

## Awards and Recognitions

*The Dick Barbour*

### Meritorious Service Award

1985.....	Hank Patton
1986.....	George Newlon
	Roxanne Anderson
1987.....	Dan Dotta
	Del Dotta
1988.....	Harry Young
	Henry "Hank" Weston
1989.....	Ed Parker
	Harmon Brown
1990.....	Horace Crow
1991.....	(No award)
1992.....	Dick Connors
1993.....	George Kleeman
1994.....	Tom Moore
1995.....	Charlie Sheppard
1996.....	Norm Morrison
1997.....	(no award)
1998.....	John Luppess
1999.....	Richard Zulaica
2000.....	Jim Hume
	Jim Wynn
2001.....	Bob Shor
	Rick Milam
2002.....	Bob Rauch
2003.....	Lori Maynard
	Sonny Maynard
2004.....	Gail Wetzork
<b>2005.....</b>	<b>Phil Watkins</b>

*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**

*The Horace Crow*

### Special Recognition Award — Field

1995.....	Sonny Maynard
1996.....	Rich Zulaica
1997.....	(no award)
1998.....	Bill Edgar
1999.....	Joan M. Wilson
2000.....	Phil Watkins
2001.....	Dr. Leon Glover, Jr.
2002.....	Bruce Colman
2003.....	Dick Petruzzi
2004.....	Teddy Hayes

**2005.....Shirley Connors**

**Margaret Sheehan**



# Turns & Distances

## Pacific Association Officials Committee

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### Berny Wagner's Story

*The last issue of Turns and Distances asked members to tell how they became involved in officiating. Berny Wagner replied from his home in Salem, Oregon.*

I hope no one has to get into officiating because of the reason I got started.

I was a graduate of Palo Alto High School in 1942, had been a so-so 880 runner (2:04 as I recall) and had gone across the highway to Stanford to start my freshman year.

Paly Hi was scheduled to hold the P.A.L. championship meet in May of 1943. Most officials who had worked the high school meets were gone in one service or another as the war raged. No one could be found to be the starter for the meet. I was asked to start the meet in which I had competed one year previously and did so without any major glitches, evidently.

The navy sent me to the V-12 program at Cal Tech in Pasadena in July of that year. In the spring of 1944 the Pasadena Games were held in Tournament Park across the street from the school. Our track was there, and Doc Hanes, the Cal Tech track coach, having the same problem of finding a starter, and knowing from our conversations that I had started before, named me the starter for that invitational event.

That's how I got started.

Later, in the '50s and '60s, along with my teaching and coaching, I started high school meets, was Stanford's starter when I was at San Mateo High School and CSM in the early '60s and started Payton Jordan's fabulous U.S.A. vs. U.S.S.R. Meet in '62, along with Tom Moore. There were just the two of us in those days. He started and I recalled on one day and we switched positions the next day. We had 155,000 people in the two-day meet.

*Editor: Berny has given a lot to our sport over the years and I appreciate him sharing this great letter with us. "Keep on trackin'!!!"*



*Berney Wagner at the USATF Convention*

**Credits this issue: Berny Wagner, Bruce Colman, Bob Tice, Joe Nemeth and Dick Connors** for writing, **Jim Hume** and **Pat Randall** for photography, and Jim for desk top publishing, **Lori Maynard** and **Bruce Colman** for copy reading and **Dick Connors** for editing and mailing

## Season highlights

The spring of 2006 was a tremendous track and field season for our Pacific Association Officials. I feel that as a volunteer service organization we served our constituents well, meeting many of their needs on the field. Our membership climbed back to approximately 250 active members with best attendance of candidate clinics in memory. The professional advancement clinics were also well attended and ten new teachers found their way to the front of the classroom. The new strategy implemented by *George Kleeman* and *Jim Hume* of having each new prospective official complete the entire certification process in one day definitely proved to be the answer as over forty new officials were added to our ranks.

A second new program, implemented by *Dennis Boyle* with capable assistance of *Jon Siegel*, was the teaching of mentoring skills to master officials and then assigning to each, four-to-five new members to mentor.

This season in Northern California proved to be one of



*John Murray, Jeannie White, Pat Randall, Mary Colman and Jerry Colman couldn't find enough to do in the Pacific Association...so they went to Hawaii to help with the Western Athletic Conference T&F meet. This was a tough trip, but, hey, somebody had to do it.*

the wetter springs in recent memory with many meets scheduled for dirt tracks being canceled, but the all-weather facilities in most communities picked up the slack. By the beginning of May most programs were on pace for the championship season.

The Stanford Invitational, the first big meet of the season, proved again that this is a large meet in the total number of athletes that participate. Friday's competition began before 9:00 a.m. and the final 10,000 meter competition did not finish until after 11:00 p.m. And then it all started over again on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. and finished at 6:00 p.m.

Every week end from the last week in March until the first week in May following the Modesto Relays there were major collegiate, high school, and age group

competitions taking place somewhere in the Association that wanted our well trained officials.

During the Championship season from May until the end of the Junior Olympic competition in July our officials had all the work they desired. To give one an idea about our participation:

- **Seventy-five** individual officials were involved in producing the Stanford Invitational.
- To stage the Modesto Relays a staff of **fifty-eight** of our members were involved.
- The NCAA Division I Championships at Sacramento State during the second week of June saw **eighty-three** of our members from the Pacific Association involved as either officials or support personnel in one way or another.
- The Golden West Invitational then involved **forty** of our people working the meet.

This is an impressive record for participation in four very large track meets. It is a real credit to all our members the way they are involving themselves in track and field competitions, both large and small events all over the Association.

