



SECTION VI *newsletter*

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N.Y.S. PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Next Athletic Council Meeting

May 21, 2008

Lunch 11:00 am – Meeting begins at 11:30 am
Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus,
355 Harlem Rd., W.Seneca,
Building B, Room B2b

ACTION ITEMS:

Appointments to Section 6 positions
(see page 3 for nominations)
Approvals for Combining Schools for 2008-09
Approvals for Senior All-Star and Outside
Agency Contests

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Updates to the Section VI Constitution and
By-Laws

CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLAR/ ATHLETES AND STATE CHAMPS!! *NYSPHSAA SCHOLAR/ATHLETE TEAM AWARDS* **WINTER 2008 STATE CHAMPIONS**

SPORT	SECTION	SCHOOL	TEAM GPA
Boys Basketball	5	Greece-Athena	97.186
Boys Bowling	1	Irvington	96.143
Boys Indoor Track	7	Plattsburg	97.074
Boys Skiing	5	Fairport	96.334
Boys Swimming & Diving	8	Jericho	97.159
Girls Basketball	8	Cold Spring Harbor	98.571
Girls Bowling	8	Jericho	97.337
Girls Gymnastics	8	Cold Spring Harbor	97.857
Girls Indoor Track	8	Wheatley	99.611
Girls Skiing	9	Monticello	98.286
Ice Hockey	5	Greece Odyssey & Greece Athena	96.400
Wrestling	8	Massapequa	95.963

See Page 8 for the complete list of all Section VI Winter Scholar/Athlete Team Award winners.

SECTION VI 2008 WINTER SPORTS STATE CHAMPIONS

(see page 6-9)

Teams Sports

Boys Basketball Class B – Olean
Boys Basketball Class C – Maple Grove

Individual Sports

Boys Diving: **Shawn Hoffman** - N. Tonawanda 498.10
Girls Shot Put: **Melissa Kurzdorfer** - Lancaster 44-04.5'
Wrestling Division II 112 # **Rob Broda** - Eden

Bowling

High Series Boys: **Nick Morrissey** – West Seneca East 1452
High Game Boys: **Derrick Geschwender** - West Seneca East 279
High Series Girls: **Gina Maduri** - Tonawanda 1304

All-Star Team: **Section 6 Team** - Savannah Zientara-Lew-Port , Jenna Geiger-Lockport, Corey Bernard–Cheektowaga, Chelsea Dustin–W.Seneca East, Ally Harvey-Frontier, Jacqueline Willy-Clarence

Heartfelt Thanks

Section VI would like to express sincere gratitude to the following people who are stepping down from their respective positions at the end of this school year:

Jim Rusin, Girls Golf Sportchair
Brett Banker, Ice Hockey Chairman
Lou Marcantonio, Ted Berdzik and John Zloty,
Bowling Chairpersons
Pat Boggan, Program Chairperson

Jim Rusin assisted in developing Girls Golf as a new sport in Section VI. Brett Banker served as the Ice Hockey Chairman for 6 years while also wearing the hat of Section VI President and President-Elect for several of those years. Lou, Ted and John have over 30 years of combined service to Section VI bowling. Lou's involvement goes all the way back to 1983. Ted served from 1999 to 2004 and then jumped back in 2005 to assist Lou as the boys chairman. John caps off his 4th year as the girls chairman. Another dedicated long-timer is our dear Pat Boggan. She has been working on the program committee since the mid 90's, plugging away each year to get team photos, rosters and statistics.

These individuals have given immeasurable time and energy in service to the Section for interscholastic athletics. We thank each of them for their tireless efforts, and endless dedication to high school sports and Section VI athletes!

Ripley Receives NYSPHSAA Good Sports Award

Leo Kaminsky, Section VI Girls Basketball Chairperson, accepted the Dr. Sandra Scott Good Sports award for Ripley Central at the girls basketball state tournament this year. This is the second time in the history of the state award that a Section VI team has won. Previously, Allegany had won it in 1991. The entire Section salutes the Ripley school community in representing us well.



Pictured L to R: Jack Whelan (Officials' Rep.), Leo Kaminsky, and Eileen Troy (State Coordinator Girls Basketball)

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NEWS FROM THE STATE OFFICE

BREAKING NEWS

NYSPHSAA Officer: The Association will be welcoming Eileen Troy (Section II) as the 2nd Vice President beginning next school year.

NYSPHSAA Hall Of Fame: The NYSPHSAA is pleased to announce the inductees for the Class of 2008. The Hall of Fame ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Central Committee meeting and is scheduled for August 6, 2008 at the Rye Town Hilton in Westchester County (Section I).

Dr. John Foley – Administrator (Section XI)

Dr. William Moran – Administrator (Section IX)

Sal Ciampi – Coach (Section XI)

Gene Masters – Coach (Section VI)

Peter Oley – Coach (Section I)

Boomer Esiason – Athlete (Section XI)

Assistant Director Search: NYSPHSAA is proud to announce the selection of Todd Nelson as a NYSPHSAA Assistant Director. Todd is the Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics at Herkimer Schools (Section III). Todd has been extensively involved in the Section III Athletic Council and NYSAAA. Todd will begin his work with the Association on July 1st. This position is a result of Lloyd Mott's retirement which is effective on September 1st.

APPROVED From the May 2, 2008

NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting

Outdoor Track & Field - To permit one entry for Division I and one entry for Division II when the qualifying standard has been met.

Boys Lacrosse – A variation of cut off numbers: Class A 1100 & up, Class B 650 – 1099, Class C 649 & below.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee - Approval of Murphee Hayes as the coordinator.

Sport Coordinators Appointments: Kathy Ferrari (girls bowling), Wayne Inman (boys bowling), Jim Amen (boys lacrosse assistant), Jamie Harter (girls golf assistant).

Boys Soccer - Overtime procedure: Regular season - two 10 min. sudden victory Periods. Sectionals & beyond—two 15 min. sudden victory then penalty kicks. If still tied in State Championship Game only co-champions will be declared after the two sudden victory periods.

Girls Soccer - Overtime procedure: Regular season - two 10 min. periods played fully. Sectionals & beyond—two 10 min. periods played fully then two 5 min sudden victory periods, then penalty kicks. If still tied in State Championship Game only co-champions will be declared after the two sudden victory periods.

Girls & Boys Swimming – Approval to use the 30th place preliminary time at the NYSPHSAA Championship meet to develop the qualifying

time for individual events and the 15th place preliminary time for relay events.

Girls Volleyball - The Championship Finals will begin at 10:00 AM on Sunday.

