
- ❖ **Boyle Appointed**...Dennis Boyle is heading up the nominating committee for PA officials’ next round of elections, to be held during the summer of 2009. His committee will be in touch with everyone, but to nominate someone or volunteer to run yourself, contact Dennis at 530-547-5131.
- ❖ **2009 PA/USATF Master Calendar**...Enclosed in this issue you will find the 2009 Master Calendar for track and field clinics and meets in the Pacific Association. Official **Bill Hawkes** has put a great deal of time and effort into this document and deserves a pat on the back from his fellow officials. He also welcomes additions and corrections before this calendar is posted on the website. Great job Bill!!!
- ❖ A second enclosure in this issue is the 2009 clinic schedule for the Pacific Association Officials. Every official must be recertified every Olympiad. If qualified, based on experience and length of service, you are encouraged to upgrade to the next level competency. All of the recertification classes will be group participation sessions. At the various sites for recertification new officials clinics will be held as well as selected subject sessions. **Jim Hume, Shirley Connors, Dennis Boyle and George Kleeman** have to be thanked for putting the schedule together and securing the clinic sites. Please follow the directions included to register for the clinics on line.
- ❖ **A Big Change, The California International Relays** (formerly known as the Modesto Relays) is moving to Sacramento, after being held on the campus of Modesto Junior College for 67 years. The principal reason for the change of sites is the lack of community support in the Modesto area. The 2008 meet in Modesto was the most poorly attended meet in the competition’s long history. Meet management and the main sponsor Save Mart Stores have



Then it was time for John Shirey to receive the Horace Crow Special Recognition Award-Field for field event officials.



Then it was Jeannie White's turn to visit Dr. Glover. Jeannie received the George Newlon Special Recognition Award-Track which is usually given to track officials.

decided to move the meet to the campus of Sacramento State University. The meet will be held on May 9, 2009 in Hornet Stadium.

❖ Coaching Changes

- **Drew Wartenburg** is UC Davis's new cross country/distance coach.
- **Edrick Floreal** announced three new coaches at Stanford: **Jason Dunn** is the new cross country and distance coach; he comes to The Farm from the University of Virginia; **Andrew Ninow** is the new throws coach. He's a Sacramento native who threw for Art Venegas at UCLA and most recently coached at University of San Francisco; **Kyle White** will coach sprints and hurdles and comes to Stanford from the University of Arkansas.
- **Mike Buncic**, retired discus great, is now head coach at Wilcox High School in Santa Clara; and **JJ Noble**, late of Hartnell, is an assistant coach at DeAnza College. Both are certified officials within the Pacific Association.
- The new head coach at **Fresno State** is **Scott Winsor**, who moves to the Central Valley from Notre Dame University—yes, that one, with the football team.
- **Chris Huffins**, decathlon Olympian and former head coach at Cal, is now an assistant coach at Boise State.
- **Robert Weir Appointed as British National Coach**...On October 10, it was announced in London, England, that former Stanford men's track and field coach **Robert Weir** had been appointed to heavy throws coach for the British team leading up to the 2012 Olympics Games. Coach Weir had a long career as a thrower and was a double Commonwealth Games champion in the hammer in 1982 and the discus in 1998. Robert will base his training program in Birmingham. Good luck Robert!!!

Missing From The Track

Lorri Coppola, retired teacher who joined Olympic torch relay, dies at 68....by Jim Staats

This article appeared in slightly different form in *The Marin Independent Journal*, 10/15/08.

Lorri Coppola, a retired San Rafael schoolteacher who participated in this year's Olympic torch relay to shed light on Lou Gehrig's disease, died October 11, after a three year battle with the disease.

A longtime teacher at Davidson Middle School, where she taught physical education and coached several teams, Miss Coppola dedicated the last years of her life to raising awareness of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, the crippling ailment known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

She remained active even though the illness took away her ability to speak and required a feeding tube attached to her stomach.

Miss Coppola, who had competed internationally in masters race-walking, achieved an athletic highlight in April as one of 80 individuals selected to carry the torch for the Beijing Olympics through a chaotic relay leg in San Francisco.

"That was an absolute dream come true for her," said her niece, Lorri Caffrey of Cedar Grove, N.J.

San Rafael resident Pauline Ancell, part of a close-knit group of Miss Coppola's friends, said of her friend's tireless efforts to combat the disease, "she said since she had it, she's going to try to fight it for the next generation."

Born March 11, 1940, in Brooklyn N.Y., Miss Coppola earned a bachelor's degree from Sargent College at Boston University and a master's degree in science and education from the State University of New York at Cortland in 1967.

Miss Coppola is survived by her twin brother, Jim Coppola, of North Port, Florida; three nieces and a nephew. Friends and family request donations be made in her honor to the ALS Association Greater Bay Area Chapter, 565 Commercial St., 2nd floor, San Francisco, CA 94111



Lorri Coppola

Editors note: Lorri was a very active national level official in our association who worked the Cal all-comers as well as the varsity meets at the University of California. She also traveled down the peninsula to Stanford where she was one of the top horizontal jumps officials in the association. Lorri was also one of the great hosts in helping us stage our annual officials meetings. She had excellent organizational skills and a great taste in foods

for the annual gatherings. We as an Association are going to miss the skills of Lorri on the track as well as in our social gatherings. —R.J.C.

Dr. Charles Harmon “Doc” Brown...1930 – 2008 by Martha Brown



Dr. Charles Harmon Brown

Charles Harmon “Doc” Brown of San Mateo, California, died November 11 after a brief battle with cancer.

Brown was born in Washington, D.C. and moved to Anna Maria Island in Florida as a young boy. He returned to Washington to attend high school and graduated from McKinley Tech High as a National Honor Society member and an accomplished sprint hurdler.

He attended Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania on an academic scholarship, where he graduated Cum Laude with a B.A. in Chemistry in 1952. There he continued his sprint hurdling career, winning four conference individual championship titles and setting school records in both the 120-yard high hurdles and 220-yard low hurdles.

Following college, Brown attended George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, DC, where he met his first wife Margaret Lucille “Betty” Lambert, one of four women in their medical school class. After graduation in 1956 they married and moved to Atlanta, where Brown was an intern, resident, and chief resident of Internal Medicine at Emory University Hospital.

Drafted into the Navy in 1961, Brown was transferred to the West Coast, where he became a Lt. Commander at the US Naval Radiological Defense Lab in San Francisco. He also joined the staff of the UC San Francisco School of Medicine, a connection he maintained until his illness this year. Following his naval service, Brown took a position at the VA Hospital in Livermore, and eventually moved on to direct Student Health Services at Cal State University Hayward, retiring in 1990 but remaining active as a consultant. Along with his specialty in Internal Medicine he was also in the first class of board-certified specialists in Sports Medicine.

An early advocate of women’s track and field, Brown began coaching in 1953 and went on to coach at the club, school, collegiate and national levels, primarily focused on the throwing events with several regional and national champions, and three Olympians. Locally, he coached the Millbrae Lions from 1962–1974, Cal State Hayward from 1974–1992, and San Francisco State until 2008. He was named team coach to ten US National Teams, including the Pan American Games team in 1967 in Winnipeg, the Goodwill Games team in 1986 in Moscow, and the 1976 US Olympic Team in Montreal, as well as the 1975 team that competed in China — one of the first and at that point the largest contingent of US athletes to make a “goodwill tour” of the country. In 1984 “Doc” was a throws official at the Olympic Games.

