



# NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE SOCCER OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

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## **BULLETIN: Legend Gone! Legacy Intact!** *by Cliff McCrath*

**Dr. Raymond Bernabei:** Legend! Gone! Quickly! Too quickly...with little notice but lasting impact.

He was born November 26, 1925 and was 187 days older than Marilyn Monroe who, had she lived, would be hard – if not frightening - to visualize as an 82 year-old. Marilyn left a trail of broken hearts and a vapor of regret. Ray Bernabei outlived Marilyn by forty-six years and one month to the day but unlike Marilyn, left a legion of admirers and thousands of competent, active, adoring disciples without whom there would be no collegiate soccer in America! Or, at least, no orderly dispensation of the world's great game. Because it would be self-regulated...and chaotic!

Lest he failed to firmly drill into our scarred skulls what NISOA is about, consider for a moment a reprint of the mission and goals he envisioned, fought to protect and insisted every badge-wearing NISOA member embrace:

- **OUR MISSION** (*which, when considered is staggering in scope*): To assist in the development of soccer as a major sport in the United States and to improve the quality of officiating at the college and high school levels.
- **OUR GOALS** (*which he lived, breathed and modeled to his last minute on earth*):
  - To promote and maintain the highest degree of soccer officiating by following a standard set of mechanics, a uniform interpretation, and a consistent administration of the rules of soccer as set forth on the collegiate and high school levels.
  - To have available at all times an adequate number of thoroughly trained and capable officials.
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  - To cooperate with organizations and institutions officially related to the game of soccer in furthering its interests and details.
  - To assign only members of this association who are properly certified, trained and registered as a NISOA member.

And, how do mere mortals wrap their collective minds around a Ray Bernabei? Looking back...18 years...it was Friday night January 11, 1991 - at the Atlanta Hilton and Towers Hotel when thousands stood to applaud the announcement that Dr. Raymond Bernabei was presented the NSCAA's highest recognition - the 1990 Honor Award! At that moment the presenter, after reviewing numerous benchmark achievements, summed him up this way: "The founding fathers of the NSCAA mandated that the Honor Award was to be the most special of all awards...higher than the highest. To that end, they established covenants that have endured through the ages. The list of nominees is not published and even if it were, lobbying for candidates is not permitted. Committee members cast ballots by mail and are not privy to the results until the recipient is announced at the closing awards ban-



quet. Little wonder then that the 1990 winner – at the half-century juncture of the association's existence – revealed a man who embodies the composite qualities of every aspect of the game. In fact, he is the personification of the very preamble defining the Honor Award requisites: The nominee must have contributed to the association at the intercollegiate level as a sportswriter, referee, administrator, coach, player who is known by his products, his writings, his leadership and/or meritorious service to the organization.

On the personal level, he was hyperbole, metaphor and euphemism in living color. He was Chevrolets, Christmas sleighs, apple pie, blue sky, sound judgment, uncommon wisdom, Gibraltar-like integrity, business acumen, stability, innovation, dependability, organization and impeccable follow-through.

On the professional level he was a virtual Who's Who of Who's Who's! He was recognized and heralded by more organizations than a legion of men. As a player he was a prolific goal scorer as a center for the Indianola Indians and later as center back and captain of the Harmarville Hurricanes led his team to two U.S. National Open Challenge Cup Championships as well as two National Amateur Cup Finals. In addition, he was a member of

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## **RAY BERNABEI MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FUND**

When Dr. Ray Bernabei, Executive Director, passed away the family requested that in lieu of flowers individuals make a contribution to the NISOA Foundation Fund. A separate account was established for those that elected to donate. To date 89 donations have been received from chapters, NISOA members, family members, and friends of the family.

The Foundation Fund was very near and dear to Dr. Bernabei. This allowed NISOA to provide scholarships to individuals attending the National Training Academy at Elizabethtown College. Many of the individuals who received a scholarship in the past are now members of NISOA.

NISOA has over 5,000 members. If each member gave a gift of \$5.00 in memory of Dr. Bernabei, the overall tribute to him would be a great success. If you wish to send a contribution please forward it to John Van de Vaarst, 1030 Ohio Ave., Cape May, NJ 08204. Any amount provided will go directly to the fund.

## KEN ANDRES NAMED INTERIM NISOA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Kenneth G. Andres, Jr., (Haddonfield, NJ) has been named the Interim Executive Director of the National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association (NISOA), succeeding Dr. Raymond Bernabei who passed away on September 5, 2008, after leading NISOA for nearly forty years. NISOA is an organization of more than 5,000 soccer officials which trains, certifies and provides qualified referees for the college soccer community throughout the country. Andres will serve as the Interim Executive Director pending the selection of an individual to lead NISOA on a full-time basis.

Speaking of his predecessor, Andres said, "The American soccer community lost an icon with the passing of Dr. Raymond Bernabei who was the recognized leader of the intercollegiate soccer officiating community. Thanks to the vision and leadership provided by Ray Bernabei over the last 40 years, NISOA has become recognized as a strong, vibrant organization of great people dedicated to one thing-serving the college soccer community. Ray built the framework for NISOA and taught us the leadership skills necessary to succeed and improve this great Organization, which we will do."

Inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame, 2002, Andres was also a recipient of the Robert E. Sumpter Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2001 for his service as a National Clinician. Andres served as the President of NISOA for 2003-2004, and continues to serve as legal counsel, a National Clinician and the NISOA College Rules Interpreter and liaison with the NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee.

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numerous West Penn All Star teams and, from 1949-1960 played in no less than ten West Penn Finals all of which he was privileged to serve as captain.

He was a master teacher – holding graduate degrees in guidance and counseling and a doctorate in Curriculum Supervision, Guidance, School Law and School Administration. And the list goes on. But his most astounding accomplishments are seen in the ever expanding organization of officials who weather the elements to ensure the world's great game is properly managed. They dare not flag in zeal because, forever running just ahead, is the spirit of Dr. Raymond Bernabei – this tower of decency, integrity and professionalism of the highest order – challenging us to bequeath a scent greatness with every whistle blown by the men and women of the National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association!

## NEW/EXPANDED APPOINTMENTS

*by Larry Dorsey*

As president of NISOA, I am pleased to announce three appointments to better serve the membership and our organizational needs. Each position has been reviewed to insure a manageable workload while meeting today's needs in our growing soccer community. Each individual brings a wealth of experience and commitment to NISOA to insure NISOA continues as the leading Intercollegiate and Interscholastic referee organization.

Cliff McCrath has been appointed the Director/Liaison of NISOA Communications. Cliff's primary responsibility will be to interface and serve as a liaison with our outside constituents such as the NCAA, NAIA, NSCAA, NCCAA, NJCAA, and others.

John Van de Vaarst has been appointed Director of Operations. He will be responsible for the day-to-day activities of NISOA as well as long range planning. He will manage the budget and expenditures, maintain and update all NISOA publications and the Policy Manual, and oversee the web page. He will respond to questions from chapter contacts and members, and coordinate agendas for the Executive Council and Annual Conventions. He will be responsible for the logistical planning for the Annual Convention, the NSCAA convention and all workshops and training programs of the various Program Directors.

Mario Donnangelo will continue as an Associate Executive Director, with additional responsibilities. He will handle all NISOA membership issues, coordinate the awards programs' and be the primary contact with our insurance carrier and chapter contacts on insurance matters.

Detailed biographical information will be available for these individuals in the near future and posted on the web. I am confident that their leadership and management skills will allow NISOA to move forward and continue as a viable and leading soccer referee

## **In Memoriam - Dear Fellow Officials:** *by Jude Davis, NY*

I returned from a 16 hour journey to Pennsylvania... To say good bye to a man that I truly respected and admired "Dr. Raymond Bernabei" as well as honor those individuals that lost their lives on flight 93 off of Skyline Road outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Those 16 hours of driving really gives you time to reflect on one's journey. Where you are now, where you are heading ... the experiences from the past, and what your purpose really is in life. "The List of Life".

- a. We all have fond memories and stories to share...For those that didn't get to attend Dr. Bernabei's funeral, I want to share with you that it was a beautiful tribute. John Van de Vaarst and Rosemary Bernabei each reflected the life of Dr. Ray (NISOA and Family). The Gospel Reading (Matthew 7:7-11). It was specially selected and further describes the life and the gifts of Dr. Ray. You don't have to be a Roman Catholic to appreciate the words. Take time to read and reflect on the words.
- b. Flight 93 on 9/11. We all know the tragic loss of our Nation on that day...take a few minutes and listen to the words "Have Your Forgotten" and "Proud to be an American." I realize another presidential election is on the brink, please remember what's more important and what it really means to be an American!

We all seem to get caught up in our own everyday of living, that we sometimes forget the gifts we have in our lives and the gifts that we need to share. Please take a few moments: Hug and tell your children, spouse, and/or significant other that they are precious and special and then be thankful for the gifts in your life everyday, for the rest of your life! We never know what is going to happen to tomorrow. Take care and God Bless!

# 2008 NISOA AWARDS

**Raymond Bernabei Honor Award - Dave Steiner, PA**  
**Hall of Fame (Referee) - John Buckley, MA**  
**Hall of Fame (Referee / Administrator) - Donald Dennison, MD**  
**Recognition Award - Tom Richardson, NC**  
**Jack Breetveld, RI**

**Life Member Award - Austin Gomez, MO**  
**Bob Sumpter Excellence in Teaching Award - Kim Vieira, OH**  
**Distinguished Service Award - C. Frank Jewell, FL**

**Appreciation Award - Jim Miller, NY**  
**Rosella E. Bernabei Women Soccer Referee of the Year Award - Michelle Devitt, PA**

**NISOA/NSCAA Merit Award - High School - Jennifer Henderson, MA**  
**NISOA Interscholastic Referee of the Year Award - Robert Jones, MA**  
**NISOA / NSCAA Coach Merit Award - Keith Buckley, FL**  
**C. Frank Jewell NISOA / NSCAA Merit Award - Joe Harding, IL**  
**Charlie Lee NISOA / NSCAA Merit Award - Joanne Todaro, MD**

## 2007 NISOA REGIONAL REFEREE OF THE YEAR REGION

- I Erich Simmons, MA
- II A. Steven baum, NY
- III Joseph Rudy, PA
- IV Dino Sorbara, PA
- V Eric Ackerman, AL
- VI Kenneth George, NC
- VII Andrew Bigelow, IN
- VIII Dan Waskel, IA
- IX Ronald Ramierz, TX
- X Mohamed Mahamoud, CA
- XI Matt Grove, CO



C. Frank Jewell



Tom Richardson



Kim Vieira



Austin Gomez



John Buckley and Jack Breetveld



Dave Steiner



(l-r) A. Steven Baum, Joseph Rudy and Andrew Bigelow.