*(Hume reports...next year we have all of these meets plus the California State High School Championship Meet, The California Community College Championship Meet and the Pac 10 Combined Events and Track & Field Championships.)*

## Stanford Wins 12<sup>th</sup> Consecutive U.S. Sports

**Academy Directors' Cup**...from  
[www.gostanford.com](http://www.gostanford.com) on 6/30/06

Cleveland, Ohio – With the conclusion of the College World Series, Stanford University has continued its record winning streak in the US Sports Academy Directors' Cup competition for the NCAA Division I. The Cardinal has won its 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive award, presented annually by NACDA, the United States Sports Academy and USA Today to the best overall collegiate athletic program in the country.



*U.S. Sports Academy Directors' Cup*

“We’re proud of the accomplishments of our coaches and student-athletes and honored to win this prestigious award for a 12<sup>th</sup> straight year,” said Bill Walsh, Stanford’s Jaquish & Kenninger Director of Athletics. “It represents much-deserved recognition for the efforts they put forth all year long.”

...The Cardinal recorded points in nine men’s sports and the maximum of 10 women’s sports. ...Stanford averaged 60 points per sport.

UCLA completed the year in second place with 1,071.375 points...

Rounding out the top five were the University of Texas, in third with 966 points: University of North Carolina, in fourth with 952.75 points and the University of Florida, in fifth with 913 points.

**Cal Finishes 7<sup>th</sup> in Directors' Cup Standing** (from, [www.Calbears.com](http://www.Calbears.com) on 6/29/06)

Berkeley – Bears post highest-ever finish in annual sport ranking. On the strength of a second consecutive NCAA championship in women's crew and Top 5 finishes by women's golf, men's gymnastics, women's swimming and diving, and men's soccer, California placed seventh in the annual U.S. Sports Academy Directors' Cup standings.

Cal, which has been in the Top 15 six times in the last seven years, previously had a best ninth place in both 2003 and 2004. Last year the Bears were 15<sup>th</sup>.

Among Pac-10 schools Cal was third followed by USC (10), Arizona (11<sup>th</sup>), Arizona State (13<sup>th</sup>), Washington (18), Oregon State (63<sup>rd</sup>) and Washington State (71<sup>st</sup>).

For a complete 2006 report of the standing, visit [www.nacda.com](http://www.nacda.com)



Photo by Pat Randall

*It seemed that John Murray, Jeannie White, Pat Randall, Mary Colman and Jerry Colman deserved a close up for their work at the WAC meet in Hawaii.*

**Pacific Association Officials Annual Meeting and Luncheon ...**A reminder about the concluding activity of our year...The Annual Meeting is scheduled for

**Location:**.. Recreation Pool Lodge, UC Davis Campus, Davis, California. The Lodge is located on La Rue Road, just north of Hutchison Drive. The pool is on that corner.

**Date:** **Sunday, August 27, 2006**...We have the Lodge reserved from 10am till 4pm.

**Cost:** **The cost is \$10.00** per person and there will be prizes given away. Please mail in your reservations before August 20th so we can get an estimate on how many people to expect for lunch.

**Freebie officials** (emeritus officials and one guest each) are invited as guests of the committee...which means free.

**Send your checks to:** Phil Watkins, 1090 San Ramon Way, Sacramento, CA. 95864 and **make the checks payable to the Pacific Association-USATF**, not to Phil. If you have any questions you may contact Phil at PGWATT@ix.netcom.com or call 916-482-1473.

### Directions:

- **From the West**--Take Hwy 80 east and after passing Dixon look for the Hwy 113 turn off to Woodland on your right. It will take you over the freeway north. About 1/2 mile on your right you will come to the Hutchison Drive turn off and you will follow that road to your right until you come to La Rue Road. The Pool Complex is on your left on the North West corner. Recreation Pool Lodge is just north of the pool complex.
- **From the West:** Take Hwy 80 east. After passing Dixon look for the Hwy 113 turn off to Woodland on your right. It will take you over the freeway north. About 1/2 mile on your right, take the Hutchison Drive turn off. Turn right, follow the road past a series of greenhouses, and take the first left onto Extension Drive. (If you hit LaRue, you've gone too far – make a U turn.) After turning left on Extension Drive, turn right almost immediately into the parking lot. The Rec. Pool Lodge is the last building on the right.
- **From the North:** Take Hwy. 5 south. When you reach Woodland, look for Hwy 113 to Davis exit on your right. Go south until you get to Hutchinson Drive turn off. Turn left across the freeway, follow the road past a series of greenhouses, and take the first left onto Extension Drive.(If you hit LaRue, you've gone too far – make a U turn.) After turning left on Extension Drive, turn right almost immediately into the parking lot. The Rec. Pool Lodge is the last building on the right.
- **From the East:** Take Hwy 80 west from Sacramento. Go past the Davis turn offs until you get to the Hwy 113 turn off to Woodland on your right, heading north. Go about 1/2 mile and take the Hutchison Drive turn off. Turn right, follow the road past a series of greenhouses, and take the first left onto Extension Drive.(If you hit LaRue, you've gone too far – make a U turn.) After turning left on Extension Drive, turn right almost immediately into the parking lot. The Rec. Pool Lodge is the last building on the right.

### Agenda

- I. 10:30 a.m. Informal presentation and discussion of The Mentoring Program...by **Dennis Boyle** and **Jon Siegel**.