Wrestling - A wrestler may compete twice in a regular dual meet under specific situations pertaining to forfeits and exhibition matches.

2008–2009 Championship – Girls Swimming @ Erie Community College, Boys Swimming & Diving @ Nassau Aquatic Center, Boys and Girls Bowling @ Gates Bowl and Softball at Waterloo High School. Girls Volleyball will be November 15-16, 2008.

2008-2009 Classification Numbers – The cut off numbers will remain the same for next school year; Class AA 950-up, Class A 550-949, Class B 325-549, Class C 193-324, Class D 192- below.

FALL MANDATORY WORKSHOPS

Eligibility & Sportsmanship

August 26 Section V

September 4 Section VI*

September 10 Section IV

September 11 Section X

September 12 Section VII

September 17 Section II

September 18 Section IX

September 19 Section I

September 23 Section VIII

September 24 Section XI

September 25 Section III

October 7 NYSPHSAA Office

* May be moved to Aug. 25 or 28

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Handbook Committee - The Committee presented a draft of specific penalties and/or fines for rule and eligibility infractions by coaches and member schools. Sections are requested to fully discuss and seek the input from their schools so the representatives are prepared to report to the Executive Committee at their August meeting.

POSTPONED ITEMS

Vote scheduled for August 5-7, 2008

Modified Sports—An increase in the number of contest permitted in the Sport Standards chart.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION & DISCUSSION

Wrestling - The concept of a regional wrestling format to advance to the state championship finals is still being discussed. The wrestling committee members gave input at their April meeting and some changes will be made to the proposal.

Baseball—The committee is considering requesting a two day tournament format.

FUTURE CHANGES — BE PREPARED

Field Hockey— Rule clarification—if undershirts are worn - they must be white in color for the home team and dark in color for the away team. In 2011 home uniforms will be required to be white. Away uniforms can be black or dark in color. Classification numbers will remain the same.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Point Of Emphasis - All safety related equipment required for competition should be worn in all “practice sessions”. Examples include but are not limited to: mouth guards, goggles, ear guards and shin guards. Jewelry should not be worn in practice.

Sports Records - Coordinators are reminded to send in any new records at the conclusion of the season.

Permission For Special Accommodations

- School districts are reminded to follow the procedures outlined in the NYSPHSAA Permission for Special Accommodations policy to ensure all students in need of religious or physical accommodations are reviewed and approved prior to any competition. Please contact Assistant Director Lloyd Mott.

Fueling Sports Performance DVD – The NFHS has partnered with Gatorade to provide a free video which aims to educate high school coaches on the performance benefits of hydration, how dehydration can affect health and performance and what to do in an emergency situation. The free video is available online at www.nfhslearn.com as part of the NFHS Coaches Education Program.

Concussion Management - Any school interested in purchasing the ImpACT Concussion Management program, please check the NYSAAA or NYSPHSAA websites.

Risk Management DVD - The NFHS and NIAAA have joined to produce a Risk Management DVD. The two part DVD can be shown to parents & students to highlight the need to take responsibility for one's safety. Part II targets administrators and coaches focusing on the 14 duties involved in interscholastic athletic programs. The DVD can be purchased on our on-line store for a cost of \$34.95.

Sanctioning - When traveling out of state for an athletic contest please contact Lloyd Mott or Barb Hennessey in the NYSPHSAA office to give notice or to determine if the event is properly sanctioned.

On Line Coaching Courses - The NYSPHSAA has partnered with SUNY Cortland in offering the New York State Coaching Certification Courses on line - an asynchronous web-based program. Go to www.cortland.edu/phsyed for registration information.

INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHING CERTIFICATION COURSES – SUMMER 2008

(Course offerings are posted on the Section VI website Bulletin Board)

Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES

716-672-4371 ext. 2062

Erie 1 BOCES

Phillip J. Coyle 821-7530 (c) 913-7120
Joan Sorge 821-7085 Fax 821-7409

PHILOSOPHY, PRINCIPLES AND ORGANIZATION OF ATHLETICS IN EDUCATION

June 30, July 1, 2, 3, 2008 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

HEALTH SCIENCE APPLIED TO COACHING

July 7, 8, 9, 10, 2008 8:15 am - 3:45 pm

THEORY AND TECHNIQUES OF COACHING

June 16, 17, 23, 24, 2008 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

ADULT CPR/AED

August 4, 2008 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

ADULT CPR/AED

Session A: July 14, 2008

Session B: August 11, 2008 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

FIRST AID SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE UPDATE

Session A: July 7 & 8, 2008 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Session B: July 21, 2008 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

FIRST AID SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

August 4, 5, 6, 7, 2008 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

******* THEORY & TECHNIQUE OF COACHING ONLINE**

September 8, 2008 – December 15, 2008

*******HEALTH SCIENCE APPLIED TO COACHING ONLINE**

September 10, 2008 – December 16, 2008

THEORY AND TECHNIQUES OF COACHING \$165.00

Chuck Amo, Hamburg H.S.,
4111 Legion Dr., Hamburg, NY 14075
Mondays & Wednesdays
June 9, 11, 16, 18, 2008 5:30 pm-10:00 pm
June 23, 2008 5:30 pm-8:30 pm
Registration Deadline: June 2, 2008

PHILOSOPHY, PRINCIPLES AND ORGANIZATION OF ATHLETICS IN EDUCATION \$165.00

Chuck Amo, Hamburg H.S.,
4111 Legion Dr., Hamburg, NY 14075
July 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 2008 8:00 am-4:00 pm
July 14, 2008 8:00 am-10:00 am
Registration Deadline: July 1, 2008

THEORY AND TECHNIQUES OF COACHING \$165.00

Chris DeMarco, Sweet Home H.S.,
1901 Sweet Home Rd, Amherst, NY 14226
July 21, 22, 23, 24, 2008 8:00 am-1:30 pm
Registration Deadline: July 14, 2007

HEALTH SCIENCE APPLIED TO COACHING \$165.00

Chris Kaplan, Erie 1 BOCES Rm. A3,
355 Harlem Rd, West Seneca, NY 14224
July 14, 15, 16, 2008 8:00 am-6:00 pm
**The balance of this course (15 hours) will be taught online.*

Registration Deadline: July 9, 2008

MANDATORY Workshop for Athletic Directors

In May 2007, the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved the requirement that all school district Athletic Directors attend an annual MANDATORY NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop. The rationale supporting this recommendation was to ensure compliance with all NYSPHSAA Rules and Regulations and to minimize student athletes from being deemed ineligible. All school districts must comply for their schools to be eligible for all sectional, regional and state competition. Workshops are scheduled in each of the 11 sections (see p. 2) and Athletic Directors may attend the workshop that best fits their schedule. The workshop for Section VI will be held as follows:
Thursday September 4, 2008* at 8:30 am – 3:30pm
**Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus, Building B,
355 Harlem Rd., West Seneca Room B1**

Registration will begin in early August.

