

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

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

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

Pacific Association's

Special Recognition Award

(In 1995...this became two awards as listed above).

1988	Bernie Wagner Jim Santos
1989	Herb Rodebaugh Al Baeta Jack Mauger George Larsen
1990	Jim Hume Bill Hargrove
1991	(No awards)
1992	Dan Dotta George Kleeman John Luppess
1993	Gail Wetzork Joan Wilson



Turns & Distances

Pacific Association Officials Committee

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We send greetings to the brave, the bold and those track and field officials who would be recertified for the 2005-2008 Olympiad. While there are hoops to jump through, the desire of the Pacific Association Officials' Certification Committee is to make the job as user friendly as possible while, at the same time, making the process as educational as possible. There are many things which may be required:



Certification Chair Jim Hume

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- 1. You must become a 2005 member of USATF.** The easy way to do this is to go to www.USATF.org on the internet. Find membership and sign on. If you have never done this before, you sign on for the first time. If you have done this before you need to have your password and your 2004 membership number. When USATF gives you proof that you have signed up, print three copies...one for yourself and two (2) for your recertification. If you do not like to play on the Internet, contact the Pacific Association Office at 916/983-4715 and they will send you a membership application.
- 2. You must complete a USA Track & Field - National Officials Committee 2005 - 2008 Certification Application and Database Form.** When you complete this form DO NOT circle any levels/events on the bottom half of the form. These forms are available at all recertification clinics, or by e-mail or snail mail from me.
- 3. You must complete a Clinic Registration Form.** As a part of this form, you need to indicate the event areas which interest you. For Association level officials, this information will be used to indicate the event groups which interest you. These forms are available at all recertification clinics, or by e-mail or snail mail from me.
- 4. I must have a digital picture of you.** If you were an official during 2004 and had an official's card with a picture, I have your picture already. If you do not like that picture, I will take a new one. I am attending all the clinics and can take your picture there, **or** you may send me a picture and I will make it digital. All I use is a close up head shot, but **no** 2005-2008 cards will be issued without a picture.
- 5. Everyone must complete the Association Rules Review - 2005-2008 Olympiad Edition** This review is 78 questions. In the spirit of making the review user-friendly, I am telling you on which page you will find the rule. You get to tell me the rule number and answer (True or False, multiple choice or fill in). These forms are available at all recertification clinics, or by e-mail or snail mail from me. The advantages of attending one of the clinics...three heads are better

Credits: To **Joanne Ottens** for the minutes from the Official's Annual Meeting; to **Lori Maynard** for her proofreading, to **Jim Hume** for the page layout, article on recertification and pictures; to **Dick Connors** for his pictures and reflections on the 2004 Olympic Games; to **Bill Hawkes** and **Bob Rauch** for being such good photographic subjects; and to **Steve Green** and **David Schrock** for being such good sources of information.

than one and you/we discuss the answers. The discussion adds to your education.

➔ Here is where the wicket gets a bit sticky, for what more is needed depends on whether you desire to be an **Association**, a **National** or a **Master** level official.

- **Association level officials** need do no more.
- **National and Master level officials must submit a resume** of their work during the last Olympiad. Your resume might look something like this:

Date	Location	Meet	Event	Duties
3/03	Stanford	Invitational	LJ	Raked pit
7/04	Sacramento State	Olympic Trials	LJ, HJ, PV	FieldLynx

When it comes to meets you attended, the events you work and the duties you had, give as much information as possible. **Yes**, you should use multiple lines for a single meet if you worked multiple events and/or had multiple duties.

- **National level officials need to take the *National Level Track & Field Rules Review - 2005-2008 Olympiad Edition*, and the specialty review** for each of the events where they desire to be certified as a National Official. This is true whether you are currently a National level official and wish to be recertified or whether you want to upgrade your certification.
- **Master level officials need to take the *Master Level Track & Field Rules Review - 2005-2008 Olympiad Edition*, and the specialty review** for each of the events where you desire to be certified as a Master Official. This is true whether you are currently a Master level official and wish to be recertified or whether you want to upgrade your certification. Don't worry, there is good news. The specialty reviews are the same for National and Master level. Take 'em once and be done with them. I will send you the specialty reviews if you ask.

I will follow this process in processing your forms.

- When I receive your "stuff" I will check it for completeness. I will ask for anything which is missing.
- When everything is complete, I will record you in my paperless office as an official.
- For those officials who want National and Master certification, **I will share your bona fides** (as expressed in your resume) **with the rest of my committee**. Together we will make any decisions to change your certification. If you have been successfully and continually working in an event group I can't imagine why you would not be certified in that event. This is where your specialty reviews and your resume come into play.
- I will send your digital picture to the National Chair.

- I will send to the Pacific Association office the papers they need to prove you are a USATF member. The PA Office will send your Official's dues to the National Chair.
- I will spend all week preparing the mailings for the next week, and go to the post office on Monday.