Donald Dennison



Jim Miller

## Why Candles Are Lit by Jim Reuther, OH

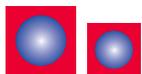
Dear friends: Having to 'Say goodbye' to loved ones is always very difficult. But it does bring us together to celebrate their lives. For me, it has never been about the soccer, but the people who I have been privileged to meet through soccer.

Apologies, I wanted to share my story and poem when I was with you, but couldn't have gotten thru reciting it. So here is what I can say using cowardly electrons instead. Thanks for listening, reading, and understanding. All the best. Jim  
 From JJR's diary, 2006:

I loved him like a brother. We shared one mission, defeating improvised explosive devices, unrecognized weapons-of-mass destruction. He trusted me with his life and I trusted him with mine. We fought against each other only in technical combat, refining our skills for our challenge. Then he had to make the ultimate sacrifice. Many "Whys?" were asked as to his death, which we never will know. But when a junior teammate asked me, nervously, "Why do we light candles?", I had to write something. As a hard-core engineer, I have worked with explosions and fireballs my whole career. As a dreamer, I have always cherished candle flames. This is what candles say to me.

### "Inspirational Inferno"

*Eternal is our curiosity  
 Of your spiritual luminosity.  
 You shine and sparkle; Oh! What a thrill!*



## National Referee Programs Post Clinic Notes



NISOA's National Referee program concluded its 2008 endeavor to certify and renew certification of its members. NRP's Director George Noujaim staged four clinics beginning in May at Azusa Pacific University at Azusa, CA, followed by the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK, then on to Emory University in Atlanta, GA in June, and concluding at the Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, PA, in mid July . After concluding, the total referees certified was 381. The average participants age was 41.4 years. There were 14 females enrolled at the various clinics or 4% of the NRP population. Also, of the 381 21.5% or 82 members were of foreign birth. George Noujaim indicated a need to see more ethnicity and more females enter into the program for the next offering in 2010. He was pleased with the performances of all participants during the events, however.

George gave thanks to the excellent instruction staff and their developed curriculum assembled by NISOA's Instruction Department. The agenda for each clinic was very similar. His theme was, "In Preparation for the College Season". The exceptions to the agendas were the messages presented by special guest speakers which broadened the basic message the curriculum afforded. The guest speakers provided by the NSCAA. They

were Neil Hull at the Univ. of Okla.; Cynthia Goodwin at APU; Alan Ewing addressed the Emory Univ. audience; and at Elizabethtown Doug Williamson spoke. These outstanding presenters spoke from mainly the coaching side of the game, and all added their insight and provided a uniform message regarding the other team at the match. The audiences appreciated their views and appreciated the opportunity to interact with them in these arenas. The main instructional staff personnel were Ken Andres, Don Wilbur, Dan Keohane and George Noujaim. Scott Weyland, Larry Dorsey and Herb Silva also joined the staffs of some of the clinics. George Noujaim and Ray Bernabei were very pleased with the informal instructional environment provided at each site, stimulated by the very enlightening messages produced, and impressed with the interaction generated by all. To assist all clinics were the NRP Regional Area Coordinators — without whom much of the administration would still be ongoing, according to Grier Cooper, their director. A new NRP badge and coin was introduced and given to each upon certification.

Larry Gardner lead the physical performance testing that have been adopted and implemented for all NISOA membership. George Noujaim and Ray Bernabei were very impressed with its

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### ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE



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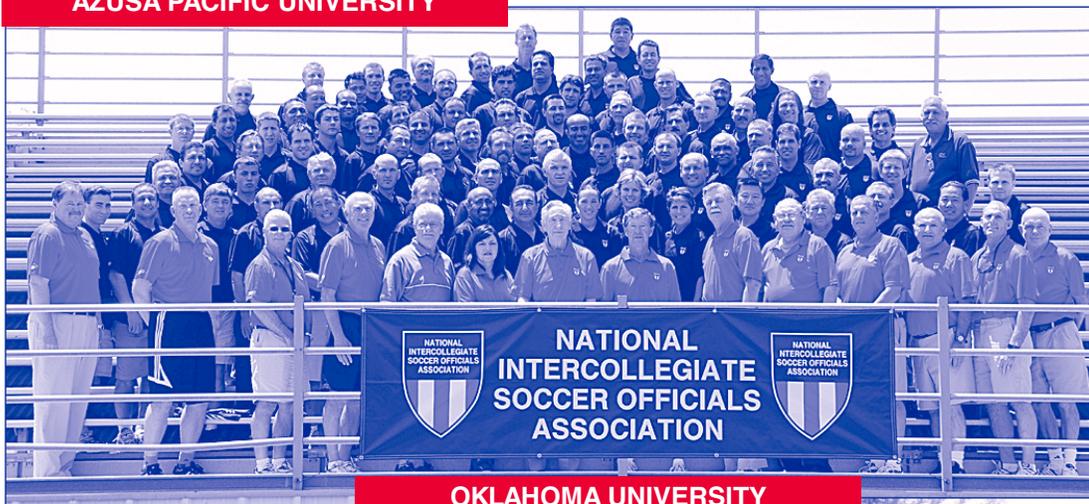
administration and results. There were 4 tests within the evaluation and all were conducted on a game field or on similar field conditions with all participants wearing their blue intercollegiate soccer uniform. The "All Clinic" average physical performance score for all those tested was 2.92 on a best 5.0 point score. A new 50M AR test was introduced by Larry Gardner to evaluate, to the liking of most all. It may replace the Brazilian 50 AR Agility by 2010.

George Noujaim wished all the best and encouraged all to stay in touch. Keeping communication lines open with respective Regional Area Coordinators is very important especially in

NISOA's National Referee Program. Each graduate was given tasks to accomplish to renew certification in 2010 and NISOA hopes they are accomplishing those tasks as requested. He, also, suggested all referees should be kept abreast of changes or messages by viewing the NISOA website at [www.nisoa.com](http://www.nisoa.com). Announcements for enrolling into the clinics of 2010 will begin in 2009.

Application forms and the Policy will be posted on the Internet and available through the Regional Area Coordinator. Record Books will again be collected at the end of 2009 season. Each NRP member is required to post their activities and results therein, as directed, and return them to their respective RAC.

**AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY**



**OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITY**



**EMERY UNIVERSITY**



## NISOA Women's Auxiliary

*Hi to all of our auxiliary members,*

I just wanted to give all of those who weren't able to come to Bethlehem this year an little insight into the auxiliary activities. We kicked off our second season with cocktails and dinner on Thursday evening at the Apollo Grille in downtown Bethlehem. This was an informal meeting for auxiliary members only, to enable us to re-connect and get to know each other. Friday was spent touring the Crayola factory and the National Canal Museum in nearby Easton Pa. Afterwards we were taken to Hugh Moore Park to be transported back in time via a boat canal trip aboard the Jason White II. Saturday, we were invited for a private historic walking tour of Bethlehem. Our guide instructed us on the history and contributions of the Moravian settlement to the area.

Twelve auxiliary members participated in the various events throughout the weekend and we added three new members to our group. We also conducted an auction to raise money for the Foundation Fund and raised a total of \$419.00. This was the first year that the auxiliary was responsible to collect, arrange and distribute the door prizes at the awards ceremony. Seventy two



door prizes were donated.

The above is a group picture of the auxiliary members who were in attendance this year. Look for our article and picture in the upcoming newsletter in November.

Plans for next year's convention in San Francisco are underway. Hope to see you there. Mary and I will keep in touch.

Debbie

### ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE MEMORY



Dear All,

This is a photograph just recently taken from the NISOA referee training camp in Pennsylvania. Due to the recent passing of Dr. Ray I just wanted to share this picture for all of you to remember what a proud man he was, and how he touched each and everyone of you in his own way. God Bless the Florida Referees!

Regards,  
Mark Cahen

*(l-r) Arnold Shan, Mark Cahen, Dr. Ray, Frank Jewell and Lance VanHaitsma.*

### NISOA News Release:

## GEORGE B. FARAGALLAH AWARD

NISOA's National Referee Program, Director, George Nougaim, announced the 2008 George B. Faragallah Distinguished Achievement Award winners at each of this past summer's National Referee Program clinics. The award is awarded to that National Referee, who by performances both on and off the field exemplifies the highest ideals in character and performance sought in a National Referee. The categories under evaluation were academic, physical performance, assessment and game performances. Its significance to NISOA is a hallmark in NISOA's awarding system for merit.

The 2008 announced awarded recipients were:  
 GREG MARSHALL from Hillsboro, OR, at the Azusa Pacific University clinic;  
 TODD ABRAHAM living in Glencoe, IL, at the University of Oklahoma clinic;  
 RYAN ASH, residing in Normal, IL, at the Emory University clinic; and  
 RACHEL WOO, of Auburndale, MA, and TERESA MIGUEL of Hamden, CT, at the Elizabethtown College clinic.  
 The award was announced before their peers recognizing them and for their honor and their skills.

