

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
2005	Phil Watkins
2006	Bill Edgar
2007	Ed Hicks

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**

The Horace Crow

Special Recognition Award — Field

1995	Sonny Maynard
1996	Rich Zulaica
1997	(no award)
1998	Bill Edgar
1999	Joan M. Wilson
2000	Phil Watkins
2001	Dr. Leon Glover, Jr.
2002	Bruce Colman
2003	Dick Petruzzi
2004	Teddy Hayes
2005	Shirley Connors
	Margaret Sheehan
2006	John Murray

2007 **Bill Hawkes**

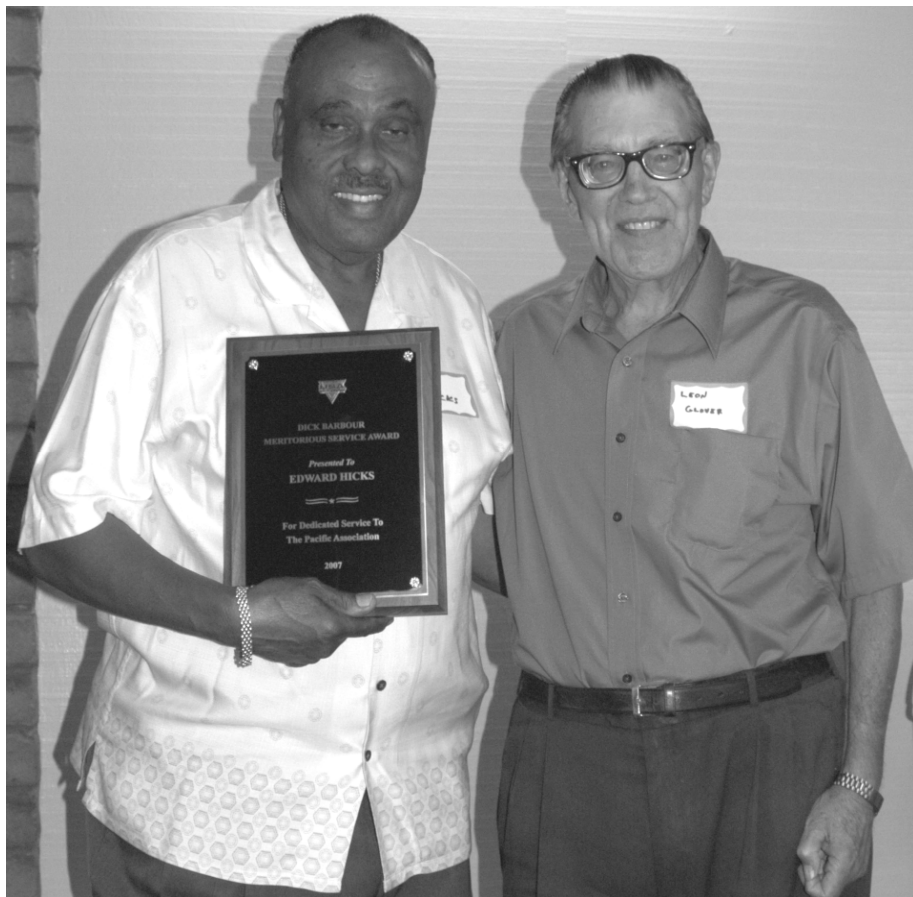


Turns & Distances

Pacific Association Officials Committee

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Again this year, the University of California Davis and head track coach **Jon Vochatzer** were our hosts for the 2007 Pacific Association's USATF Officials Committee Annual Meeting, Sunday, August 26th, at Putah Creek Lodge. Coach "V" treated the officials to a very tasty lunch, and reported that plans are well under way for the conversion of the former football field at UC Davis into a track only facility.



Awards Chair Dr. Leon Glover presented **Ed Hicks**, our 2007 *Dick Barbour Meritorious Service Award*

The meeting opened with a throws safety clinic entitled: *Dodging Missiles or Safety in the Throws*. **Al Minturn**, our guest and frequent visitor from Southern California, was the presenter. Al emphasized that as officials we must all look out for each others' safety in the throws and that, for safety considerations, chronological age and physical condition are definitely factors to be considered before an official takes the field.

