

IOA NEWSLETTER

Fall 2006

From the President

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARK BALTZ

Congratulations to IOA member and current National Football League Official Mark Baltz on his induction into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame on September 24, 2006. Mark began his football officiating career in Ohio in 1966. He worked Indiana high school football from 1971-83 and during this time he worked two state championship games. He moved to the Big Ten in 1984 before becoming a National Football League official in 1989. During Mark's tenure in the Big Ten he received three bowl assignments. As an NFL official Mark has been assigned to fourteen post season games including five league championship games. This season will be Mark's 40th year officiating high school basketball. He has been assigned to thirty-two sectionals, twenty-one regionals, eight semi-states, and three state finals. Mark was selected as the Indiana Basketball Official of the year in 2005. He has served the IOA as President and has been a Board Member since 1992. Mark was instrumental in the formation of the Indiana Football Officials Association. Once again, congratulations to Mark on a well-deserved honor.

BASKETBALL ASSIGNOR

The IOA Board of Directors has appointed Bob Klein as the IOA's basketball assignor for the 2006-07 season. The objectives of the assigning program are:

1. To complement IOA efforts to recruit and train new officials
2. To provide a service that is valued by association members and non-members
3. To provide a needed service to Indiana schools

Any IOA member in good standing and licensed in basketball may choose to participate in the Game Assigning Service by attending the organizational meeting and providing open and closed dates to the assignor. It will be extremely important to keep open/closed dates up to date on the website. **THERE IS NOT A CHARGE TO A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ASSIGNING SERVICE!**

ANNUAL BANQUET

The IOA's annual banquet will be held on Monday, March 19, 2007. At the banquet the IOA membership will elect the following officers: vice-president and two members to the Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving as an officer please contact president-elect John Yantiss at jy3200@aol.com.

IOA Charity Golf Outing

The 2006 IOA Charity Golf Outing at Twin Bridges was a tremendous success. Well over 100 players enjoyed a beautiful day on the golf course and also accomplished our goal of raising funds for worthy charities. Approximately \$6,000 will be given in scholarships and charitable gifts from this year's tournament. Two IOA scholarships, each \$1,000, will be given to children of IOA members for their college expenses. The remaining \$4,000 will be equally divided between the Scott Bostick Family Fund, Shannon Fields Fund at Park Tudor, Special Olympics of Indiana, and the Patrick King Fund. Many thanks to those on the golf committee and others that acquired sponsorships and door prizes. Again, many thanks to Brian Totton for his outstanding job in acquiring door prizes.

The site of the 2007 IOA Charity Golf Outing has not yet been determined, but the date has. Plan now to reserve your foursome on Friday, July 20, 2007 at noon. Please check the IOA website the first of the year for additional information. If you want to be involved with the Tournament, contact John Yantiss at 862-8773 (home) or 670-8127 (cell).

IOA Track Officials Class

Dan Cummins, IOA track & cross country sports consultant, invites any IOA member wanting to become a track starter to attend a five week class at Warren Central High School. The program begins on December 12, at 7:00 pm at the Warren Central Field House. Anyone interested in being licensed should contact Dan at 841-4445 (home) or 496-1288 (cell) ASAP.

Congratulations to Dan on being the head starter at the Franklin Central Semi-State.

Official of the Year: Rodney King – Track Jeff Mohler - Cross Country

IOA Basketball

I would like to thank the following people who helped make the Lawrence Central Certification Clinic a huge success.

CLINICIANS : Kevin Lewis, David Bolsega, Tom Leix, Ed Scahill, Jason McKinley, Stu Casper. **REGISTRATION AND SET UP** : Steve Taylor, Ray Beverly Sr., Carlos Campbell, Bob Klein, Don Nester, Brian Wharton, John Yantiss.

Kevin Moore, IOA Basketball Chairman and Head Clinician

IOA STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The IOA will be awarding two \$1000 scholarships at the March 19 banquet to children of IOA members. The deadline for the IOA Student Scholarship must be postmarked by February 1, 2007. A current application may be found on the IOA website after November 1, 2006. Applications are available by contacting scholarship chairman, Lee Thompson, at lee.thompson@ftcsc.k12.in.us. Applications are also available on the IOA website.