- II. Social Time in Preparation for the Annual Meeting.
- III. Noon: Lunch and Awards Presentation (Leon Glover)
- IV. 1:30 Pm: Formal Beginning of Annual Meeting.
  - A. Call To Order.
  - B. Approval of Minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting
  - C. Committee Appointment
    - 1. Nominations
    - 2. 2007 Annual Meeting
  - D. Old Business
    - 1. Adoption of Revisions to Operating Procedures (Revisions Are Attached; **John Murray** and **Mike Sands**)
  - E. New Business
    - 1. Discussion Regarding Official Hats
    - 2. Presentation of New Insurance Policy (**Irene Herman & John Murray**)
    - 3. Discussion of Electronics on the Field
  - F. Chairs Remarks
  - G. Adjournment

## Chair BC Rants

### The Incident at Fresno

At the *Run for the Dream Meet*, in mid-January, an official had to be rushed to the hospital.

According to eyewitnesses—including one of the starters for the meet, who is a member of our Association—the official, who was working the high jump, repeatedly stepped out onto the sprint runway without looking.

She was warned several times, and finally the inevitable happened: a young athlete barreled into her. Medical personnel attended her; she left the arena on a stretcher. (Blessedly, the athlete wasn't hurt.)

The question is: should a marshal, or the Head Field Judge, or the meet Referee, or someone in meet management have sent this official home because she was flat-out a danger to herself and others?

Since June 2005, in California, we have had one official killed and now a second hospitalized, largely because they didn't pay proper attention.

So far, we have been spared these tragedies in the Pacific Association. But the question remains: how far will we go to look out for each other? What feelings are we willing to hurt, to prevent physical injuries and worse?

On a happier note: **Ed Miller** reports that Cal is going "full bore" on renovating the Monheit Officials Room at Edwards Stadium—the room has been gutted, new paneling has gone up, a kitchenette has been installed, and modular furniture is on the way. There will be a direct stairway from the track to the room: Coach Miller says that he and Cal Track and Field Director **Chris Huffins**

fought hard for it. Many thanks to **John Luppess**, **Gail Wetzork**, and **Jeannie White**—and Cal Track and Field Steering Committee Chairman **Monte Upshaw**—for providing leadership on this issue.

*Bruce Colman, Chair PAOC*

## Insurance – Should Be Everybody's Business

The issue of liability insurance for track and field issues did not originate with Bob Tice (see his article below), but it sure got a push. Irene Herman, an insurance broker in San Francisco and one of our Pacific Association USATF Officials, spoke to the National Officials committee regarding liability insurance. The Executive Committee of the Pacific Association's Officials Committee discussed the issue and heard a presentation from Irene. While everyone thought it would be a great idea, the question was, "Who is going to pay for the policy?" Take a look at the article below Bob's and sing hallelujah!

**Insurance – Should Be Everybody's Business** By *Bob Tice* used with permission.

*Have you ever really looked closely at the role that you take on at a Track and Field meet? Have you carefully surveyed the venue and assured yourself that, beyond a shadow of doubt, this is a safe environment in which to conduct the events? Have you ever assessed the venue from the perspective as a lawyer attempting to identify some unsafe condition? If you did I'm sure that you could find several aspects which could result in injuries. Injuries quite often lead to lawsuits. Don't assume that your USATF membership always assures Liability Insurance when you go to a meet.*

*When we officiate a meet that is sanctioned by USATF, liability insurance is provided, however the host may waive that coverage. When we officiate at a collegiate meet, they are usually not sanctioned by USATF. Whose insurance is providing coverage? Are you covered by the host? Do you have your own liability insurance?*

*In some states in order to officiate a High School competition you, as an official, must be a member of the State Official's Association, which in most situations provides you with insurance. What about those states that do not require you to belong to their State Association? What about all those club meets: youth competitions, cross country meets and state games, etc.? Who is providing the coverage for you as an official responsible for safely conducting the competition?*

*After reading the above do you feel comfortable providing your services where today's litigious society is just waiting for the opportunity to take someone to court? A colleague of ours in the Northeast told me that one would have to be an absolute fool to officiate*



without coverage! Every one of us should be taking his advice.

The object of writing this article is to make you aware that you may be putting yourself in a very extremely difficult position. Please check into the details of what coverage you have, if any. Make sure that each and every meet that you service has coverage that also includes you. There are insurance companies which specialize in this type of coverage at a reasonable cost.

#### News Received From Chairman Bruce Colman...10 July 2006

Thanks to the generosity of a donor who shall remain nameless, as of July 1, 2006, we now have liability insurance when working at meets other than those sanctioned by Pacific Association-USATF.

To be covered by this insurance, you must:

- Have paid your USATF dues for the current year. If you did, you should have a membership card from USATF with a ten-digit number starting 96...if you do not have such a number, please renew now by logging on to [www.pausatf.org](http://www.pausatf.org) then click on "forms/sanctions" and select on-line renewal or download a membership form. [the same submenu will explain existing PA-USATF liability insurance]
- Be a certified official in the current Olympiad. If you do not have a current Certified Official picture ID for the 2005-2008 Olympiad., please get started on recertification by contacting Certification Chair Jim Hume at [jimhume.certchair@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jimhume.certchair@sbcglobal.net).

Irene Herman—PA Membership Chair, Chair of the USATF insurance committee, and, by trade, an insurance agent with 20+ years experience—explains the new coverage, below.