Credits for this issue include **Bruce Colman**, **Jim Hume** and **Dick Connors** for writing; **Bruce Colman** for copy-reading; **Jim Hume** and **Michael** and **Sue Vanderwerf** for photography; **Jim Hume** for desk top publishing; and **Dick Connors** for inspiration, editing and mailing.

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PA Officials Committee Executive Committee 2007-09:

Bruce Colman, Chair;

Phil Watkins, Vice Chair;

Dick Connors, past chair;

Jon Siegel, Secretary;

John Murray, at large representative;

Mike Leonard at large representative;

George Kleeman, Training Chair;

Jim Hume, Certification Chair;

Dr. Leon Glover, Awards Chair.

Representatives To The Board Of Athletics

Dick Connors

Bob Podkaminer

Margaret Sheehan

The highlight of each annual meeting is our opportunity to recognize the outstanding work of our officials. Following lunch PA Officials Awards Chair **Leon Glover** presented the annual awards for 2007. Honored this year were:

- The 2007 *Dick Barbour Meritorious Service Award* went to Oakland veteran official **Ed Hicks** who has forty plus years of service to the association.
- The *George Newlon Special Recognition Award – Track*, presented annually to an outstanding track official, went to starter **Colin Campbell** from Sutter Creek.
- The 2007 *Horace Crow Special Recognition Award – Field*, presented annual to an outstanding field event official, went to **Bill Hawkes**, the throws official from Cupertino.

Colin and Bill were not able to attend the meeting to receive their recognitions, but a future edition of *Turns & Distances* will have their pictures.

Each USATF association, based on its number of certified officials, is eligible to nominate a number of its officials for recognition from the National Officials Committee. Pacific Association officials receiving National Award Certificates from the Committee for 2007 were: **Mike Sands** from Sacramento, vertical jumps, **Irene Herman** from San Francisco, an umpire and long

distance running official, **Jeanne Sanders** from Sacramento, a field events generalist, **Robert Thompson** from Petaluma, a throws official and **Mark Winitz** from Los Altos, a long distance running official and the coordinator of LDR officials assignments.



From left to right, **Mike Sands**, **Jeanne Sanders**, **Mark Winitz** and **Irene Herman** were our 2007 National Officials Committee Award Winners. Robert Thompson missed the picture but his work is appreciated.

The final category of awards given came from the Pacific Association's Officials Committee. The Association's Award Certificates are given in recognition of the hard work and excellence of our younger officials.



Becky Klein, **Stephanie Bolden**, **Steve Green** and **Barbara Rageh** were present to receive their certificates in person.

Receiving these 2007 awards were: **Stephanie Bolden** of Oakland, a clerk, **Steve Green** of Vacaville, a throws official, **Karen Hamlin** of Reno, a vertical jumps official, **J. R. Heberle** of Palo Alto, a Lynx Operator official, **Becky Klein** of Santa Cruz, a race walk official, **George Paddeck** from Folsom, an Youth Official, **Barbara Rageh** from Orinda, a high school specialist, **Jamie Starmer** from Chico, a starter and **John Wise** from San Carlos, a starter.

A special recognition ward was given to veteran University of California Berkeley field events coach **Ed**

Miller for his many years of assistance to the working officials at Cal.



Raffle Master Watkins

After the awards vice-chairman **Phil Watkins** ran his annual raffle of assorted prizes, which various people had contributed (Joe Nemeth brought fresh vegetables!). Every official and guest took home a prize of some type! Phil ran such an honest raffle that his number was one of the last called.

PA President Jerry Colman reminisced about his athletic career; and new Emeritus Official **John Bodley** was recognized and applauded.

Lynn Cannon, a former elite athlete and official in our association and the current Secretary of USATF, gave a light hearted talk, sharing some of her experiences as an international athlete and work as a national elected officer, reminding officials to remember "The Big Picture."



Lynn Cannon

Chairman Colman then called the business meeting to order. Last year's minutes were approved and then **Jeanne Sanders** chairman of the nominations committee reported

the results of the biannual election: **Bruce Colman** was returned as Chairman and **Phil Watkins** will again be the vice-chair. **John Siegel** was elected secretary and **John Murray** and **Mike Leonard** were elected as representatives at large to the Official's Executive Committee. **Bob Podkaminer**, **Margaret Sheehan** and **Dick Connors** were elected to represent officials on the Association Board of Athletics.