Along with his coaching duties, Brown was a fixture at track and field and cross country meets, and at road races in California and throughout the world, serving as an official, physician, and drug-testing coordinator. He was the US team’s physician at the 1982 Pan Am Games in Venezuela, the 1985 World Cup in Canberra, Australia, the 1987 World Championship in Rome, and the 1991 World Championship in Tokyo. “Doc” was the IAAF’s top doctor at the 1995 Worlds in Edmonton, Canada.

Brown did some of the earliest work on the effects of distance running and strength training on women to demonstrate women’s physiological and performance capacity—in part to dispel existing beliefs that women would somehow sustain “harm” by running more than 800 meters or taking part in a weight training regime.

He also conducted pioneering research on the effects of the menstrual cycle on women’s athletic performance. In addition to publishing articles in scientific journals, he edited *The Menstrual Cycle and Physical Activity* (Human Kinetics Publishers, 1986) and coauthored *Sport Science Perspectives for Women* (Human Kinetics Publishers, 1988), which arose from a symposium sponsored by the U.S. Olympic Committee Sports Medicine Council at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

“Doc” worked tirelessly to support and expand scientific research to help athletes, coaches, trainers, and sports medicine physicians. He chaired the Sports Sciences and Sports Medicine Committee of USA Track and Field (USATF), and served from 1985–2007 as a member of the International Amateur Athletic Federation’s (IAAF’s) Science and Anti-Doping Commission, as well as chairing IAAF’s Education Subcommittee. Through his efforts with USATF and the IAAF he developed and taught education programs for medical personnel and coaches worldwide in order to better support track and field athletes and distance runners. An expert in performance enhancing drugs and drug testing, he recently helped the Ladies Professional Golf Association develop its drug-testing policy.

Brown received a number of awards for his work as a coach, official, administrator, and researcher, including the Joseph Robichaux Memorial Award from USATF for his contributions to women's track and field (1983); the Dick Barbour Meritorious Service Award from the Pacific Association of USATF (1989); the Robert Giegengack Award from USA Track and Field for contributions to the sport (1995); the Tom Moore Lifetime Service Award from the Pacific Association of USATF (2004); the IAAF Veteran Pin for meritorious service to the cause of world athletes (2007); and the Heliodoro and Pat Rico Lifetime Achievement Award from USATF (2008).

Harmon Brown died surrounded by his loving family and close friends. He is survived by his wife Eula Love "Lovie" Merrihew Brown; brother William Tenney Brown and sister-in-law Judy Brown; daughter Martha Brown and son-in-law Breck Tyler; son Charles Brown, daughter-in-law Zephyr Brown, grandson Isaac Brown, granddaughter Gabrielle Brown Wing and her mother Sydney Wing; cherished friend Susi Lavanita Katoa; along with countless friends around the world. He will always be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather, supportive coach and mentor, dedicated physician and scientist, and generous friend.

The family prefers memorial gifts be sent to the C. Harmon Brown Memorial Fund, USA Track & Field, 132 E. Washington St., Suite 800, Indianapolis, IN 46204; the Hillsdale United Methodist Church, 303 W. 36th Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403; or to a favorite charity. A memorial service will take place at Hillsdale United Methodist Church, 303 W. 36th Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403, on Saturday, December 13 at 1 p.m.

Brooks Johnson wrote this: *Harmon is indeed a very special person and up until very recently was on High Performance Division conference calls.*

Even when he had great difficulty doing so, in his grave and weakened condition, he still managed to shoot off e-mails to me and others involved in what he was deeply involved in.

*Harmon went to McKinley Tech High School in Washington, D.C., where he was a high hurdler. From there he went on to Lehigh University. After Lehigh, medical school beckoned. I first met him when he was assisting **Ed Parker** at the Millbrae Lions. In 1960 the youngest member of the U.S. Olympic Team came from Millbrae. She is currently known as **Pat Connolly**. He later served many years as the doctor for the student infirmary at Cal State University - Hayward. He also served as the javelin coach there as well. But his first and abiding love was science. He was one of the first, along with **Dr Bert Lyle**, to emphasize the contribution that pure and real science could make to track and field. Just about everything we do today that is science based can be traced back to his efforts and initiatives. He has served USATF very well on the science side and was a prominent and productive member of the IAAF science community.*

Over the almost five decades we have known each other, we often disagreed, but the common and mitigating thread was the mutual respect we held for each other based upon the passion and respect we have for the sport. This allowed for us to work together even in the most stressful of times. I have personally gained a great deal from my association with Harmon. It is always the case, that when you associate with fine people like Harmon, you always come away having got much more than you gave. So I, like so many others, am greatly indebted to Harmon, as is the sport of track and field. A down payment on that debt would be an offering of real and heartfelt prayers for him.

Bill Roe (the USATF president) wrote this: *I learned a few weeks back that Dr. Harmon Brown had cancer, and was being treated extensively. He asked through Dr. Bob Adams that he be replaced on the Sports Science Subcommittee as chair.*

It saddens me to relate to you all that it is unlikely that we will see Doc Brown in Reno. Harmon was sent home last week from the hospital to be under hospice care at home, and be made as comfortable as possible. His family is there with him, and the cancer is very aggressive.

*I write primarily to let you know that earlier this month, Pat Rico, Doug Logan, and I met to discuss this year's recipient of the **Patricia and Heliodoro Rico Lifetime Achievement Award**. We usually keep this a secret and surprise the winner at the Jesse Owens / Hall of Fame Induction Banquet. We have informed Harmon through his family that he is the recipient this year. We wanted him to know, and I thought you should all know as well.*

One of the people in our sport for whom the term "gentleman" is an understatement.

BC rants...by Bruce Colman: They also serve who....

The summer issue of *Turns and Distances* was heavy on reports from the national-level championship meets: NCAA Division I and the Olympic Team Trials.

We honor the PA officials who worked these meets. We're sure they had wonderful experiences. We're proud of them.

But let's remember that being selected for--or invited to--national championship meets is not the only valid career path for the certified official. It's not the only measure of an official's value.

Fewer than 15% of our members actually did work such meets in 2008. Only a dozen or so of the 41 national- and master-level PA officials who applied to work the four USATF championships were selected. Some very good people were left off.

Your Chair would say: sometimes we do our best work at the more-local events, when we're part of a two-or three-person crew, or working an event alone, with a couple of volunteers--at a high school meet, a JC meet or club or collegiate event.

Sometimes, we have the most fun there, too. A D-I vaulter going 17 feet for the first time, a JC vaulter trying 13 feet for the first time--these can be thrilling moments. A group of high school athletes, putting the shot in their first competition; a flight of Bantam sprinters, coming to the line for the first time--we may do our best work when we run their events safely and fairly.

Our PA officials' ethics statement says, "Approach each of your meets as if it were the most important meet of the year – for the athlete(s) it may be."

That's what it's about for most of us.

Going to the USA Track and Field Convention

This year the national convention of USATF will be held at the Silver Legacy hotel in downtown Reno, Nevada. The dates for the convention are December 3-7, 2008.

This year's convention will probably be the most important meeting the organization has held since its founding in 1976 following the breakup of the old Amateur Athletics Union (AAU).

The United States Olympic Committee, which USATF is a dependent member of, has mandated that USATF restructure its entire organization to become more effective and free from conflicts of interest among its board members.