#### **USATF Pacific Certified Officials Non-sanctioned Event Insurance**

- **Who is covered:** USATF Certified Officials of the Pacific Association but only while acting in their capacity as officials during sports events organized by recognized sports organizations, leagues and associations. Examples of organized sport events are:
- CYO Track and Field events, Private School Leagues, High School Leagues and College NCAA Track & Field and LDR events. This coverage is other than sanctioned USATF events, in which you are insured by your USATF membership.
- **What protection do I receive?**

- **General Liability:** This coverage protects the official from claims arising from alleged bodily injury, personal injury (libel and slander) or property damage liability. It includes protection for your services rendered or products you sell. Coverage payments can include judgments, attorney fees, court costs, or other related expenses. This also includes paid starters and officials receiving a stipend at non-sanctioned events (designated premises where you officiate)
- **Products/Completed Operations:** This coverage is used to insure against claims arising out of bodily injury and property damage that results from products you have sold, manufactured, handled, distributed or disposed of; or for your work you have performed, provided the accident occurs away from premises you own or rent.
- **Participant Legal Liability:** The policy will pay for actions legally brought against the insured (official) for bodily injury to a "participant" while practicing for or participating in any contest or exhibition of an athletic or sports nature sponsored by you. The term "Participant" shall include players/athletes, coaches, managers, staff members, team workers, volunteers, game officials, and other personnel who have been granted proper authorization to enter any restricted area.
- **Special Coverage included in this policy:**
- **Sports and Recreation Professional Liability:** This coverage is used to insure against claims arising out of your advice or expertise that may have caused financial damages and other intangible damages.
- **Abuse or Molestation Sublimit:** This coverage is used to insure against claims arising out of bodily injury and accusations. The limit of this coverage is up to the policy limit, which is \$1,000,000. This is not a separate limit.
- **Binding Arbitration:** To reduce court cost and fees.
- **What you are not covered for:**
- **Exclusion- Fireworks, violation of statutes, medical payments, war, employment related practices**

#### **USATF Safety on Throwing Events** by Joe Nemeth

Head coach Art Venegas (UCLA) spoke to about 50 officials regarding safety in the field events, on Saturday,

January 21, 2006 at Drake Stadium on the UCLA campus. Some of his highlights were:



Joe Nemeth

As we get older we lose our mobility, and mobility is important for the conditions change all the time. When it rains, we have the worst conditions, for a well thrown discus hydroplanes, gains more speed and can do plenty of damage from first and second skips. Coach Venegas has been injured by an implement as have many officials from around the country. George Kleeman

suffered a broken leg from an implement at the national championships in New Orleans. I noticed in the demonstration that the first bounce was at the mid section and second bounce was around shin height. These were dry conditions.

The head of the event needs to:

- Take the time to meet with management officials and check out the facilities.
- Know the layout of the field for that day and pay particular attention to what landing areas may overlap.
- Ask the school hosting the event for some volunteers.
- Start the event on time.
- Ask for more officials and volunteers, if you don't have enough.
- Keep the officials rested and let them have plenty of snacks and fluids because fatigue is a factor.

**In the hammer throw;** Try to stage the hammer the day before and close the track to everyone. All officials and athletes around the cage should be at least eight (8) to ten (10) feet away from the cage. A handle or wire could break and a loose hammer will cause serious injury. If a hammer gets stuck keep the event moving and ask the athlete to borrow some other athlete's implement. It will be retrieved after the event is done. This will keep the event moving and stay on time. This is the most dangerous event, as you never know where the athlete might throw the hammer.

**For the discus throw;** You should be at least five (5) feet away from the cage. The most dangerous areas occur on the sides of the ring so watch the athletes at all times. If you have the discus in the evening, it's a nightmare; you may lose the implements in the lights. This happened to an official last June at the Nationals as she was hit in the thigh. So try to have the discus in the daytime.

**In the javelin throw;** Do a pre-evaluation of the area. Use cones or a flag to signal that the field is closed. The pole-vaulters think it's a picnic out there. Keep everyone

out of the area. Try to keep established warm up rules 1-hour before the event. The athletes should throw only one direction. Have the throws warm up in the runway. Let the athletes throw 12 (*Ed...I've seen as few as five*) implements, then have the officials go into the landing area and retrieve them. Always keep the javelins in a vertical position. Never have the javelins lie on the ground. Beginners are very dangerous, as they are still learning to throw.

**In the shot put;** We need to pay attention at all times since there is nothing to protect the official. Maybe someday we will see 7 foot tall poles with wire about 3 feet wide bolted down that would protect the officials. Something like they have in warm ups in baseball to protect the coach who is pitching.

Here is the challenge from Coach Art Venegas on throwing events: Keep all officials and volunteers out of the field and stand on the outside of the sector at 130 feet. The example would be to have one person on the right side at the 130-foot marker and one person at the 140-foot marker on the left side. Have another person at the 150-foot marker on the right side, then one at the 160-foot marker. One needs to see what distances athletes throw to adjust at what marker to stand by. We are all guilty of talking with athletes or other officials when some one is in the ring. This is one reason we can get hurt.

We need to focus on the athlete at all times, watch the implement land, then go out and mark it after it has hit the ground. The head official needs to be in control of the ring at all times and communicate with field crew that it's safe to throw again.

Coach Venegas suggests that a whistle would be good for communication. My thought would be to find something a little different, as it could be confusing to the starters. Check a sporting goods store for a birdcall. Most accidents occur during warm ups so everyone needs to watch the athlete at all times. For 2007, let's use Coach Art Venegas challenges on keeping our officials safe, especially the second challenge (*Ed...an auditory signal that it is safe for officials to enter the landing area and retrieve implements*). Let's go injury free for 2007! Talk with coaches about these challenges and if they work, implement them for the future. We can always do better; it's a start for a safer place on the field.