Mr. Colman thanked Ms. Sanders for a job well done. The business meeting continued with reports from the three standing committees. **George Kleeman** reported on the activities of the education committee and the new direction it is taking to better support the membership. **Jim Hume's** report from the certification committee is expanded later in this newsletter. **Leon Glover** was the last to give his report asking for members to submit names to him of officials who should be recognized in 2008 for their contributions.

A number of our officials are active on other Board of Athletics committees and they spoke regarding their activities in support of the organization.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 PM.

Heard at the Track

➤ **George Carty**, 32-year track and field and cross country coach at James Lick High School in San Jose, was recently honored by his boyhood hometown of Perth Amboy, New Jersey. George was inducted in the Perth Amboy High School Hall of Fame. He is a 1968 graduate of the high school. While attending high school Carty was an outstanding hurdler, anchoring the school's shuttle hurdle relay team to a national record. Following high school George continued his education at San Jose State where he became a world-class hurdler. Carty was a member of the Spartan track team that won the NCAA Championship in 1969. George has published several articles on hurdling technique. He continues to reside in San Jose and is active in the coaching of high school track and field athletes. Congratulations George!!!



George Carty

➤ Congratulations to **Joy Margerum** and **Rick Milam**, who have been appointed as the track and field co-meet directors for the 2009 U.S. Senior games to be held on the campus of Stanford University in Palo Alto, August 1st to 15th, 2009. Please mark your calendar now as Rick is going to need a lot of Pacific Association officials.



Rick Milam

The Peninsula Athletic League again this year has sent the officials committee a nice donation for our services at their league meet.

- The Alameda Run for the Parks event has also continued to support PA officials with a donation, through the good offices of Master Official **Gail Wetzork**.
- Changes at UC Berkeley:
 - **Chris Huffins** has resigned as director of track and field, effective the end of the 2007 NCAA Championships. As he left, he told the press: "I am a Golden Bear, and the opportunity to coach your alma mater is unbelievable. The Cal spirit is strong. A part of me will always bleed blue and gold."
 - **Josh Flushman** has moved to UC Davis to become an Assistant Athletic Director. Congratulations, Josh, we'll miss you at Cal, but see in you in Davis!
 - **Bryan Fetzer** has left Cal to become men's and women's multi's/jumps/hurdles coach and the women's sprints coach at Mississippi State. Congratulations, Bryan, and good luck.

- **Jennifer Joyce** has left Cal to concentrate on her own throwing career.
- Long time Cal track and field and cross-country coach **Tony Sandoval** has been named Interim Director of Track and Field for the 2007-2008 seasons. For more information see www.GOBears.com.

- More news about **Rick Milam**. Rick has been appointed track-meet director of the International Children's Games to be held July 10-11, 2008 at Kezar Stadium, San Francisco. Rick reports 120 boys and girls from all over the world will participate in the meet. Yes, he needs officials. Beat the rush and call him now: 408-241-6578 or Milam@hotmail.com. Association-level official Michael Boot will head the tennis-table competition at these same Games.
- **Lisa Shrock** was named as one of the 2006/2007 CIF Model Coaches and the 2006 *Modesto Bee* Coach of the Year. The article is unclear if this was for basketball or cross country and track. Either way, what an honor!
- **Sonoma State** has dropped its women's Track and Field and Cross Country program effective the end of the 2006-2007 academic year. (Word comes from Long Island that CW Post has also ended its track and field program as financially unsupportable, but is continuing cross country.)
- **Aaron Junta** has been named the new Men's and Women's track and field coach at Shasta College in Redding. Coach Junta had previously worked as an assistant coach at East Los Angeles College. Congratulations Coach Junta. Welcome to the Pacific Association!!!
- **Don Bailes** was voted the 2006 CIF OFFICIAL of the YEAR by the California Coaches Association. This statewide award includes all high school sports that are sanctioned by the California Interscholastic Federation. Don has been the meet director of the North Coast Meet of Champions in Berkeley for 25 years and is a Master Official.
- **Dr. Charles Harmon "Doc" Brown**, one of our veteran Master Officials, an assistant coach at San



Dr. Harmon Brown

Francisco State and a member of the International Association of Athletics Federation Medical and Anti-Doping Commission, received the IAAF Veteran's Pin at the 46th IAAF Congress in Osaka, Japan, on August 20th. Congratulations, Doc, it is a much-deserved honor.