**LAREDO TEXAS CLINIC**



*Top: Carlos Valdes, Hector Garcia, Carlos Bentancurt, Alfredo Angiano, Juan Chavez, Juan M Gandara, Hector Sierra, Santiago Moreno, Francisco Rangel, Mauricio Escorci, Jorge Ortiz, J. Edgar Sanchez.*  
*Bottom: Enrique Sanchez ( Instructor), J. Angel Rodriguez, Juan Ramirez, Fidel Zarate, Julio Nino, Juan Manuel Salazar, Eduardo Moran, Raul Gozalez, Sergio Perez,*

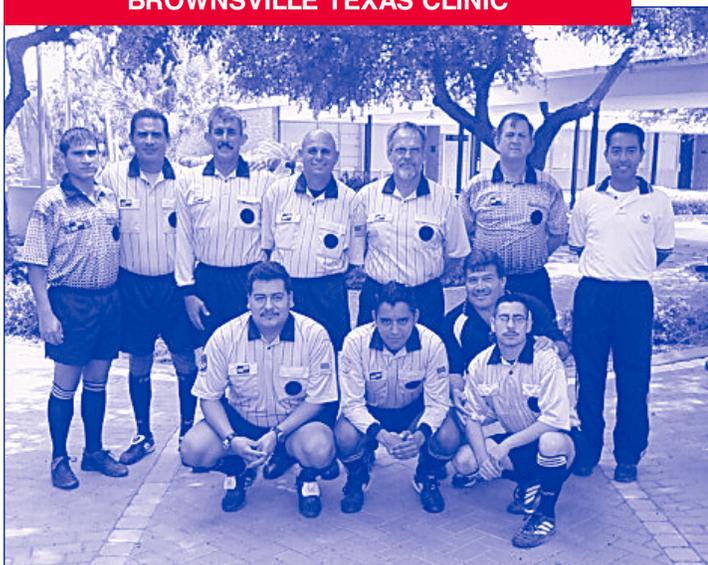
**NISOA ELECTION RESULTS  
for 2009-2010**

President . . . . . Joseph Miller, CT  
 Vice-President . . . Manny Ortiz, Jr., TX  
 Secretary . . . . . Kim Vieira, OH

**Regional Representatives:**

Region I . . . . . Jim Triplett  
 Region II . . . . . Neil Edkins  
 Region III . . . . . George Wescott  
 Region IV . . . . . Dan Lukash  
 Region V . . . . . Bob Fischer  
 Region VI . . . . . Pierce Richardson  
 Region VII. . . . . John Kipp  
 Region VIII . . . . . Greg Cole  
 Region IX . . . . . Jody Wesson  
 Region X . . . . . Grier Cooper  
 Region XI . . . . . Charles Talbot

**BROWNSVILLE TEXAS CLINIC**



**TRAINING CAMP - ELIZABETHOWN COLLEGE**



**Paper** by Gary W Huber, NISOA National Clinician, July 18, 2007

Ever heard that from the coach or the bench as you are doing an A/R or being the A/O?

I am sure you have if you have officiated any number of games from Youth to the very highest

level of Professional games in the USA. What do you do when you hear it?

I am sure in the pre game the Referee gave you strict instructions of how to deal with this. Or did he? Did he give you the usual of deal with what you need to or "If you call me over I am sending him home." No pressure there. Did he assume you knew what you were doing and gave you no instructions at all? Did you ask him how you should handle certain situations? A lot of questions here, all need answers!

What needs to be dealt with, what can be ignored, and when do we have to bring the Referee into the mix. A recent study of 500+ assessments of high-level NISOA games shows that we deal with this about 70% of the time. That means we do not deal with it 30% of the time. In baseball a .300 hitter earns millions, in officiating it will earn you trouble.

By definition when the Coach or Bench personnel start to have a negative impact on the game you need to deal with it. We as Referees are mantled with the objective to make this event more enjoyable and fan friendly, not ever losing sight of our main objective of enforcing the rules and protecting the players.

You can ignore the Coach. This sometimes works. Let him make his or her point and get on with the match. Sometimes a simple look, a walk down towards the bench area. A simple head acknowledgement in his direction or a hands gesture may work. Then again it may not. As the game intensifies on the field you can expect the same to happen on the sidelines. You have ignored this behavior long enough. Now what?

When you decide to deal with this what approach will you take? One thing I have observed of the top officials is in order to gain respect you must also give respect.

Webster's Dictionary defines respect as: High or Special Regard, Esteem, An expression of Respect or Deference. Remember this in your dealings.

Once you acknowledge the Coach and start into a verbal dissertation with him, the "Price of Poker" just went up. Some of us have a more nurturing way of dealing with this. Sometimes those of us who are parents can deal with the childish tantrums because we have been exposed to them more often through our child rearing experiences.

Will you be the understanding 3rd party telling the coach that you will "Take care of it". Will you be the good cop and tell him "I understand", let him get it off his chest, and get on with the game. Will you nod to him with understanding, will you acknowledge his jumping up off the bench to critique a call.

When this does not work what will be the next step? We know that you have a personality which may and usually does not match that of the Coach or Bench Personnel. Will you now become beligerent, threaten, demean, and draw lines in the sand?

I like to use the "Pendulum" theory. Do you remember how a pendulum works? It swings back and forth. Your personality can do the same. On the one side we have what I like to call the

**"Hey Referee you have to make that call."  
"Linesman you have to help him,  
he is having a nightmare."**

"Strict Enforcer", the other side of the pendulum would be the "Good Guy". As the game progresses and the anxiety level increases with the players and coaches, you will have to see where you are on that Pendulum.