* May be changed to Aug. 25 or 28

2008 Dates to Remember



- May 2-3 State Executive Committee Meeting, Holiday Inn Carrier Circle - Syracuse
- May 4 NYS Officials Coordinators Federation spring meeting – Syracuse
- May 9 **Good Sports** Assessments forwarded to NYSPHSAA
- May 16 Deadline for Spring Scholar/Athlete **Team Award** Applications
- May 15 Deadline for Spring Scholar/Athlete **All-WNY Individual Award** applications to the Section office
- May 21 Athletic Council meeting, 11:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca Executive Committee meeting, 9:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca
- May 30 Soccer Coaching Clinic, Oneonta
- June 1 **Good Sports** Assessments: State & Section award winners selected
- June 18 Executive Committee Meeting, Distance Learning sites TBA
- June 17-26 Regents Examinations
- Aug. 5-7 State Central Committee Meeting, Rye Town Hilton, Rye Brook
- Aug. 26 Annual Sportchairs Recognition Dinner
- Sept. 4* MANDATORY WORKSHOP for Athletic Directors - see page 3
- Sept. 10 Annual Veterans' Recognition Golf Tournament/Dinner
- TBA Spring sports post-season meeting – Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca
- Sept. 17 Athletic Council meeting, 11:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca Executive Committee meeting, 9:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca

Nominations Being Accepted

Section VI **President-Elect, Principals Representative** to the Central Committee and all **Winter Sport Chairperson** positions are currently open for nominations. The President-Elect will serve a term of two years beginning Sept. 1, 2008. The Principals Representative will serve a term of four years beginning Sept. 1, 2008. The Winter Chairpersons will be appointed for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2011. Nominations will be accepted until the Athletic Council meeting May 21 when appointments will be made. Please forward all nominations to the Section VI office, 355 Harlem Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224 cszczesny@e1b.org

- a) **Section VI President-Elect** (2-year term 9/1/08 - 8/31/10) Current nominations:
 - Gil Licata, Principal Starpoint High School
 - Diane Munro, Superintendent Allegany-Limestone
 - Jeff Rabey, Superintendent Lake Shore
- b) **Principals Rep to the Central Committee** (4-year term 9/1/08 - 8/31/12) Current nomination: Jim Dunnigan
- c) **Program Committee Chairperson** No Nominations received as of this printing
- d) **Girls Golf Chairperson** (remainder of 3-year term 7/1/08 – 6/30/10)
 - Betsy Ulmer - nominated by the girls Golf Committee
- e) **Winter Sportchairs** (3-year term 7/1/08 - 6/30/11). Current nominations:
 - Basketball (Boys) - Jim Walker, Assistant- Jon Roth
 - Basketball (Girls) - Leo Kaminsky, Assistant- Chris Durr
 - Bowling (Boys) - Dan Kaplan, Cheektowaga
 - Bowling (Girls) - John Seeley, West Seneca East
 - Ice Hockey - Mark DiFilippo, Niagara Wheatfield
 - Indoor Track (Boys) - Peter Szymanski
 - Indoor Track (Girls) - Emilio Mancino
 - Rifle - Paul Borkowski
 - Swimming (Boys) - James Graczyk, Co-Chairperson- Al Fritzing
 - Wrestling - Mike DeBarbieri, Co-Chairperson-Israel Martinez

Section VI Hosts Life of an Athlete Year 4

Erie 1 BOCES in West Seneca was the site of the *Life of an Athlete Year 4: Selecting and Training Student Athlete Leaders*. Athletic Directors and students numbered close to 300 on April 28 to hear the presentations by Mr. John Underwood, Founder and Director of the American Athletic Institute. The workshop was conducted in cooperation with the New York State Public High School Athletic Association and the NYS Chemical Health Committee. The students who attended were selected based on their outstanding leadership qualities and will now act as a student trainer to train team leaders in their home school districts.

The Life of an Athlete program developer, John Underwood has been working on developing this phase of the program for over one year. Realizing that today's athletes face unprecedented social and behavioral issues, we have developed a detailed process for choosing potential leaders. Additionally, significant tasks and duties are assigned for individuals who choose to serve as team leaders. Underwood stated, "We have seen a significant number of incidents involving both drug use and out of character behaviors as well as criminal acts, committed by team leaders in recent years. There seems to be a trend toward pack mentality in sport that has greatly diminished the ability of individuals to impact teams and teammates". In light of the recent string of high level scandals in world of sport, it is important that at this developmental and impressionable level of high school athletics, we are proactive in regard to educational prevention and intervention programs. Developing leaders is a difficult task and even more difficult, is to find potential leaders among the masses. If we can find and train leaders, they can have an impact on their peers. The Life of an Athlete program has been shared with the Department of Justice for the past four years at their National Leadership Conference to rave reviews. The Code Workshop was presented to the United States Department of Education. The Life of an Athlete has also been utilized in twenty nine other states and nearly two hundred colleges and universities.

More than ever before in history, we need young leaders to step forward and make a difference for their teammates, teams, communities and sport. NYSPHSAA has supported a chemical health program that is a nationwide model. Student athlete health and welfare has remained a constant priority.

Central Management and Assigning of Officials – TheArbiter

Section VI is nearing the end of the first year of coordinating the efforts of centralized management and assigning of sports officials through TheArbiter.

In the North, where officials are shared by multiple leagues, the following sports were successfully auto-assigned by the Section VI office: Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling and Swimming, Girls Lacrosse, some Softball and Track. Reassignments were handled by league assigners.

In the South, sports assigners successfully used TheArbiter to assign Soccer, Swimming, Volleyball, Basketball (Catt), Baseball and Softball. Both manual and auto-assigning techniques were used. Cross Country, Track, Basketball (Chaut), and Wrestling assigners are being trained and will be on board for the 2008-09 seasons.

The focus now is in federated sports and sectional competition. Boys Lacrosse was auto-assigned by NFLOA Assigner Mike Roberts. Football and ice hockey officials have been entered into the system and will be required to register online in the near future. All football assignments will be entered into the system by the football assigners. The Section will be reviewing loading ice hockey and indoor track schedules into the system as well as assignments. In addition, the soccer chairpersons will pilot the effort to get sectional contests and assignments into TheArbiter.