- At the 2007 National USATF Junior Olympics Championship held July 24-29 at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, California, the Pacific Association was very well represented. Twenty-four of our members helped our colleagues in Southern California put on an outstanding National Championship competition. The 2008 National USATF Junior Olympics will be held in Omaha, Nebraska.
- Coaches' alert: **Bill Hawkes** has started his annual collection of track and field meet schedules for the 2008 season in the Pacific Association. They will go into the annual master calendar used by PA officials to plan our work. Please forward your schedules to Bill Hawkes, P.O. Box 2791, Cupertino, CA 95014, or E-mail flojo1049@yahoo.com. Bill hopes to have the schedule complete by the first week in November, for publication in the next *Turns and Distances*.
- Coaches alert II: it is not too late to get your Cross-Country meets onto the officials Fall Running Schedule. Please send those schedules to Bill's associate, **Becky Klein**, at boopwalk@earthlink.net. The schedule will be posted on the PA website.



Becky Klein



At the Pacific Association Junior Olympic Championships in Livermore, **Bob Shor** was honored with a plaque for his forty years service to the Association's youth program. Congratulations Bob!!! "Keep on trackin'!!!" **Bob Shor** received his plaque from **Darryl Hampton**.

- The 2007 USATF National Convention will be held November 29-December 2, in Honolulu, Hawaii. The specific days for the Officials meetings are Friday and

Saturday. For more information see the web site
www.USATF.org.

Autumn Running Events

Mark Winitz, PA Long Distance Running chair, has again made contact with *Turns and Distances* requesting Officials for the below listed competitions. Mark needs starters, referees, judges, umpires and timers. If you are available to give Mark a helping hand please contact him at 650-948-0618 or winitz@earthlink.net.

2007 PA/USATF Cross Country Grand Prix Schedule

Sat.	9/29	.....	Garrin Park XC Challenge	Hayward
Sat.	10/6	.....	Presidio Challenge	San Francisco
Sat.	10/13	.....	Shoreline Open	Mountain View
Sat.	10/27	.....	Tamalpa Challenge	San Rafael
Sat.	11/3	.....	Fleet Feet Open	Sacramento
Sun.	11/18	.....	PA/USATF Champs	San Francisco

2007 PA/USATF Road Running Grand Prix Schedule

Sun.	9/16	.....	Banana Chase 5K	San Francisco
Sun.	9/23	.....	Heritage Oaks Bank 10K	Paso Robles
(plus USATF National Masters 10K Championship)				
Sun.	10/21	.....	Humboldt Redwood Half Marathon	Weott
Sun.	11/11	.....	Clarksburg Country Run 30K	Clarksburg
Thurs.	11/22	.....	Seagate Elite 5K	San Jose
Sun.	12/2	.....	California International Marathon	Sacramento
Sun.	12/16	.....	Christmas Relays	San Francisco

Certification Chair's Report

Very little has changed in the past few months. After our big push with clinics we only have the fine tuning to do. National Certification Chair Jim Flanik has an on line site where I can go to add new officials, upgrade current officials and change their contact information. It seems to be working well.



Jim Hume

At last count we had 10 Emeritus officials, 215 Association level officials, 48 National level officials and 39 Master level officials. Since we are over 300, we will receive an extra (now four) votes in the Officials Committee at the USATF Convention.

George Kleeman has done some statistical work and reports that the age distribution of our officials is: Three under the age of 20, 13 in their 20's, seven in their 30's, 49 in their 40's, 63 in their 50's, 67 in their 60's, 33 in their 70's and two in their 80's. The average age of our officials is 55.25 years.

Officials who would like to upgrade from Association to National or from National to Master level should send me an e-mail (jimhume.certchair@sbcglobal.net) requesting the appropriate rules review. Let me know if you need a

snail-mail copy or if your computer can handle an electronic version.

Missing at the Track

Kurt Servos-Geology Professor

From The San Francisco Chronicle 5/6/07 By Carrie Sturrock.

Kurt Servos, a Menlo College geology professor for many years, died Sunday after a long illness. He was 78.

Colleagues remember him as a dedicated teacher who took his students on far-flung field trips to study the geology of Hawaii and the Grand Canyon. He had a curmudgeonly way, but those who took the time to know him found a generous man with passionate and varied interests.



Kurt Servos

"If you hung around him enough, you really got to like him," said his cousin, Larry Wilson of Oakland. "He was incredibly generous."

