

IOA NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

What are the criteria for a successful official? Some would say working at the highest levels of the state tournament series, others may say advancing to the next level (eg. high school to college), while it could be working the "big" game. I contend that the successful official is able to focus on the purpose of officiating – providing an opportunity for young people to become successful. Yes, without athletic officials many young people would not have the opportunity to be successful. A young person who experiences success is more likely to become successful as an adult. Remember the next time you step on the field or court that you are there for those who are playing the game. If you are always able to focus on this aspect of officiating you will always be successful!

Election of Officers

At the annual banquet (Monday, March 20, 2006) the IOA membership will elect the following officers: president elect, vice-president, executive secretary, treasurer and three members to the board of directors. If you are interested in serving as an officer please contact president, Jim Disney, at jndisney1@comcast.net.

Baseball Merger

The Board of Directors of the Indiana Officials Association has approved a merger agreement between the Central Indiana Baseball Officials Association (CIBOA) and the Indianapolis Umpires Association (IUA). This agreement becomes effective with

the 2006 IHSAA baseball season. The IUA will train, evaluate, conduct meetings and make assignments for its member officials. All officials assigned to the IHSAA contests by the IUA (Lenny Brickens, Assigning Secretary) will be IOA members.

Annual Banquet

The IOA's annual banquet will be held on Monday, March 20, 2006. Our guest speaker will be Tom Ransom. Tom is a former Big Ten football official and former coordinator of football officials for the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference. Tom is currently serving as a Technical Advisor at Big Ten football games. Please make plans to attend the banquet.

Scott Bostick

The IOA family suffered a tragedy on January 29, 2005. IOA member Scott Bostick was killed in an automobile accident going to officiate a basketball game. IOA member Tim Cartwright was seriously injured in the accident. Scott is survived by his wife, Angie and three young daughters, Hannah, Isabel and Amelia. A trust fund has been established to provide educational opportunities for the Bostick children. Donations may be made to Bostick Children Trust Fund, 7880 Lafayette Road, Indianapolis IN 46240. Please keep the Bostick family in your thoughts and prayers.

IOA Scholarships

The IOA will be awarding two \$1000 scholarships at the March 20 banquet to children of IOA members. Applications are available by contacting committee

chair, Lee Thompson, at 3625 Oak Forge Way, Greenwood, IN 46143. (lee.thompson@ftsc.k12.in.us.) Applications are also available on the IOA website.

State Finals Recognition and Officials of the Year

The IOA website has a link to recognize IOA members who have officiated state finals or have been a recipient of the Official of the Year by the IHSAA. Please check this link for accuracy. If a correction is needed please contact Terry Magnuson at webadmin@ioaofficials.com. so that he may make the needed corrections.

Tournament Advancement

If you advanced a level in the state tournament series or officiated the state finals in your sport (s) please contact your sports consultant or Bob Klein (bkin3031@sbcglobal.net). This will ensure that our records are accurate. Congratulations to anyone who advanced or worked the state finals.



2005 IOA Charity Golf Outing

The 2005 IOA Charity Golf Outing was renamed the Scott Bostick Memorial Golf Outing in honor of one of our own IOA officials that passed away in an automobile accident on January 29, 2005. The purpose of our golf tournament this year was three fold: to raise funds for two scholarships awarded to student of IOA members, to have an enjoyable afternoon on the golf course with fellow officials, and most of all to support the family of Scott Bostick. In memory of Scott, over 150 friends and acquaintances participated in our annual golf outing at Twin Bridges Golf Course outside Danville on July 29, 2005. Approaching 36 foursomes, competition was keen and enjoyment was plentiful on a gorgeous sunny day on the old golf course.

Angi Bostick and her three daughters, along with numerous family members, joined IOA members, coaches and athletic directors raised over \$7,000 in this year's golf outing. At the close of the banquet, Bob Klein presented Angi with a check for over \$3,000 from the IOA. A portion of this money was generated from IOA and other official associations throughout the State by purchasing the "SB - 1-29-05" patches in memory of Scott. If you are

looking for Christmas presents, we still have a few hats and shirts available for purchase at a discounted rate. An additional \$4,000 will be given to Angi as we close out the IOA golf tournament account for 2005.