All assigners are to be commended for their efforts and accomplishments!! Sincere thanks are extended to all parties involved in this project for their assistance, cooperation and patience as we move forward with a mutually beneficial method of Central Management of officials.

Reminder of Requirements

Officials: All Section 6 sports officials must have an email address and sign-in to the Section 6 account on TheArbiter. All assignments for Section VI sports in Section 6 will be made using ONLY the officials that are signed-in to TheArbiter. **All fall officials must sign-in and update their availability on TheArbiter by May 23 in order to receive assignments!!!**

Assigners: All sub-assigners for officials organizations must verify their rosters and rankings in TheArbiter and notify the Section office of any updates required for their season before assigning begins. All assigners must comply with the following timeline for 2008-09.

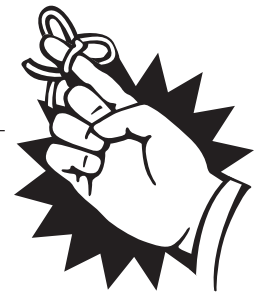
Athletic Directors: Comply with the following timeline for 2008-09 sport schedules:

2008-2009 SECTION 6 TIMELINE FOR SCHEDULES AND ASSIGNMENTS

NOTE: The dates for Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties are 2 weeks delayed.

* Dates in the timeline for officials are standard across the Section.

	Fall	Winter	Spring
Officials Rankings from coaches/chairs due	Fri. Apr 18, 2008	Fri. Aug 22, 2008	Fri. Dec 19, 2008
Most current officials roster due*/ TheArbiter training date(s) posted at Section	Fri. Apr 25, 2008 Soccer only: May 1	Fri. Aug 29, 2008	Fri. Dec 19, 2008
Draft schedules complete	Fri. May 2, 2008	Fri. Sept 5, 2008	Fri. Dec 19, 2008
Final schedules complete including non-league games Import of schedules to TheArbiter begins	Fri. May 16, 2008	Fri. Sept 19, 2008	Fri. Jan 16, 2009
Officials registered & availabilities listed*	Fri. May 23, 2008	Fri. Sept 26, 2008	Fri. Jan. 30, 2009
Final date: ALL schedules must be imported to TheArbiter	Fri. May 30, 2008	Fri Oct. 3, 2008	Fri. Feb. 6, 2009
FOOTBALL assigning by Larry Michael and Al Feser	mid June		
Varsity & JV (& S.Tier mod wrest) assignments begin	Mon. June 2, 2008	Mon. Oct. 6, 2008	Mon. Feb. 9, 2009
Assignments released to the OBR's for 72-hour review	Thur. June 12, 2008	Thur. Oct. 23, 2008	Thur. Feb. 26, 2009
Round Table meeting to review assignments, set publishing date & create timeline for modified assignments	Mon. June 16, 2008	Mon. Oct. 27 2008	Mon. Mar. 2, 2009



Congratulations to the NYSAAA 2008 AWARD WINNERS

Section VI congratulates the New York State Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA) award winners for 2008! The Chapter 6 Executive Board, an affiliate of NYSAAA, made the following selections for the 2008 awards which were presented on Friday March 14th at the 2008 NYSAAA Conference Awards Banquet in Saratoga Springs.

Athletic Administrator – Art Mohagen

Art Mohagen has been a fixture in athletics in the Allegany Country over the last four decades. He began his teaching career at Allegany Central School as an art educator in 1971. It is that subject that he has taught for the last 37 years.

Art graduated from Towson High School Maryland in 1967. He received his B.A. from the University of Maryland in 1971 and his Masters Degree from St. Bonaventure University in 1974.

Art has coached basketball at a variety of different levels for the last 34 years. He obtained the magical 100 wins plateau in 1989 as the boys varsity basketball coach. In 1991, Art assumed the duties of Director of Athletics, a position he still holds today. In 1992, he was selected as the teacher of the year. In 2004, he was inducted into the Cattaraugus County Sports Hall of Fame.

As Art reflects back on his career, he can take great pride in the fact that he was intricately involved with the merger of Allegany Central Schools and Limestone Central Schools to form the new Allegany-Limestone School System in 1995. Art states “this was a very rewarding part of my career watching the two communities unite together to form one. It is truly something that I will never forget”. In 2001, Art organized and started the Allegany-Limestone Athletic Wall of Fame.

Art and his wife of 36 years Sally, have four children, Julie, Mary, Arthur and Katie. We, in Chapter VI, congratulate Art on an outstanding career and we are proud to honor him with the NYSAAA Athletic Administrator Award for 2008.



Pictured left to right: Bill Bryant (NYSAAA President) Art Mohagen (AD, Allegany-Limestone, Chapter 6 Award Recipient), Don Scholla (AD Olean, who presented the award on behalf of Chapter 6) and Dave Herman (NYSAAA Awards Chairperson)

Distinguished Service - Jim Walker

Jim Walker has worked tirelessly in Section VI and the Niagara Frontier League to improve the athletic experience over the last 41 years.

As a graduate of Lewiston Porter High school, Jim returned to his alma mater to teach and coach after an award winning career as a basketball player at the University of Buffalo. During his career at Lew-Port, Jim coached basketball for 33 years, football for 8 years and baseball for 5 years. In 1990 Jim assumed the duties of Section VI Boys Basketball Chairperson, a position he still holds today. The basketball playoffs have grown immensely both in popularity and financially under his leadership.

Since his retirement at Lewiston Porter in 2003, Jim has performed the duties of Executive Secretary/Treasurer for the Niagara Frontier League. Under his leadership, the N.F.L. now is fully automated with the development of schedules and the selection of officials. His experience and guidance have proved to be invaluable to the league.

On the behalf of the many children that Jim has positively affected in his years of service, and with great pride, Chapter VI has recognized Jim Walker with the 2008 Distinguished Service Award.

Community Service – IAABO Board #121

For the past 30+ years, this organization has well served the student-athletes and schools in Section VI and in particular Cattaraugus County. A big tradition in the southern tier is the annual IAABO Holiday Boys and Girls Basketball Classic. This tournament sponsored by Board #121 is held each year at St. Bonaventure University during the Christmas holidays. It is a basketball showcase and one of the finest run tournaments in the area. Each year 8 boys teams and 4 girls teams are invited for the 2 day event held at Division I college site SBU. The organization and awards presented at the tournament are first class and make for a great experience for all involved. Proceeds from this event are used by the Board to give out many annual scholarships to college bound Cattaraugus County student-athletes.