"Answer, answer, who has got the answer?" asked Hume at the CCSF recertification clinic. Everyone had the answer!

- In due course I should hear back from the National Chair and receive your 2005-2008 Official's Card. I will mail it to you.
- Please remember that I can not send in your paperwork until all the parts are complete. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

In the event you see this newsletter and you desire to become an official...all of this applies to you. In addition there is a Level I Officials' Clinic you need to attend within the first year of your officiating. The clinic will tie together the Rules Reviews and your on field chores. We welcome you and urge you to begin immediately.

On the job training is your biggest classroom. **Go forth and officiate!**

Heard at the Track

- **Accomplished Aggie Brings Track & Field Experience to City College** (7/12/04 Press Release Sacramento City College, By Nicole Silverman)

Robert Dewar, the former Assistant Head Men's And Women's Track and Field Coach for the University of California, Davis, will bring his talents to the Panthers this fall as Head Coach of the Men's Track and Field team.

"He's a true track guy who wants to fulfill a tradition we've had at Sacramento City," said **Gary Torgeson**, Dean of Physical Education, Health and Athletics. "He wants to be a part of that."

A member of the USA International Track and Field Team in 1987, as well as a NCAA Division III All-American and National Qualifier in 4 X

400 Relay in 1989, Dewar has coached 38 NCAA Division II All-Americans in track and field from 1990-2003 and coached three NCAA Division II National Champions in the Men's Triple Jump, 1994 Decathlon and 2004 Long Jump. He has coached two 4th place men's finishes, two fifth place men and women's finishes, and one 3rd place men's finish in the NCAA Division II Track and Field Outdoor National Championship. Dewar has also coached 53 NCAC and CCAA Conference Champions, as well as 63 school record holders in men's and women's track and field from 1990-2003.

"We're very fortunate to have him," said **Torgeson**. "He's in the same mold as (Women's Track And Field Coach) **Lisa Bauduin**. Both of them are able to coach at the same level. I'm looking for big things this season."

Dewar will be the head coach for the men's track and field team this season, which starts back up next spring.

- A big thank you goes to **De La Salle High School** and **Coach Kevin Selby** for their most generous donation to our cause. Several of our members were very actively involved in helping put on their Cross Country Invitational.
- **Sean Laughlin of the Northern California Junior Colleges Track Coaches Association** has recently sent us a very nice contribution which will go a long way in covering our recertification clinics. We really appreciate your contribution, guys.
- **We are appreciated** From the "Pacific-10 Conference" November 5, 2004

Dear Mr. Connors:

On behalf of the Pacific-10 Conference, please accept my thanks for the assistance USA Track and Field officials provided at the Pac-10 Cross Country Championships October 30 in Golden Gate Park.

The cadre of officials at the meet was an important part of the team which staged such a well-run event.

We are most appreciative of the contributions your officials make at our institutions during the regular season in cross country and track and field, as well as at Conference championships when they are hosted in the Pacific region. I'm sure you share in our pride when Pac-10 teams or student-athletes capture NCAA titles.

Sincerely, Thomas C. Hansen, Commissioner

- **From the North Coast Section CIF Office** comes word of a proposal to change from the 1600/3200 to the 1500/3000. At the NFHS Summer Annual meeting

in San Diego, **Craig Masback**, Executive of USA Track and Field urged state associations to look at changing from the 1600/3200 to the 1500/3000. Since this would be a major change and require adoption by the State CIF it was suggested that input from the coaches is very important. The committee suggested that a survey be conducted to ask coaches how they feel about a possible change. The survey will be put together and distributed at this year's cross country championships. More information will be collected during the 2005 track and field season.

- **Stanford has bid for the 2005 NCAA Western Regional Cross Country Championships.** If they receive the bid Stanford will host the meet on the Stanford Golf Course. The bid will be awarded at the 2004 Western Regional Championships, November 13, at Woodward Park in Fresno. [Editor's note...**Stanford was successful in securing the bid** for the 2005 Western Regional CxC meet. It will be held the middle of November.]
- **LA to Lose World Championships** *USA Today* October 8, 2004 The USA was awarded the 2006 World Cup of Track and Field with great fanfare two years ago. The International Track Federation wanted the event to rejuvenate interest in the sport. Now, the event, scheduled for The Home Depot Center in Carson, California, is not going to happen. The host organizer, Anschutz Entertainment Group, and the IAAF haven't been able to agree on a contract. The deal breaker: the organizers having to come up with about \$1 million to cover the taxes on the prize money of about \$3 million. Brussels and Berlin are considered the favorites to receive the World Cup bid.



John Johnson

John Johnson, former Head Men's Track And Field Coach at San Francisco State before the program was discontinued, has taken a new job as the Head Men's Track And Field Coach at Western States College of Colorado, at Gunnison. John is looking forward to the new challenge and hopes to have the program as a major force in the Division II National Championships. Western States has an enrollment of 4000 students. It is located at 7000 ft

altitude in the Rocky Mountains.