For the past six months the internet has been abuzz with proposals and counter-proposals and speculation as to what changes the membership will be asked to vote on in the general sessions in Reno. Also, because it is the start of a new Olympiad it is an election year for most USATF elective offices and almost all committee officers.

Our Pacific Association has the largest number of registered members in USATF in the nation. Therefore we are a key voting delegation for any candidate seeking election or for the passing of legislation and the restructuring of the organization.

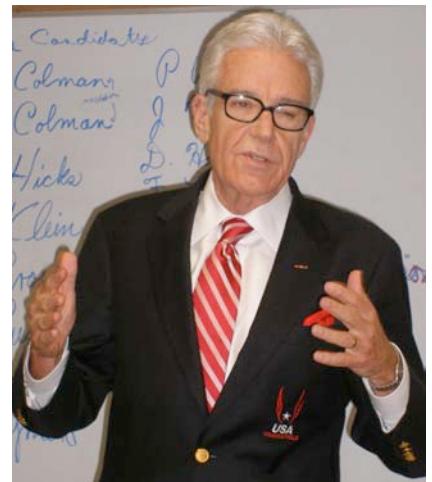
Our 5,500 plus members give us seventeen votes in the general assembly. Those people representing the Pacific Association in Reno and voting will be: **Jerry Colman** – Pacific Association President, **Fred Baer** – Women's Track and Field, **Al Hernandez** – Men's Track and Field, **Art Klein** – Race Walk, **Dave Shrock** – Coaches, **Mark Winitz** – Women's Long Distance Running, **Lloyd Stephenson** – Men's Long Distance Running, **Joy Upshaw Margerum** – Master's Track and Field, **Joanne Camargo** – Youth, **Bruce Colman** – Officials, and **Kim Kreiner** – Athletes. At large delegates elected by the Board of Athletics are **Bob Podkaminer** (delegation chair), **George Kleeman**, **Maura Kent**, **Darrell Hampton**, **John Murray**, and **Dick Connors**.

At the committee level the National Officials Committee will also be holding elections. This year a new chairman will be elected as well as a new Secretary and vice chairs of training and rules. Again, because we have over three hundred certified officials, we will be entitled to four votes on the committee. Those individuals representing the Pacific officials are: **Jim Hume**, Certification Chairman; **Bruce Colman**, PA chair of officials, **John Murray** and **Rick Milam**. Also voting in the official's committee elections will be **Bob Podkaminer** and **George Kleeman** as sub-committee chairmen and **Dick Connors** as an at-large delegate elected four years ago.

The main business of the National Officials Committee, other than the elections, will be adjusting and adopting guide lines for the certification of electronic measurement officials and the acceptance of the new national officials' liability insurance for the membership. Other activities for the committee members will be six clinic sessions designed to assist association certification chairs with better techniques in training their local members.

Other matters to be dealt with in Reno include:

- ❖ **Bob Bowman**, former Pacific Association President and now a resident of the Seattle area is a candidate for president of USATF. **Dee Jensen**, a senior official from the Dakotas, known around here for her refereeing at national-level meets, is also running, as is **Stephanie Hightower**. The election will take place at the convention.
- ❖ **The Pacific Association USATF Youth Committee** is currently bidding on the 2010 National Junior Olympics Championship. The committee has selected Sacramento State as the venue. The bid will be awarded at the USATF Convention. As of this writing the Pacific Association's bid for 2010 is the only one on record at the national office.



New USATF CEO **Doug Logan** visited the Pacific Association in October as he addressed the Board of Athletics meeting in Foster City

Certification Chair Jim Hume Talks About Recertification

All currently certified officials at the Association, National and Master levels need to be recertified for the 2009-2012 Olympiad. You need to take only one rules review for your basic recertification. In order to add a specialty skill, you will need an additional clinic, as I explain later. Everyone needs to take a Track & Field rules review EXCEPT for LDR and Race Walk officials.

Note #1...you are not limited to working only those events which are listed on your card.

You are encouraged to explore other events, BUT the events listed on your card are the events in which you have the most experience, as your resume will demonstrate.

Note #2...Our event groups are important because most officials are certified within a

narrow range of event group(s) and event(s). You need to place limits on yourself when you select the events in which you wish to be ReCertified. It is true that

someone like **George Kleeman** is an Association Level official in one event, National in three and Master in 19, but it has taken George years to accumulate all that knowledge. He is also an ITO (International Technical Official) and was invited to work at the Olympics in Beijing



Jim Hume

Field Events	Track Events	Specialty Skills
Chief Field Judge		
Throws		
Shot Put	Starter	Inspector of Implements
Discus	Clerk of Course	Technical Manager
Javelin	Finish Line Coordinator	Combined Event Coordinator
Hammer/Weight Throw	Finish Line Judge	Technology Related Skills
	Finish Line Timer	Fully Automatic Timing (FinishLynx)
Horizontal Jumps	Umpire	Electronic recording (within the PA, that means FieldLynx)
Long Jump	Lap Scorer	Electronic measurement (within the PA, that means LaserLynx)
Triple Jump	Marshall	Competition Secretary (computer generated paperwork)
Vertical Jumps	Wind Gauge Operator	
High Jump		
Pole Vault		
Race Walk		
Long Distance Running and Cross Country		
Athletics for the Disabled		
Referees for Track, Field, Combined Events, Race Walk and LDR		

Association Level Track & Field ReCert...Let us discuss what is needed for you to become ReCertified as an Association Level Track & Field official within the Pacific Association.

1st...It is decision time for you are not going to be ReCertified as an Association Level official in a large number of events. Your experience will indicate what event group you usually work, and what events you work. *For example, you may work the throws, but within that event group you may usually work the shot and discus but never have worked the javelin or hammer.*

2nd...While you were working these meets, you needed to keep a resume of your work. A resume might look like this.

Date	Meet	Location	Event	Job	Event Head
3/1/08	Aggie Opener	UC Davis	Javelin	Mark in field	Kleeman

3rd...You need to take an Association Level Rules ReCert clinic. At that clinic, you will fill out all the paperwork necessary for your recertification. **Bring your own rule books!**

4th...You must maintain your USATF membership.

5th...Each Olympiad you need to Recertify with another Association Level Rules Review, fill out the appropriate paperwork and maintain your USATF membership on a yearly basis.

Officials at the National and Master level are invited by the National Officials Committee to apply to officiate at USATF national meets. The selection committee will look at the quality of meets you have worked, and if you have traveled to work meets outside your Association. As that time approaches, talk to one of our officials who has worked meets outside the Pacific Association.

National Level Track & Field ReCert/Certification... If you are already a National Level Official, you need to take the **National Level ReCert Clinic**.

- ❖ Let us discuss what is needed for you to advance from being an Association Level T&F official to becoming a National Level T&F official.

1st...It is decision time for you are not going to become a National Level official in a large number of events...at least not at the beginning. You need two or more years as an Association Level official...whatever it takes to garner the experience from approximately 20 meets which emphasize the event group(s) in which you specialize. As you close in on your 20 meets, some of these meets need to be large invitational or championship meets.

2nd...While you were working these meets, you needed to keep a resume of your work. A resume might look like this:

Date	Meet	Location	Event	Job	Event Head
3/1/08	Aggie Opener	UC Davis	Discus	Call ring fouls	Kleeman

3rd...You need to take a "Head of Events" clinic for as a National Level Official you will sometimes be expected to be the head of the event.

