

# **IOA NEWSLETTER**

**Summer 2008**

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Surprise! We have another season upon us. I wish you the best of fortune. You represent the largest officials association in the State and, in my opinion, the best. Because of that, you must strive to maintain the high standard of conduct on and off the field that your IOA veteran officials have demonstrated over the years. You are the perfect role models for the young athletes on the court and those fans in the stands to demonstrate sportsmanship, self control, good judgement, and the love of competition. Make officiating fun again, instead of another way to make some extra money. Enjoy your time on the field.

Next, thank a veteran official that has assisted you in your career. We can never praise those individuals enough that have mentored us in our profession. As we thank those that have helped us along the way, we need to help build character in the young people of today. That includes our younger officials. Please take it upon yourself to be a character builder this year. Make a positive influence as you represent the IOA.

In conclusion, set goals for yourself this year, monitor progress, and ask for assistance when you struggle. Prepare yourself physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually to have the best season of your career. Again, best wishes for a great season. Remember. Be positive in all that you do.

Sincerely,  
John J. Yantiss

## **IOA Charity Golf Outing**

A change in venue reaps great success. The golf committee decided to try a few new things this year. The first was a change of location to Winding River Golf Course on what turned out to be a perfect day. The next change was having lunch before the outing. A big thanks to McAlister's for donating our lunch.

Another new idea was a traveling trophy for the best high school golf team entry. Congratulations to Mooresville High School for winning this year

Everyone seemed to have a great time and we were happy to have a lot of first time players to our event. We encourage all IOA members to get involved to make the 2009 outing an even greater success by taking pride in our association and getting involved. If you do not golf you can still help by sponsorship of a hole, donation of door prizes, or just helping out. Please contact any golf committee member if you would like to get involved.

This year's tournament would not have been such a success without the many volunteers. First of all, let me thank the other golf committee members – Joe Bauer Bob Klein, Bill Purdue, Ed Roush, Jerry Wallace, and John Yantiss. Thanks to Terry Magnuson for his help with the set up

and for providing the great pictures of the event. Terry is a great example of one who does not golf but was there, along with Joe Bauer, the entire day helping with anything that needed to be done including registration and pictures.

Look for news on the website soon concerning the 2009 IOA Charity Golf Outing.

Earl Ridlen II  
IOA Golf Chairman

## FROM THE SECRETARY

The Indiana Officials Association (IOA) Officers for the 2008-09 year are:

President	John Yantiss	President Elect	Stu Casper
Vice-President	Kevin Moore	Secretary	Don Nester
Treasurer	Brad Brooks	Webmaster	Terry Magnuson

At-Large Members are:

Mark Baltz	Grady Smith
Dave Bolsega	Joe Stafford
Kevin Brown	Jerry Wallace
Bob Klein	

The IOA Executive Board would like to congratulate the following officials for receiving the Official of the Year Award selected by the IHSAA Executive Board:

**Cross Country** John Yantiss    **Wrestling** Jon Hammond    **Volleyball** Dan Morgan

The IOA Executive Board would like to congratulate the following officials for working the IHSAA State Finals in 2007-08:

<b>Baseball</b>	Lenny Brickens, Kerry Britt, Daniel Jimenez, Dave Morton, Jason Stidham
<b>Boys Basketball</b>	Dan Morgan, Rex Nichols, Ray Tebbe
<b>Girls Basketball</b>	Tracy Black, Judy Phillips
<b>Football</b>	Gary Slunaker, Mark Cruse, Steve McGlothlin, Mike Perry, Jeff Slunaker
<b>Girls Track</b>	John Yantiss
<b>Cross Country</b>	Dan Cummins
<b>Volleyball</b>	Dan Morgan
<b>Soccer</b>	Chris Clark, John Bowen, Bob Whikehart
<b>Swimming</b>	Mark Friend – Boys Diving Judge
<b>Wrestling</b>	Tom Clark, Orlando Fontanez and James Russell in Individual Peter Schroeder and Bart Welch in Team

Also, the IOA Executive Board would like to congratulate Larry Metzler and James Russell for being inducted into the High School Wrestling Hall of Fame.

### **ANNUAL BANQUET**

The 2009 IOA Awards and Recognition Banquet will be held on Monday, March 23, 2009 @ Primo Banquet Hall. The 2009-10 election of officers will be for Vice-President and three At-Large Board Members. If you are interested in serving as an officer contact our IOA President Elect Stu Casper at [sdcasper@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sdcasper@sbcglobal.net).

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Meeting dates and announcements for all sports are posted on our website and are within the 2008-2009 Roster & Schedule Handbook.

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

Finally, don't forget to send me your sportsmanship award cards. This is a voting process by the officials on the schools you officiated during this season. You can print off sportsmanship cards from our website.

### **TOURNAMENT ADVANCEMENT**

If you advanced a level in the state tournament series (example: first sectional, from a sectional to your first regional, regional to your first semi-state) or officiated the state finals in your sport(s) please contact your sports consultant or Don Nester at [donioa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donioa@sbcglobal.net). This will ensure that our records are accurate.

#### **Concerning the IOA Roster and Schedule Handbook**

Please update your website personal information.

#### **To update:**

Go into the IOA website at: [www.ioaofficials.com](http://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. Also, notify Don Nester at [donioa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donioa@sbcglobal.net) or 466-0092 on any email address, home address and phone number changes.

**REMINDER:** Update your OPEN DATES and current contact information on the Website! All contact information in the handbook is provided by the members from the directory on the Website.

## **WHAT IS AN OFFICIAL?**

An official is a judge, a public speaker, a laborer, a teacher, a psychologist, a psychiatrist and a chaplain.

He must seem humble and yet be proud, confident, and enthusiastic.

He must have the hide of an elephant, the fierceness of a lion, the pep of a young pup, the guts of an ox, the stamina of an antelope, the wisdom of an owl, the cunning of a fox and the heart of a kitten.

He must be willing to give freely of his time, his money, his energy, his youth, his family life, his health and sometimes even life itself. In return he must expect little financial reward, little comfort on earth, little privacy, little praise, but plenty of criticism.

However, a good official is respected in his community, is a leader, is loved by his co-officials, coaches and players, making lasting friends wherever he goes.

His associations with athletes help him keep young in mind and spirit and he, too, must grow and improve his ability.

In his heart he knows that in spite of his inconvenience, the criticism and demands of his time, he loves his hobby for he is an official.

Have a Great Season!

Don Nester

**See Attached:** IOA Basketball Class Flyer