*Editor... Joe is one of our Pacific Association master officials who specialize in implement inspection.*

## **2006 Pacific Association Clinic Summary, by George Kleeman**

We had nineteen very successful clinics sessions attended by 176 individuals. We had 55 new officials go through the program. Thanks to *Joe Keever* for writing a recruiting news article that was published in several local community newspapers, which helped draw attention to our program. *John Wise, Dennis Boyle* and several others

also put in a significant effort to enlarge our ranks. Overall we had eleven students attend the LDR certification class and twelve learners listened to Art Klein in the race walk class. *Dick Connors* was extremely happy when he saw thirty-three anxious new officials in his introductory class at Serra High School.

A **thank you** and a **pat on the back** are in order for all our dedicated official teachers who really make a difference. New instructors this year were: *Margaret Sheehan, Jon Siegel, Dennis Boyle, Bill Hawkes, John Lilygren, Bob Rush, John Pappa, Jamie Starmer, Mark Youmans* and *John Lipsey*. Veteran instructors that need to be thanked for coming through again are: *Jim Hume, John Murray, Phil Watkins, Dan Davidson, Mark Winitz, Charles DesJardins, Irene Herman, Rick Berman, Teddy Hayes, John Shirey, Bob Podkaminer, Dick Petruzzi, George Kleeman, Jerry Colman* and *Dick Connors*.

Our site hosts also must be recognized for making their excellent facilities available to us: **Bill Edgar at American River College, Coach Terry Burke at San Francisco State, Coach John Vochatzer at UC Davis, Coach Jim Marheineke at Serra High School in San Mateo**, Official *Dennis Boyle* took care of the physical facilities needs for us **in Cottonwood**.

George is already planning for next year and looking for input regarding topics to be covered, new instructors to volunteer and sites where clinics can be held.

Most of all, the great attendance this year makes the clinic program a very worthwhile endeavor.

### **The Certification Chair's Report...** by Jim Hume

By my count, as of the end of July, the Pacific Association has 264 certified officials. These include:

- 264 Total officials
- 163 Association level officials
- 51 National level officials
- 44 Master level officials
- 6 Emeritus officials



In addition we have another 47 officials listed as "continuing." These "continuing" officials are officials who I do not want to lose track of, but they have not finished the work necessary to become certified.

There are two reasons to become certified: First there is the issue of insurance as previously discussed, and second there is the matter of votes at the national convention. For every 100 certified officials an association gets an additional vote.

When you were a school teacher for lots of years, and I was, life always begins anew after Labor Day. The 67 will hear from me, after Labor Day.

### **Missing From the Track**

**Robert Fairplay Anderson...** October 5, 1924-February 20, 2006 *The following is from the "March 1, 2006 Los Altos Town Crier"* We regret that we do not have a picture of Bob.

Bob, age 82, was born October 5, 1924 to Gracella and Robert Anderson in Palo Alto. Bob and his wife, Esther, lived in Pacific Grove, California since 1988 moving from Los Altos where they lived for 36 years.

After joining the Navy and serving on the USS Baron during World War II, Bob went on to graduate from San Jose State with a Bachelor of Science and from Stanford with a Master's in Education.

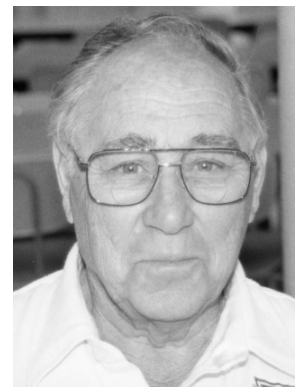
Bob was a well-known and loved educator in the Palo Alto School District from 1952 until his retirement in 1988. He began teaching in the elementary grades and was a Biology teacher at Gunn High School before his retirement. Bob was a life-long track and field official, working as a timer at Stanford, UC Berkeley, national Championships and the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. Bob was an active member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary in the Bay Area. After retirement, he was a docent at the Point Lobos State Reserve and at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. He was also President of the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, and was a member of the Friends of Hopkins Marine Station. He enjoyed golfing with SIRS.

Bob is survived by his wife of 59 years, Esther; his daughter Robin Minor and her husband David of Tiburon; his son Chris and his wife Susan of Austin, Texas; son Thomas and his wife Jennifer of Glen Ellen; son John and his wife Geri of La Canada; and his grand children, Andy, Patrick, and Gregory Minor, Kimberly and Colin Anderson and Lauren and Kristin Tisdale and many nieces and nephews, his sister Gracella Lenhart, and his beloved dog, Tara.

Remembrances may be sent to Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, or Friends of Hopkins Marine Station.

**Paul Louis Castoro**, September 6, 1921 – April 16, 2006, *The following is from the funeral service program.*

Paul was born in San Jose, California, and attended local public schools. Upon his graduation from San Jose High in 1941, he entered San Jose State College. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps one week after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Paul spent World War II in Africa and Italy as a gunner and a cryptographer. After the war he continued in the Army Reserve and eventually retired as a Lt. Colonel with the U.S. Army Medical Service.



*Paul Louis Castoro*

After the war Paul went back to school at San Jose State College, and received his A.B. in Biology, his M.S. in Zoology from Kansas State University and his Teaching Credential for California Secondary School from Stanford University. Paul taught science for over 29 years at Menlo Atherton High School in Menlo Park, CA. After retirement from teaching Paul served as director of the Santa Clara Science Fair for 3 years. He was also appointed to the San Jose State University Alumni Board and served over eight years. He served as a volunteer at the Tech Museum amassing over 3,000 hours. Paul loved track and field and served 57 years as a Track and Field Official. Paul was active with his WWII bomber outfit and active as a Charter member of Theta Chi Fraternity. Paul loved to be an involved member of his community and family. He loved to attend his grandsons' baseball and football games.

