



# IOA Fall Newsletter

**OCTOBER 2001**

## *President's Message* by Gary Hamilton

As I sit here during another "normal" day as president of the IOA, my thoughts are ramped on what is the real duty of the office of president of a group of individuals who put forth their time, energy and mostly lack of appreciation. We have grown in many ways in the past few years, and we are still looking for ways to better serve our members from all sports. So, with that in mind I am pleased that the IOA has its own website for which many uses will

be available.

I want to personally take this opportunity to thank each sport consultant that has dedicated his or her time to serve to help this almost 600 member strong association become more professional, greater knowledgeable of the rules and unified mechanically to be a leader for other associations to follow.

Also, I owe thanks to the Board of Directors who gives even more time and many thankless Saturday

mornings trying to lay the groundwork for future decisions and has the best interest of our officials in mind.

As fall approaches on the calendar, and volleyball, football and soccer events are being held on almost every day or evening, it's time to start thinking about those winter sports. One in particular is basketball, of which I am personally asking each official who signed up for the assigning program to use this chance to learn, observe and im-

prove no matter which contest it is you have been assigned to officiate. Veteran officials, remember that everyone everywhere is watching you.

Many exciting ideas and challenges face me as I go forward with my tenure, and at the end of my term I hope each member can say that they have benefited from some of those choices I have made, good luck and lets get the call right!!

### ***Basketball Update 2001***

Please note the following changes:

The assigning program for the IOA for basketball is underway under the direction of Joe Gilliland, and games will be distributed to the participat-

ing officials on Monday, October 22. At this time you will also pay your service fee of ten (\$10.00) dollars. This meeting will be held after the regular scheduled IOA meeting.

### ***Golf Tournament***

This year's golf tournament was a moderate success. We had 114 participants that generated a net income of a little over \$3,000 for the association.

For those of you

who do not know, the golf tournament is the only fund raising event the association sponsors. This money is used to support our scholarship fund and other worthy cause the

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## **IOA Web Site Instructions**

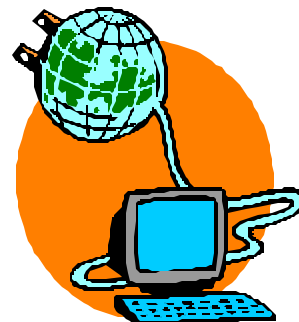
Member's user ID is your 7-digit home phone number without the hyphen.  
The password initially will be: ioa

In the past it was the member's responsibility to inform the executive secretary when a date was closed. Frequently, members were not taking the responsibility of closing out dates. As a result, AD's, executive secretary, and sport assignors would make a call to the member only to find out the member was not open. The old system was not keeping the records up to date. We found a way to increase efficiency. Members now will be expected to only open up the dates they are willing to work.

On the web site, every member's dates for the next seven years have been closed. It is the responsibility of the member to open up and stay current the dates that you are willing to work.

### To access the Web site follow these instructions:

- 1) Using your web browser, go to [www.ioaofficials.com](http://www.ioaofficials.com)
- 2) Sign-in using the user id and password given to you;  
Example: If your home phone number is 123-4567.  
Type in the user ID: 1234567  
Press the tab bar and type in the password: ioa
- 3) Click the Member Services link and then the Your Account link;
- 4) Now you can change your password and enter all your account information: Last Name, First name, Street Address, City, State, Zip Code, Home Phone, Work Phone, Mobile/Pager, fax, Email Address, Bio (about yourself), click which sports you work, select which level, select official status, state years officiated, and number of tournaments. (BE SURE TO click the Update button to SAVE YOUR CHANGES)
- 5) Under the "Calendar Search" tool, you can open up dates by Day, Week, Month, or Year. These are shown in blue letters. Also, you can open and close dates a day, a week, or a month at a time.



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### **Several examples are listed below:**

Goal: To open up 1 date at a time

1. Click the current Year below "Calendar Search"
2. Click the date in that month. (If the date is already closed the screen will appear with the date listed as (closed).)
3. Click Open this day's date - Now the screen the date will appear without the date (closed) message.
4. Click next day to be opened in the proper month

Goal: To open up dates for 1 month

1. Click Month below the "Calendar Search"
2. Click < or > to get the proper year
3. Click the correct month below the year (The screen will appear to have all dark shaded dates closed.)
4. Click Open this month's dates - Now the screen will appear with the month's dates open by being white.

Goal: To open up dates for 1 week

1. Click Week below the Calendar Search"
2. Click < or > until you get the proper month
3. Click on day in the proper month that you want the week to begin on. (The screen shows all days in that week are (closed).)
4. Click Open this week's dates - Now the screen will appear with the weeks dates open without the (closed) message.



**Note:** To close any day, week, month, or year, repeat the same procedures, except click close.

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## ***Need an E-mail Address?***

Our board of directors approved a company that will provide every member with a "FREE" e-mail address. Technology has been around for many years. Every member can get to the Internet by using a computer at home, work,

school, or public library. For this reason, if you do not have an e-mail address, then contact Terry Magnuson at 317-889-1740 or send him a letter at 35 Monticello Drive, Greenwood, 46142, requesting an e-mail address and tell him a password

that you would like. He will set up an address within a few days and will notify you by phone that the address has been activated.

All addresses will be: [anything@ioaofficials.com](mailto:anything@ioaofficials.com)

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### ***Golf Tournament continued***

Board of Directors deems to support. In the past we have supported such organizations as Riley Children's Hospital and Franklin Boys and Girls Club to name a few.

The golf tournament has been a very successful fund-raiser for our association for a number of years. Hopefully we will continue to use this event as a source of revenue in the years to come. Without your support, however, this becomes increasingly more diffi-

cult. As an association member, you need to become more involved in this activity if we are to reap the financial rewards it offers. It is time for others of you to step-up to the plate, so to speak, and get involved in this tournament.

The golf committee would gratefully welcome your assistance with open arms. This committee spends approximately 7-8 months getting ready for each year's event. There are hole sponsors to acquire, door prizes to accumulate, participants

to register, and many more numerous tasks to accomplish in making next year's event as successful as it has been previously. Like all other organizations, it is time for a "changing of the guard". New members with fresh ideas, a different vision, maybe even a better plan need to become part of this committee for next year's tournament. If you have a desire to participate in the planning and execution of the 2002 tournament, please contact Tony Bierschbach (317) 718-1088.

I would like to take

this opportunity to personally thank this year's committee members: Bob Klein, Jerry Wallace, Ed Roush, Pat Strong, and John Yantiss for a job well done. These gentlemen met several times and spent numerous hours in preparation of this year's event. Again guys, thank you very much!

Tony Bierschbach  
September 19, 2001



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## ***Application For Professional Status***

The Indiana Officials Association, Inc. can recommend its members for professional status with the IHSAA. If you have met the following criteria and would like for the IOA to consider recommending you to the IHSAA, please complete the information below and submit it to IOA Executive Secretary. If you would like to volunteer for association activities to help you qualify for professional status, contact any member of the Board of Directors.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sport for which you are applying:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Criteria:**

1. Are you certified in this sport?  yes  no
2. Have you been assigned to work three or more tournaments in this sport?  yes  no
3. Have you represented the IOA in at least two of the following capacities?  yes  no
  - Officer of the Association
  - Rules Interpreter
  - Clinician
  - Conducted Association Meetings
  - Sports Chairperson
  - Mentor for Younger Officials
  - Regular Attendance at Association Meetings in this Sport

***Return to: IOA Executive Secretary; Bob Klein; 825 Bayside Drive; Greenwood, IN 46143***

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