- **Teresa DiPerna**, former Head Women's Track and Cross Country Coach at San Francisco State, has taken a job with the San Francisco Unified School District.
- **University of California, Berkeley** It was recently announced that two new assistant coaches have been

added to the track and field staff at Cal. They are **Bryan Fetzer** and **Phil Mc Mullin**.

August 5, 2004 University of California Media Relation Office: **Bryan Fetzer** has been named a new assistant sprint and hurdles coach for Cal's track and field program, Head Coach **Chris Huffins** announced today.

"We are very excited to bring a coach of Bryan Fetzer's caliber on board," Huffins said. "He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that will prove invaluable to our program's success. Bryan is an avid recruiter, a former strength coach, and is Level II certified in the Sprints and Hurdles. The hiring of Bryan Fetzer solidifies our staff as one of the best in the nation and from here we can progress into a top-ten team."

Fetzer comes to Berkeley from Muncie, Ind., where he was an Assistant Women's Cross Country Coach and Track And Field Coach at Ball State since August of 2003. Prior to his one-year stint at Ball State, Fetzer spent four years as the Head Women's Cross Country Coach and Track And Field Coach at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, N.C. From the summer of 1999 to the summer of 2003 at Gardner-Webb, Fetzer started the track and field program and led its transition from NCAA Division II to Division I status. In 2000, he was named the USTCA NCAA Division II Women's Southwest Coach of the Year.

Fetzer gained additional experience at Ranger College in Ranger, Texas, in both track and field and football. He also boasts international experience having been an assistant coach in 2001 at the Ugandan World University Games, the All-African Games, Commonwealth Games, and NACAC Under-25 Championships.

Fetzer holds a Master's Degree in Physical Education from Tarleton University in Stephenville, Texas, and earned his B.A. in Physical Education from Canasius College in Buffalo, N.Y., where he was a four-year football letterman and captain his senior year.

- **Coaching changes:** Thanks to David Schrock. **Humboldt State University...** **Sandy Moran**, an assistant from Portland State, takes over the program helm from longtime coach **David Wells** who is returning to the classroom at HSU.
- **University of the Pacific:** **Wes Stoltz** from Lodi High School replaces **Adam Tilley** as the Women's Head Cross Country Coach.
- **University of Nevada, Reno:** **Shantel Twigg**, who formally coached at Northern Illinois, has replaces **Kurt Craft** as the new head coach at Reno. Kurt is

currently out of coaching. Long time distance and Cross Country Coach **Kay Alrich** and throws coach **Bert Serrano** have also resigned. Congratulations and welcome, Coach Twigg, to the Pacific Association.



Shantel Twigg

- As of November 8, two meets have been scheduled for the popular indoor program at UNR. While the dates are uncertain, your help would be appreciated.. New coach Twigg is working hard to get the program up and rolling again. Officials support is most important for this only indoor program in our association.
- **San Francisco State University:** **Charles Scheekloth** from Castlemont High School in Oakland has become the Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Coach, while **Chris Lunstrom** takes over as the Women's Cross Coach. As the result of a student funding referendum, the Men's Track and Field program was cut (as were several other sports).
- **Cal Poly SLO:** **Pete Corckery** has left the staff at Cal Poly to pursue other business interests. He has been replaced by **Danny Williams**, a long time assistant at UC Irvine ('79-'92), an assistant at South Carolina State from '92-'94. Danny was in private business in South Carolina from '94 until returning to California with a job at Cal Poly. Welcome back home, Coach Williams.
- **University of California-Davis:** **Chris Puppione**, a former Aggie athlete has been added to the track and field coaching staff at Davis. Welcome back to the collegiate track and field scene in Northern California, Coach Puppione.
- **The Pacific Association USATF Coaches Committee** will host a **USATF Level I Coaches School**, January 15-16, 2005 at Rocklin High School. Contact **Jeff Gallero** at 916-784-7141 or 916-521-2886 for more information.
- **The Pacific Association USATF Coaches Committee** will also host a three hour **Pole Vault and Instruction Certification Course**, Friday January 14, 2005 at Rocklin. Contact **Oscar Flores** at 858-531-3448
- The North Coast Section CIF will host a **Jan Johnson Pole Vault** clinic 1/29/05 in the Walnut Creek area. Contact the North Coast Section Office for more information at 925-866-8400
- **Nicholas Ward Publishing** recently announced that they will be releasing a new book of great interest to track and field officials and fans in the Bay Area. **Champions for Life** The Story Of Payton Jordan by

Jack Scott and Jim Ward. The book will be available at the Stanford University Bookstore and the Occidental College Bookstore in December.