From the San Jose Mercury News, April 19, 2006, Paul Louis Castoro, Native son of San Jose passed away on Easter Sunday 2006 at the age of 84 after a long battle with cancer. Paul is survived by his wife Bonnie of 54 years, son Paul Castoro Jr., daughter Patricia McCabe, son-in-law Thomas McCabe and loving grandsons, Kyle and Troy McCabe.

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask that donations be made to the Lymphoma Society.

*Editor – Paul was a long time dedicated official at San Jose State. He prided himself as being one of the "Speed City" timers. Paul also worked track meets at Stanford and three years ago was honored at Stanford for his fifty years of service to Stanford Track and Field as an official.*

#### **Elbert Reed...July 19, 1938-July 17, 2006**

*Hume notes...Elbert Reed was Pacific Association Track & Field official and was the head marshal when I had my first marshalling experience at a USATF meet. When he moved back to Texas after he retired, the Pacific Association lost a fine track and field official. The following is from the...San Jose's African American Community Service Agency press release.*

**San Jose, CA -** Elbert Reed, Past Executive Director of the African American Community Service Agency and Founding President of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Association of Santa Clara County passed away on July 17, 2006 at the age of 67 in Longview, Texas.

Funeral services were held on July 20, 2006 at the Antioch Baptist Church in Clarksville, Texas.

Elbert Reed was born to Herman and Velaska Reed in Reed's Settlement in Red River County on

July 19, 1938. Elbert learned early the philosophy of responsibility, as well as making and keeping commitments. He also learned the concept of being successful by owning property. At an early age he purchased a lot of land for \$25.00 in exchange for cutting grass for \$3.00 per week. This was his first entrepreneurial experience.

"The community has lost one its most beloved members," said a statement issued from the African American Community Service Agency. "Elbert's contributions will be known to many generations of people in Santa Clara County. We are grateful for his almost 30 years of service as an icon of community involvement and devoted leadership. His work at the Agency continues to inspire us to serve."

Elbert was the guiding light for the Freedom Train from 1985-2003. Under his direction, the train participation grew from 1,500 to 7,000. During his career, he served in numerous organizations in the community. He sat on the Santa Clara County Water Advisory Board, Santa Clara County Emergency Flood Control Committee, was active with the Boy Scouts of America, U.S. Department of Agriculture Watershed Program and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He is a founding member of 100 Black Men of the Silicon Valley and a founding member of the Silicon Valley Capitol Club.

He served as the Executive Director of the African American Community Service Agency for 6 years as a volunteer until 2000. He was served on the Board of Directors at Ming Quong Disabled Children's Center for 12 years and served on the Board of Directors of the Evergreen Resource Conservation District for 4 years. Before moving to Texas in 2001, he was a member of the Ethics Board of the City of San Jose.

Mr. Reed has received many awards over the years for his work in the community. Amongst them are the Human Rights Awards, Junior League of Women's Volunteers Award and Voters for Outstanding Services Award.

"Elbert was a tireless supporter and advocate for his community. His efforts achieved what he desired most-- greatly improved opportunities for people," said the AACSA's Board of Directors. "We will miss Elbert's positive attitude and fundamental belief that a person can achieve anything through hard work. His California family and friends are saddened by his loss and thankful for his many contributions."

A native of Texas, Mr. Reed came to San Jose in 1969 after graduating from Texas College. He was employed at Chevron from 1965 and worked in various positions, which included Engineering, Research Chemist, Retail Commercial Marketing and Consumer Marketing. He retired as a manager in 1992.



*Elbert Reed*



In the community he organized the Brigadoon Homeowners Association, the Brigadoon Neighborhood Patrol and was President for five years. He also organized several other Homeowners Groups and Neighborhood Patrol Units. Eventually all the various groups combined into one group named Evergreen Homeowners Association and he was elected their President.

Mr. Reed is survived by two daughters, Shari Reed Hart and husband, Michael of Humble, Texas and Virginia Calsadillas of Salem, Oregon; brother, Hermon Reed, Jr. and wife Shirley of Carthage; sister, Gloria Ecker and husband Lloyd of Houston, five grandchildren, Monique, Leticia, Raquel, David and Juan; three great grandchildren, Dacuan, Keshawn, Jaiceon and a host of other relatives and friends.

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at [www.jimerson-lipsev.com/Elbert\\_Reed](http://www.jimerson-lipsev.com/Elbert_Reed)

**Harlan "Andy" Anderson**...thoughts by Hume

Word was received on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> that "Andy" had succumbed to a heart attack. While not many details are available at press time, we know that Andy was a West Valley JC and San Jose State sprinter. He was married and had a daughter.

In his professional life Andy ran a toxic clean-up business that handled toxic spills from illegal drug labs to international work.

As a track and field official "Andy" Anderson was a starter. Andy worked small meets, and he worked large meets. He was the head starter at the University of California-Berkeley and he worked with Jerry Collet and Bob Hughey at other prominent meets within the Pacific Association. This last June, Andy was one of the starters at the NCAA Division I Championship T&F Meet in Sacramento.

Andy was a motorcycle enthusiast and, several years ago, with some of his motorcycle riding friends, road the Lewis and Clark Trail in celebration of their anniversary.

## Heard at the Track

- **Mark Winitz**, Pacific Association LDR Chair recently forwarded to me the long distance running schedule for the 2006 season. Mark needs officials regardless of your background to help with LDR competitions. This is a good place to learn on the job. Please look at the below list schedule and see if you can give Mark some help on one or more of these dates. Contact Mark at 650-948-0618.