Do you now talk with a stricter dialog, "Coach we can't have this, Coach I heard you, Coach enough! Coach I understand." Or do we swing to the other side, "Coach pick your Battles", Coach I will discuss this with him at half time," "Let's be positive over here." Coach he is much closer than you or I and probably had a better look at it. No dealings with Bench Personnel will work if you cannot use all of your tools.

Once you draw your "Line in the Sand" you must stick to it. Nothing worse than telling the Coach this is the last, last, last time I will ask you to stay in the Coaching Area.

This is the last, last, last time you can use that type of language in this match.

You and the crew lose all credibility. Something we work hard at achieving.

You must have the confidence and backing of the crew to make this decision.

When you make the decision that enough is enough and call the Referee over to deal with the Coach or someone on the bench you must follow these guidelines.

As per your instructions from the pre game, you should be brief, informative, tell the Referee just why you brought him over. Do not exaggerate, or interject anything more than what was said or happened. Do not insist. Allow the Referee to disseminate the information you have given him, make a decision, and deal with it. You as the A/O or A/R must accept his or her decision and get on with the game. No egos here.

The job of assisting the Referee does not just include off sides, balls in and out of play, and the foul calls and substitutions. You as the A/R or A/O must deal efficiently, effectively, and ethically with the Bench Area. You may choose to ignore it. You may choose to deal with it. What choices you make and tools you use will make the difference. Finding out where your personality falls on the Pendulum Theory. When to be the "Good Guy" or the "Bad Guy". When walking off the field after a difficult match, knowing that things went well because we dealt with the Bench Personnel, will give you and the crew that feeling of satisfaction and a job well done.

### **Why Candles Are Lit** *cont. from pg 3*

*As colorful and lovely as a daffodil.  
You frolic and flare, shimmer and sway.  
Mysterious, transient, while trying to say.  
That with each wisp of bright golden blaze  
Hope will flash from gloom's dark haze.*

*Your beam makes it clear when despair is near  
And melancholy darkens our head.  
Watch and believe and your mind will relieve  
With joy and illumination instead.*



...and that is why candles are lit.

## REFEREE CADENCE TRAINING SONG

By Joan Lott

*A song to sing when your running around the track while training for that referee test!*

Soccer is a super game,  
 No other sport is quite the same!  
 Cadence count 1...2...3...4, 1...2...3...4  
 I don't know why, but I believe,  
 I want to be a referee...  
 Cadence count, etc.  
 Soccer is the game we do,  
 That means lots of running for me and you.  
 Cadence count, etc.  
 Our association is fierce and mean,  
 They want their refs to be fast and lean.  
 Cadence count, etc.  
 To see those fouls, and to make those calls  
 We have to have lots of guts and gall.  
 Cadence count, etc.  
 The players...they cry and they do shout  
 We look them in the eye and card them out!  
 Cadence count, etc.  
 Coaches are a different crew!  
 But us refs, we know what to do!  
 Cadence count, etc.  
 The assignors job is not an easy lot...  
 But how come we got the game we got???  
 Cadence count, etc.  
 But after the match and we've past the test  
 We feel good...because we did best.  
 Cadence count, etc.  
 The game is over and we give a cheer.  
 Now we can drink that well earned beer!!!!  
 Cadence count, etc.  
 Soccer is "the game" to do...  
 And we're the referees, me and you!!!  
 Cadence count, etc.  
 We don't know why, but we believe,  
 We are happy to be referees!!!  
 Cadence count, etc. 1...2...3...4, 1...2...3...4



## LETTER

### History of my membership in NISOA

Date: June 16,2008 by Chad W. Collins

Mr. Bernabei.

Please allow this to serve as a response to your inquiring about my history of membership with NISOA. Please pardon the formality of my response as getting away from being an attorney can be difficult.

I have been a NISOA member for more than 16 years (possibly 11). I was a charter member of the North Dakota. Chapter of NISOA. The initial clinic was done by Mr. Jewell. I believe that it would have been about 1992 or 1993. Other attendees would have been Robert Siegel (Fargo, NO), Dave Ripley (Bismarck, ND), Larry Schwartz (Bismarck, ND) as well as a few others that are failing my memory.

I was in the USAF from 1991-1998 and in Grand Forks, ND, the entire time (MISSILES!). As soccer was not a burgeoning collegiate sport at this time, there were not a lot of opportunities. Fortunately, I was the young buck of the group and got a majority of the "big" games such as playoffs. I can remember 1996 as being a year that I did my first national tournament playoff game between Jamestown College (ND) and Bismarck Mary College (ND). It was at about this time (1998-1999) that I was the Interim Marketing Director at the University of North Dakota Athletic Department. Let's just say soccer enjoyed more attention than normal.

In any event, I transferred my membership to Minnesota about 1996 to get better game nearer to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Minnesota area. This resulted in many more opportunities. Furthermore, I got to know the assignors and members in this area better. This became more valuable when I decided to attend law school in St. Paul in 1999.

