

# Cedar Rapids Athletic Officials Association

## 2009 Fall Newsletter

**Seventy-Third Annual Awards Dinner:** Everyone is invited to attend the Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 15, 2010, with cocktails at 6:15 p.m. and dinner around 7:00 p.m. Location: A Touch of Class on Mount Vernon Road. There will be a cash bar. The featured speaker is TBA. A reminder that one meal is free with your membership. The cost for your guest's meal will be \$22.00. More information will be forwarded after the basketball season.

**Plan to attend the Fall Business Meeting:** The meeting will be held Wednesday, November 4th, at Washington High School at 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria. **Remember you MUST attend one business meeting either-- this meeting or the spring meeting!**

**Top Test Scores:** The top Football Part II test score went to Ron Peiffer with 98 and Bill Cooper, Joe Schmall and Bob Varian with 97. Thirty-three officials had 90+. Thirty-one officials scored 80+. Fourteen officials had 70+. One official failed the test. Eight officials have not taken the test. The highest test score for applying officials was Randy Mescher with 91.

**Longevity Awards:** The following officials will be recognized at the banquet for longevity to CRAOA: **35-years--**Larry Walderbach (FB). **10-years--**Doug Brock (FB), Jeff Hare (FB), Brian Phillips (FB), Loren Wood (FB). **5-years--**Sam Barrett (BB), Sonny Deke (BB), Erick Klostermann (FB), Mike Mitchell (FB), Charlie Plathe (FB), Nick Roling (BB), Dave Stamy (BB), Ron Van Hoeck (BB), Bob Varian (FB), Douglas Wick (BB). Congratulations to these officials for their service to high school football and basketball.

**Crews Receive Play-offs:** As of this writing, the following CRAOA members have received football tournament invitations. They are Jerry Winter, Pat Casey, Pat Dolphin, Dan Hilby, Patrick St. John, Jack Jaspers, Adrian Simonson, Bill Utterback, Rob Noble, Cory Burkle, Ron Blocklinger, Brian Phillips, Bradley White, Kevin Thorp, Charlie Plathe, Kent Sesker, Willie Guy, Tim Nye, Terry Silberger, Loren Wood, Mike Mitchell, Bill Yeisley, Fred Griffiths, Lenny Mais, Kevin Fink, Alan Averhoff, Rick Swan, Bill Wilson, Bill Yuska, Brandon Yuska, Curtis Olson, Larry Walderbach, Ron Peiffer, Mark Borchardt, Ben Sorden, Chip Weeces, Don Haugen, Joe Miller, Doug Brock, Chad Pohorsky, Matt Fandel, Dave Messerli, Paul Witte, Bill Keel, Ed Johnson. Congratulations on the record number of crews chosen this year!

**Reminder To Update The Secretary:** We need your update for the 2010 football season. You can go into [www.arbitersports.com](http://www.arbitersports.com) and fill in your schedule. If you have trouble, please call Pinky for assistance. If you do not have e-mail, please fill out the sheet and return as soon as possible.

**Basketball Season Upon Us:** We have 6 applying basketball officials on Step II this year. We have 19 applying on Step I. We hope we can retain many of them in the future. We are in real need of more basketball officials in the area. We have 600 games to assign just in the Metro area. That does not include the Varsity level. If anyone can work 3:45 p.m. games, please contact the Executive Secretary.

**Applying Football Members** this year are Wesley Felton, Willie Guy, Doug Kelley, Paul Kerr, Randy Mescher, Tim Nye, Keith Rath, Matt Smith and Kyle Telecky. Transferring into the organization are Bob Barta, Joe Miller, Nathan Pick and Kent Sesker. We had a total number of 89 in football.

### Some Past History:

**50 Years Ago:** 1959 meeting was held at the Sheraton-Montrose Hotel. President was Emil Klumpar. Forty members, guests and applicants attended the dinner. Guests were Cap Hedges, Dick Stark and Honorary members Bob Brooks, Clarence Paulson and Gus Schrader. Applicants meeting all the requirements for approval as association members in football were Jerry Gunsten, Harold Miller, and Jim Potter. It was moved that Don Ferguson be dropped from the roster for lack of meetings.