Sat. 8/12 Susan B. Anthony Women's 5 K...Sacramento  
Sun. 9/17 Jamba Juice 5K...Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

Sun. 9/24 Heritage Oaks Bank 10K...Paso Robles (plus USATF National Masters 10 K Championships)

Sun. 10/15 Humboldt Redwoods Half Marathon...Weott

Sun. 11/12 Clarksburg Country 30K...Clarksburg

Thurs. 11/23 Seagate Elite 5K...San Jose (Thanksgiving)

Sun. 12/3 California International Marathon...Sacramento

Sun. 12/17 Christmas Relays...San Francisco

- Our officials committee recently has received very nice donations from Stanford University, The University of California, Berkeley, Save Mart CARES (for the Modesto Relays) and the Peninsula Athletic League. Please remember these institutions when making decisions as to where you are going to officiate. All of the contributions received by the committee are used to improve our professional program for officials and to better promote our sport in Northern California and Western Nevada.
- **Lori Maynard**, a long time Master field event official in the Association as well as the copy reader for this newsletter, was inducted into the Master Track and Field Hall of Fame at the 2005 UASTF Convention in Jacksonville, Florida. Congratulations Lori!!!

Second note on Lori: For the 2007 season Lori has turned over the master schedule responsibilities to Bill Hawkes. Thank you, Lori for taking on the responsibility for the past eight years. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the officials and coaches who receive the newsletter. An early note for coaches: Bill Hawkes can be contacted at P.O. Box 2791, Cupertino, CA 95014, telephone 408-736-7935, E-mail [flojo1049@yahoo.com](mailto:flojo1049@yahoo.com)

- At the May 7<sup>th</sup> North Coast Section Meet of Champions at UC Berkeley **John Lupp** was honored for his more than twenty-five years of service to the North Coast Section CIF as a track and field and cross-country official. John was given a plaque and round of applause from the crowd and went back to work as the meet referee. Congratulations John!!!
- **Foothill Junior College** in Los Altos has a new all weather track and field facility with no coach and no team.
- **Terry Ward**, long time head track and field coach at Bellarmine High School in San Jose, has recently been hospitalized for an extended period of time. Terry's assistants are doing a very admirable job in keeping the program up to speed. The officials will be looking forward to seeing you well and back on the track soon, Terry.
- **Ashley Couper**, Assistant Cross Country and women's distance coach on the track, has left Stanford's staff to train full



Harlan "Andy" Anderson



Ashley Couper David Vidal

time. Replacing Ashley is David Vidal, a Stanford grad and former member of the men's cross country and track and field teams. Good luck to both young people as they pursue these new endeavors.

- **Stanford will host** two major cross-country championships on the golf course this fall. Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Stanford Invitational on the golf course. Stanford will also host the "Pacific 10" Cross Country Championships on Saturday, October 28, 2006.
- **Bob Bowlsby** is the new athletic director at Stanford University. He was previously the Athletic Director at the University of Iowa in Ames.
- **The Big West Conference** will hold their cross-country championships at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo on Saturday, October 28, 2006.
- **The West Coast Conference** will hold their cross-country championships on the Crystal Springs course in Belmont on Saturday, October 28, 2006.
- At a recent meeting of the Officials executive committee it was approved to return the annual meeting to the campus of the University of California, Davis. Please see the notice for the annual meeting on page one. Coaches **Jon** and **Deanne Vochatzer** have been very cooperative in helping us with arrangements and providing the catering.
- From **David Shrock**, Coaches Committee report 5/16/06, Retiring coaches: **Gary Shaw** after 37 years of coaching at Salinas' Hartnell College. Coach Shaw began his coaching career in 1966 at Santa Rosa Junior College as the head track coach and assistant football coach. One of California's most prolific and successful community college coaches, Shaw has coached many outstanding athletes including Olympians Alvin and Calvin Harrison.



Bob Bowlsby

Reminiscenced Shaw, "I've had one of the best jobs a person can have assisting students to achieve positive experiences... you can't have a better job than that." Shaw's full-time replacement has just been announced. **Jerry Noble**, a former Chico State decathlete, now holds the title.

- **The College of San Mateo** is back in the track and field meet business after a two-year absence for renovations. The new facilities at the stadium are some of the best in the country. The new separate throwing venue is superb. The one draw back is that the long throws sector ends at 215 feet. The scenic view from the stadium is one of the best in the Bay Area.

- Officials help needed. We are seeking one of our members to assist **George Kleeman** (our Education Chairman) and **Jim Hume** (our Certification Chairman) on clinic days at the instructional site. Both George and Jim are over whelmed with paper work on those days and if they teach, it takes them several days to sort out what has transpired. This year we scheduled five clinic days in January and February. If you are interested in helping...please contact Bruce.



*In the past, we have twice posted pictures of one of our officials when they were athletes. So far, nobody has come up with the proper name(s). Here we go again! Who is this javelin thrower? And since that isn't much of challenge, where was the picture taken? Send Hume an e-mail to claim your credit.*

### Thoughts from a Spoiled California Track And Field Official

During the first week of June this year Shirley and I worked the NCAA Division I Track and Field Championships at Hornet Stadium on the campus of Sacramento State University. The climatic conditions were second to none at the stadium daily. The weather could not have been more perfect for all four days of the Championships. The live television window on Saturday afternoon came off like clock work: The races were run at the scheduled time and the field events concluded fifteen minutes to thirty minutes before the end of the live broadcast. During the afternoon sessions of the meet the temperatures and wind conditions were warm for the sprinters, as they appreciate. The outstanding times reflect these conditions. During the early evening hours the temperatures dropped and the distance runners ran in a very comfortable 70-degree atmosphere. Nary a rain cloud nor a thunderhead was seen on the horizon.