- **Dennis Boyle, John Lipsey** and a local group of track fans hosted a coming home party October 29 for Cottonwood Olympian **Nicole Teter** at Anderson High School. Good going guys for a job well done.
- **Bob Fraley, Head Coach at Fresno State**, is this year again sponsoring the Pole Vault Summit in Reno, NV. The dates are January 21 and 22. www.polevaultsummit.com is the site to visit for all the information.
- **Catching Up** Since the U.S. Olympic Team Trials at Sacramento at Sac State's Hornet Stadium in July, many of our officials have been very active nationally and on the local scene. Several of our members made the journey to Eugene, Oregon for a week of track and field at the National Junior Olympic Championships while others made the trip to Decatur, Illinois to work the National Masters Championships. Recently our members have been working the cross country meets and road races in their respective communities all across the Association.

Annual Meeting

I wish to apologize to the membership for my absence from the annual meeting on September 19, at U.C. Berkeley. Shirley and I were on our way home from a "once-in-a-lifetime" trip to Europe. The trip included twelve days of track and field competition as spectators at the Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. We really enjoyed our experience.

Congratulations to **Gail Wetzork**, 2004 recipient of our association most prestigious award, the **Dick Barbour Award for Service**. **Teddy Hayes** was this year's selection for Outstanding Field Event Official and was given the **Horace Crow Award**. **Rick Urband** was chosen to receive the George Newlon Track Official of the year award. Congratulations to the above three officials and all of the other individuals receiving recognition from our group. (See the minutes of the annual meeting below for more details.)

After a couple of little problems like locked doors, **John Lupp** and **Leon Glover** were successful in leading the field trip to Official's Room at Edward's Stadium for the viewing of the new awards boards. Thank you, John and Leon.

Also to be thanked are **Lori Coppola** for running the entire luncheon program, **Gail Wetzork** for arranging the facilities, the committee members for their presentations and the University of California Athletic Department for letting us use the Haas Clubhouse facilities. **Coach Tony Sandoval** from the Cal track staff is to be commended for his comments and attendance.

Jim Hume, our Certification Chair, and **George Kleeman**, our Education Chair, have been working very hard securing sites and putting together the tests for the recertification programs. The lead article in this newsletter gives you all the information you need.



Gail Wetzork, Mike Sands, Joanne Ottens, John Lupp, Rick Milam, Ted DesJardins and Charles Murphy showed us the way to the Official's Room in Edward's Stadium



Leon Glover presented **Gail Wetzork**,
Recipient ^{The} Dick Barbour Meritorious Service Award



Leon Glover presented **Teddy Hayes**
 Recipient *The Horace Crow Special Recognition Award — Field*



Leon Glover presented **Rick Urband**
 Recipient *The George Newlon Special Recognition Award — Track*

From the comments I have heard from various members since returning home our vice-chairman **Phil Watkins** did

an outstanding job in running the program at the annual meeting. Thank you, Phil for coming through.

2004 USATF Convention

The annual **USATF Convention** this year will be held in Portland, Oregon, **December 2-4**. Representing the officials from our association will be **Jim Hume**, **Phil Watkins**, and **Bruce Colman**. **George Kleeman** and I have voting rights due to our positions on the national committee, and are not counted against the local association. This is an important year for the committee as elections will be held for the chairman. The candidates to date are **Laurie Boemker**, New England Association; **Patrick Lavelle**, New England Association; and **Linda Melzer**, Ohio Association. Three Vice-Chair positions as well as the Secretary position will also be on the ballot. After taking care of the business of the officers, the next most important task at the convention for officials is the leadership training classes, because many of the certification chairmen nationwide are new each year and the rest of us can always improve on what we are trying to teach. I always look forward to the convention as I enjoy catching up with my fellow officials off the track and getting updated on all the activities in the track and field world. [FieldLynx clinics have been scheduled in Horizontal Jumps/Throws (**Jim Hume**) and Vertical Jumps (**Jim McGloin**).

Missing from the Track

Forrest Brigham 10/1/04 Association Official from Redding From *The Record Searchlight*, 10/7/04 A memorial service for Forrest Brigham, 68 of Redding will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Lawncrest Chapel in Redding. Mr. Brigham died Friday Oct. 1, 2004, at his residence. Born March 13, 1936 in Wichita Falls, Texas he moved to Siskiyou County in 1994 from Los Angeles, and was a resident until moving to Shasta County in 2003. He was director of the advisement programs at UCLA. He served on the Board of Trustees for the Siskiyou Union High District for several years. Survivors include wife Rae Phiefer-Brigham; sons Forrest Jr. and Forest; daughters Tangerine, Mischa, Venice and Moloto; Brother Richard Roberts and Leon Roberts; and three grand children.

William Rodgers Soslofsky Sr. From Reno Gazette-Journal September 16, 2004. William Rodgers Soslofsky, Sr. passed away on September 10, 2004 in Sparks Nevada. William was born in New York on August 5, 1943.

He was employed by Harrah's for over 30 years as a computer programmer analyst. He was a USA Track and Field official, and was very active with Special Olympics. He also enjoyed playing darts; William was a veteran of the Viet Nam War serving in the Navy.

