

IOWA ASSOCIATION of TRACK COACHES



Fall 2009 Newsletter
IATC Website: www.iatfcc.org

President's Message

Tony Bussan IATC President

We have again reached that exciting time when fall practice and school begin. As I begin my final season as your IATC president I want to wish you all the best as you work to make a positive difference in the lives of those you contact as a coach, official, educator and in your daily life. I hope you have enjoyed a productive and relaxing summer. I had the opportunity this summer to attend three weddings of alumni of my program and it has caused me to appreciate even more the relationships we develop as coaches and the impact we can have on young people.

As we move forward this fall I want to echo the comments of IATC vice president Al Neppi in regard to the importance of your involvement in the IATC and particularly the need for your input and participation. We have the Washburn Middle School CC Meet and Senior All Star CC Meet coming again and we encourage the involvement of both you and your squads. It is also a key year as we will elect a new second vice president in December when my term ends. This selection is of critical importance as this individual makes a commitment to serve the IATC for two years in that role, 2 years as vice president and then serves a two-year term as our president. Thus this person can have a huge impact on our organization and on opportunities for kids, officials and coaches. We will accept nominations at the fall statewide meeting in Ankeny in November and the final vote will occur both online and at the coach's clinic in Ames where the vote will conclude and the new second vice president will be named at the Coach of the Year/ Hall of Fame Banquet. Please participate in this process.

As my presidency concludes after this fall I would like to take time to thank the many individuals who have made all the difference in what we have accomplished during my time of service. I hesitate to mention some by name as I cannot take the space to name the vast number of people who make this organization such a privilege to lead. But I must thank my wife Jill, Al Neppi-soon to be our new president, Kirk Schmaltz-2nd vice president, Bill Neal-treasurer, Rod Smith-secretary, Dick Washburn-web editor, Tim Thomas-hall of fame director, Mary Madsen- the Washburn meet director and middle school girls statewide track coordinator, Doug Bacon, the statewide middle school boys meet coordinator, Dave Anderson-IHSAA, Mike Dick-IGHSAU, the leadership of the IATO, the staff and leadership at Championship Productions and the many other committee chairs and IATC/IATO members who have consistently stepped up to help all of us provide opportunities for kids

and services to our members. You have all made a difference to so many through your efforts and there are those among you who have enriched Jill's and my life and been there when we needed you. For that I cannot repay you, but I will be forever grateful.

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First Vice President's Message

Al Neppl, Ankeny

The beginning of school always signifies the beginning of another cross-country season. Many of you probably have student-athletes that have been working out on their own throughout the summer. I personally enjoyed running a cross-country camp each summer and this was a great transition into the season. Last years Cross Country season and State Meet was yet another tremendous showcase for distance running in the state of Iowa. There are some outstanding young runners that have given Iowa publicity in terms of prep Cross Country and Track & Field.

Last spring many of you responded via email or fax to our request for input regarding IATC Coach of the Year recommendations and we also provided you the opportunity to reflect on the season. Your response was overwhelming and all of the input really made the process for selecting Coach of the Year awards more representative of our membership. We will continue this process in some format whether it is through email attachments, fax, or possibly another upgrade to our website for on-line nominations/recommendations.

Please take the time to get to know who the representatives are on the Joint Cross Country Advisory Committee and the Joint Track & Field Advisory Committee as they are the primary avenue for your recommendations and suggestions to be heard.

As a member of the Iowa Association of Track/Cross Country Coaches, we urge you to take advantage of some of the outstanding opportunities that your organization offers to your student-athletes and to you as a coach. This fall in addition to your regular schedule of cross-country meets mark your calendar for the Washburn Classic State-Wide Middle School Cross Country Meet and the Senior All-Star Cross Country Spotlight Meet. These events are organized, coordinated, and undertaken for the benefit of your student-athletes. These events also offer an excellent opportunity for you to expand your network of friends and coaches by volunteering at any of the IATC sponsored events.

Have a great fall and I hope to see many of you at a meet soon. Take care and good luck!