4th...You need to take a National Level Rules Review advancement clinic. At that clinic, you will fill out all the paperwork necessary for your advancement.

5th...You must maintain your USATF membership.

6th...Each Olympiad you need to Recertify with another National Level Rules Review, fill out the appropriate paperwork and maintain your USATF membership on a yearly basis.

Master Level Track & Field ReCert/Certification... If you are already a Master Level Official, you need to take the **Master Level ReCert Clinic**.

- ❖ Let us discuss what is needed for you to advance from being a National Level official to becoming a Master Level official.

1st...It is decision time for you are not going to become a Master Level official in a large number of events...at least not at the beginning. You need three or more years as a National Level official...and the experience from approximately 30 more meets. As you close in on your 30 meets, a number of these meets need to be large invitational or championship meets. Given the number of large meets hosted within the Pacific Association, this should be easy.

2nd...While you were working these meets, you needed to keep a resume of your work. A resume might look like this:

Date	Meet	Location	Event	Job	Event Head
3/1/08	Aggie Opener	UC Davis	Shot put	Head of Event	me

3rd...You should consider retaking the "Head of Events" clinic for as a Master Level Official you will often be expected to be the head of the event.

4th...You need to take a Master Level Rules Review advancement clinic. At that clinic, you will fill out all the paperwork necessary for your advancement.

5th...You must maintain your USATF membership.

6th...Each Olympiad you need to ReCertify with another Master Level Rules Review, fill out the appropriate paperwork and maintain your USATF membership on a yearly basis.

Do you want to become a referee? “We need you,” says George Kleeman!

We need more officials to step up to become certified as referees. We have only 17.

Both the median and the average age of PA officials currently certified as referees is 67 with a range from 46 to 79.

We need to get younger and we need more referees in every discipline.

Level/ Discipline	Track	Field	LDR/XC	RW	Combined	Individuals
Master	4	2	2	0	2	6
National	3	7	3	0	3	10

I know there are a few more who have been working as referees but are not currently certified as such.

As a referee you will be in overall charge of the meet and in particular the officials. At most meets since we normally have an officials’ coordinator your role is more technical, dealing with rule interpretations and situations not covered explicitly in the rule book.

Thus refereeing does require someone who is observant, calm under pressure, knowledgeable of the rules--and non combative.

Much of the time you are a coordinator, balancing workloads and pushing paper.

It is your role to make sure the field measurements and placings are correct when the results are turned in and that the seeding and places are correct on races, and assign heads and umpires unless there is a head umpire and to pass judgment on any potential disqualifications.

In many meets as referee you won’t have any protests but in any meet you can help avoid problems by being observant and by being proactive.

Training opportunities

Many of us old timers became referees because we were good track, field, LDR, XC or RW officials. Not many of us got any training per se; we learned by trial and error. Not always the best way.

Consequently we are scheduling training clinics in each of the refereeing areas, including Combined Events, and will provide mentoring at meets so that you can learn without feeling overwhelmed.

Certification

What is required? You must be at least a national level official and preferably a master level official in several disciplines related to your refereeing area of interest (i.e. Track, Field, LDR/XC, Combined Events or RW) with an interest in taking on more responsibility. The wider the background you have the better to handle situations that might occur in various facets of the competition. If interested, contact your certification chair jimhume.certchair@sbcglobal.net, George Kleeman at george_kleeman@comcast.net or your chair (chairbc@earthlink.net)for more information so that we can get you trained, mentored and certified.

Referee ReCert/Certification...There are two levels of referees within USATF officialdom. There are referees within the Pacific Association, and referees at the national level **Let us discuss how to become a referee within the Pacific Association.**

1st...You need to already be a National or Master level official who has taken the appropriate ReCertification clinic.

2nd...You need to take the National (or Master when the time comes) Level Referee Certification Clinic. At that clinic, you will fill out all the paperwork necessary for your advancement.

3rd...You need to have worked as a referee under the supervision of a referee, and have that one’s recommendation for you to be certified as a referee.

4th...While you are working these meets, you need to keep a resume of your work. A resume might look like this:

Date	Meet	Location	Event	Job	Event Head
3/1/08	Aggie Opener	UC Davis	Javelin	Mark in field	Kleeman

5th...You must maintain your USATF membership.

6th...Each Olympiad you need to ReCertify with the appropriate rules review/exam, fill out the appropriate paperwork and maintain your USATF membership.

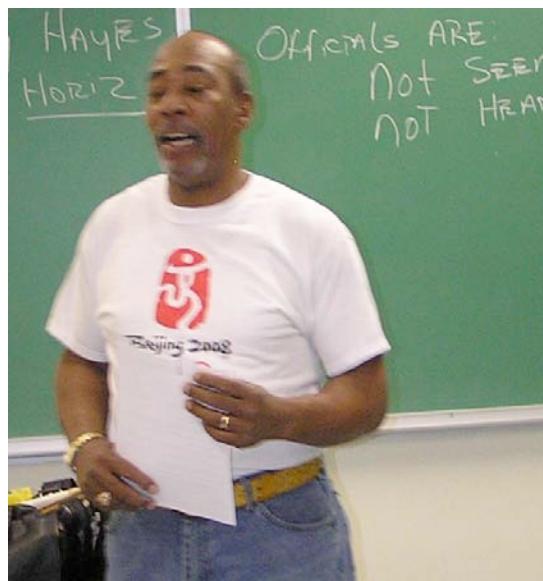
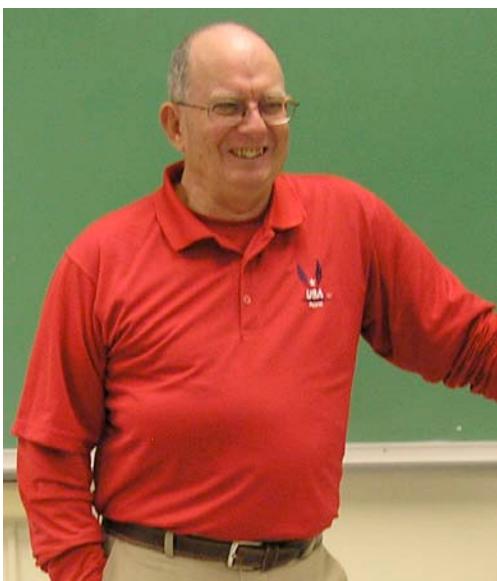
To become a referee at the national level, you need to contact **Jim Skelly** at (jskell@cox.net) after you have some experience as a referee within the Pacific Association.

LDR (Long Distance Running and Cross Country) ReCert/Certification...LDR certification and ReCertification is under the guidance of the LDR Committee. See the schedule for when these clinics are scheduled. Contact LDR Officials Coordinator **Mark Winitz** (winitz@earthlink.net) for any questions you might have.

Race Walk ReCert/Certification...Race Walk certification and ReCertification is under the guidance of the Race Walk Committee. See the schedule for when these clinics are scheduled. Contact Race Walk Chair **Art Klein** (kleinwalk@comcast.net) for any questions you might have.

