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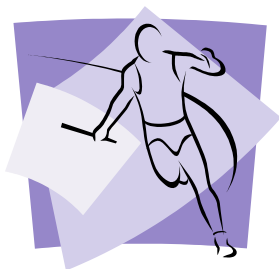
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SWTFOA AWARD WINNERS

At the latest USATF national convention in Indianapolis this past December, the Southwestern Track & Field Officials Association and the Southwestern Association of USATF both made impressive hauls in the awards department. Jim Carlisle, who won the 2006 SWTFOA Running Official Of The Year, was awarded the Charles Reuter Award, which is awarded by the National Officials Committee to the top running official in the nation. Just as impressive, Chester Bradley won the Horace Crow Award, also awarded by the NOC to the outstanding field official. Chester was also awarded the 2006 SWTFOA Field Official Of The Year award at the 2006 SWTFOA annual meeting. At the USATF convention, our own Jimmy Stuart was honored for his redesigning of the USATF offi-

cial's website (www.usatfofficials.com), making the website much more appealing and user friendly.

The Southwestern Association of USATF, award-wise, was also in the mix, as Jeremy Wariner and Sanya Richards both won the Jesse Owens Award for being the outstanding performers in track & field in the USA for 2006. Clyde Hart also won the Coach Of The Year for 2006, in leading both Jeremy & Sanya to their impressive showings.



2007 Officials Of the Year Nominees Needed

Keep in mind that the SWTFOA bestows two yearly awards on its members, one Field Official Of The Year and one Running Official Of The Year, whose recipients receive a plaque honoring them at the SWTFOA annual meeting each September. Eligible candidates are any members in good standing of the Southwestern Track & Field Officials Association. Please think of any deserving officials over the course of this track season, and send any nominees this summer to Robert Mears, SWTFOA board member who is in charge of awards. Robert can be reached at rome48@earthlink.net or (903) 465-6239. 2006 winners were Jim Carlisle as the Running Official Of The Year and Chester Bradley as the Field Official Of The year.

There are three e-mail lists that you should be a member of:

- 1) "The Marks", the SWTFOA's official e-mail list, which will enable you to receive the latest news concerning track officiating and happenings within the SWTFOA (go to www.swtfoa.com and click on "Newsletter" to subscribe)
- 2) "Listserv", the official e-mail list of the National Officials Committee, which will enable you to keep up with national officiating news (go to www.usatfofficials.com and click on "Listserv")
- 3) "Officials_needed", a new e-mail list created within the SWTFOA where Meet Directors, schools, and other organizations and individuals can solicit officials for their track and cross-country meets (go to www.swtfoa.com, click on "Member Services" to subscribe)