Second Vice President's Message

Kirk Schmaltz, Ames

It has been my pleasure to work with all of the members of the Iowa Track Coaches Association. Some of the new responsibilities assigned to this position are the spring and fall newsletter. I believe it is very important that we continue to contact boys and girls track and cross country coaches as well as track and field and cross-country officials. Our main goal in communication is to move into the electronic age by sending the newsletter via email and displaying the newsletter on the our website, www.iatfcc.org.

Information for the Spring 2010 newsletter will be sent to the new 2nd Vice-President, who will be elected in December. Please send the information in a Word document

2009 Hall of Fame Announced

The 2009 IATC Hall of Fame Inductees are: Dave Fetterman, Coach, from Tipton; Tiffany Pedersen, Hurdler/Sprinter, from Atlantic; Randy Thompson, Sprinter, from CWL. The Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place at the Hall of Fame Banquet on Saturday, December 12.

IATC & IATO Banquet

Dan Davis, Urbandale

This year's IATC & IATO Banquet will begin promptly at 12:30 on Saturday, December 12. This will be 15 minutes after the conclusion of the clinic. The cost of the banquet is yet to be determined. Information will be posted on the website as soon as it is available. We will continue to offer two free tickets to our Hall of Fame inductees and one free ticket to our coaches receiving a coach of the year award.

Cross Country Results

Bill Neal, Williamsburg

Coaches are encouraged to send meet results to the IATC once again this fall. We will post all meet results that include the team scores and up to the top 25 meet finishers.

It's important that coaches send all of your meet results, as this is the only way that we have to know how teams and individuals are competing throughout the season. This in turn allows for more accurate Team & Individual rankings. Team ranking is one of the tools used by the IGHS AU & IHSAA when determining District Meet assignments.

Please send all your meet results to Bill Neal via e-mail or fax.

Email results to: bill.neal@mchsi.com

Fax results to: 319-668-2754

Joint Cross Country Advisory Committee Meeting

Tony Bussan, Webster City

Please contact me or any of the other members regarding any issues of concern related to cross-country. We usually meet in November at a date set following the state meet.

Bruce Henderson Named National Coach of the Year, Harlan Ferguson Enters National Hall of Fame

Atlantic's Bruce Henderson was named National High School Athletic Coaches Association Girl's Track and Field Coach of the Year, and Harlan Ferguson, West Branch, was inducted into the National Hall of Fame for Girl's Track & Field. Congratulations to both.

UPCOMING MEET INFORMATION

Senior All-Star Cross Country Meet

Dick Washburn, Muscatine

The Senior All-Star Cross Country Meet and Open Run for will be held Saturday, November 7 at the Iowa State University National Championship Cross Country Course.

Coaches please nominate your top Senior Cross Country runners through the web-site. Up to 160 male and 160 female runners will be invited to compete. Please remember this is for senior runners only and by invitation, all other high school runner can compete in the Open Race. The Open Race is for anyone and is divided into age groups for awards.

College coaches from around the mid-west and other parts of the country are invited and attend the meet. This is a great opportunity to meet and talk with coaches for those considering to continue competing in college.

On-line nominations are now available through the IATC Website or by e-mailing Dick Washburn at wash@machlink.com Be sure to check the website for updates.

Washburn State Junior High Cross Country Meet

Mary Madsen, Coordinator

The Washburn Classic Junior High State-Wide Cross Country Meet is set for Saturday, October 17th at Saydel High School Cross Country Course. This year we are running the schedule of races a bit different with all 4A Class 7th and 8th Grade races first, followed by 3A

then 2A and 1A. Consult the Washburn Classic

Information on the iatfcc.org website. for specific race times. The entry system this year will be a form on the web information page that you will fill out and email to Mary Madsen. We are looking forward to another great event that showcases the potential of the Junior High Athlete. As always we need the support of the membership to come and help out on race day. If you are interested in helping especially at the finish chute please email Mary Madsen at runcoach@wildblue.net

Hope to see you there. Have a great Cross Country season.