Board #121 has also sponsored the Cattaraugus County Exceptional Senior Basketball Game for 30+ years. This game is held at the end of each basketball season and showcases many of our outstanding senior boys and girls from the area. The Board provides each player with a complimentary team shirt and award trophies for both players and coaches. Proceeds from this event are also used to provide scholarship awards to college bound student-athletes.

The working relationship between the IAABO Board #121 and the Cattaraugus County member schools has been outstanding over the years. Long-time board #121 members Joe DeCervo and Casey Jones are to be commended for their leadership and dedication to this fine organization. It is with great pleasure that Chapter Six and the NYSAAA were able to present this “community service aware” to IAABO Board #121 Cattaraugus County Basketball Officials.

Judith Maertens Award - Kristen Heckman, East Aurora Union Free School District

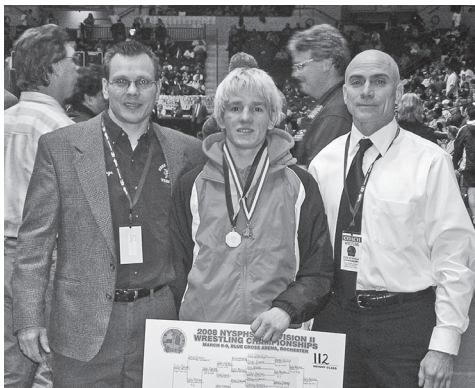
Kristen Heckman is completing her tenth year as secretary in the Health, Physical Education and Athletic office for the East Aurora Schools. Originally from Western NY, (she and Timm Slade, West Seneca AD, were kindergarten classmates) Kris and her family migrated out west, but she returned to NY and ended up working in the library of the Iroquois Schools. When East Aurora first established an administrative office to oversee HPE and A, Kris moved into her current position where she has served as a key figure in the operations of the department. Whether it be creating and maintaining the athletic website, overseeing the closed circuit television system or designing the power point “jumbotron” presentation used for the EA Hall of Fame induction, Kris is always willing and able to address any task regardless of its complexity. Throughout the East Aurora School District, Kris is respected by students, staff and faculty and sought out for her assistance on projects above and beyond those in the HPE and A department. Kris and her husband, Bruce, reside in West Seneca.

112# Division 2 State Title Claimed by Rob Broda, Eden

Accomplishments of Rob Broda, 2 year
Captain of Eden High School Wrestling Team

- 40 - 3 (School Record) 134 - 33 Career
- Undefeated in League Duels
- 1st at Lew-Port and Williamsville North (Most Outstanding Wrestler)
- Undefeated at Gowanda Duels
- 3rd at STOWA
- 2nd at ECIC Championships
- 1st at AA Divisionals (Most Outstanding Wrestler)
- 1st at A/AA Sectionals
- Ilio DiPaolo's Most Outstanding Wrestler Award
- 07/08 NYSPHAA State Champion (1st in School History)
- 06/07 - 6th in the State
- 05/06 - 5th in the State
- 07 - State Champ in Freestyle and State Champ in Greco
- 06 - 3rd in the State in Freestyle and State Champion in Greco
- 05 - 3rd in the State in both Freestyle and Greco

Rob plans on attending Alfred State University and majoring in Architectural Engineering. He also volunteers his time at the Eden's Kids Club, teaches Religion on Sundays, and enjoys playing guitar.



(L-R): Eden Head Coach Tom Page, Rob Broda, and Assistant Coach John Zittel.

Section VI Bowlers Score High at State Competition

The boys bowling team from West Seneca East High School, the girls team from Tonawanda High School and 12 All Stars Bowlers listed below, traveled to White Plains New York on February 29 – March 2, 2008 to compete in the NYSPHSAA Bowling Championship.

The Tonawanda girls were winners of the Bronze medals. The team coached by Jerry Frizell, included **Gina Maduri**, Samantha Marcaccio, Erin McDonald, Dawn Carter, Casey Leibert, Heather Shriber, and Trista Davis. Gina Maduri won the State Individual Girls Bowling Championship with a new state record 3 game series of 747 on games of 235, 269, and 243. Her winning 6 game total was 1304. Gina also won the Section VI Individual Championship with a game total of 290/781 set. She had a winning total of 1382 for a 6 game total and the high average in ECIC with 205. Gina's additional accomplishments include holding school records for High Average 208.7 and High Series of 781 and being the first female bowler in school history to have a perfect 300 game. A senior at Tonawanda High School, Gina plans on bowling for Erie Community College where she will pursue a career in sport's management. Gina was also a member of the NYS scholar athlete team for winter 2007-2008.

The boys from West Seneca East won Silver Medals and established a new state record three game total of 3481. The record they beat was 3464 set by Maryvale in 2003. **Nick Morrissey** led his team with a first place 6-game set of 1452 for which he received a gold medal. **Derrick Geschwender** won a high game medal with a 279. The West Seneca East team total for the day was 6406 placing 2nd behind East ISLIP Section 11 with a total of 6452. 3rd place was Mohonasen Div 2, with 6226. The team members included John Truslow, Josh Broad, Derrick Geschwender, Nick Morrissey, Branden Simone and Brandon Herale coached by Justin Megenhagen.

The **Section 6 All-star girls team** won Gold Medals leading the competition the entire way. Savannah Zientara led the team with a second place finish with a six-game total of 1269. The team members were Jenna Geiger- Lockport, Corey Bernard-Cheektowaga, Chelsea Dustin- West Seneca East, Ally Harvey-Frontier, Jacqueline Willy- Clarence, and Savannah Zientara- Lewiston Porter. Jenna Geiger was also awarded a medal for third high single 238. Coaches were John Zloty and Dan Kaplan-Cheektowaga. Ally Harvey and Nick Morrissey were awarded All-state sportsmanship awards.

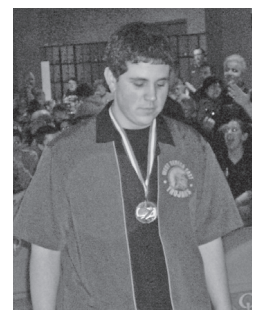
The Section 6 All-star boys team finished in sixth place Justin Garus -Amherst, Andrew Gonciarz -Maryvale, Kevin Alajko - Depew, James Golubski- Silver Creek, Dan Darnley - Frontier, Adam Jozwiak-Lockport. Their coach was William Morrissey, West Seneca East.



Gina Maduri



West Seneca West: Bottom L-R - Josh Broad, Nick Morrissey, Branden Simone; Top L-R - Mr. Mergenhausen, Brandon Herale, John Truslow and Derrick Geschwender.



