

IOA NEWSLETTER

Winter 2006-07

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Where have the last two years gone? It seems like only yesterday that I was beginning a two-year term as IOA president. As I look back on the past two years I would like to thank a number of people for making these past two years a great experience. First of all I would like to thank the IOA Board and Officers. I believe this group has shown the vision to assure that the IOA remains a great organization. Secondly, I must thank the sport and committee chairs. Their involvement has helped the IOA to continue to grow. Finally, and most importantly, I would like to thank the membership. You have given of yourself to provide an opportunity for the young people involved in athletics to have an opportunity to compete and succeed. I would ask that everyone support John Yantiss as he assumes the IOA presidency at the Annual Banquet. In order for the IOA to continue to be, in my opinion, a great organization the membership must be involved. Please consider becoming an active participant – Board Member, Committee Member or Chair, or Presenter at a Meeting. Once again, thanks for a great two years!!!!

UPCOMING DATES

Rules Interpretation Meetings – Meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Baseball	Thursday, March 1	Lawrence Central
Softball	Wednesday, March 7	Lawrence Central
Track	Thursday, March 8	Warren Central

CERTIFICATION CLINICS

Track	Sunday, March 11 (2:00 P.M.)	Warren Central
Softball	Sunday, March 11 (1:00 P.M.)	Lawrence Central

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following IOA members who were selected to work the 2006 football state finals:

AA – Mike Baas

AAA – Bob Anderson, Clay Worley, Mike Fawcett, Gary Hamilton, Thom Lynch

AAAA – Kevin Brown, Grady Smith

Also, congratulations to IOA members **Denis Schinderle** and **Greg Bradley**. Denis was assigned to work the Division 1AA National Championship Football Game and Greg was assigned to work the Emerald Bowl.

Congratulations to the following IOA members who were selected to work the 2006 soccer state finals: **John Bowen and Bob Whikehart**

FROM THE SECRETARY

As I write my final newsletter in my first year as secretary for the IOA, I want to thank Bob Klein for guiding me through my first year as IOA secretary. Without his expertise I would have really struggled. When I took over we had 580 members and now we have 628 members. I want to thank our IOA Executive Board, Committee Members, Instructors, and members in the recruitment of those new members this year. We had good results from meetings, clinics, and attendance. This year our goal is to work harder in providing better meetings, better clinics and especially in getting more officials to those important meetings.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Baseball	Monday, February 12	Orientation/Business Meeting	Damon's, East Side
	Monday, February 26	Mechanics/Business Meeting	Damon's, East Side
Softball	Monday, February 5	Batting/Pitching Video	CYO Center
	Monday, February 12	Subs/Baserunning/DP/FLEX	CYO Center
	Monday, February 26	Interference/Obstruction	CYO Center

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Enclosed you will find the proposed ballot, membership renewal, and banquet reservations. Remember, this is only a proposed ballot. If you wish to run for an office or want to nominate someone for a position on the board or an officer, please notify Jim Disney or Don Nester with your suggestion. **If you are unable to attend the banquet, you can call me at 466.0092, or email me for an absentee ballot at: donioa@sbcglobal.net.**

Mail your membership card back as soon as possible, as dues must be paid to **Brad Brooks** by **April 1, 2007**. Please fill out the entire card (all blank lines) for verification purposes. If your dues are not in by that date, your name, address, phone numbers, and email address will not be in the IOA Roster & Schedule Handbook plus you will be deleted from our website.

If you have advanced in any level in tournament series, please let me know by an email to: **donioa@sbcglobal.net**

DON'T FORGET TO MAIL YOUR SPORTSMANSHIP CARDS. The card is on the website, for your convenience, to print off and mail. I must have all cards returned to me by **MARCH 1, 2007.**

IOA WEBSITE

Remember to update your website personal information.

To update:

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

Click on **member services**, and then click on **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. Check the proper box of 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.

ANNUAL BANQUET

The IOA's annual banquet will be held on **Monday, March 19, 2007 at Primo's**. Guest speaker will be Tom Zupancic, Senior Executive President of Sales and Marketing for the Indianapolis COLTS. Tom graduated from Cathedral High School and Indiana Central College (now University of Indianapolis). He played sports in football and wrestling. Tom was the manager of his own gym before he was hired by the COLTS as strength and conditioning coach when the COLTS arrived in 1984. He is a member of St. Malachy Catholic Church and coaches CYO football at St. Malachy. Come and listen to this dynamic speaker.

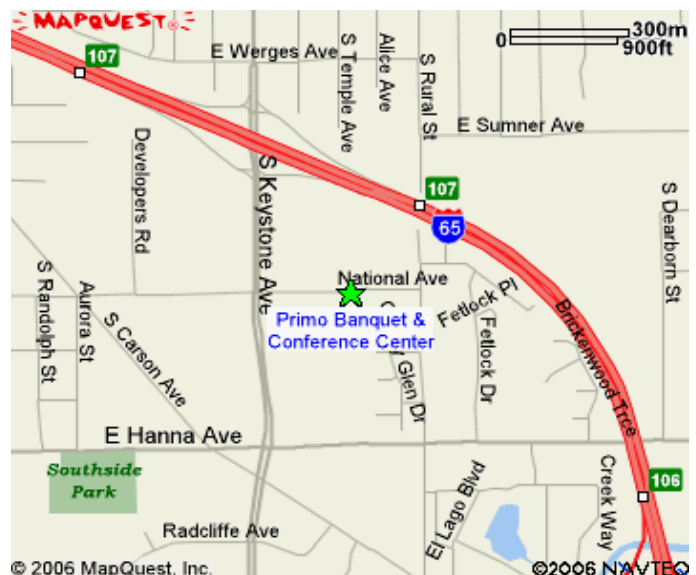
At the banquet the IOA membership will elect the following officers: vice-president and two members to the Board of Directors.

Banquet reservation must be returned to Brad Brooks, 3660 Homestead Circle E., Plainfield, IN 46168 by March 14, 2007. If you make a banquet reservation and you fail to show, you will be billed for the \$15.00 charge for the meal. The cost to bring a guest is still \$15.00. Please fill out the form and return to Brad, along with the name of your guest.

Directions to Primo Banquet

Primo Banquet Hall – 2615 National
Indianapolis, IN 46227 (317) 788-4140
Located 1 block South of I65 off of Keystone Ave. Go south on Keystone to first stop light and turn left one block onto National Ave.

Social Hour 5:30p.m. and Dinner at 6:30p.m.



IOA BANQUET RESERVATION

Monday, March 19, 2007 @ Primo's

Yes, I WILL ATTEND

No, I WILL NOT ATTEND

**I WILL BRING A GUEST
AT THE COST OF \$15 IN ADVANCE**

MEMBER NAME at no charge: _____
PLEASE PRINT

NAME OF GUEST: _____
PLEASE PRINT

If you make a banquet reservation and fail to show, you will be billed for the \$15.00 charge of the meal.

Please fill out the form and return to: **Brad Brooks, 3660 Homestead Cir. E., Plainfield, IN 46168**, along with the name of your guest by March 14, 2007.

If you make a reservation and must cancel due to an emergency situation, contact **Don Nester immediately at: 317.466.0092, 317.440.4859 cell or email: donioa@sbcglobal.net**

PROPOSED SAMPLE BALLOT

Vice President: Elect 1
Bud Klumph
Earl Ridlen

Board of Directors: Elect 2
Jeff Bocek
Mike Bohan
Dave Bolsega
Mike Frech
Mark Friend
Andy Medsker

This is not an official ballot. If you are unable to attend the banquet, contact Don Nester for an absentee ballot.