**45 Years Ago:** 1964, the President was Len Benhart. 43 members attended the dinner meeting at Sheraton-Montrose Hotel, November 16. Ron Robertson, Dick Jordan and Dick Wagner were dropped from the football membership because they failed to attend the required number of rules meetings. Treasurer reported a balance of \$108.30 on hand. Approval was given to Jim Meskimen and Don Ferguson. Bud Suter was the featured speaker.

**40 Years Ago:** 1969, fall meeting and dinner were held at the Ced-Rel Supper Club with wives in attendance. President was Lloyd Spier. Tom Ecker was the guest speaker. New approved officials were Tom Singer, Mamode Hasson, Jim Patterson and Lyn Haines.

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**35 Years Ago:** 1974, Jack Christensen was president. The checking account had \$829.17 in it. Dinner was at the Ronnenberg Inn in Amana. 60 members and wives plan to attend. New approved members to the organization were John Ask, Randy Krejci and Ev Peterson.

**30 Years Ago:** 1979, Tom Pumroy was president. The treasury had a balance of \$958.06. Dinner was at the Ronnenberg Inn. Jack Fette of the NFL was the featured speaker. Richard Wheeler was approved as full member. Dave Bunting was dropped because he lacked the requirements for membership. Officials that failed the test were to be dropped from the roster.

**25 Years Ago:** 1984, Ron Sommers was president. Treasury balance was \$1,679.97. New officials approved for full membership were Steve Fish, Bob Hill, Marv Hoyt and John Wilson. Walt Ingram was approved as a transfer into the association. Dinner was at the Highlander Inn in Iowa City. Eddie Phillips was the guest speaker.

**20 Years Ago:** 1989, president was Larry Palmer. Checking account had \$2,720.09. The following officials were approved for full membership: Dave Broussard, Pat Casey, Steve Hamilton, Brian Rohr, Eric Stenberg, Leigh Webber. Shawn Hanson was approved as a transfer.

**15 Years Ago:** 1994, president was Richard Hejda. The Fall Banquet was held at the Five Seasons Hotel. We had a checking balance of \$1,900.94. The following officials were approved for full membership: Brad Butchi, Greg Edwards, Darrell Hobbs, Scott Griffin, Kevin McKenna, Mike Winchester and Howard James. Doug Henderson transferred to full membership. It was recommended that Jerry Tann and Ron Pexa be dropped from roster for not meeting the requirements for full membership.

**10 Years Ago:** 1999, Rick Hersom was president. There were 79 football members. Over 120 football games were assigned. Steve Miller, AD from Cornell, was the featured speaker at the banquet. Doug Brock, Kevin Burt, Jeff Hare, Craig Kissman, Kenn McNutt, Brian Phillips, Tom Ratchford, Jim Sherwood, Ben Sorden, Richard Weeces, Phil White and Loren Wood were granted full membership. Kevin Fink, transfer, was given full membership. Don Burrows was dropped for missing meetings, dues and game assignments and test.

**5 Years Ago:** 2004, Dave Broussard was president. Bill Yeisley chaired the update of the constitution. Jim Patterson requested honorary status. Full membership was awarded to Eric Klostermann, Mike Mitchell, Charlie Plathe, Phil Ritchi, and Bob Varian. Chris Hickson and Courtney Wooge were approved as transfers. Membership dropped six members for not meeting requirements. Darwin Carstensen had the top score with a 95. The banquet was held at the Five Seasons Hotel.

**Six basketball officials dropped out of Association:** They were: Harry Brown (retired), Dennis Higgins (n/r), Chad Osler (moved), Steve Rucker (coaching), Jason Turner (Iowa City Association), Charlie Visek (retired).

**Membership:** C.R.A.O.A. has 67 active football members and 22 applying members. In basketball there are 51 active members and 29 applying members. We are always in need of new members to help fulfill the demand for game officials. Work on getting a new member. Keep an application available and give one to those critics who are around.

**Don't forget to input your 2010 Football Schedule into [www.arbitersports.com](http://www.arbitersports.com).**

**Plan to attend the 73rd Annual Awards Banquet to be held Thursday April 15, 2010!**