He never let Wilson pay for a meal when they dined together, and because he had no children of his own, Professor Servos set up educational trust funds for several children of friends.

He was born to Jewish parents in Anrath, Germany, and his family immigrated to the United States near the beginning of World War II. They settled in New Jersey, where his father opened a store.

The young Servos received a full scholarship to Rutgers University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in geology in 1952. He received a master's degree in geology from Yale in 1954 and joined the Stanford University faculty as an assistant professor of mineralogy in 1957. While there, students voted him runner-up in Stanford's first "Red Hot Profs" contest, and he helped lead the cheers before a Stanford vs. San Jose State football game with two other popular professors.

After his father died, Professor Servos left Stanford to return to New Jersey and tried to run the family store, Wilson said. But after a time he came back to the West Coast and accepted a professorship in 1967 at Menlo College in Atherton, a post he held until he retired in 1994.

"He was a very dedicated teacher, and he had a very good following among our students," said Menlo College's recent past president, Carlos Lopez.

Professor Servos was a huge fan and collector of the Dutch graphic artist M.C. Escher, a collection Wilson said his uncle donated to Yale University. He served on the Menlo Park Bicycle Commission and the Trees for Menlo

committee for many years and was a certified track and field official at Northern California track meets.

Robert Potter Mason, September 27, 1935-April 16, 2007

From the program of the "A Celebration of Life" April 27, 2007 Kensington, CA.

Robert P. Mason—known as "R.P." by his wife, Marie and "Bob" or "Bobby" by other family members and friends--was born in East Orange, New Jersey, on September 2, 1935. He was reared in Jamaica, New York, by his parents, Florence Potter Mason and George S. Mason. Bob attended public elementary school (P.S. 140) and Jamaica High School, graduating at age 16 in 1952. He attended City College of New York, where he was a member of the track team (110- meter hurdler) and graduated in June 1956 with a bachelor's degree in economics. He was a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, having been admitted to Omicron Chapter in 1954.

Robert P. Mason and Marie Francoise Therese Henry were married on October 18, 1958, in Brooklyn, New York. They became the proud parents of Francis George Mason in 1964 and Michele Roberta Mason in 1970. Bob was drafted into the U.S. Army in July 1959 and served as a medic until his honorable discharge in 1961. He and Marie were stationed in Germany during most of that time. He received his *Juris Doctorate* (J.D.) degree from New York University School of Law in February 1967 and was admitted as a member of the New York Bar Association in June of that year. In January on 1968, he began his law career with the Bronx County District Attorney's Office; a year later he accepted a position with the Morrisania Legal Service Program in the Bronx.

Bob and Marie moved their family to Northern California in 1970 and first lived in Richmond. They purchased their present residence in Oakland in August 1972. Bob's first employment in California was as an associate in law at Boalt Hall, a one-year position, for the academic year 1970-1971. He next worked at Berkeley Legal Services for a little more than a year before going into private practice.

From 1974 to 1977 Bob Mason worked as an assistant public defender in the Alameda County Public Defender's Office. His next position was with State of California Public Defender's Office, handling appellate matters. He was appointed an Administrative Law Judge with the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board in October 1980, a position he held for 19 years, until his retirement in July 1999. During his tenure with the board he taught administrative law at San Francisco State University and loved his work as a law teacher. Bob was an active member of the Charles Houston Bar Association.

After moving to California in 1970, Bob helped to establish the Oakland Invitational Relays and became a volunteer official at track and field events. He officiated at

high school meets, senior meets, Special Olympics and Police Summer Games. He also officiated at college level track meets all over the state of California and as far away as Reno. He served as an official at the 1992 Olympic Trials in New Orleans, LA. The high point of his career as a volunteer track official was his selection by the Olympic Committee to officiate at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, GA.

Judge Robert P. Mason is survived by his wife, children and three siblings; his sister, Eleanor Mason Ramsey, Ph.D. and her husband, Judge Henry Ramsey, Jr. of Berkeley, CA brothers Judge George W. Mason and his wife Tina Mason of Suffolk, Virginia and Mr. Walter J. Mason and his wife Dr. Patricia Hines Mason of Baldwin, New York. He also leaves many nephews, nieces and cousins.