Specialty certifications on your official's card...and how to get there:

- **Wind Gage**...Work with Dr. Leon Glover at a meet and demonstrate that you know how to use the wind gage and record the necessary information.
- **Inspector of Implements**...formerly known as Weights & Measures (W&M)...attend the scheduled clinic and satisfy clinic leader **Phil Watkins** that you are qualified as an Inspector of Implements.. He will determine at what level.
- **Technical Manager**...attend the scheduled clinic and satisfy clinic leader **George Kleeman** that you are qualified as a Technical Manager. He will determine at what level.
- **Combined Events Coordinator**...attend the scheduled clinic and satisfy clinic leader **Pat Randall** that you are qualified as a Combined Event Coordinator. He will determine at what level.
- **FieldLynx**...attend a classroom clinic and/or demonstrate at a meet to **Jim Hume** that you can use FieldLynx to record results.
- **LaserLynx**...attend a clinic on setting up the laser and demonstrate at a meet that you can use LaserLynx to measure long throws.
- **FIELD REFEREE, association level**...attend the scheduled clinic and satisfy clinic leader **Bob Podkaminer** that you are qualified as a Field Referee. He will determine at what level.
- **TRACK REFEREE, association level**...attend the scheduled clinic and satisfy clinic leader **Bob Podkaminer** that you are qualified as a Track Referee. He will determine at what level.
- **COMBINED EVENT Referee, association level**...attend the scheduled clinic and satisfy clinic leader **Bob Podkaminer** that you are qualified as a Combined Event Referee. He will determine at what level.
- **LDR Referee** Association level.....attend the scheduled clinic and satisfy those appointed by the LDR committee that you are qualified as an LDR Referee. He will determine at what level.
- **Race Walk Referee** Association level...attend the scheduled clinic and satisfy the race walk committee that you are qualified as a Race Walk Referee. They will determine at what level.



Come to an official's clinic and join instructors **Joe Harper**, **Teddy Hayes** and **Irene Herman**. The clinics must be fun for everyone is smiling!
Now...about signing-up for your 2009 Pacific Association Clinics for Officials

Last year we moved to online registration for clinics and the ordering of rulebooks. This should save both you and me some time. It allows you 24/7 access to these services and it saves us money. We will still take offline registrations and orders but encourage you to use the online system if at all possible. At the same time you are at the website you can renew your Pacific Association membership for 2009. ***Remember: to be covered by our officials' liability policy you must be certified for the 2009-2012 Olympiad as well as a 2009 member of Pacific Association.***

Following my letter is the 2009 Officials Clinic Schedule which includes the fee schedule and step by step instructions on how to register for this year's clinics, order rulebooks and renew your membership on line at the PA website, www.pausatf.org. Your use of this on line service will greatly facilitate the registration process, simplify the accounting and paperwork required while making sure we get all the needed information correctly. Likewise it will ensure that you will be the first to get a copy of any handouts when you attend your clinic.



George Kleeman

Those that **register** on line or by mail **after the deadline** for clinics, which is the Wednesday before the weekend the clinic will be held, or at the clinic site itself, **will be charged a \$10 per clinic late fee** in addition to the normal clinic fee. ***Your by-mail registration must be received in Wednesday's mail to be considered on time.*** Late signups make it difficult for clinicians to know their audience and adequately prepare their presentations and it causes difficulties for the clinic management staff.

When you register on line you will also be able to purchase your rulebooks. If you want to do it offline then you will have to send a separate check to **Jay Abbott** at 361 Ross Way., Sacramento, CA 95864, e-mail ja@jhu.edu, who will be handling books sales this year. You can pick them up from Jay at the registration and check in area for the clinic you are attending. Alternatively, you may have Jay mail them to you. The IAAF, NCAA and NFHS rulebooks (officials and case books also) will be available for mailing after the middle of December or the first clinic in January.

There will be a limited number of books for sale at clinics but if you want to guarantee you get the rulebooks you want, you need to preorder them now on line. **Note: The clinic fee for the *Introduction to T&F Officiating class includes the books you need.*** Our extra books will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Those that order them early will be sure of getting them. Once the extra books are gone you will have to order them yourselves with the added handling costs. If you want to order them yourself, the appropriate emails and addresses are available on both the National Officials web-site at <http://www.usatofficials.com/rules.html> and on the PA web-site at www.pausatf.org.

Finally you can also renew your membership for 2009 on line at the website. Many of you did this last year. The advantage is that you get your membership number immediately and we know that you are covered by the insurance for non-USATF officiating activities. Likewise you will have it to put on your clinic registration form. When you renew please send an email or note to Jim Hume at jimhume.certchair@sbcglobal.net or 1561-B Marina Court, San Mateo, CA 94403 so that he can keep up the current membership list. ***To be a certified official in the Pacific Association you need to be a member of the Pacific Association USATF in some capacity.*** If you are not already a member as an athlete, coach or official, you will need to join. The yearly membership fee is \$29.95. On-line, USATF offers discounts for multi year memberships.

This issue also includes forms to register for the 2009 clinics and/or order rulebooks offline by mail in case you don't feel comfortable with internet commerce. However, we would like to minimize this as much as possible since it is extremely time consuming. If you register by mail, if you have any questions or wish further information, like maps to the clinic locations, please send your name and the request to me preferably by email at george_kleeman@comcast.net or snail mail me at 5104 Alhambra Valley Road, Martinez, CA 94553-9773.

Note: All clinics are subject to cancellation if less than 5 attendees preregister by the Wednesday before the clinic. Registered attendees will be notified in case of any cancellation. Go to www.pausatf.org and then officials and clinics for the latest schedule updates and notice of any cancellations as of the Wednesday before the scheduled clinic date.

Yours in track,

George Kleeman

George Kleeman, Training Chair, Pacific Association USATF

2009 PA/USATF Clinic Information

For all clinics, if appropriate, you should bring your resume and your 2009 USATF membership number...or your check book

➤ 7 December 2008 at Reno, Nevada

University of Nevada Reno National/Masters Recertification

- **(Price: free)**
- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Participants should bring their own rule books.

{National and Master ReCertification and certification candidates should e-mail Certification Chair Jim Hume at jimhume.certchair@sbcglobal.net to get a copy of the rules review. You are expected to complete your review before the clinic so that the clinic time may be used to discuss your answers and complete the necessary paperwork.}

Association-level Recertification

- **(Price: free)**
- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Participants should bring their own rule books.

Introduction to Track & Field Officiating

- **(Price: \$35...includes High school, NCAA and USATF Rule Books)**
- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Morning: philosophy, safety, preparation, and track events (clerk, starting, umpiring, marshalling, finish line);

Afternoon: field events (throws, horizontal jumps, vertical jumps) plus taking the certification review in small groups and completing certification and USATF membership paperwork. Includes rule books: USATF, NCAA and high school. No prerequisite, intended for new officials. This class is required to become certified.

➤ 10 January 2009 at San Francisco City College

National Recertification

- **(Price: free)**
- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Participants should bring their own rule books.

{National and Master ReCertification and certification candidates should e-mail Certification Chair Jim Hume at jimhume.certchair@sbcglobal.net to get a copy of the rules review. You are expected to complete your review before the clinic so that the clinic time may be used to discuss your answers and complete the necessary paperwork.}

Masters Recertification/CCSF

- **(Price: free)**
- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Participants should bring their own rule books.

{National and Master ReCertification and certification candidates should e-mail Certification Chair Jim Hume at jimhume.certchair@sbcglobal.net to get a copy of the rules review. You are expected to complete your review before the clinic so that the clinic time may be used to discuss your answers and complete the necessary paperwork.}

Association-level Recertification

- **(Price: free)**
- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Participants should bring their own rule books.