This year's tournament would not have been the overwhelming success without many individuals being involved. First of all, many thanks go out to the IOA golf committee - Bob Klein, Ed Roush, Jerry Wallace, Earl Ridlen, Mike Bohan and John Yantiss -- that spent countless hours and miles in planning and acquiring door prizes to make the Memorial Tournament a success. Also, thanks goes to Jim Disney and those at the Twin Bridges Golf Course, for having the course in terrific shape and for being great hosts. Compliments go out to Terry Magnuson for providing a pictorial view of the golf tournament that can be seen on the IOA website. To Angi, with assistance from Mike Bohan and Denis Schinderle, for providing photo and memorabilia of Scott's officiating career. West Washington athletic director Ron Smith provided our banquet meal. Finally, without the support of over 30 hole sponsors and contributors of door prizes, the IOA tournament would not have been a success. Special thanks also goes to the Indiana Basketball

Coaches Association for sponsoring three holes and providing a team, Carmel High School for two holes, and North Central High School for sponsoring a hole and providing a team.

As a side note, the team of Grady Smith, John Daly, Tiger Woods and Sergio Garcia won first place by a narrow margin of victory. They had a perfect score of 18. Just kidding!!!

We encourage all IOA members to get involved in making the 2006 Charity Golf Outing a greater success. Please take pride in your association's tournament. Volunteer your time and effort to acquire corporate and hole sponsorship and the countless door prizes necessary to make our tournament even better. Please contact any of the members of the golf committee if you wish to get involved in any way. Look for more information on the 2006 IOA Charity Golf Outing in the spring edition of the newsletter.



WEBSITE UPDATE

Now more than ever we need you to update the website with your open dates and keep it current! Many members have been using this service and have been extremely pleased to find a list of officials who are open on a date within minutes. Our members have spread the word over the years to athletic directors. This fall, all AD's in the state received information about how to use the website, and how to find officials that are open on a given day. So...it would be in your best interest to keep your open dates current.

We feel this service is outstanding and can be used as a tool for schools and our members. It has been our vision to give access to this website to all our members and schools in the state.

If you would like to have your picture updated or placed under your personal profile on the IOA site, then e-mail the Webmaster a headshot document of you using a .jpg *or* .gif format. You can locate your picture in the file: The Association/Directory/View Profile.

If you have not been receiving sport meeting reminders, then check your personal profile (located in Member Services under Your Account) and update your e-mail address and/or check your junk e-mail settings.

NEWS FROM EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The IOA is now 552 Members strong and still growing. You must keep the [Web Sit updated](#), because Athletic Directors are now checking the site for officials. If an official does not update his schedule, he will not receive games

and it will also upset the AD when he calls and you say I am full. Kudos to the Wrestling officials for the recruitment of new officials. Remember football, soccer, volleyball officials, I don't have very many Sportsmanship Cards turned in for those sports. Also all other officials in winter sports, the card are available on the web site

turn them in so that all schools are counted.

Thanks to Mike Furnish and Don Nester, for putting on their classes for football and basketball. Have a great winter season, and make plans to attend the annual banquet on Monday, March 20th 2006.

Details to follow in the January newsletter.

SOFTBALL CLASS

The IOA members, David Bogard and Jim Fish, will be conducting a Softball Officials Class. This class will prepare any prospective official, who is about to take the test to become an IHSAA softball umpire. These classes will meet at the CYO building, 350 East

Stevens St. on five (5) consecutive Tuesday nights beginning on January 10, 2006, starting promptly at 7:00 P.M. and concluding at 9:00 P.M.

Interested perspective officials should contact or write David Bogard 446 N. 11th St., Beech Grove, IN 46107 or at 786-3866. You can also contact Jim Fish, 7861 Ellipse Pkwy., Fishers, IN 46038 or call 849-9594.

Happy Holidays