Missing at the Track

FRANK HART July 19, 1926 – Aug 11, 2007

From the Modesto Bee 8/15/07

Frank was born July 19, 1926 in Modesto and died August 11, 2007 of cancer at Community Hospice Facility in Hughson.

Frank was the beloved husband of Barbara Hart for 56 years. He was the father of Benton Hart and Sandra Groll, and grandfather of Christen Pruitt, Melissa Groll and Jeremy Hart. He was also the great-grandfather to Kyler and Kolton Pruitt. He was a special uncle and great uncle to numerous nieces and nephews.



Frank Hart

Frank was raised on the family dairy on Maze Blvd. He attended Modesto High School where he was active in sports and President of FFA. He was drafted into the Army and served in the Philippines during WWII. He married Barbara Fredendall in 1951. He was a plumber, and he and Barbara moved to the family ranch in 1964 and farmed 80 acres of almonds. Frank was involved with AFS, Heifer International, Woodland Avenue Fire Department and Habitat for Humanity. He was a deacon at the Modesto Church of the Brethren. He was President of the Casa de Modesto Board, the Modesto Junior College Foundation board, and the Fifty Plus Club. Frank enjoyed church activities and Camp Peaceful Pines. He played and refereed basketball, played and umpired softball, and was a National Track and Field official.

Frank and his wife received the liberty Bell award in 1980 for Service to the community, the Tom Moore Award for contributions to track and field and the Church of the Brethren Outdoor Ministries Association in recognition of 50 years of volunteer service at Camp Peaceful Pines.

Frank was a kind and gentle man, and was always willing to volunteer his time and talents.

Stanford Captures 13th Straight U.S. Sports Academy Directors' Cup...*from the Stanford Cardinal Official Athletic Website*

Cardinal wins national titles in two of the 20 sports allowed in the standings and scores in 19 of possible 20.



The Cup

Athletic Directors of Athletics (NACDA), United States Sports Academy, and USA Today to the best overall collegiate athletics program in the country.

“We’re proud to have won the Directors’ Cup for a 13th consecutive year,” said Bob Bowlsby, Stanford’s Jaquish & Kenninger Director of Athletics. “The credit goes to the student-athletes and coaches that continue to lead our intercollegiate athletics program to unparalleled success.”

National championships in women’s cross-country and men’s golf led Stanford to the prestigious honor again in 2006-07. Stanford also had runner-up finishes in men’s swimming and diving, women’s volleyball and women’s water polo. Stanford scored in 21 sports with a total of 19 contributing towards the final point total – 10 in the women’s side and nine men’s programs. Points are awarded based on each institution’s finish in up to 20 sports – 10 women’s and 10 men’s.

Other Stanford teams finishing in the Top 10 nationally were among the 20 sports allowed in the standings included men’s gymnastics (3rd), women’s tennis (3rd-T), women’s swimming and diving (4th), men’s indoor track and field (4th), women’s golf (5th), women’s gymnastics (5th), women’s indoor track and field (6th), fencing (9th), women’s soccer (9th T), men’s outdoor track

and field (10th T), and women’s outdoor track and field (10th T).

Stanford had 1429 points in the final standings for a relatively comfortable margin of victory over second place UCLA (1257), North Carolina (1161.33), Michigan (1135.25) and Southern California (1103.50) rounding out the first five teams on the Division I level.

Editor’s note: The University of California-Berkeley finished ninth in the 2006-07 Directors’ Cup competition with 1030 points.

Comments by Connors

The 2007 track and field season in the Pacific Association is history. Time does fly when you are having fun. In less than twelve months the 2008 Olympic Games will be held in Beijing, China. I hope you are ready for some great track and field on television. We as officials in the Pacific Association certainly help develop a lot of the great athletes who will be appearing on television from China in 2008. We certainly got a good look at up and coming great athletes in the past three years with NCAA championships at Sacramento State. The quality of the competition on the collegiate level in the Association had to be the best in the country. The Junior Colleges this season were highly competitive and the high school state meet was one of the best on record. Our Age Group Program had a banner year and continued to grow. But, ’07 is probably going to be the peak of “Big Time” high level meets in the Association until after the start of the new Olympiad. During ’08 the national championships are, sadly, not scheduled to be in our territory. It’s another association’s turn to brag about all the great track and field they are hosting. The Big Sky Conference Championships are scheduled for Sacramento State in 2008. We definitely can switch some of our attention to the Youth, Masters and high school programs in our area.