Referee Recertification/Certification

- **(Price: free for ReCertification and \$20 for new certifications)**
- **(Track, field, combined events, all levels)**
- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Participants should bring their own rule books.
- You also need to take the appropriate National or Master recertification clinic.

{Referee ReCertification and certification candidates should e-mail Certification Chair Jim Hume at jimhume.certchair@sbcglobal.net to get a copy of the rules review. You are expected to complete your review before the clinic so that the clinic time may be used to discuss your answers and complete the necessary paperwork.}

Rules Update

- **(Price: \$8)**
- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Discuss annual rule changes and their interpretation for all five rule books.. Open to all certified officials in Pacific Association.

Introduction to FinishLynx

- **(Price: \$8)**
- 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
- For all Track officials.

A FinishLynx Practicum at one of the UC Berkeley All Comer Meets (January 17th, February 7th and January 21st) will be required for certification. The dates will be determined during the class. During the practicum you will be supervised while you set up the equipment and time races...maybe several times.

➤ 17 January 2009 at American River College

National Recertification

- (Price: free)
- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Participants should bring their own rule books.

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Masters Recertification

- (Price: free)
- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Participants should bring their own rule books.

{National and Master ReCertification and certification candidates should e-mail Certification Chair Jim Hume at jimhume.certchair@sbcglobal.net to get a copy of the rules review. You are expected to complete your review before the clinic so that the clinic time may be used to discuss your answers and complete the necessary paperwork.}.

Association-level Recertification

- (Price free)
- 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Participants should bring their own rule books.

Technical Manager Recertification

- (Price: Free)
- 17 January 2009
- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Participants should bring their own rule books.

Introduction to Track & Field Officiating

- (Price: \$35...includes High school, NCAA and USATF Rule Books)
- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Morning: philosophy, safety, preparation, and track events (clerk, starting, umpiring, marshalling, finish line);

Afternoon: field events (throws, horizontal jumps, vertical jumps) plus taking the certification review in small groups and completing certification and USATF membership paperwork. Includes rule books: USATF, NCAA and high school. No prerequisite, intended for new officials. This class is required to become certified.

Rules Update

- (Price \$8.00)

- 9:00 to 12 noon

Discuss annual rule changes and their interpretation for all five rule books.. Open to all certified officials in Pacific Association.

Basic Track Officiating

- (Price: \$8.00)
- 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

This clinic contains further details for clerking, umpire, marshal and finish line, including lap counting and is intended for Association-level officials with one to two years experience.

Basic Field Officiating

- (Price \$8.00)
- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This clinic contains further details for throws and jumps, including discussion of the students' experiences and is intended for Association-level officials with one to two years experience.

Field Lynx for All Officials

- (Price: \$8)
- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Principals and practice for using Palm Pilots to record and run field events.

➤ 24 January 2009 at UC Davis

Weights and Measures Recertification

- (Price: free)
- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Participants should bring their own rule books.

Introduction to Horizontal Jumps

- (Price: \$13)
- 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Setting up and running long jumps and triple jumps; intended for Association level officials who have taken Basic Field.

Introduction to Weights and Measures

- (Price: \$13)
- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This clinic is for new weights and measures (now known as implement-inspection) officials, after taking Introduction to Throws. Recommended for all throws officials, though intended for officials who want to get into implement inspecting.

Head of Events

- **(Price: \$8)**
- 24 January 2009
- 9:00 a.m. to 12noon

This clinic covers the duties, paperwork, records, assignments, safety and personnel skills and covers both track and field events from a leadership position. **Prerequisite:** Intermediate clinics in one or more Field events and is intended for those ready to become National level officials for the first time.

➤ **24 January 2009 California State University, Sacramento**

Intermediate Starting

- **(Price: \$8)**
- 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

A discussion for starters who are already working to discuss practice, issues, rules. Prerequisite: at least two years experience. If the weather permits you will be on the track and should bring your own equipment.

Combined Events Recertification

- **(Price: Free)**
- 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
- Participants should bring their own rule books.

Introduction to Long Distance Running/Cross Country Officiating

- **(Price: \$20)**
- 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Basics, situations, rules, and procedures for road-race and cross-country race officiating.

➤ **31 January 2009 Wilcox High School, Santa Clara**

- **National Recertification**
- **(Price: free)**
- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Participants should bring their own rule books.

{National and Master ReCertification and certification candidates should e-mail Certification Chair Jim Hume at jimhume.certchair@sbcglobal.net to get a copy of the rules review. You are expected to complete your review before the clinic so that the clinic time may be used to discuss your answers and complete the necessary paperwork.} **Bring your resume and 2009 USATF # or your checkbook.**

Masters Recertification

- **(Price: free)**
- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Participants should bring their own rule books.

{National and Master ReCertification and certification candidates should e-mail Certification Chair Jim Hume at jimhume.certchair@sbcglobal.net to get a copy of the rules review. You are expected to complete your review before the clinic so that the clinic time may be used to discuss your answers and complete the necessary paperwork}

Association-level Recertification

- **(Price: free)**
- 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
- Participants should bring their own rule books.

Race Walk Recertification: Association Level

- **(Price: free)**
- 9:00 to 12 noon.
- Participants should bring their own rule books.

Race Walk Recertification: Masters

- **(Price: free)**
- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Participants should bring their own rule books

Introduction to Track & Field Officiating

- **(Price: \$35...includes High school, NCAA and USATF Rule Books)**
- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Morning: philosophy, safety, preparation, and track events (clerk, starting, umpiring, marshalling, finish line);

Afternoon: field events (throws, horizontal jumps, vertical jumps) plus taking the certification review in small groups and completing certification and USATF membership paperwork. Includes rule books: USATF, NCAA and high school. No prerequisite, intended for new officials. This class is required to become certified.

Introduction to Throws

- **(Price: \$13)**
- 9:00 a.m. -12 noon.

Basic details of each officiating position: safety, paperwork, equipment, basic rules and the ring. Prerequisite: Basic Field Officiating or one or more years experience.

Head of Events

- **(Price: \$8)**
- 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

This clinic covers the duties, paperwork, records, assignments, safety and personnel skills and covers both track and field events from a leadership position.

Prerequisite: Intermediate clinics in one or more Field events and is intended for those ready to become National level officials for the first time.

Rules Update

- **(Price: \$8)**
- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Discuss annual rule changes and their interpretation for all five rule books. Open to all certified officials in Pacific Association.

Introduction to Race Walk Officiating

- **(Price: \$20)**
- 31 January 2009
- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Rules, practices, procedures for the official wanting to get involved in officiating the Race Walk. The clinic fee includes USATF rule book.

➤ 7 February 2009 Edwards Stadium, UC Berkeley...hands on learn by doing clinics

Introduction to Vertical Jumps, including hands-on practice

- (Price: \$13)
- 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

High Jump and Pole Vault for Association, Nationals and Masters level officials who wish an introduction to setting up the pit; running the competition; scoring out the results. After class room discussion, students will officiate Cal's All-Comers Meet, with supervision.

Introduction to Track Refereeing

- (Price: \$13)
- 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For National or Master-rated officials wishing to become certified as **track-event referees**: an all-day program overseeing the races with a mentor. After class room discussion, students will officiate Cal's All-Comers Meet, with supervision.

Introduction to Field Refereeing

- (Price: \$13)
- 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For National or Master-rated officials wishing to become certified as **field-event referees**: an all-day program overseeing the throws and jumps with a mentor. After class room discussion, students will officiate at Cal's All-Comers Meet, with supervision.