Nick Morrissey

Congratulations Gene Masters!!!!

NYSPHSAA has informed Section VI that Gene J. Masters has been selected for induction into the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame. His generous contributions to high school athletics in New York State have separated him from his colleagues in the field of coaching. Gene is one of six individuals selected for induction into the 2008 Class of the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will take place at the NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting banquet at the Rye Town Hilton in Rye Brook scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, 2008. Congratulations to Mr. Masters for this outstanding achievement!! Look to the September newsletter for a full report.

The NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame has been made possible by the generous support from Pupil Benefits, Inc.

Olean Takes Class B Boys Basketball State Championship

Submitted by Coach Jeff Anastasia

The Olean Boys' Varsity Basketball Team completed their season with a record of 25 wins and 3 losses. Along the way they won the 16th annual O.H.S. Tip-off Tournament, the Large School IAABO Tournament held at St. Bonaventure University, the B1 Sectional Title defeating Akron 57-51, the overall B Title defeating City Honors 66-51, the Western Regional Title defeating Charlotte 56-54, the State Semi-final game defeating Chenango Valley 50-39, and the Class B State Championship game defeating Malverne 63-53.

They won their seventh consecutive league title with an undefeated record of 12-0 and currently have a 47 game win streak in the league.

They won the most games in Boys' Basketball history, winning 25 and won 23 games in a row tying the mark set in the 2002-2003 season.

Sam Moore was named MVP in the O.H.S. Tip-off Tournament, MVP of the IAABO Tournament, Player of the Year in our league, Super Seven Athlete of the Week, was a BCANY 1st Team Class B All-WNY selection, was the MVP of the State Class B Tournament, was an All-Western New York 2nd Team selection, and was named to the Big 30 1st Team. He will be attending the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford where he will play for his dad Andy.

Jake Houseknecht was named as an All-Tournament Team selection in the O.H.S. Tip-off Tournament, was an All-Tournament Team selection in the IAABO Tournament, was a 1st Team selection in our league, was a BCANY 1st Team Class B All-WNY selection, was selected to the State Class B All-Tournament Team, was selected to the Federation Class B All-Tournament Team, was an All-Western New York 2nd Team

Selection, and was selected to the Big 30 1st Team. He is currently being recruited by St. Bonaventure, Bucknell, LeMoyne, and Rhode Island. Congratulations to the Olean Boys Basketball team and their coach Jeff Anastasia!!

Highlights of the Semi-final State Game - Olean 50 Chenango Valley 39:

- Jake Houseknecht scored 20 points, pulled down 19 rebounds, blocked 6 shots, and dished out 3 assists
- Sam Moore scored 21 points, pulled down 9 rebounds, and dished out 2 assists
- Reid Gan was selected as the Sportsmanship Honoree after the Semi-final Game

Highlights of the State Championship Game - Olean 63 Malverne 53:

- Sam Moore scored 27 points, pulled down 10 rebounds, and had 3 steals
- Joe Palumbo scored 10 points, pulled down 8 rebounds, had 5 steals, and 3 assists
- Chris Weidt scored 10 points, pulled down 3 rebounds, and had 3 assists (He made 3 three point baskets)
- Jake Houseknecht scored 5 points and pulled down 9 rebounds
- Sam Moore was named the MVP of the Class B State Tournament
- Jake Houseknecht was selected to the All-Tournament Team of the Class B State Tournament
- Chris Weidt was selected as the Sportsmanship Honoree after the Championship Game



Maple Grove - Class C Boys Basketball Champs

Excerpted from the Buffalo News

The Maple Grove Red Dragons beat Mechanicville, 71-46 to win NYS Class C title before an estimated crowd of 2,000 fans, many in red and black from Maple Grove. The title was the Red Dragons' first in Class C since they won in 1995 in Class D. Maple Grove coach Curt Fischer clinched his 2nd state title since 1998 for football when Maple Grove beat Lake George 39-6. The Red Dragons dominated every phase of the game. The Red Dragons shot 51.6% from the floor with 17 offensive rebounds, while holding Mechanicville to 35.1% and 9 rebounds. Senior Tom Seeky, named tournament MVP, added 12 points and had 7 assists, ending his career with 1081 points.



NYSPHSAA SCHOLAR/ATHLETE TEAM AWARD PROGRAM

The NYSPHSAA, Inc. believes that the athletic participation of students enhances their academic performances. To support this belief, The Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program was begun in 1991. Varsity teams who earn a 90.0% or higher average during their sport season qualify for the NYSPHSAA award. The Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. became the co-sponsor of the program in 1995.

Section VI Scholar Team Award Winners Winter 2007-08

BOYS BASKETBALL

Depew	94.514
Southwestern	94.319
Frontier	93.855
Royalton Hartland	93.492
Clarence	93.453
Iroquois	93.057
East Aurora	92.984
North Tonawanda	92.743
Ellicottville	92.657
Niagara-Wheatfield	92.631
Westfield	92.460
Wilson	92.305
West Valley	92.271
Lockport	92.197
West Seneca West	91.982
Williamsville East	91.890
Williamsville North	91.864
Springville	91.660
Maryvale	91.311
Medina	91.276
Allegany-Limestone	90.980
Falconer	90.593
Grand Island	90.571
Catt-Little Valley	90.477
Akron	90.333
Olean	90.157
Kenmore West	90.075

BOYS BOWLING

Depew	95.024
Iroquois	93.653
Sweet Home	93.418
Lancaster	93.149
Southwestern	93.141
Clarence	92.205
Williamsville North	92.193
Falconer	91.911
Maryvale	91.506
Allegany-Limestone	91.498
Kenmore East	91.453
Niagara-Wheatfield	91.423
West Seneca East	91.422
Frontier	91.305
Tonawanda	91.298
Williamsville East	91.250
Cheektowaga	91.209
Hamburg	90.943
Amherst	90.702
Eden	90.685
Grand Island	90.286

BOYS INDOOR TRACK

Depew	95.852
Clarence	95.251
Williamsville North	95.184
Williamsville East	93.951
Frontier	93.554
Lancaster	93.543
West Seneca East	92.718
Maryvale	91.856
Lake Shore	91.426
Amherst	90.522
Dunkirk	90.478
West Seneca West	90.419
Pioneer	90.380
Fredonia	90.263
Grand Island	90.167
Kenmore West	90.155
Kenmore East	90.118
Iroquois	90.117