Survivors are wife, Linda, of Sparks; sons, Dwayne, William Jr. and Matthew, all of Sparks; brother, Roy, of Louisiana; and sister, Barbara, of Henderson, NV

(Editor) Bill was the weights and measures official at the University of Nevada Reno indoor meets.

Mark Springer, USATF National Office Indianapolis, Indiana Director, Grass Roots Programs and Planning. Mark was in a serious auto accident and has been in coma for quite some time.

Big Steve Green Knows



In the last newsletter I identified this as the shot put crew from the California State High School Meet. **Steve Green** reminds me that, "The picture of the shot put crew in the latest "Turns and Distances" newsletter is actually from the Golden West Invitational not the CIF State Meet. The names are as follows (from left to right in your picture): **Andrew Ninow** (formerly from Folsom High, finished 2nd in Hammer Throw at State JC Meet from American River, now going to UCLA), **Jose Gallo** (formerly from Vacaville High, at American River he finished 9th in shot put at State JC Meet in 2003, now going to Humboldt State on football scholarship), myself (assistant track and field coach at Vacaville High), **Mike Clinkenbeard** (father of **Sara Clinkenbeard** who won the JC championships in 2004 in the shot put, discus, and hammer events while at Sac City. She will be competing for UC Davis next year), **Joe Hunter, Sr.** (assistant track and field coach at Vacaville High and a newly certified official in our organization), and lastly, **Charles Gardner** (head track coach at Del Oro High School and a long time certified official--he was part of the shot put crew at the CIF State Meet in 1997, 1999, and 2001). I included all of this for we seldom appreciate what talent is volunteering time working our meets.



On the left, **Bob Thompson's** daughter's first name is actually Nicole I believe and not **Kristin**. In the picture on the right, the official with **Charlie Reuter** is **John Pretto** who is with our association and who teaches high school art at one of the schools in Amador County. Why do I care you ask? **John Pretto** was born after **Charlie Reuter** had been an official for one year. I do not believe the two events are related. As I said, **Big Steve** knows.

Notes from Athens



*Them suits, them suits, them dark suits...or "I got to officiate at the Olympic Games and all they gave me was this dark suit." It turns out that the dark suits hark back to the 1896 Olympics where dark suits were the uniform for the track officials. The official on the left is **John Blackburn**, an ITO from South Carolina.*

I want to go again!!! Yes, I have already made my down payment for the trip to Beijing in 2008. The experience that **Shirley** and I had in Athens was second to none I have ever experienced on any other vacation I have ever taken. The Greek people we were in contact with were wonderful, we found them to be friendly, extremely helpful and they went out of their way to make us feel welcome. The Aegean Sea is a beautiful blue, and warm and inviting to swimmers. The weather is consistent with that of Southern California in the summer time and was very comfortable for the Games spectator.



*At our Annual Meeting, **Bill Hawkes** and **Bob Rauch** both Olympic Game visitors, regaled us with stories of their daring dos. Hawkes reports that pin trading was good, but dig that Brazilian shirt and hat **Bob** is sporting.*

We found the small community where our hotel was located to be very caring for its visitors, clean and quite comfortable to roam around. The parts of Athens that we visited we found to be clean and well kept. The sports venues where we were spectators were all well prepared

for the public, festively decorated and clean. The competitions arenas were all well prepared and ready for the athletes. Security was never a problem although it was sometimes an inconvenience as it required a short wait in line. At the sports venues I visited, security seemed to be quite efficient and very effective. My new bionic hip set off the alarm every trip through the metal detector. When evaluating the communities in Greece one has to take into account that almost all of the buildings in the country are of masonry construction and most of the floors and sidewalks are slabs of marble. Many of the building in Athens are old by our standards, but most are well maintained. The sports venues are mostly new with good sight lines and comfortable seating, and the rest rooms were modern, clean, plentiful and operational. The transportation to and from the venues was excellent. We always traveled by bus or subway and experienced just a few minor traffic jams while visiting Track and Field, Diving, Water Polo, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Basketball, Table Tennis, Modern Pentathlon and the Men's Marathon finish. We thought that Games management did an excellent job in preparing the venues for competition.

One heard horror stories about how the roof was not complete over the swimming pool and how hot the water would be for the competitors. Granted, the conditions were not perfect at all venues, but I did not hear about any athletes giving back their hard-earned medals because of the temperature of the water in the pool. The weather for the duration of the time we were at the games was comfortably warm. The day of the women's marathon was the hottest day during our stay and was uncomfortable for spectators and definitely uncomfortable for the athletes. We had two morning sessions of track where I, like most of the other spectators, followed the shade under the roof of the stadium. To summarize the weather, it was gorgeous.