During the third week of June the Connors encountered a change of scene. We were in attendance at the USATF Junior and Senior Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana. I found out very rapidly that the local Doppler storm radar is readily available on most lap

top computers and meet management monitors them on a minute-to-minute basis. The Doppler was definitely a constant topic of conversation during the entire five days of the competition. What a way to live!!! Day one of the meet proceeded without any weather interruptions although meet management was constantly looking to the West and watching the thunderheads pass by to the north of the stadium. Day two we were not so lucky. The temperatures were in the high eighties with a light wind blowing. A third of the way through the program the PA announcer sent us all off the track to the local parking structure and into the close-by indoor swimming pool complex. Here we stayed for almost two hours as thunder and lightning and heavy rain drowned the track and field venue.

The all clear was announced and back we went to the track. This lasted for another approximately ninety minutes until the next front blew into town. Again we sought shelter. After approximately two hours under cover and the rain still coming down in buckets full the meet was abandoned for the day with three running events yet to be contested. Day three was a gorgeous day. The races from the previous day were made up and the meet was back on schedule. Day four again found meet management keeping one eye on the Doppler and the other on the heavens, but we made it though with out anyone getting wet. Day five we had live TV coverage scheduled. The athletes were ready, a good crowd of spectators was in the stands, the officials had the venues prepared and the meet was making good progress. TV time had started and the storm came in. Everyone left the stadium for a good ninety

minutes. When we returned TV time was over. They got in two or three events live. The athletes returning to the venues were game but not in top performance condition mentally, some of the spectators came back and the volunteers and officials worked hard to make the venues ready for competition. The meet finally concluded long after TV time was over. (*Hume reports...ESPN, which was showing the meet, did show the finish of the men's 200 and the men's 1500 later in the day. I awoke from my nap just in time to see them.*) The LOC did a good job in meet organization and meet management had its highs and lows, the spectators got an inferior product, the officials survived to work another day. Critical TV exposure was lost, athlete performances were affected, and much needed spectator support was compromised. "Mother nature" is not kind in the Midwest during the summer months.

In planning future competitions of extended, critical multi-day duration, maybe the elements controlled by "mother nature" should be more seriously considered. The NCAA Division I learned their lesson in Texas and moved to Sacramento. In the past six years major track and field competitions held in California have not had major weather interference of the competitive programs.

I learned a lot about weather and running a track meet under adverse conditions in Indianapolis. I hope I do not have to practice these new learned skills in my home state in the immediate future.

Sign me...*Just a spoiled California track and field official.*



Sean Laughlin

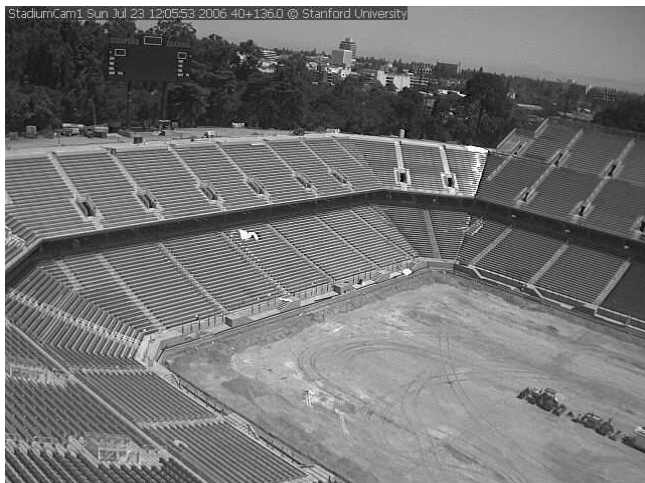
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June's NCAA Division I Track and Field Championship saw a plethora of Pacific Association LaserLynx users. These stalwarts were joined by Reno's Leon Wimbley and Sacramento's Pat Randall, who escaped the photography session, and Florida's Eric Smith. The LaserLynx machine is Sean Laughlin's newest toy. Sean's first time out with his new toy he got to measure Kim Kreiner's American record javelin throw during the Pacific Association meet at CSM. The calibration of the laser was certified with a surveying company, and found, "Spot on!" At the NCAA meet all of the javelin, discus and hammer throws were measured with out incident.



*Stanford's new football stadium is well on its way to competition as of August 1<sup>st</sup>. They demolished the old stadium after the last football game of '05, and will have the new stadium ready for the '06 season. Now that is construction.*

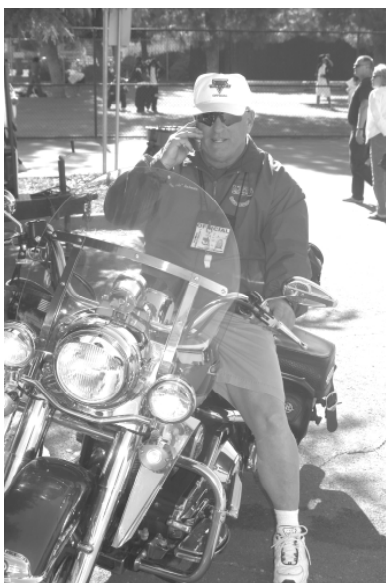


*Were you in Sacramento at Sac State for the NCAA Division I T&F Championships in June? Well, you have another opportunity next year. Watch T&D in January for information on how to sign up.*



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*Andy Anderson on his motorcycle.*

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