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

Hutch Tech	96.029
Clarence	95.196
Williamsville East	95.013
Newfane	94.689
East Aurora	94.508
Hamburg	94.236
North Tonawanda	94.200
Southwestern	94.121
Niagara-Wheatfield	94.115
Sweet Home	93.987
Medina	93.925
Starpoint	93.780
Iroquois	93.736
Lake Shore	93.405
Williamsville North	93.279
City Honors	93.147
Olean	92.991
Royalton Hartland	92.665
Lancaster	91.468
Kenmore West	91.291
Lockport	91.288
Fredonia	90.641
Lewiston Porter	90.222

GIRLS BASKETBALL

East Aurora	97.624
Wilson	97.545
Portville	96.609
Hamburg	96.271

Iroquois	96.121
Alden	96.080
Cassadaga Valley	95.566
Starpoint	95.550
Clarence	95.382
Southwestern	94.805
Medina	94.691
Williamsville East	94.679
Niagara-Wheatfield	94.659
West Seneca West	94.626
Lockport	94.514
Royalton Hartland	94.493
Lancaster	94.429
Pioneer	94.333
North Tonawanda	94.329
Sweet Home	94.302
Depew	93.607
Maryvale	93.383
Allegany-Limestone	93.245
Ellicottville	93.171
Cheektowaga	92.759
Springville	92.613
Chautauqua Lake	92.517
Olean	92.471
Barker	92.364
Cleveland Hill	92.337
Falconer	92.116
Grand Island	92.000
Kenmore East	91.748
Franklinville	91.737
Tonawanda	91.609
Kenmore West	91.599
Williamsville North	91.597
Frontier	91.405
Holland	91.207
West Seneca East	91.150
Niagara Falls	91.143
Lake Shore	91.101
Lewiston Porter	91.006
West Valley	90.936
Eden	90.797
Westfield	90.623
Catt-Little Valley	90.351
Salamanca	90.300
Fredonia	90.126

GIRLS BOWLING

Depew	96.829
Lancaster	96.268
Iroquois	94.900
Clarence	94.663
Frontier	94.057

Williamsville North	93.674
Sweet Home	93.671
Hamburg	93.314
Cheektowaga	93.044
Pioneer	92.880
West Seneca West	92.184
Lackawanna	91.911
Springville	91.699
North Tonawanda	91.012
Lockport	90.844
Eden	90.698
Kenmore West	90.672
Grand Island	90.571
Tonawanda	90.555
Holland	90.382
Williamsville East	90.183
Dunkirk	90.027

GIRLS INDOOR TRACK

Frontier	98.025
Depew	97.721
Clarence	96.565
Hamburg	96.342
West Seneca West	96.339
Lancaster	94.899
Williamsville North	94.871
Lockport	94.585
Williamsville East	94.115
Maryvale	93.923
Springville	93.549
Lake Shore	93.546
Allegany-Limestone	93.031
Pioneer	92.795
Iroquois	92.221
West Seneca East	91.899
Sweet Home	91.888
Niagara Falls	91.403
Grand Island	91.264
Cheektowaga	91.085
Kenmore West	90.896
Kenmore East	90.549
Dunkirk	90.364
Fredonia	90.111

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

Newfane	93.757
Medina	93.408
Barker	92.853
Royalton Hartland	92.167
City Honors	90.433
Akron	90.294

NIAAA Scholar Athletes

The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) asked that each state nominate a male and a female scholar-athlete. Our state recognized the importance of this great honor and asked each Section to create a process by which, names from across the state are pushed to the state level. After much deliberation and a difficult selection process, Section VI honored **Ashley Beamish** from Niagara Wheatfield High School and **Taylor Kensity** from Holland HS as our winners. Both students are tremendous athletes and students while contributing much to their respective communities. The state agreed with us and selected Taylor as the New York State winner. His application now moves on to the national level. Congratulations to both Ashley and Taylor.

ICE HOCKEY

Niagara Falls	95.000
Clarence	94.323
Williamsville East	94.155
Williamsville North	93.540
Frontier	90.752
Kenmore East	90.552

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Clarence	96.005
Alden	95.964
Kenmore East	90.840
Iroquois	90.067

WRESTLING

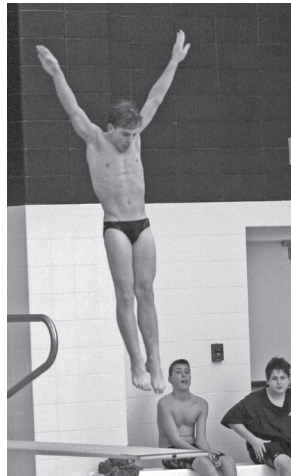
Williamsville North	93.810
Clarence	93.774
Lancaster	93.616
Iroquois	93.140
West Seneca West	92.693
Depew	92.574
Barker	92.458
West Seneca East	92.218
Falconer	92.059
Alden	91.781
Williamsville East	91.290
Medina	91.030
Lockport	90.938
Southwestern	90.528
Gowanda	90.523
Niagara-Wheatfield	90.489
Grand Island	90.478
Cheektowaga	90.303
Hamburg	90.290
Amherst	90.274
Kenmore West	90.020



The Beamish Family: (L-R) Richard (Grandfather), Vicky (Mom), Ashley Beamish, Thomas (Father), Louise (Grandmother)



The Kensity Photo: (L-R) Randy (Father), Pat Marvin (AD Holland), Taylor Kensity, Kelly (Mother)



Shawn Hoffman is Top Diver at NYSPHSAA Competition

Shawn Hoffman, the senior from North Tonawanda High School, placed first at the state diving championships this year. He had an undefeated diving season and holds the school, pool, league and Section VI record for 11 dives (606.25). Shawn, who is coached by Paul Becigneul, plans to attend Duke University on a diving scholarship in the fall. He holds a 96 final average, which is pretty impressive considering all of his extracurricular activities. Congratulations Shawn and good luck at Duke!



Melissa Kurzdorfer Takes State Shot Put Title

By Coach Chuck Friedmann

Melissa Kurzdorfer, the sophomore phenomenon from Lancaster High School, is used to undefeated seasons and doesn't get challenged until she enters state and national competition. For the past 2 years she has been undefeated in New York State and for the second year in a row, Kurzdorfer earned the indoor shot put state title with a final throw of 44'-4 1/2". She also holds her Section VI record at 46'-6 3/4" as well as the section weight throw record at 53'-11".

Her throws coach George Rak says she is a four-time All-American in the shot put and the weight throw and leads the nation for her age group. "She works her talent all year long with unusual dedication for a sophomore. Of course she's been doing that for years. That's what makes what she is doing look so easy. She enjoys every minute of it."