Athens went out of its way to be friendly to the visiting traveler. By displaying a venue ticket for the day, rides on all municipal transportation was free. The citizens of the city were very helpful in getting us to the venues on the subway and telling us when to get off and where the connecting buses were located. On the street the vendors did not rip-off the visitors. Souvenirs were quite expensive, soft drinks and most sundries were fairly priced. Meals in taverns were not cheap and beer was four dollars a glass. In the stadium water was a reasonable one Euro, about \$1.30US. Other stadium snacks were more reasonable than the prices I saw at a recent University of California football game. Tickets for the competition at the various venues varied in price by the day. Morning sessions of track and field were 15 Euros; the final day sessions tickets for track and field were 300 Euros, less than a Super Bowl ticket. One has to remember this is the Olympic Games. We were not shocked by the prices on our ticket stubs.



More long jumpers, and that looks like our own Grace Upshaw.

Being a spectator at the Games was an entirely new experience for me at a track meet. By the end of the first couple of track sessions, my wife was ready to disown me. I improved as the week went on. I was very restless and was constantly stewing about how the Greek track and field officials were working their events. While everyone else in the stands was feeling sorry for them because it was warm (working officials were dressed in black single breasted suits, white shirts and ties and black shoes), I was mumbling.

All track and field officials at the Olympic Games are supplied by the host nation, although the IAAF had International Technical Officials supplying guidance. It was easier to see the ITO's at the field event venues, but I am sure they were behind the scenes where people were organizing the track events. The fields in most events were large. For instance the field in the men's Decathlon had 30 competitors and the men's High Jump had 38 competitors entered in the trials. The large size of the fields, gave meet management difficulties with running the events at the scheduled time. In several instances they misjudged how long it takes to run six heats of a given event and then had difficulties working in the award ceremonies.

At our recent Olympic Team trials in Sacramento we as officials felt overwhelmed by the media. The Greek officials had to feel overwhelmed and buried by the photographers alone; not to mention the television people. Each of these groups brought along all of their equipment. For a photographer that means at least three cameras, for the TV people it meant camera, wires and extra bodies. The field area immediately adjacent to the long jump pit was a jungle of wire cables that the jumpers were constantly stepping on or tripping over. The Greek officials were definitely working under very difficult conditions trying to do their very best.



Bob Rauch and Bill Hawkes go Dick Connors to take this picture to prove they were in Athens.

The Umpires were the most mistreated of the working officials as they were continually out of position to do their job. Like everything else regarding the competition, TV called the shots. The Umpires had to be positioned behind the traveling television camera tracks. And as the runner they were supposed to judge passed their location the TV camera traveled in front of them breaking their concentration and obstructing their view. Needless to say, there were some very visible missed calls that the spectators saw on the TV monitor in the stadium.

I am not going to comment on the starter situation as you all saw on television the start of most of the races.

We in the Bay Area who attended the Olympic Trials in Sacramento and the home meets at our local colleges are spoiled as far as media board communications is concerned. All of the venues we attended at the Games were definitely behind the times as far as their media boards were concerned. Several of the track fans in our group were suspicious of the timing system used at the track. It was definitely a slower reporting system that we were used to at home.

Did we get our money's worth? Definitely **Yes!** Did I have a good time and enjoy myself? **Yes!** Could the track meet have been better officiated? **Yes!** Could the track meet been run in a more timely manner? **Yes!** Could the use of more cutting edge technology make the Games more enjoyable? **Yes!** In the long run were any athletes denied a fair competition? **I don't think so!** The effort was there to make the Games a fair competition. In any event as large as the Track and Field competition at the Olympic Games the production is not going to be perfect. All we can hope for is that the checks and balances are in place to guarantee a fair competition for the athletes, that the paying customers are comfortable and that the show does go on with as much dispatch as possible.



I have to give the Greek people and the organizing committee a high five for a very well produced show, and yes I would go back again to

Athens for a repeat performance.

Minutes: USATF Officials Pacific Association Annual Meeting, U.D. Berkeley, Haas Clubhouse, Sunday, September 12, 2004

John Luppes and **Gail Wetzork** led a tour of the Berkeley Track and Field Venue to see the new plaques in the Officials Room and on the field. **Andy Anderson** provided new furniture for the Officials' Room. Cal has an architect working on a new field house. They will also be creating a warm-up area on the East Side for track warm-up.

Jim Hume took digital pictures of all who attended (57 folks) for our new officials badges.

Bill Hawkes and **Bob Rauch** went to Athens for the Olympics. **Phil Watkins** requested they discuss their experiences with the group. They reported the transportation was excellent. Bill Hawkes got in some good trading ... only missing a few of the represented countries. The locals were very concerned about the impression of visitors to the games. Bill and Bob were asked on several occasions how they liked the games. Security was normal for such an event, but was extra at Greece's historic landmarks. When Bob saw the finish of the marathon at the original 1896 location, he saw heavier than normal security presence. The officials looked good, but it was hard to envy them in their black tuxes in the 95 degree sun. The Greco-Roman wrestling officials had black patent leather tennis shoes and wore a black tie and white shirt. Other notable events were the party-like atmosphere at the start of the men's 100 meter and the white on white board ... with white plasticine ... for the long- and triple-jumps. Look for more from Bob and Bill in future Turns and Distances.

