

CEDAR RAPIDS ATHLETIC OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

SPRING 2008 NEWSLETTER

Spring Business Meeting: The Annual Spring Business Meeting will be Monday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Washington High School, Cafeteria.

Seventy-first Awards Banquet: Everyone is invited to our annual Spring Banquet at the Touch of Class on Mount Vernon Road, S.E. on Thursday, April 17, with cocktails at 6:15 p.m. and dinner around 7:00 p.m. We will have a cash bar. Mark Farley, Football Coach at University of Northern Iowa, will be the featured speaker. Notice the reservation form in this letter. **PLEASE** return it as soon as possible. Your meal is free with your membership. Dinner is \$20.00 for your guest. Make every effort to attend and welcome the new officials.

Top Test Scores: The top Basketball Part II test score was by Ron Van Hoeck who scored 93%. We had 4 members score above 90%, eleven less than last year. Nineteen scored above 80%, one less than last year, and 29 above 70%, twenty-two more than last year. Four active officials did not take the test. In the applying category, Randy Schulte and Rene Hillbach-Barger scored the highest with an 88. Two scored above 80% and ten above 70%. Eight did not take the test. Two officials failed the exam.

A Reminder to Update the Executive Secretary: In order to have as few conflicts as possible, I would like for you to update your football schedule with me. I will be starting to schedule games in early summer. We have over 100 games to assign once again. Only paid members will be assigned games.

We Are In Need of New Officials: The need is still there! We need many new officials for this coming fall and winter. Start looking for new members. We need officials who can work middle school games and many early basketball games. We will train them and give them some start-up games. If you bring in a new member, we will give you a free banquet ticket for your guest.

A reminder to new officials who are interested in officiating. Individuals who wish to officiate football and/or basketball through affiliation with the CRAOA and its training program for either or both sports must indicate their intent by the following dates of the current seasons: Football—No later than the first regular C.R.A.O.A. meeting for football rules study in August. Basketball—No later than the

first regular C.R.A.O.A. meeting for basketball rules study in October. Individuals who are beginning officials in football and/or basketball must meet the above guidelines to receive training and game assignments through the C.R.A.O.A. Those who express an interest after the deadline can officiate on their own or wait until the next year.

Make Sure You Are Up-To-Date with the State Association: A reminder to make sure you have paid your fees at the state level. Boy's Association: I.H.S.A.A., Box 10, Boone, IA 50036. \$40.00 for the first sport and \$10.00 for each additional sport, penalty fee of \$25.00 after June 1, 2008. www.iahxaa.org. 515-432-2011

Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union, PO Box 10348, Des Moines, IA 50306-0348. \$30.00 per sport plus \$5.00 each additional sport, \$10.00 penalty after June 1, 2008. www.ighsau.org. 515-284-1969

Check out their web-sites.

Officers for 2007-2008: The President is Mark Miller (Basketball). First Vice President is Mike Mitchell (Football). Second Vice President is Chris Heidelbauer (Basketball). Third Vice President is Rob Nobel (Football). If you have any concerns, please contact any one of them.

Longevity Award: If you are one of the officials who have worked and belonged to the CRAOA for 10-15-20-25-30-35-40 years, please contact Pinky Primrose so we can make sure you will be recognized at this banquet. We will only recognize you on your anniversary date. Information is taken from the past minutes of the Association.

Speakers at Meetings: We would like to thank you speakers who have volunteered to speak at the rules sessions. If you are interested in volunteering next season, please contact Bill Yeisley for Football and Harry Brown for Basketball.

Working State Tournament Series: The following officials worked the State Basketball Tournament Series: Scott Behn, Corey Burkle, Pat Casey*, Joel Duffy, Jeff Frese*, Fred Griffiths, Rick Hersom, Jack Jaspers (College), Mark Miller, Matt Miller; Mark Murphy, Craig Murray, Chris Oberbroeckling, Terry Schneekloth, Chris Wiltgen*, Nicole Wiltgen* and Jerry Winter*.

*** State Tournament Officials**

Several Drop Out of C.R.A.O.A. Basketball:

The following official dropped out of CRAOA (basketball): James Potts.