I maintained my membership in Minnesota through my Law School graduation. While at school, I had to curb my appetite for games as studies had to take priority. Nevertheless, I got many games and opportunities doing NCAA Division III first round games as well as NCAA and playoff games. Additionally I got to learn from many wonderful and talented referees such as Sia Rahimi and Jeremy Schroeder.

Finally after graduation in 2004, I returned to my home state of Kentucky. There, I was again embraced and given many opportunities to learn. To that end, Kim Vieira discussed with me the possibility of pursuing a National Referee badge. In 2006, with the support of my fellow referees, I applied and was accepted into the program. This year I will get my National Referee badge at Emory if things proceed as planned.

People like Kim Vieira, Majid Rezaeet and Manny Ortiz (assignors) have recently shown great faith in me and given my great games to learn and become a better referee. For example, I was an assistant referee in a Division I Men's first round match (UL v. Duke) this year. I also got to be an assistant referee in a Women's Division I third round match (IV v. Duke).

In conclusion, please do not take the names that I have mentioned as an attempt to raise my reputation. I simply wanted to make you aware of some of the people that have gone out of their way to allow me to develop as a referee. I have no doubt overlooked many other people.

I expect that I have greatly exceeded what you were looking for in your request. I apologize if I have taken too much of your time. Thank you for your time and patience. I look forward to meeting at Emory next week.

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## CHAPTER NEWS

### Ohio College Officials Honor Roger Phipps with Distinguished Honor Award

The Ohio Collegiate Soccer Officials Association (OCSOA) presented Roger Phipps of Mason, Ohio with The Distinguished Honor Award at its 2008 Annual Rules Meeting.

The award is OCSOA's highest honor given to a member and seeks to recognize that individual who has given of themselves in a unique and broad manner of leadership. More specifically, the individual has demonstrated significant leadership for the Association by providing 10 years of meritorious service, leadership through different service and leadership roles, and dedication to college soccer officiating in general.

A twelve year member of the OCSOA, Phipps is recognized by his colleagues as one who provided effective service for the Association both as a meaningful leader and as a quality official on the field.

In his primary leadership role in the OCSOA, Phipps served for 8 years in one of the most challenging roles, namely that of Association's Game Assigner. In carrying out the responsibility of game assigner, Phipps had the uncomfortable task of attempting to meet not only the expectations of the college soccer coaches but even more demanding the expectation of each official as to their wish for a certain number of games and for certain quality games involving select colleges.

In his "no-win" role as game assigner, Phipps was recognized by his fellow officials as one who fulfilled his assigner's responsibilities in a fair and professional manner.

### Ohio College Officials Honor Bob Forché With Award of Commendation

The Ohio Collegiate Soccer Officials Association (OCSOA) presented Bob Forché of Columbus, Ohio with the Award of Commendation at their 2008 Annual Fall Meeting.

The award is presented annually by the OCSOA to a college official who has made a meaningful contribution in a service role for the Association and demonstrates for a period of five or more years of dedication to college soccer officiating and the Association.

Through his consistent and quality efforts in contributing to college soccer, Bob Forché is recognized by his officiating peers as one who has provided valuable services to his soccer colleagues. For ten years, Forché has effectively contributed to the assessment of Ohio college soccer officials in his role as an OCSOA Chapter Assessor and a certified NISOA National Assessor. In his assessor role, Forché has contributed to the Association's assessment program which has helped to improve the quality of college soccer officiating.

### Capital University's Head Soccer Coach Dwight Burgess Honored By College Soccer Officials

The Ohio Collegiate Soccer Officials Association (OCSOA) presented Dwight Burgess, Head Coach of Men's and Women's Soccer at Capital University with the Coaches Distinguished Merit Award for Excellence in Sportsmanship at their recent 2008 Fall Meeting.

The award represents the highest honor presented by the OCSOA to a college soccer coach and symbolizes excellence in sport in terms of character and game behavior. The award honors that coach who demonstrates the ideals of sportsmanship, fair play and civility as in the NSCAA Code of Ethics and who holds his/her coaching staff and the members of his/her team responsible for reflecting the same fair play ethics as well.

The quality of Coach Burgess' coaching leadership is recognized by his coaching colleagues for his excellence in coaching, his game ethics and knowledge of the game. Recognition received by Coach Burgess from his coaching peers include being selected as the 2007 National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Great Lakes Regional Men's Coach of the Year, the 2006 Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Women's Coach of the Year and the 2005 O.A.C. Men's Coach of the Year.

### Subject: Mike Balson (GA) English History

Some of you may have gotten this awhile back, but for those who didn't it is worth reading, read the family history. We are tearing down Yankee Stadium and the Balson Family has been in business since 1535 and in the same store since 1880!

It is a good read even if you don't buy any BANGERS...

## MORE DOUBLE TROUBLE *by Al Baer (TN)*

I assessed a college game and the young referee did an excellent job performance. After the game we talked about a few points that I thought might be helpful to him. He asked about a situation that occurred across from where I was at that time. A home team player committed a fairly hard foul. A caution would have been a stretch in this calm game. He went toward the play intended to talk to the perpetrator but before he got there the victim gave a slight push in retaliation. The referee's presence ended it there. He chose to warn both players rather than caution.