Phil Watkins presented some of his home brewed 2004 Ale to **Andy Anderson** for the loan of the starter guns for the Trials and also to **Bob Podkaminer**. Additional bottles were made available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Phil Watkins determined the presence of a quorum. The minutes of the 2003 Annual Meeting were approved without amendment. The agenda was modified to show Hume as the presenter for the Certification update and LDR Officials was added at the request of Mark Winitz.

Tony Sandoval – Cal Coach. Talked about how much he appreciates our support. He extended Coach Huffins' thanks as well. We've helped make the Bay Area the epicenter of track and field. He noted that the quality of the meets we work got us the NCAA's for the next three years. He handed out the Cal schedule for 2005 and asked for our help in working the finish line for the 2004 Pac 10 LDR Championships in Golden Gate Park, Saturday, October 30. The first race starts at 0830 (open, co-ed); 0930 is the Women's 6,000 and then at 1030 is the men's 8,000.

Leon Glover presented the following awards major awards:

Gail Wetzork was the recipient of the Dick Barbour Meritorious Service Award to

Rick Urband was the recipient of the George Newlon Special Recognition Award – Track

Teddy Hayes was the recipient of the Horace Crow Special Recognition Award – Field

National and Association award plaques were distributed to these hard working officials:



Lori Coppola
National Award



Joe Nemeth
National Award



John Lipsey
National Award



Ron Lee
National Award



Kathi Berman
Association Award



Rory Osborne
Association Award



Bruce Rosenblatt
Association Award



Mike Sands
Association Award



Jon Siegel
Association Award



Mark Wintz
Association Award



Mark Youmans
Association Award

Will your picture
be here next year?

George Kleeman stated that our association has 296 certified officials. We want as many as possible to take the recertification exams to retain their certification for the next four years. There are nine exams. Long Distance Running, Track and Field and Race Walking all have an Association exam, National exam and a Master exam. To be certified for Race Walking, you will also need to take the Track and Field exams. **Jim Hume** coordinates these exams. He stated that he does not yet have the exams (That was July, this is November...see the first article for all the information you will ever need.), but he will notify us as soon as they are available. The exam for certification as a Master Level Referee is entirely different ... it is coordinated by the National Committee—not Jim Hume. The Association level exam will have 80-90 questions with page and Rule number referenced. The

National/Master exams will have 20 T/F and fill-in questions along with 3-4 situations. The National/Master exams will be available at the recertification clinics, but you will take them home and work on them individually. The exams to become certified in a particular specialty will have essay questions. Please note that our association is short in Weights and Measures and Umpires.

There are two options, take the exam at home; or go to a recertification clinic, spend 3-4 hours in a team setting. The recertification clinic is not mandatory, but may be a quicker way to get the process completed. In addition, Hume is planning to have a camera available so that those that need new pictures for their badges can get that done at the recertification clinics. LDR recertification clinic is planned for January 8, 2005 in San Francisco. Track and Field recertification clinics are planned in October (San Francisco City College – T&F and RW; East Bay; Sacramento) and November (Reno; Salinas or San Jose; Redding).

In addition to the recertification clinics, the usual Level 1, 2 and 3 clinics are being planned for 2005 in January/February. LDR Clinic, Level 1 and Recertification will be in SF, probably the Marina School on Jan. 8th; Level 1, 2, 3 and Recertification, American River College January 15; level 1, 2, 3 and Recertification, Davis January 29; Level 3, Level 1 Test, San Luis Obispo February 5; Level 1, Los Gatos (date not yet determined).

George Kleeman needs instructors for the 2005 clinics as well as recertification discussion leaders. Please send him an e-mail if you are interested.

Jim Hume announced that we need to be members of USATF We don't need to wait until we have taken the recertification exams. Go on line to become a member, and print a couple copies of the document verifying your paid membership. You should also have a list of meets you've worked. Jim Hume will send the data form to us when it is available.

Jim Hume thanked **Steve Green** for providing newsletter corrections. He has pictures for the next one, but needs more articles and more pictures by October 1. His e-mail is jhume@sbcglobal.net. He would particularly like to hear from Nationals/Junior Olympics.

Mark Wintz stated that he needs help for the LDR on September 27 in Paso Robles (National Championship).

Phil Watkins presented the budget. After discussion, it was approved.

Lori Coppola volunteered to arrange the room and caterer for the 2005 Annual Meeting. **Gail Wetzork** and **Bob Rauch** were selected as part of this committee.

Volunteers for the committee to nominate officers are: **Dan Davidson, Bruce Colman, Jim Hume, Teddy Hayes** and **Jon Siegel**.

Phil Watkins led a discussion about Adopt-a-Team, a State of Washington proposal to encourage better

officiating at High School. He encouraged each official to work at least one youth meet a year. **Teddy Hayes** added that it is important that we teach the youths the metric system. He also announced the passing of **Ron Howard**, a triple jumper who committed suicide.



