

CEDAR RAPIDS ATHLETIC OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

SPRING 2009 NEWSLETTER

Spring Business Meeting: The Annual Spring Business Meeting will be Monday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Washington High School, Cafeteria.

Seventy-second Awards Banquet: Everyone is invited to our annual Spring Banquet at the Touch of Class on Mount Vernon Road, S.E. on Thursday, April 16, with cocktails at 6:15 p.m. and dinner around 7:00 p.m. We will have a cash bar. Gary Rima, Sports Broadcaster 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 95%. We had 6 members score above 90%, two more than last year. Twenty-seven scored above 80%, eight more than last year, and 21 above 70%, eight less than last year. Two active officials failed the test. Two active officials did not take the test. In the applying category, Phil Goodall, Brad Jacobs, Randy Price scored the highest with an 81. Eight scored above 70%. Six did not take the test. Four applying 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 110 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.iah saa.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 2008-2009: The President is Mike Mitchell (Football). First Vice President is Chris Heidelbauer (Basketball). Second Vice President is Rob Nobel (Football). Third Vice President is Fred Griffith (Basketball). 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 Pat Casey for Basketball. Harry Brown retired after many years training the new officials. Thanks Harry!

Working State Tournament Series: The following officials worked the State Basketball Tournament Series: Jim Barnes, Sam Barrett, Corey Burkle, Pat Casey*, Joel Duffy, Jeff Frese*, Fred Griffiths, Jack Jaspers (College), Mark Miller, Mark Murphy, Craig Murray, Chris Oberbroeckling, Charles Porter, Shane Remington*, Chris Wiltgen*, Travis Wiltgen and Jerry Winter*.

* State Tournament Officials

Three Officials Drop Out of C.R.A.O.A. Basketball: The following officials dropped out of CRAOA (basketball): Rick Hersom, Rich Miller and James Potts.

Applying Members This Year: The membership will act upon the following officials during the upcoming meeting--Step II to Full Membership: Dan Dryland, Phil Goodall, Brad Jacobs and John Winter. From Step I to Step II: Dan Breitbach, Charlie Epperson, Mark Groteluschen, Tom Mally, Randy Price, Tom Ross, Marv Trachta, Steve Vincent and Matt Wagner. Transfer to Full Membership. Nathan Pick

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

5-YEAR RECOGNITION: Cory Burkle (BB), Steve Cooper (BB), Kevin Flood (BB), Brent Gasper (FB), Fred Griffith (FB-BB), Curt Olson (FB), Pat St. John (FB), Ron Van Hoeck (FB), Chris Wiltgen (BB) and Nicole Wiltgen (BB).

10-YEAR RECOGNITION: Bill Utterbach (FB)

15-YEAR RECOGNITION: Charles Porter (BB)

20-YEAR RECOGNITION: Jeff Frese (BB), Steve Hamilton (FB), Dan Hilby (FB), Ron Peiffer (FB-BB) and Paul Schuetz.

30-YEAR RECOGNITION: Rich Pohorsky (FB)

Congratulations to these officials for their service to high school football and basketball.

Hall of Fame Officials: Nineteen CRAOA officials are members of the IHSAA Hall of Fame. Hall of Famers are: Len Benhart, Bill Brouard, Pat Casey, 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 2009 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...

Fifty Years Ago (1959): President was Emil Klumpar. Treasurer Don Menning gave a report of the rising and falling tides of the treasury. Tom Swenson, Harold Miller, Jim Protsman, John Millis and Bill Schupbach were accepted for basketball membership. Gus Schrader, sports Editor of the C.R. Gazette, was the featured speaker. 33 members and guests were in attendance at the banquet at the Sheraton-Montrose Hotel.

Forty-Five Years Ago (1964): President Ray Hamad introduced guests at the annual Spring Dinner at the Tony's Steak House. The checking account had \$52.89 in it. Jim Schneekloth and Jack Stone were approved for full membership. Dues were raised from \$3.00 to \$4.00.

Forty Years Ago (1969): President was Bill Brouard. The checkbook had a balance of \$125.00. New approved officials were Dennis Goettel, Rich Koolbeck, Ron Pohlman, Kenny Lee. Bob Tvrdik and Jim Schneekloth officiated in the state tournament.

Thirty-Five Years Ago (1974): Bill Yeisley was President. New officials approved to full membership were: Randy Krejci, Larry Albers, Fran Chihak and Ev Yodkey. A classification system was adopted on a trial basis for one year.

Thirty Years Ago (1979): Len Ransom was President. Financial report was given. We had \$473.31 in the checking account. Mike Hotka, Gary Howard, Dennis Neverman, Greg Reed, Dennis Smeltzer and Richard Wheeler were admitted as full members. Ken Hartkemeyer, Jim Morrow, Bill Primley, George Volk and Larry Walderbach were dropped from roster for not meeting requirements of the association.

Twenty-Five Years Ago (1984): John Ferguson was President. We had \$1,047.48 in the checking acct. Full membership went to Steve Fish, Dan Moore, Charlie Stumpff and Terry Turner. Some areas of concern were: Insufficient meeting attendance, jealousy among groups, new officials and requirements and tougher requirements. Suggestions-- all-day session like a clinic.

Twenty Years Ago (1989): Ev Petersen was President. We had \$1,876.70 in the checking account. Full status was granted to Terry Broka, Gerald Kadlec, Rick Miller, Boyd Severson, Brian Spensley, Eric Stenberg and Dan Wulff. Transfers were approved: Jerry Bunge, Jeff Frese, Mike Messerole, Paul Schuetz and Tony Smits.

Fifteen Years Ago (1994): Harry Brown was President. We had \$1,137.47 in the checking account. Eighty-three people attended the banquet held at the OX-YOKE Inn. John Campbell was the featured speaker. Full membership went to Gordy Kennedy, David Stamy, Dick Steinke. Transfers to David Bruns, Dan Colbert, John Jasper, Troy Karr, Jim Kiwala and Bill Poch. Lanny Peterson received honorary status.

Ten Years Ago (1999): Rick Hersom was President. Tracy Stone, Darby Washington moved to full membership. Geoff Dumolien, Jason Gaskill, Josh Gordon, Jeff Hare, Gene King, Kenn McNutt, Rich Morrin, Phil Ritchi and Chris Wiltgen moved from Step I to Step II. John Ferguson passed away this past fall.

Five Years Ago (2004): Dan Colbert was President. We had \$4,194.46 in the checking account. Eric Bergman, Cory Burkle, Rob Canada, Dale Dugenske, Scott Enright, Kevin Flood, Brent Gasper, Brian Gravel, Fred Griffiths, Ethan Huisman, Curt Olson, Jason Rife, Pat St. John and Ron Van Hoeck moved to full membership. Nicole Cathman, Steve Cooper, Craig Kissman and Chris Wiltgen transferred into the Association. Top Test Scores went to Harry Brown (BB) and Ron Peiffer (FB). Roger Barr of IHSAA was featured speaker.

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-

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

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www.thearbiter.net

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_____ Yes, I plan to attend the 72nd Annual Banquet, at 7:00 p.m. at Touch of Class on Thursday, April 16. 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 11, 2009

*****REMINDER TO UPDATE THEARBITER.NET FOR 2009-2010*****

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

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