AWARDS AND HONORS

25 Year Award Recipients

Mitch Anderson, Mt. Pleasant

I continue to be the coordinator of this prestigious award. Please contact me to nominate yourself or a deserving colleague. You will find a nomination form available on the IATC website. Please note the change of email address listed above. Nominations must be received no later than April 1st in order for the recipient to be recognized that year. Awards are presented during the Saturday session of the state track and field meet at Drake Stadium. The award is presented to coaches who have served as contracted high school or middle school track and/or cross country coaches for 25 years or more in the state of Iowa.

Junior High CC Coach of the Year Junior High Track Coach of the Year

Deb Andersen, Gilbert

Please send any nominations to Deb Anderson at Gilbert. Please include with your nomination the following criteria. Note they are two separate CC and track coaching awards:

The following criteria is used in choosing the JH Coaches of the year:

- Should be either a career jr. high cross country and/or track coach (may be a varsity coach in a different sport)
- Longevity should be taken into consideration
- Strongly promotes their sport at their level
- Must STILL be ACTIVELY coaching at a member school

IATC Fall Meeting

We would like to encourage all members to attend the fall IATC meeting on Sunday, November 8 in Ankeny, at Northeast Elementary.

IATC Hall of Fame

Tim Thomas Chairman

The IATC Hall of Fame committee is always looking for deserving candidates for consideration to the Hall of Fame. We make our selections at the Spring Meeting of the IATC Executive Committee meeting. The 2008 selections were: Coaches: Bruce Henderson from Atlantic and David Long from Mason City, Athlete: Jim Eicken from Davenport Central and Service: Deb Anderson from Gilbert. I have included the guidelines for selection in this newsletter. Applications can be downloaded from our website and submitted to Tim Thomas, IATC Chairman.

IATC Hall of Fame Guidelines

- I. Criteria for nomination and selection to IATC Hall of Fame.**
 - a. Coach:**
 - i. Must have coached a minimum of 20 years at any level.**
 - ii. Must have had outstanding success at the local level and success at the state level of competition and beyond.**
 - iii. Must have received the respect of his/her peers in coaching, shown leadership and character.**
 - iv. Must receive 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee membership present for the final selection.**
 - b. Athlete:**
 - i. Must have performed in an exemplary manner in Iowa High School**
 - ii. Competition at the local level, state meet and/or the Drake Relays.**
 - iii. Must have demonstrated outstanding talents above that of the excellent high school athlete.**
 - iv. May have performed in a manner to have achieved recognition of talent which did or would make**
 - v. The athlete competitive at a regional or national level.**
 - vi. Must have completed their high school career at least 5 years prior to being nominated.**
 - vii. Must receive 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee membership present for the final selection.**
 - c. Service:**
 - i. Must have contributed to the sport of Track and Field in Iowa in some significant manner which**
 - ii. Is recognized by the Executive Committee as a supporter or contributor to the betterment of Track & Field in Iowa.**
 - iii. Must receive 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee membership present for the final selection.**
- II. Other items to be considered in selecting people for the Hall of Fame.**
 - a. A maximum of 4 candidates may be selected per year.**
 - b. No more than one Service Award per year.**
 - c. Final selection will be made at the spring meeting of the IATC Executive Committee.**
 - d. If a nominee is on the list for 5 consecutive years without becoming an inductee the name is dropped and it must be resubmitted. The person who submitted the nominee will be notified.**
 - e. A nominee's name may be submitted by completion of the form found on the IATC website.**



IATC

Membership Form 2009-2010

Print this page mail it to Bill Neal.

Send To:

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 Williamsburg, Iowa 52361
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Membership:
 Individual Membership - \$15.00
 1A Staff Membership - \$30.00
 2A, 3A & 4A Staff Membership - \$40.00
 College Staff Membership - \$40.00

***Note:** Be sure to include the first and last names of all staff members and individuals that you wish to receive a membership card. Use the back of this page if needed.

Sender's Name: _____ **School Mailing Address:** _____

School: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Schools Classification: (circle one)

1A 2A 3A 4A College/University

Please list the T&F and CC Coach(s) in your School System:

New Coach(s): _____

Veteran Coach(s):

Sample: ___ Bill Neal _____ Years Coaching: T&F 5 CC 7

Name: _____ Years Coaching: T&F _____ CC _____

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