“Say, Bob, I’ve got a hat like that, but where did you get the other accoutrements?”

Al Hernandez needs help for the Central Coast Section Championship scheduled for May 21 and 22, 2005. He also encouraged more officials to work High School meets. **John Lipsey** pointed out that officials need to get support from the meet organizers. They too often get their rulings overturned for political reasons at High School meets.

Bob Podkaminer stated that there are over 120 rule change proposals on the docket for the Portland annual USATF convention. He encouraged us to sit in on a rules committee meeting if we attend the Portland convention. NCAA adopted a new rule submission policy. The proposal must be in written form and be signed (co-sponsored) and approved by two collegiate (any Division) coaches by May 1. **Bob Podkaminer** is the Secretary/Rules Editor for the NCAA and will be called upon to make rule interpretations throughout the year.

2005 Track & Field Clinic Schedule

\$\$Please note that you save \$\$ if you enroll in the clinic in advance! You also guarantee that you will receive clinic notes.

January 8th, 2005... Marina Middle School, San Francisco located at Bay and Fillmore. Park in School lot on east side off Bay before Fillmore

Advanced Cost*	Time	Clinic	Contact Instructors
\$25 w USATF book	9:00 am-4:30 pm	Introduction to T&F Officiating Clinic	Dick Connors Jim Hume

\$5	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Head of Events Officiating (Level 2) for those wanting to advance to National or Masters	Margaret Sheehan Bruce Colman George Kleeman
	9:00 am	Open	
\$20 w USATF Book	9:00 am-12:30 pm	Introduction to LDR Officiating Clinic	Rick and Kathi Berman Mark Wintz
None	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	LDR Recertification Clinic	Rick and Kathi Berman Mark Wintz
\$5	1:00 pm-3:00 pm	2005 Rules Update	Phil Watkins Dan Davidson
	1:00 pm	Open	

January 15th, 2005... American River College, Sacramento, Raef Hall, Oak at Orange Grove

Advanced Cost*	Time	Clinic	Contact Instructors
\$25 w USATF Book	9:00 am-4:30 pm	Introduction to T&F Officiating (Level 1)	Dick Connors, George Kleeman
\$10	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Head of Events Officiating (Level 2) for those wanting to advance to National or Masters	George Kleeman
\$5	9:00 am-12:00 pm	High Jump Set Up	John Shirey Pat Randall
\$5	9:00 am	FieldLynx	Jim Hume
\$5	1:00 pm-3:00 pm	2005 Rules Update	Phil Watkins Dan Davidson Bill Edgar
\$5	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	5 Alive in FieldLynx	Pat Randall Jim Hume
\$5	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Horizontal Jumps	Jim Waldron

January 22nd, 2005... U.C. Davis, Hickey Gym just south of track

Advanced Cost*	Time	Clinic	Contact Instructors
\$5	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Weights and Measures	Phil Watkins
\$10	9:00 am-1:00 pm	Starting	Joe Harper
None	9:00 am-1:00 pm	Association Level T&F Test	Dick Connors
\$5	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Pole Vault Set Up	George Kleeman
\$5	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Combined Events	George Kleeman
\$5	1:00 pm	Umpires	Bob Rauch
	1:00 pm	Open	
\$5	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Throws	John Murray, Bill Edgar

January 30th, 2005...Serra High School... Serra High School Cafeteria, San Mateo, 451 West 20th Avenue

Advanced Cost*	Time	Clinic	Contact Instructors
\$20 w HS book, \$25 w USATF book	10:00 am-5:30 pm	Introduction to High School T&F Officiating and Special Olympics Officiating	John Wise Jim Marheineke Jim Hume Pat Diskin George Kleeman, Dick Connors

February 5th, 2005...Anderson, CA...

Advanced Cost*	Time	Clinic	Contact Instructors
None	9:00 am-1:00 pm	T&F Recertification Clinic	John Lipsey and Dennis Boyle
\$25 w USATF book	9:00 am-4:30 pm	New Officials T&F Clinic	Dick Connors, Jim Hume

February 12th, 2005...Patterson, CA

Advanced Cost*	Time	Clinic	Contact Instructors
None	9:00 am-1:00 pm	T&F Recertification Clinic	Contact Tony Williams at (209) 892-6818 if interested. If enough will be scheduled.

February 19th, 2005... Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Athletic Offices/Gym just east of track and parking garage

Advanced Cost*	Time	Clinic	Contact Instructors
\$25 w USATF book	9:00 am-4:30 pm	Introduction to T&F Officiating (Level 1)	Dick Connors, Jim Hume
None	9:00 am-1:00 pm	Association Level T&F Test	Jerry Colman



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FIRST ROW: Neil Blackfield, Milo Torres, Ed Temple, Jerry Palmer. SECOND ROW: Coach Connors, Chris Bravos, Tom Torlakson, Bob Beukus, Herb Decker.

Once upon a time, a long time ago, in the land of fog and wind...