

THE MARKS

November 2003

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Jim Conlin, President (jconlin@swtfoa.com)

I would like to thank all those that attended our annual meeting on September 16. Jim Carlisle held a certification clinic prior to the meeting and it was exciting to see some old friends and to meet some new ones at that clinic.

I would like to announce our Board of Directors.

Don Barnett *Treasurer*

Mica Barton *Secretary*

Jeff Brazzell *Competition Committee*

Jim Carlisle *Certification Chairman*

Jim Conlin *President*

Willie Davis *Competition Committee*

Mark Martin *Calendar/Member Services*

Chris Marcellus *Member Services*

Robert Mears *Awards*

Dennis VanOrder *Vice President*

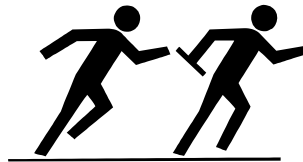
George Young *Training*

There are two new members of the Board, Jeff

Brazzell and Mark Martin, who will bring a depth of experience to your Board.

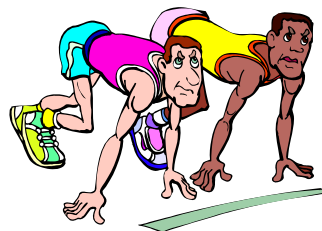
I have two goals for the next year for our officials association. The first thing is to make sure that the members of this Association have the tools to make them better officials. George Young is working hard to provide training opportunities for all of those who want to improve their officiating skills. Chris Marcellus has been developing an Association website that will be a great resource for all of us.

The second goal is to improve conditions for officials. There is no reason for you to work all day and then be abused and taken advantage of throughout the day. All of you work hard and sacrifice a considerable amount of your free time and meet directors need to at least show a minimum amount of appreciation for your sacrifices. I would like to get feedback from our membership about how you are treated at various meets this spring. I want to rate the meets according to their treatment of officials. This is



a long-term goal but I need your input to make it work.

Please look at the enclosed calendar – there are plenty of great officiating opportunities for the upcoming Olympic year. I wish all of you well for the upcoming season!



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Check out the new SWTFOA website:

www.swtfoa.com

ASSOCIATION PRESENTS AWARDS TO OFFICIALS

by Robert Mears, Awards (*rmears@swtfoa.com*)

The Southwestern Association presented National Track and Field Officials Committee Outstanding Service Awards to 35 officials at the annual meeting held on September 16.

on continuous certification as of January 1, 1988. Five of the 35 officials presented certificates have been certified since March of 1979, twenty-four years and counting. We will continue to honor officials after each Olympiad with Service Awards from the National Committee.

The Association wishes to express our deepest gratitude to those officials for their continued service to track and field.

Officials were presented awards based

| Officials | Original Certification Date | Officials | Original Certification Date | Officials | Original Certification Date |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Barnett, Don | 3/2/79 | Cook, Charles (Jerry) | 1/26/82 | Cadenhead, C.T. | 2/25/85 |
| Barnhart, Mack | 3/2/79 | Melton, William (Bill) | 6/1/82 | Floerke, Kent | 8/15/85 |
| Bradley, Chester | 3/2/79 | Lankford, Eddy | 7/19/82 | Taylor, Dennis | 5/10/86 |
| Miegel, William (Bill) | 3/2/79 | Lea, Walker | 7/28/82 | Estill, Charles | 8/12/86 |
| Sharpe, Shelby | 3/2/79 | Eubanks, George | 10/28/82 | Carlisle, Jim | 11/17/86 |
| Conlin, Jim | 3/24/81 | Sollers, Henry | 11/29/82 | Sadler, Jerry | 2/1/87 |
| Stinson, Dick | 3/24/81 | Walters, Billy | 12/6/82 | Doreen, Bill | 3/30/87 |
| Green, Robert (Bob) | 3/24/81 | Baker, Thane | 9/16/83 | O'Bric, Mike | 7/7/87 |
| Russell, Jacky | 3/24/81 | Draper, Charles | 9/7/84 | O'Bric, Karen | 7/7/87 |
| King, Reg | 4/6/81 | Goldsmith, Max | 2/6/85 | Smith, Frank | 12/8/87 |
| Hurst, David | 4/6/81 | Mears, Robert | 2/6/85 | Crouch, Joe | ???? |
| Pritchett, John | 9/18/81 | Sadler, Jerrell | 2/19/85 | | |

SWTFOA WEBSITE DEBUTS

By Chris Marcellus, Member Services (*cmarcellus@swtfoa.com*)

The Southwestern Track and Field Officials Association now has a site to call home—a website, that is. Be sure to visit www.swtfoa.com to stay up-to-date on all happenings within the association. The site contains:

- 1) A continuously updated officiating calendar complete with meet contacts (where available)
- 2) New rule changes will be posted (or online links to them—a link to the new NFHS changes is already posted)
- 3) An association Board of Directors page with e-mail links

- 4) An officiating equipment page with links to regular and hard-to-find items
- 5) The latest newsletter
- 6) How and where to buy official USATF and SWTFOA officiating apparel
- 7) A link on the "Rules" page to askanofficial@swtfoa.com where you can ask a Master official questions on rulings and rule interpretations.

These are just a few items planned for the site, and it is a dynamic, ever-

changing tool for our association. Feel free to contact me with any suggestions, especially from you folks in East, Central, and West Texas.

Eventually, the association hopes to keep your mailing info current with an online database where you can make address changes.

Help the association save on postage:

If you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail, please e-mail me at cmarcellus@swtfoa.com with your current e-mail address.