Always A Winner...

By Doug Ames, Section VI Sportsmanship Coordinator
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GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP REMINDER:

Let's *Take Sports Back* from those who send the wrong message. Make citizenship an expectation in your athletic program!

- Be the "Protector of the Sport" never allowing your coaches, players, parents and spectators to disrespect the game.
- Be a Role Model "Walk the Talk"
- Welcome opponents as they are guest in your house!
- Inspire your coaches, players and parents to do the right thing whenever possible.
- Speak the language of sportsmanship regularly.
- Advertise Sportsmanship – banners, signs, display cases, pre-game announcements, handbooks, etc.
- Parent Meetings are a must – communicate, communicate, communicate open those lines of talk.
- Establish a Sportsmanship committee.
- Reinforce Good Sportsmanship.
- NEVER ignore an act of poor sportsmanship – even if you have nothing left at the end of the day.
- Teach how to win and how / when to celebrate.
- Encourage coaches and players to remember the "Golden Rule" – How do you want to be treated?
- Evaluation and Reflection is a must to make a real difference.
- NEVER GIVE UP THE FIGHT!

SECTION VI COACHES SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD REMINDER

The Section VI Sportsmanship Committees is encouraging nominations for the Section VI Coaches Sportsmanship Award. Administrators, coaches, or league chairmen are encouraged to nominate a coach who illustrates or captures the spirit of "sportsmanship" and deserves recognition. Complete the nomination form on the Section VI website (click on Forms...) and fax it to Douglas Ames at Newfane Central Schools fax (716) 778-6559. Supporting information can also be emailed to dames@newfane.wnyric.org. Awards will be presented to the coaches at the Section VI Annual Recognition Dinner in the summer of 2008.

ALL WNY GOOD SPORTS SELECTIONS

**** Selections for the Winter Good Sports are incomplete at this printing ****

Winter sportchairs as well as Spring sports chairpersons MUST submit the All WNY Good Sport selections for their respective sport and corresponding leagues or divisions to the Sportsmanship Coordinator, **Douglas Ames at dames@newfane.wnyric.org**. Each recipient named will receive a certificate and a sportsmanship patch for their varsity school jacket. Each school named will be recognized with a letter, copied to the district superintendent, noting their accomplishment. The end result of this endeavor will be recognition across WNY of our outstanding teams and individuals in each of our interscholastic sports for the spring season. New York State Public High School Athletic Association member schools across the state make "sportsmanship" a premier concern. We can make it happen in Section 6 with a little extra effort!

The established criteria for an All-WNY Good Sport is a team or student athlete who:

- Has learned to value and practice sportsmanship behavior.
- Has displayed excellent characteristics of good citizenship, honesty, generosity, and self-discipline.
- Has a sincere concern for his or her own commitment to fair play.
- Celebrates victory or loss with respect.
- Gives the very best effort regardless of the outcome.
- Keeps it all in proper perspective.

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ALL WNY INDIVIDUAL & TEAM RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP: WINTER 2007 – 2008

Division	School	Individual	
Boys Basketball	Cattaraugus	Ellicottville	Austin Dunne
	NO	Barker	Dale Jonathan
Girls Basketball	Buffalo	East High	Tiauna Young
	Chautauqua 1	Forestville	
	Chautauqua 2	Chautauqua Lake	Julia Einink
	Chautauqua 3	Ripley	Samantha Eimers
	Cattaraugus	Allegany Limestone	Katie Custard
	Cattaraugus	Olean	Alicia Stebbins
	ECIC 1	Lancaster	Kristen Sullivan
	ECIC 2	Williamsville South	Claire Licata
	ECIC 3	Amherst	Eva Lankes
	ECIC 4	JFK	Amanda Zanghi
	NFL	Lockport	Lindsey Burke
	NO	Akron	Sarah Schafer
Boys Bowling	Buffalo	Hutch Tech	Paul Ketterer
	Chautauqua 1	Gowanda	Ben Swanson
	Chautauqua 2	Frewsburg	Kyle Grey
	Cattaraugus	Ellicottville	Charlie Fitzpatrick
	ECIC	Cheektowaga	Cory Bernard
	NFL	Lockport	Adam Jozwiak
Girls Bowling	States	West Seneca West	Nick Morrissey
	Buffalo	Performing Arts	Amy Dominano
	Chautauqua 1	Fredonia	Jennifer Logan
	Chautauqua 2	Randolph	Chrissy Bradshaw
	Cattaraugus	Allegany Limestone	Amanda Bednarz
	ECIC	Sweet Home	Aaron Klein
	NFL	Niagara Wheatfield	Marisa Del Valle
Ice Hockey	State	Frontier	Ally Harvey
	Federation – Large	Frontier	Matt O'Donnell
	Federation – Small	Niagara Falls	Tom Hana
Indoor Track	North	West Seneca West	Morgan Billi
	South	Pioneer	Anna Holmes
Indoor Track Teams	"A"	Clarence	
	"B"	Williamsville South	
	"C"	Frontier	
	"D"	Jamestown	
Boys Swimming	NFL	North Tonawanda	Shawn Hoffman
	NO	Barker	Shaun Genurie
	NO	Medina	
Wrestling	CCIAA – 3	Randolph	Mike Lundsten
	NFL	Niagara Falls	Matt Johnson
	NO	Barker	Alex Alt

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IT'S OFFICIAL...

By Tom Cowan/Section VI Official's Coordinator



The transition to electronic assigning of sports officials via The Arbiter has been in place for three sports seasons section wide. With a few exceptions, almost all of the 32 organizations that provide officials for the section have participated. As we approach the 2008-09 school year we expect full cooperation from all officials boards. Some interesting numbers involving sports officials in Section VI include:

- ✓ There are 32 different sports officials Organizations covering contests for 7 leagues including the MMHSAA.
- ✓ As of 4/22/08 there are 1541 certified working officials. The number changes almost daily.
- ✓ The largest group is IAABO #53 Boys Basketball with 178 members. Boys Gymnastics is the smallest with 6.
- ✓ The Section manages and assigns officials for 20 different sports at 3 or 4 levels.
- ✓ It is estimated that between 15 & 20% of the registered officials work more than one sport with several at 4 and 1 at 5.
- ✓ There are 40 registered sub-assigners handling a variety of management duties.

The leadership team at Section VI recognizes the need to provide a sufficient number of well-qualified officials and is dedicated to providing the service necessary in attaining this goal. Please see the article on p.4 Central Management and Assigning of Officials for details on the program.



SECTION VI

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