Introduction to Umpiring

- (Price: \$13)
- 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

After class room discussion of theory and practice for new Umpires: students will officiate Cal's All-Comers Meet observing relay exchange zones and lane violations, and writing up incident reports, with the supervision mentor.

➤ 15 February 2009 at Serra High

School, San Mateo (Since we cannot begin clinics at Serra until 10:00 a.m. and we must be out by 5:00, there is no time to go out for lunch. If your class overlaps lunch...bring your own. Lunch time will be a "working" lunch.)

Long Distance Running/Cross Country

Recertification: Association

- (Price: Free)
- 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Participants should bring their own rule books.

LDR/XC Recertification: National and Master/Referee

- (Price: Free)
- 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Participants should bring their own rule books.

Introduction to Track and Field Officiating

- (Price: \$35...*includes High school, NCAA and USATF Rule Books*)
- 10:00 a.m. to -5:00 p.m.

Morning: philosophy, safety, preparation, and track events (clerk, starting, umpiring, marshalling, finish line);

Afternoon: field events (throws, horizontal jumps, vertical jumps) plus taking the certification review in small groups and completing certification and USATF membership paperwork. Includes rule books: USATF, NCAA and high school. No prerequisite, intended for new officials. This class is required to become certified.

Basic Track Officiating

- (Price: \$8)
- 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This clinic contains further details for clerk, umpire, marshal and finish line, including lap counting and is intended for Association-level officials with one to two years experience.

Introduction to Long Distance Running/Cross

Country Officiating

- (Price: \$20)
- 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Basics, situations, rules, and procedures for road-race and cross-country race officiating.

Introduction to LDR/XC Referee

- (Price: \$13)
- 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This clinic is an advanced discussion of rules and situations for the experienced ex-stadia official wishing to become certified as a referee.

Basic Field Officiating

- (Price: \$8)
- 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This clinic contains further details for throws and jumps, including discussion of the students' experiences and is intended for Association-level officials with one to two years experience.

Rules Update

- (Price: \$8)
- 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Discuss annual rule changes and their interpretation for all five rule books. Open to all certified officials in Pacific Association.

Beginning Starting

- (Price: \$13)
- 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Introduction to basic skills and variations for each: voice commands, control, timing, practice, including cross-country. This clinic is intended for the Association level official who wants to learn to start.

Prerequisite: Advanced Basics for Track Officiating

About Hy-Tek's Meet Manager

- (Price: \$13)
- 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This clinic covers how to set up and run Hy-Tek's *Meet Manager* software, for the National or Master official.

Using Hy-Tek's Meet Manager and Team

Manager to Ease your Paper Flow

- (Price: \$8)
- Time: follows the previous Meet Manager clinic.

This clinic will continue after the intro course. This clinic covers the use of Hy-Tek's *Meet Manager* for high school dual or small combined team meets and covers the creation of results and team scores. The clinic is intended for those already familiar with the program.

➤ 21 February 2009 Oakmont High School, Roseville

A Youth oriented Introduction to Track & Field Officiating

- (Price: \$35)
- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This course is designed for volunteers running USATF Youth meets and will cover the usual points, **but** will have an emphasis on situations in Youth meets.

Morning: philosophy, safety, preparation, and track events (clerkling, starting, umpiring, marshalling, finish line);

Afternoon: field events (throws, horizontal jumps, vertical jumps) plus taking the certification review in small groups and completing certification and USATF membership paperwork. Includes rule books: USATF, NCAA and high school. No prerequisite, intended for new officials. This class is required to become certified.

This year we will offer fewer educational classes than we might for we are concentrating on recertifying all of our officials. Here are the dates, locations and subjects of the classes we have scheduled



Association Recertification

- (Price: free)
- 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
- Participants should bring their own rule books.

➤ 28 February 2009 North Salinas High, Salinas

Association-level Recertification

- (Price: free)
- 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
- Participants should bring their own rule books.

National/Masters Recertification

- (Price: free)
- 28 February 2009
- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Participants should bring their own rule books.

{National and Master ReCertification and certification candidates should e-mail Certification Chair Jim Hume at jimhume.certchair@sbcglobal.net to get a copy of the rules review. You are expected to complete your review before the clinic so that the clinic time may be used to discuss your answers and complete the necessary paperwork.}

Introduction to Track & Field Officiating

- (Price: \$35)
- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Morning: philosophy, safety, preparation, and track events (clerkling, starting, umpiring, marshalling, finish line);

Afternoon: field events (throws, horizontal jumps, vertical jumps) plus taking the certification review in small groups and completing certification and USATF membership paperwork. Includes rule books: USATF, NCAA and high school. No prerequisite, intended for new officials. This class is required to become certified.



Here are "hot off the press" shots of the new Diablo Valley College track. DVC Coach **Dan Cruz** will be hosting the NorCal JC Trials and Finals and this will give you a great opportunity to see this wonderful facility first hand. Thanks to **Dave Shrock** for the photos.

Step by Step Procedure to Register Online for Clinics and to Order Rulebooks

1. Go to www.pausatf.org
2. On the left side of the screen click on **Officials** and then **Clinics** and you will be taken to *Active.com* registration. This is the company who is collecting our clinic registrations.
3. If you click on **2009 Officials' Clinic Information** (your second choice) you won't find much information there...yet.
4. Click on [Online Clinic Registration and Rule-book Sales](#) to begin your registration process. A very brief description of the clinics is listed here if you scroll down, but a detailed description of clinics and the clinic schedule are included in this newsletter.
5. Click on the **Click here to Register Now** button.
6. If it is your first time for online registration you have two choices: **Choice A**...Set up a free account with your information, or **Choice C**...use the **Guest Access** button. If you have an account already you can log in using the **Choice B** option. Click on the appropriate button.
7. The next page is for waivers. Make sure you complete all the boxes (including typing in your initials before you hit the **Continue** button at the bottom of the page).
8. Enter your **participant information** and then select which clinics at each location you want to attend, or go to the bottom to order just rulebooks. Make sure you don't have overlapping time slots. Pick which rulebooks you want.
Note those attending the Introduction to T&F Officiating will automatically get the 2008 USATF, the 2009 NCAA and the 2009 NFHS rulebooks as part of their clinic fee.
9. Also note that you can opt, for an additional \$2 per book, to have your books mailed to you. If you don't have your books mailed to you, you will need to pick up your books during check-in for the clinic you plan to attend. Then click on the **Continue** button on the bottom of the page.
10. Enter your credit card information. Complete it and you are done.
11. You will receive an e-mail confirming what you have ordered and the cost. Keep a copy of this e-mail for your records.

Offline Registration and Rulebook Sales

If you don't want to use your credit card on line then you will need to use the above form. *Note they go to two different people so you will need to write two separate checks*, both made out to **Pacific Association USATF**. Do not make them out to the Officials Committee because they will have to be returned since we can't cash them.

Step by Step Procedure for USATF Membership Renewal

1. Go to www.pausatf.org
2. Click on "Join Now" (the yellow print at the top of the page under the logo) and follow the instructions. If you want to renew your membership off-line and send it into the office, you can download an Acrobat PDF or basic text form of the application blank. We would prefer you do it online since it saves us time and money.
3. If you renew on-line, and this is your first time, it is treated as a "new" application, even if you had a card last year. The key here is that you do not yet have a password. You can save \$\$ if you renew for multiple years. The directions on the web site are really good, but **USATF will only take a VISA credit card**.
4. Once you get your new membership number please send a note to Jim Hume at jimhume.certchair@sbcglobal.net or 1561-B Marina Court, San Mateo, CA 94403 so that he can keep up the current membership list.