SECOND ROUND OF OFFICIAL'S TRAINING

by George Young, Training Director (gyoung@swtfoa.com)

Becoming certified as a track and field official is the first step to becoming a top notch official. The next step, once you know the rules of track and field, is to learn the mechanics of track and field officiating. In the past, officials relied on going to the various meets and learning from other officials how to conduct the events. To do a better job of getting officials trained in their event(s), the board of directors has designated certain meets in this year's spring schedule (listed to the right) as training meets. At the training meets, selected events will be chosen and master officials will conduct training on how to properly set up and conduct that event. A full list of training opportunities and contact persons will be in the January newsletter.

Officials wanting to be considered for upgrades from associate to national or national to master in 2004 are strongly urged to take advantage of these training opportunities. One of the criteria for an upgrade is proof that the official has received proper training in the event(s) that they are requesting upgrades.

Finally, there is an obvious need for officials in the Southwestern Association to become trained in **implement inspection**. A good implement inspector must have an eye for detail, an understanding of the importance of implement inspection, and some skills as a handy

man to make necessary minor repairs and adjustments to the implements. If you have a strong interest in this area of track and field officiating, please contact George Young so that we can get you the training opportunities needed to become proficient in this area.

| Training Meet | Date |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Baylor/Dr Pepper | March 20, |
| Arlington Invitational | March 27, |
| TCU Invitational | April 17, |
| GDSC Regional | April 23, |
| UNT Invitational | April 24, |

CERTIFICATION NEWS

by Jim Carlisle, Certification Chair (jcarlisle@swtfoa.com)

I certified 11 officials in September to bring the total number of certified officials in our association to 428. I will not be conducting very many clinics the remainder of the year and into 2004. We will be re-certifying officials in 2004 immediately after the Athens Olympiad.

I have upgraded 8 officials in this year. Requests for upgrades take place in July/August. If you plan on requesting an upgrade from Association to National, you will need to complete an open book exam. This also goes for the National to Master request. This normally requires a USATF rulebook. If you are requesting an upgrade from National to Master, you will need the NCAA, USATF, and high school rulebook. If you are requesting an upgrade next year, we encourage you to actively work track meets throughout the spring and summer. We will also look at the number of years you have been certified and your long-term involvement in track and field. In other words, we look at several factors in determining an upgrade. So, if you are planning on upgrading next year, you might need to

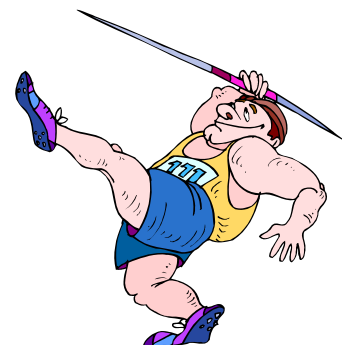
get the rulebooks this winter/spring. The NCAA and USATF rulebooks are in a PDF file on their web sites.

If you are looking to upgrade, there will be some training meets designated in the spring. This helps you show your expertise. You will also need to be actively involved in the championship meets in the Southwestern Association. Once you complete the exam and return it to me, your request goes before the board of directors.

As we approach 2004, it is important that you keep me updated of any address/ email changes. This will insure that you get the info needed for re-certification. We have several officials who have moved and I do not have a current address. If you know the whereabouts of any of the following, please let me know:

- Bulent Agbuga
- Dan Bateman
- RR Baumann

- Traci Hightower
- Waylon Kemp
- Alan Moore
- Garey Peveto
- Melanie Shuffield
- JoAn Waggoner
- John Weatherford



| <i>DATE</i> | <i>EVENT</i> | 2003-04 Meet Schedule | <i>LOCATION</i> | <i>CONTACT</i> | <i>PHONE/Email</i> |
|-------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|--|
| November 8 | USATF SW Association 2003 Cross-Country Championships | | Arlington | Calvin McGill | (817) 800-3922, calmcgill@yahoo.com |
| January | | | | | |
| 9-10 | Pole Vault Summit | | Reno, NV | | |
| 11 | Carl Lewis Relays (HS) | | Houston (UH) | | |
| 17 | Houston Open | | Houston (UH) | | |
| 17 | Oklahoma Indoor Classic | | Norman, OK | | |
| 23 | Red Raider All-Comers | | Lubbock | Wes Kittley | 806/742-3355, x227 |
| 24 | Quad (TTU/Baylor//UTEP/UNT) | | Lubbock | Wes Kittley | 806/742-3355, x227 |
| 24 | Houston Indoor Opener | | Houston (UH) | | |
| 31 | Red Raider Classic & Masters | | Lubbock | Wes Kittley | 806/742-3355, x227 |
| 31 | J. D. Martin Invitational | | Norman, OK | | |
| 31 | Houston Indoor Classic | | Houston (UH) | | |
| February | | | | | |
| 7 | Red Raider Invitational | | Lubbock | Wes Kittley | 806/742-3355, x227 |
| 7 | Houston Invitational | | Houston (UH) | | |
| 13-14 | Tyson Invitational | | Fayetteville, AR | | |
| 13-14 | UH/RunSport All-Comers Meet | | Houston (UH) | | |
| 20-21 | Southland Conference Indoor Championships | | Houston (UH) | Tina Cheatham | 972/422-9500 |
| 21 | Sooner Invitational | | Norman, OK | | |
| 26-28 | WAC Indoor Championships | | Boise, ID | | |
| 27-28 | Big 12 Indoor Championships | | Lincoln, NE | | |
| 27-28 | Conference USA Indoor Championships | | Houston (UH) | | |
| 28-29 | Sun Belt Conference Indoor Championships | | Murfreesboro, TN | | |
| 27-29 | USA Indoor T&F Championships | | Boston, MA | | |
| March | | | | | |
| 6-7 | USA Indoor Combined Event Championships | | Chapel Hill, NC | | |
| 12-13 | NCAA Indoor Championships | | Fayetteville, AR | | |

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