DATE	INDOOR		
2/23&24	Conference USA Indoors (C)	Houston (UH)	Theresa Fuqua - tfuqua@central.uh.edu
	OUTDOOR		
2/17	Sam Houston HS Invitational (HS)	Arlington	Dave Hill—(817) 504-5303
3/16&17	Tom Tellez Invitational (HS & C)	Houston (UH)	Theresa Fuqua - tfuqua@central.uh.edu
3/17	Lancaster Boys HS Meet (HS)	Lancaster	Greg Williams—(214) 497-1256
3/17	Grace Prep HS Invitational (HS)	Arlington (UTA)	Ron Abrams—rda204@yahoo.com, (817) 516-0870 (hm)
3/20&21	UIL District 11-5A Sub-Varisty Meet (HS)	Dallas (Loos)	Sylvia Salinas—ssalinas@dallasisd.org, (972) 925-3319
3/20&21	UIL District 13-4A & 14-4A Sub-Varsity Meet	Dallas (Jesse Owens)	Sylvia Salinas—ssalinas@dallasisd.org, (972) 925-3319
3/24	Grace Prep MS Invitational (MS)	Arlington (UTA)	Ron Abrams—rda204@yahoo.com, (817) 516-0870 (hm)
3/24	Dr Pepper Invitational (C,O)	Waco (Baylor)	Diane Jee—diane.jee@baylor.edu
3/24	Horned Frog Invitational (C)	Ft Worth (TCU)	Jeff Petersmeyer—(817) 257-5583
3/29-31	Bobby Lane Invitational (HS,C,O,M)	Arlington (UTA)	Mishael Bertrand—(817) 272-2367, bertrand@uta.edu
3/30&31	Bayou Classic (C,O)	Houston (Rice)	Nancy Wenzel—nwenzel@rice.edu, (713) 348-8882
3/31	Saints Relays (HS)	Dallas (First Baptist)	James Burk—jburk@firstdallas.org, (214) 328-5661
4/3-5	DISD District 1 MS Meet (MS)	Dallas (Jesse Owens)	Sylvia Salinas—ssalinas@dallasisd.org, (972) 925-3319
4/3-5	DISD District 2 MS Meet (MS)	Dallas (Forester)	Sylvia Salinas—ssalinas@dallasisd.org, (972) 925-3319
4/3-5	DISD District 3 MS Meet (MS)	Dallas (Loos)	Sylvia Salinas—ssalinas@dallasisd.org, (972) 925-3319
4/3-5	DISD District 4 MS Meet (MS)	Dallas (Sprague)	Sylvia Salinas—ssalinas@dallasisd.org, (972) 925-3319
4/7	DISD MS Championships (MS)	Dallas (Jesse Owens)	Sylvia Salinas—ssalinas@dallasisd.org, (972) 925-3319
4/10	UIL District 11-3A Prelims/Field Events (HS)	Dallas (Jesse Owens)	Sylvia Salinas—ssalinas@dallasisd.org, (972) 925-3319
4/11	UIL District 13-4A & 14-4A Prelims/Field (HS)	Dallas (Sprague)	Sylvia Salinas—ssalinas@dallasisd.org, (972) 925-3319
4/11	UIL District 11-5A Prelims/Field Events (HS)	Dallas (Loos)	Sylvia Salinas—ssalinas@dallasisd.org, (972) 925-3319
4/11	UIL District 11-3A Running Finals` (HS)	Dallas (Jesse Owens)	Sylvia Salinas—ssalinas@dallasisd.org, (972) 925-3319
4/11&12	UIL District 7-4A District Championships (HS)	Ft Worth (Clark Field)	Sandy Logan—mysandymy@hotmail.com, (940) 575-4313
4/12	UIL District 13-4A & 14-4A Prelims/Field (HS)	Dallas (Sprague)	Sylvia Salinas—ssalinas@dallasisd.org, (972) 925-3319
4/12	UIL District 11-5A Prelims & Field Events (HS)	Dallas (Loos)	Sylvia Salinas—ssalinas@dallasisd.org, (972) 925-3319
4/12&13	UIL District 15-4A Track Championships (HS)	Lancaster	Greg Williams—(214) 497-1256
4/13&14	UIL District 13-4A, 14-4A, & 11-5A Finals (HS)	Dallas (Jesse Owens)	Sylvia Salinas—ssalinas@dallasisd.org, (972) 925-3319
4/14	Mark Collins Invitational (HS)	Ft Worth (All Saints)	Chris Marcellus—cmarcellus@swtfoa.com, (972) 266-9096
4/14	UNT Invitational (C)	Denton (UNT)	George Young—george.young@triadhospitals.com, (940) 898-7166
4/20	UIL Regional HS Qualifier (HS)	Waco (Baylor)	Diane Jee—diane.jee@baylor.edu
4/21	Michael Johnson Classic (C,O)	Waco (Baylor)	Diane Jee—diane.jee@baylor.edu
4/21	TCU Invitational (C)	Ft Worth (TCU)	Jeff Petersmeyer—(817) 257-5583
4/26	RunSport Twilight (C,O)	Houston (Rice)	Nancy Wenzel—nwenzel@rice.edu, (713) 348-8882
4/26&27	TAPPS 5A Regional Meet (HS)	Dallas (First Baptist)	James Burk—jburk@firstdallas.org, (214) 328-5661
4/27&28	UIL Region II 5A Track Championships (HS)	Waco (Baylor)	Diane Jee—diane.jee@baylor.edu
4/27&28	UIL Region II 4A Track Championships (HS)	Denton (UNT)	George Young—george.young@triadhospitals.com, (940) 898-7166
5/3&4	SPC Track Championships (HS)	Dallas (St Mark's)	Chris Marcellus—cmarcellus@swtfoa.com, (972) 266-9096
5/4	Houston Invitational (C,O)	Houston (UH)	Theresa Fuqua - tfuqua@central.uh.edu
5/4&5	TAPPS State Track Championships (HS)	Waco (Baylor)	Diane Jee—diane.jee@baylor.edu
5/4-6	Southland Conference Championships (C)	Nacogdoches (SFA)	Phil Olson—polson@sfasu.edu, (936) 468-4140
5/10-12	Conference USA Outdoor Championships	Houston (Rice)	Nancy Wenzel—nwenzel@rice.edu, (713) 348-8882
11/28-12/2	USATF Annual Meeting	Honolulu, HI	
	2008 Schedule		
5/7-10/08	Mountain West Outdoor Championships (C)	Ft Worth (TCU)	
5/9-11/08	Sunbelt Outdoor Championships (C)	Denton (UNT)	
12/3-7/08	USATF Annual Meeting	Reno, NV	

Complete calendar located at www.swtfoa.com and clicking on "Officiating Calendar"

UPDATE ON OFFICIALS TRAINING

The Southwestern Track and Field Officials Association held a very successful training seminar on December 9, 2006 at the University of North Texas Athletic Center, for thirty officials. This was SWTFOA's first attempt at doing a classroom-style training seminar. Robert Mears spoke on conducting the horizontal jumps, George Adams presented on the throws and Jim Conlin presented on the vertical jumps. These sessions were presented twice so that an official could attend two out of the three areas. The final session had 4 specialty areas of officiating: Jim Carlisle conducted a session on being a meet referee; Rick Watkins, Jimmy Stuart, and Tim Moore presented a session on meet management dealing with the Hytek system, Finish Lynx, and Field Lynx; Jim Conlin went over how to conduct 5-Alive; and Raymond Pierre conducted a session for starters. George Adams' power point presentations on the throws done at this seminar has been added to the SWTFOA website on the "Member Services" page.