We may not have to cry for too long, however, as the Sacramento Sports Commission is currently preparing bids for the 2009, 10 and 11 Junior and Senior USATF Track And Field Championships for Sacramento State. Let’s hope the bids are successful. In 2009 the State Junior College Championships will again return to Northern California as well as the State High School Meet.

We as officials cannot let down in our attendance of meets, allow our skill levels to drop off, nor lapse or in our recruitment of new members for our group. George Kleeman currently has a committee considering curriculum and other changes for the 2008 clinic season and he is always looking for new instructors to lead various aspects of the instruction. At each of the clinic



Dick Connors

sites George will require assistants to help with registration and record keeping. Please contact George about your availability as an instructor or a record keeper: (925) 229-2927 or george_kleeman@comcast.net.

Connors' Thoughts about the 2007 USATF Senior/Junior Championships

The national championships were held in Indianapolis, Indiana at Indiana University Purdue University Stadium. Do you want to see great track and field? Try the USATF Nationals. The overall competition during the five days of the Championship was truly outstanding. The athletes came prepared and then competed to the highest level of expectation, P.R.'s were achieved and individuals qualified for the various teams to represent the country at many international meets this summer, and records were set. The officiating by the



Bill Monheit was a former UC Berkeley track and field official who set aside money in his will to renovate the room at Edwards Stadium for an official's room. That is a large group of officials enjoying the room.

selected crews of officials was at the highest and most professional level.

Why wasn't it the greatest USATF Championships of all time? Once again this year like last, Mother Nature did not cooperate. It rained or tried to rain three of the five days of competition. Everyone at the meet was alert for severe weather warnings. Most of the athletes were not bothered by the rain, but it caused two pole vault competitions to be delayed in starting and made squeegeeing the runways necessary between flights in the horizontal jumps and javelin to prevent slipping. Of course the officials were kept more than busy toweling the shot, hammer and discus circles as the competition progressed. Who could blame the spectators for not showing up to sit in the rain? It was just not pleasant being outside in the persistent drip.

The Indiana organizing committee did an outstanding job of making the necessary preparations for the meet. Transportation was in place for arriving officials and guests, hotel rooms were provided for officials and the meals service for officials was excellent, with very tasty food. The physical facilities, i.e. the competition venues at the stadium, were in good repair, safety precautions had been taken, the hammer field was off limits to spectators, and the track surface was fast. Everything was it place!

Maybe USATF should consider hosting this annual extravaganza in a climate area outside the tornado belt where it does not rain on almost a daily basis during the month of June. Our sport deserves better! Northern California is a wonderful alternative. Athletes are entitled to the best when they are trying to produce their best. Spectators will come out to competitions where the conditions are comfortable and officials can go about their assignments without being uncomfortable wearing rain gear to stay dry.

Officials' Web Site Remodel

By John Lilygren

Chairman Colman asked **J.R. Heberle** and **John Lilygren** to review the Officials' section of the PA USATF web page with the goal of improving the content and organization of information. Currently the officials' section is accessed via a dropdown menu on the PA USATF home page. Much of the information is in PDF files without an outline or bulleted list to help you navigate. Furthermore, while PDF files are useful for printing they are not the best format for web presentation. The text should be formatted so it can be read in the web browser.

We are considering creating a separate Officials' web page that will be accessed from the PA USATF home page. Each of the items in the current dropdown list would appear as separate buttons on the page and each button would have its own list of contents. The web page would accomplish the goal of organizing the information and enable us to expand the content. Some ideas for additions:

- A history of the PA USATF Officials organization



John Lilygren

- A description of the areas of specialization for new officials
- A list of mentor officials
- A section for downloadable forms (running event heat sheet; field event form; National records form)
- Helpful hints for different events such as recommended equipment and where to buy it or tips in setting up an event

If you have ideas of what you want to see on the web page, e-mail them to John at jililygren@earthlink.net.

Safety: Officiating is always about Safety

The following protocols were developed by **Shelby Sharpe**, Master Marshall, and general counsel for the United States Track and Cross Country Coaches Association.

Meet Administration Check List

1. Sufficiency of personnel to operate the meet.
 - A. Sufficient number of qualified marshals.
 - B. Officials knowledgeable and physically able to discharge duties.
 - C. Sufficient health-care professionals.