Applying Members This Year: The membership will act upon the following officials during the upcoming meeting--Step II to Full Membership: John Barkhurst, Dan Dryland, David Duggan, Phil Goodall, Willie Guy, Dennis Higgins, Rene Hilbach-Barger, Amy Holecek, Brad Jacobs, Brad Johnson, Casey Korn, David Law, Brett Myres, Chris Oberbroeckling, Adam Olson, Randy Schulte, Allen Stekl, Jason Turner, Tyler Turner, John Winter. From Step I to Step II: Charlie Epperson, Greg Bergeron, Douglas Hass, Stu Holloway.

Transfer back to Full Membership: Charlie Visek.

The Following Longevity Awards: The following officials will be recognized at the banquet for longevity to CRAOA:

5-YEAR RECOGNITION: Pat Casey (BB & FB), Craig Murray (BB), Kim Patik (BB) and Terry Schneekloth (BB).

10-YEAR RECOGNITION: Alan Averhoff (FB), Ron Blocklinger (FB), Darwin Carstensen (FB), Pat Casey (FB-BB), Pat Dolphin (FB), Kevin Fink (FB), Chris Heidelbauer (BB), Jack Jaspers (FB) and Rob Noble (FB). Congratulations to these officials for their service to high school football and basketball.

Hall of Fame Officials: Eighteen CRAOA officials are members of the IHSA Hall of Fame. Hall of Famers are: Len Benhart, Bill Brouard, Jack Christensen, Bob Ferguson, Ray Hamad, Richard Koolbeck, Randy Krejci, John Lowry, Jim Patterson, Bud Paulsen, Ev Petersen, Lanny Peterson, James Schneekloth, Bob Tvrdik, Bob Vrbicek, Fred Winter, Jerry Winter and Bill Yeisley.

Don't forget to put into thearbitrator your 2008 Football and Basketball Schedules.

Check out Web Site: Active members should continue to update thearbitrator.net. You can now check out the Roster, Minutes, Requirements, Availability, Master Schedule, and Newsletters on www.craoa.com. If you have any suggestions, please forward them to the Executive Secretary. We will try to work with thearbitrator and our web master to give you one of the best.

A Few Reminders About Membership To CRAOA:

These are some of the requirements that make our organization one of the best! 1/ You must take and pass the state supervised test in your sport area. 2/ You must attend a minimum of three (3) local rules meetings per sport. New officials and applying officials must attend six (6). 3/ Officials must officiate six (6) or more games per season per sport. 4/ The Association does not procure Varsity officiating assignments for you! 5/ The C.R.A.O.A.

does administer the Middle School, Freshman, Sophomore and Junior Varsity schedules of the Metro schools.

Change of Address: If you are or will be changing address or phone number please forward the information to the Executive Secretary. We are trying to have a 100% correct roster for you. I need your help on this. You can make the changes on thearbitrator.net.

Let's Go Back Into History Of The Association! Meeting Minutes...

50 Years Ago: President was Leslie Grigg. Treasurer Emil Klumpar gave a report of the rising and falling tides of the treasury. Don Ferguson and Bill Quinby were accepted for basketball membership. It was recommended that a permanent secretary be appointed. Alex Fidler, Don Hahn and Bill Holdren were admitted to honorary membership. Len Benhart was commended for working the State Tournament.

45 Years Ago: President Pat McPartland introduced guests at the annual Spring Dinner at the Sheraton-Montrose Hotel. The checking account had \$81.30 in it. Jim Protsman asked for honorary membership. Harold Pinky Primrose, Jim Meskimen and Arnold Paulsen were approved for full membership.

40 Years Ago: President was Bill Brouard. The checkbook had a balance of \$280.93. It was moved to reduce the dues to \$3.00 per man. The motion was defeated. Bernie Saggau was the featured speaker. Inviting the wives to the social function was voted down. New approved officials were Jack Christenson and Marv Howsare. Bill Quinby and Jim Trimble were voted to honorary status.