A similar type of training seminar is

being planned for June prior to the Southwestern Association's Junior Olympic Championships. A location is still being finalized for this seminar. George Young, head of training for SWTFOA, is willing to conduct another session if the right location can be found and there are enough interested officials to attend. Some of the space requirements that the location needs to have are:

- 3 to 5 individual meeting rooms with tables and chairs for a minimum of 15 people each.
- The meeting rooms need to have LCD projectors available with computer hook-ups so that Power Point presentations can be used.
- The meeting rooms need to be in close proximity to each other
- The meeting rooms need to have dry erase boards as well.
- The meeting rooms need to be made available to SWTFOA at no or minimal cost.

Officials wanting a training seminar held in their area of the Southwestern Association should contact George Young by e-mailing him at george.young@triadhospitals.com or calling 940-898-7166. George needs at least six-weeks advance notice so that he can secure speakers and do registration through the website.

Besides the training seminars done at the USATF convention, USATF will be conducting seminars at national meets this year as well. Officials selected for those meets should plan on attending them. "Training seminars are the wave of the future", says George Young, a member of the USATF Subcommittee on Advanced Training. "I feel certain that USATF is going to require that an official attend training at some level in order to be considered for advancement. Training is going to be come the required continuing education that professionals in other areas must maintain to keep their certification."

SWTFOA MEMBERS SELECTED FOR NATIONAL MEETS

Congratulations to the following SWTFOA members who have been selected to work USATF national championship meets this year:

USATF Indoor National Championships
Johnny Williams, Throws Crew

USATF Junior & Senior Outdoor National Championships
Raymond Pierre, Starter
Bill Doreen, Clerk
Billy Walters, Head Long/Triple Jump
Shelby Sharpe, Head Marshal
Martha Sharpe, Marshal
Nita Wilson, Pole Vault
Phil Wilson, Pole Vault

RAYMOND PIERRE PARTICIPATES IN STARTER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

In September 2006, Central Texas Track Officials Association President and SWTFOA board member Raymond Pierre, along with Tiffany Freddie-Banks (not a SWTFOA member), participated in the first ever Starter's exchange pro-

gram between the United States and the United Kingdom. To read all about Raymond's adventures overseas, visit the CTTO website at www.cttoweb.com and click on the Starters Exchange Program.

UNT, TCU AWARDED CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2008

The Metroplex will be buzzing in May of 2008 as both Texas Christian University will be hosting the Mountain West Conference Outdoor Championships May 7-10, 2008, and the University of North Texas also will be hosting the Sunbelt Conference Outdoor Championships

May 9-11, 2008.

This is an excellent officiating opportunity for all, and a chance to show just how strong of an officials association the SWTFOA is. As of January 2007, the SWTFOA has 424 members, with more certifications scheduled soon.

WEBSITE NEWS

By Chris Marcellus, SWTFOA President & Webmaster (cmarcellus@swtfoa.com)

All SWTFOA members need to be aware of three e-mail lists that you can be a part of:

- 1) "The Marks" which is a valuable way for the SWTFOA to dispense information to its members. Rule changes, upcoming meetings, upcoming trainings, and various other tidbits of information are conveyed to SWTFOA members. Go to www.swtfoa.com, click on "Newsletter" to subscribe.
- 2) "Officials_needed", another SWTFOA e-mail list where Meet Directors, schools, and other organizations can solicit help for track and cross-country meets from the SWTFOA membership. I promise that you will not be inundated with e-mails if you are a member of this list, if I do receive a lot of solicitations for help I will try my best to send them in a digest form. Go to www.swtfoa.com and click on

"Member Services" to subscribe.

- 3) "Listserv", the official e-mail list of the National Officials Committee (who is charged by USATF to certify & train USATF-certified officials). You can receive valuable national officiating information, along with rule changes, updates to the Training page on the national officials website, and various other information as they deem it pertinent. Go to www.usatfofficials.com and click on "Listserv" to subscribe. While you are on the website, feel free to surf around and see the redesigning that the SWTFOA's own Jimmy Stuart did last year, for which he received recognition at the 2006 USATF national convention.

Be sure to visit the SWTFOA online officiating calendar frequently, as meets from youth all the way to Masters are listed, with contact names and contact

information for officials wishing to work the meet.

A new addition to the online calendar is a "Compensation" column, where I list whatever form of compensation the Meet Directors may be offering. I have been stressing to the Meet Directors that it would be nice if they could help offset the gas expenses of our officials, and several have been listening. Please check these meets out and help if you can, we might even be able to start a trend by supporting these meets. Keep in mind that the meets that need a great amount of officials—i.e., collegiate meets, SWTFOA championships, etc... - are not in a position to offer any monetary compensation, but many do offer at least meals and more often than not hotel rooms for those needing them—I will also list hotels & meals in the "Compensation" column. If you have any suggestions for ways to improve the calendar or the website in general, feel free to pass them along to me.

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