2. Avoid overlapping competition areas by scheduling.
3. Have hydration stations properly maintained.
4. Check all competition areas before permitting access to them.
5. Have proper number of qualified marshals for all practice and meet times.

Site Check List

1. Examine all field event areas for overlaps with other competition areas including running lanes.
2. Examine the sectors where implements will land.
3. Examine all pits and equipment for the competition.
4. Examine all implement cages and their positioning.
5. Check all running surfaces.
6. Examine position and brightness of lights if competition involving field events will be held at night.
7. Determine the sufficient availability of health-care professionals for the needs of the meet.

Bill Monheit found discovered that running is good physical activity



This picture shows **Bill Monheit** competing at the Masters Championships in San Diego in 1970. He was still competing in March of 2000 when he and **Ruth Fulle** were the oldest couple to complete the Carlsbad 5000.



Bill Monheit competed as a master athlete. Thanks to his niece Kathleen Campbell for the picture. Bill took up running as his means of physical activity in mid 1960s and competed as a Master Athlete for most of the rest of his life.

These photos came by e-mail from **Michael** and **Sue Vanderwerf**. These photos come from the 2007 NCAA T&F Championship in Sacramento and from the 2007 Pacific Association's JO Meet.



Joe Nemeth, Weights & Measures, seemed to have kept busy during the NCAA Nationals in Sacramento.



Hire **Chris Taylor** to rake your pit. Wow! What a job.



The “**Gang from Redding**” was caught watching the competition at the NCAA meet.



Someone has to measure those throws. In this case, **John Lipsey** was caught in action at the Junior Olympics.



Unless my eyes deceive me, this picture of **Pat Randall** running the high jump comes from the 2007 Golden West Invitational. You can spot Pat with his red Hawaiian shirt.



Our glorious leader, **Bruce Colman**, to the left of the pit, signals the obvious...a missed high jump.

The following photos come from **Jim Hume's** camera...mostly.



Hey, we're on TV! For the second year in a row, the California High School T&F Championship Meet was televised live and with many repeats.



Lisa Shrock, center, brought her merry band of FieldLynx operators to play. The "Merry Band" qualifies as the hardest working FieldLynx operators in the country as they worked the Modesto Relays, The Community College State T&F Meet and the California High School T&F Meet.



John Bodley brought his wife **Helen** to the official's annual meeting and brightened up everyone's day.



Joe Harper, Aaron Weidcamp, Jamie Starmer, Tiffany Banks and **Charles Buettner** got things off to a good start at the California State T&F Meet. They received several positive comments on TV for their good work.

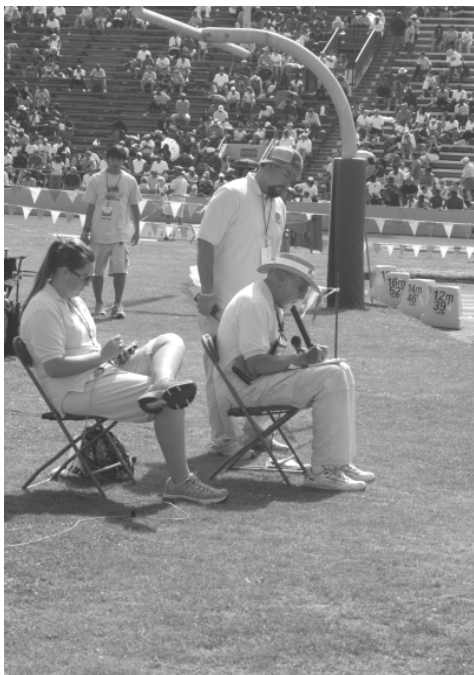


Photo by Michael and Sue Vanderwerf

Bob Shor gets a JO distance race off to a good start.



Aren't relays exciting?



Nicole Thompson is running FieldLynx and **Gail Wetzork** is checking the numbers.



This is a sample of the "New" **USATF Certified Officials Patch**. The patch comes in 2 ½ inch and 4 inch widths and is designed to be sewn over the old patch on shirts, caps and bags.

You may order these patches for \$5.00 (checks payable to National Officials Committee) from **Charlie Ruter**, 9801 Hillock Drive, Fern Creek, KY 40291.



Jordan Hasay wins the CIF Girl's 3200 and gets interviewed for TV.



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Irene Herman agrees, it is the food that attracts people to our Annual Meeting.

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