National Officials e-mailings

Are you receiving "listserve" e-mailings from the National Officials Committee? This is now *the* vehicle for national officials' announcements—meets, rule updates, things like convention sign-up information and agendas, meeting minutes and so forth. If you're not receiving them, then go to www.usatlofficials.com, click on "Listserve". National officials "Listserve" is absolutely free.



This year you can sign up on line at WWW.PAUSATF.org using your credit card or you can complete all items below and return this sheet with your check made out to the **Pacific Association USATF** to George Kleeman, 5104 Alhambra Valley Road, Martinez, CA 94553-9773. If you are doing both offline then you will need two forms, one for clinic registration and one for rulebooks because different people are handling these items this year.

Name _____
Please PRINT (First) (Last)

Home Street Address: _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Home Phone ()	Work Phone ()
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E-Mail Address: _____

Much of our communication is by e-mail. Please print clearly.

Officials Certification # 0	What is your 2009 USATF membership number?
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(6 digit starting with 0) 10 digits Available on line at www.pausatf.org

Are you a registered USATF Official?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	Association	National	Master
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If so, please circle your level.

Do you want to become certified?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N	Location of clinic attended:
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2009 Officials Clinic Registration Form

This year you can sign up on line at WWW.PAUSATF.org using your credit card or you can complete all items below and return this sheet with your check made out to the **Pacific Association USATF** before the Wednesday preceding the first clinic you plan to attend. We encourage you to sign up on-line if at all possible. ■

Send to **PAUSATF Officials' George Kleeman, 5104 Alhambra Valley Road, Martinez, CA 94553**

<u>Course date</u>	<u>Clinic Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>
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Total for Clinics \$ _____

2009 Rulebooks Order Form

This year you can sign up on line at WWW.PAUSATF.org using your credit card or you can complete all items and return this sheet with your check made out to the **Pacific Association USATF** as soon as possible. These will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. If you preorder, before the first clinic you are guaranteed to get your choices.

Send to **John Wise, 361 Ross Way, Sacramento, CA 95864.**

No.	Rulebooks	Cost	Total	Mail (circle)
	USATF 2009 Available after March 1	\$16	\$	Y N
	NCAA 2009-2010 (Yes, planned for two years!)	\$9	\$	Y N
	High School Rules 2009	\$9	\$	Y N
	High School Case 2009	\$9	\$	Y N
	High School Officials 2009-2010	\$9	\$	Y N
	IAAF	\$11	\$	Y N
Total for Rulebooks			\$	

My '08 China Games...by Dick Connors

After attending twelve of the fifteen sessions of track and field competition at the Bird's Nest (the National Stadium) I feel entitled to comment on the stadium as a spectator. The Bird's Nest was a fantastic stadium for the Olympic Games track and field competition. The stadium has a stated seating capacity of 91,000 spectators. For every one of the evening sessions and several of the morning sessions the capacity was reached. Of all the spectators, by my estimate, 80% were very excited proud Chinese. The rest of the world had to scramble for tickets and be satisfied with sitting in the third tier of the stadium, some thirty meters above the floor and sometimes more than 200 meters from the field event action. Every seat had an unobstructed view of the entire running oval and all the field event venues. The night of the women's long jump final, Shirley and I were seated on the home stretch side of the stadium in the third tier, row thirty-nine. **Grace Upshaw** (of Piedmont) looked like an ant across the stadium floor as she competed in the long jump finals with the pits located outside the track near the start of the two hundred meters. We could not see the board without binoculars, but we enjoyed the spirit of the competition. (Grace finished eighth.)

Our view of **Stephanie Brown-Trafton** (of Galt) winning the gold medal in the discus was much better as we were seated that night on the back-stretch again in the third tier, but the discus cage was positioned on the infield in the southern section of the stadium. The athletes looked small, but recognizable. We even saw **George Kleeman** get a big hug and kiss from Stephanie upon the completion of the competition when she realized the gold medal was hers.

The remote stadium scoreboards on the field were very well positioned and helped us keep up with the action. The stadium had two main scoreboards. The one at the North end was in Chinese characters, while the other at the south end was in English. Neither of the boards was as large as the video board at Stanford. The timing of the meet and the video graphics were done by Omega. It was not state of the art. FinishLynx timing that we use at our local meets is much faster in producing results, and the graphics are definitely better quality, but the results in the stadium were eventually posted. The Bird's Nest has no escalators and very few elevators, but many stairwells with steep steps. The numerous restrooms are new, but not up to 21st century Western expectations.

The biggest complaint I heard of the entire "Games" was that there were no printed programs available for any events or at any venue. We were fortunate that after the first day of track and field competition, *Track and Field News*, our tour organizer, put out daily heat sheets, though these did not include the field event entries, so we had to wait for the introduction of competitors to follow the competition. In the stadium the public address system broadcast in two languages, Mandarin Chinese and English. This year there were no French announcers.

During the actual competition **Gary Hill** and **Bob Hersh** did an excellent job of keeping us informed about the competition. Although the two Chinese announcers were good, they tended to over-address the event situation.

I thought the officiating of the competition by the resident officials was very well done when compared to the Greeks of four years ago. The Chinese were champions hands down. They may have made some incorrect interpretations of the rules, but they never missed a mark in the field. The first couple of sessions, they were somewhat shaky and out of position in the throwing sectors with implements flying over their heads, but there was no questioning their judgment on the spotting of marks and the calling of fouls. At the beginning of the week, the starters were out of position, but as the week progressed they

made corrections. I definitely feel the athletes were given a level playing field to compete on, and no one was cheated out of his /her due place by an officiating error.

As spectators entering and exiting the Olympic Green compound twice daily we had a real life Chinese experience in dealing with the vast numbers of people on the streets and in the compound. Our arriving bus each session dropped us off approximately a half mile from the compound and then we walked another mile inside the Green to get to the Bird's Nest. To enter the compound which contained the Bird's Nest, the national basketball arena, the Water Cube, the gymnastics and fencing hall in addition to an international trade fair, two souvenir superstores, two McDonalds restaurants and numerous carnival type eating booths, everyone had to go through an electronic security check. Most days, the wait was ten to twenty minutes to get screened and have our tickets checked. Security was good, but not rigid and the college student workers were accommodating and hospitable. Once in the Bird's Nest or other venues, food was not available for sale, only snacks, such as ice cream, beer, water and soda, and these were very reasonably priced.

Before leaving the U.S. for China we heard all types of tales about how hot the weather was going to be and how the smog would cause breathing problems while we were in Beijing. During our twelve days in the Chinese capital city, there was only one day when smog was a moderate problem, two days of rain and two moderately hot days. We lucked out on the weather and the Chinese got a break in putting on their grand show.

For the Connors it was a once-in-a-lifetime trip to a tremendous event well presented, a visit to an emerging giant of an industrial country, a look back on a different ancient culture and an unbelievable vacation!

It's on to London for the 2012 "Games."

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PA/USATF President Jerry Colman, new USATF CEO Doug Logan and gold medal winning Olympic discus thrower Stephanie Brown-Trafton were at the October Board of Athletic meeting. If you want to feel small just stand beside a discus thrower