If you have any questions, contact me at 803-5400. Other scholarship committee members are:
Dave Bolsega Jim Fish Ed Roush Steve Taylor

Qualifications:

1. Applicants must be a senior in high school who ranks in the upper 25% of his/her class or a college undergraduate who has a B (3.0) average or higher. An official transcript of grades must be included with the application, which includes the first seven semesters of high school and class rank or the most recent fall semester of college.
2. Applicants must be making definite plans to further their education in their chosen field.
3. Applicants must meet necessary entrance requirements in the institution of their choice (proper credits, etc.)
4. An applicant can win the scholarship only once.
5. The parent/guardian of the applicant must have been a member in good standing of the IOA for three consecutive years prior to the application date. Under an extenuating circumstance the committee may waive this requirement.

From the SECRETARY

Please update your website personal information.

To update:

Go into the IOA website at: www.ioaofficials.com

Then go to **member services**, then **your account**. Make the proper changes into your profile and when you have completed those changes click on **update**. Pay special attention to your email address, phone numbers and the sport(s) you officiate. Click into the proper box those sports you officiate, the level, and the status you officiate in that sport. If you are not a certified official, make sure you change the status information to registered.

Please update your open/closed dates. Many athletic directors and coaches are calling officials only to find out the official is closed. This is a waste of time, money, and effort on the coaches and A/Ds in attaining officials to officiate sporting events.

The attendance of meetings is low. Meetings are to benefit you in gaining more knowledge of the rules, play situations, mechanics, and many other common officiating experiences. Also, meetings are beneficial for you to **obtain and retain** your professional status.

Members seeking to obtain IHSAA Professional Status must complete an application and submit it to the IOA Secretary or respective Sport Chairperson. The application is on the IOA Website.

Finally, I have not received very many sportsmanship award cards from officials. This is a voting process by the officials on the schools you officiated during the season.

See Attached:

IOA BASEBALL CLASS

SOFTBALL OFFICIALS CLASS

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Become a licensed baseball official

Indiana Officials Association (IOA) members Don Nester and Jim Fish, with the permission of the IOA and the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA), will be conducting a baseball officials class. This class prepares any prospective official who is about to take the licensed National Federation High School /IHSAA baseball official's exam. Our students have been very successful in passing the baseball official's test.

Classes will be held at the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Center; 580 E. Stevens Street; Indianapolis, IN 46203; beginning **January 11, 2007, for five consecutive Thursday nights, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.**

Your two choices to take the IHSAA baseball exam are:

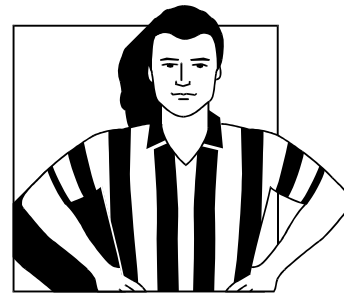
1. **Thursday February 5, 2007**, at 7:00 p.m. during this class.
2. **January 29, 2007** at the location you listed on your application card from the IHSAA.

The opportunity for you to attend clinics, officiate junior-high, and high school baseball games will be announced during our class sessions.

Cost: \$25.00 for IOA members
\$60.00 for non-IOA member

Return application and check as soon as possible to Don Nester at 6547 N. Ewing St; Indianapolis, IN 46220-3746.

Questions? Call Jim 849-9594 or Don 466-0092 (after 5:00 pm)



IOA Baseball Class Dates:

- January 11
- January 18
- January 25
- February 1
- February 8 (Exam)

All classes Thursday from 7:00—9:00 pm



IOA Baseball Class Registration

**INDIANA OFFICIALS
ASSOCIATION**

Return to:

Don Nester
6547 N. Ewing Street
Indianapolis, IN 46220-3746

Name

Street

City, State, Zip

Home Phone

Work Phone

Make check payable to

Don Nester

**Class is determined
by enrollment**