35 Years Ago: Harold Primrose was President. Balance in the checkbook was \$315.19. Vice President Bill Yeisley was chairman of the Constitution Committee. It was suggested that each new official be presented a CRAOA patch upon gaining full approval status in the association. Past presidents were honored at the spring dinner with a plaque. New officials approved to full membership were: Clyde Kramer, Ron Sommers, Dennis St. Germain.

30 Years Ago: John Lowry was President. Financial report was given. We had \$588.42 in the checking account. 19 new officials applied for admission into the Association. Mar Howsare had a 98 in the test. Average score was 89.5. Randy Bates, Ed Gorman, Rick Hartzell, Daryl Hunter, Craig Martin and Tom Twohill were admitted as full members. Effective September 1, 1978, awards for years of service be given to members of the Association.

25 Years Ago: Jim Meskimen was President. 15 members attended the business meeting. We had \$412.00 in the checking acct. Full membership went to Wait Bergman, Alyn Johnson, Shelia Matteson, Mike Opheim, Drew Washburn. Don Holladay had the high score of 97% with Ed Gorman and Randy Krejci getting 96.

20 Years Ago: Don Holladay was President. We had \$1,053.85 in the checking account. Dinner was at the Ronneberg Inn. Full status was granted to John Anderson, Bill Antons, Jeff Brown, Pat Casey, Chris Jennings, Mark Loeffler, Lanier Korsmeyer, Doug Kauffman. Fees were raised to \$25.00 for one sport and \$30.00 for two, with one dinner included in the fees.

15 Years Ago: Don Haugen was President. We had \$1,145.66 in the checking account. We assigned over 485 games in the metro area. 75 people attended the banquet held at the Ox Yoke Inn. Don Showater was the featured speaker. Full membership went to Curt Dumolien, Matt Friday, Jim Hazelton, Eric Riestler and Guy Smith. Transfers to Don Ackerson, Jim Barns, Mark Kuske and Charlie Porter.

10 Years Ago: President was Tom Cleveland. We had \$1,235.15 in the checking account. 682 games were assigned. Jeff DeLong, Chris Heidelbauer, Brett Seeley, Bernie Ward and Mark Wittte moved to full membership. Darby Washington was moved from Step I to Step II. Sam Martin was approved for full membership as a transfer.

5 Years Ago: President was Dan Hilby. We had \$3,804 dollars in the checking account. Pat Casey, Dan Colbert, Joel Duffy, Jeff Frese, Rick Hersom, Darrell Hobbs, Jack Jaspers, Randy Krejci, Dave Lynch and Jerry Winter worked the Basketball Tournament. Top Test scores went to Jerry Winter (Basketball) and Ron Peiffer (Football). Full Membership went to Dennis Boedeker, Craig Murray, Kim Patik and Terry Schneekloth. Pat Casey, Randy Nash and Mark Springsten came in as transfers.

Reminder to register with the IHSAA on Line: This will be the first year of registration for **ALL officials** on line. Please refer to your recent letter from Mr. Barr on the new registration procedures. You must use a credit card or a debit card. If you have any questions, please call Laura at 515-432-2011.

CRAOA Officials being recognized by the IHSAA. The IHSAA is recognizing the following for their longevity to officiating--Don Allison, 15 years, football; Rich Koolbeck, 50 years, football & basketball; Jeff Freese, 15 years, basketball; Darrell Hobbs, 15 years, football & basketball; Dave Stamy, 15 years, basketball.

Bill Brouard enters IHSAA Hall of Fame: Congratulations to Bill Brouard, former CRAOA official, for his recent Hall of Fame Honor. Bill was inducted at the State Basketball Tournament. Bill worked baseball, basketball and football.

CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE:

www.craoa.com

www.thearbiter.net

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_____ Yes, I plan to attend the 71st Annual Banquet, at 7:00 p.m. at Touch of Class on Thursday, April 17. I need _____ reservations.

Cost will be \$20.00 per guest (Pay at the door) Cash Bar starting at 6:15 p.m.

_____ No, I cannot make it to the Annual Dinner. Dinner around 7:00 p.m.

Please return by Saturday, April 12, 2008

*****REMINDER TO UPDATE THEARBITER.NET FOR 2008-2009*****

SIGNATURE

****RETURN TO PINKY PRIMROSE IMMEDIATELY****

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