The referee told me after the match that a home team player asked why he did not caution the retaliation. He was right on with his reply, "If I caution there guy I will also have to caution yours." He could have added that the game is going well now and a caution might provide more harm than good. Cautions given unnecessarily can stir things up.

I never have been a proponent of cautioning both players in a minor confrontation particularly when the actions were not equal as in this situation. In this case the player with the shove did far less damage than the one who fouled. Giving cautions to both players leaves the situation generally unchanged. Taking a minute to talk to both players was more likely to have a positive effect.

Some of the rules in this situation seem contrary to good refereeing. A player commits a bad foul which surely deserves a caution. The victim who is hurting shouts a four letter word at no one in particular. Rules in high school and college require that the cursing get a caution. In this situation the victim ends up in the same shape as the perpetrator. He and many others do not see these as equal action. I understand that the foul language need to be stopped but maybe there is a better way.

There are some circumstances which deserve cards to both players. If you have two players punching each other they both

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## NISOA VISITS CHINA

*by John Van de Vaarst, National Director of Instruction*

For 10 days, Dan Keohane and John Van de Vaarst represented NISOA and visited several cities and areas in China. Mary Van de Vaarst also participated in the trip and provided information about the Auxiliary association and provided information to the Chinese about NISOA in general. This was part of the ongoing NISOA International Exchange Program. Upon arrival in Shanghai, the group was received at the airport by Mr. Sun Run-Xing, Secretary-General, Chinese University Football Association, who with others was holding a large banner that welcomed the delegation from NISOA. During the first full day, Dan, John, and Mary met several dignitaries at a private reception at the China Textile University. After the private reception, a formal seminar was conducted where the Chinese University Football Association presented how they train referees and John presented the NISOA model of instruction. At the commencement of the seminar, gifts were exchanged.

Early in the week, the NISOA group visited Donjou Sports Complex on the campus of Donjou University. While there, they were greeted by Yao Lihua, the Deputy Director of the campus and Chuwu Wu, Vice President. In addition to visiting the facilities, there was an opportunity to speak to several students who were majoring in English and near graduation. This provided the students an opportunity to practice their language skills.

The next stop on the visit was Nan Jng, where Dan, John and Mary climbed 289 steps to see the tomb of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, the individual who led the revolution to remove the Chinese dynasty rule. The next day the group traveled to Huangshen Mountain to ride a cable car to almost 1 mile above sea level and then climb another mile. This site held several Chinese sites and scenes that were explained through an interpreter.

Travel continued to Wuhan and a visited the Crane Tower. A dinner was held with several key soccer officials and discussions on the referee of today and the student athlete occurred. The next day took the group to Three Gorges Dam University and meetings with the President of the University and soccer administrators. Late in the afternoon the group went to the "1st" bend of the Yangshi River and learned about the ancient cultures of China.

The group returned to Three Gorges Dam University to conduct a seminar for the referees assigned to the championship tournament. The group enjoyed viewing the critical incident DVD and learned from it. It was most interesting to prepare for this clinic by teaching the interpreter soccer terms and phrases. That evening, a formal banquet was held with the participating team officials, soccer dignitaries and the vice-president of the university. The following day NISOA was recognized by having the group sits in the dignitary section of the soccer stadium for the opening ceremonies of the championship tournament. Dan, John and Mary were introduced and received a standing ovation.

The trip concluded with an overnight train back to Shanghai and riding the Mag Lev (250 mph) to the airport. Overall the trip provided a great opportunity to exchange information about the collegiate game in the two countries. Several key ideas were exchanged about future meetings and seminars. It is anticipated that there will be a strong working relationship with the Chinese University Football Association in the future. Plans are now under way for the Chinese delegation to visit the United States in 2009. During this visit the delegation will attend the NISOA Training Camp in Elizabethtown College and tour several sites on the East Coast.

## 2007—2008中国大学生足球联赛总决赛



*John and Mary Van de Vaarst, Dan Keohane, at Three River Gorges University with the President of the University between Dan and John, the Secretary General, next to John (on right) of the Chinese University Football Association. The rest are administrators and referees assigned to the university championships.*

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## MORE DOUBLE TROUBLE *cont. from pg. 10*

must go. Or perhaps a player commits a bad foul and you caution the individual. The victim is not satisfied with someone else doing it so the player goes over and retaliates either before or after play starts. If for nothing else the player deserves a caution. Or perhaps, the two players you have just spoken to did not hear you and immediately start at each other.

Perhaps the most troubling of these misconduct situations by opposing players is when the second happens because the referee failed to deal correctly with the first. I saw a situation where a player was vigorously pushed off the field and tumbled down an embankment, the referee only called a foul. The player was uninjured and within 30 seconds retaliated by committing a foul to the other player. He received the caution. I asked would the second foul have occurred if the first player had been cautioned." He agreed it would not have.

Offsetting penalties do not seem to change the course of a game in soccer as they do in American football. Try to find the real trouble maker and get him/her settled down.

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*In Memoriam*

**Dr. Raymond Bernabei**

November 26, 1925 - September 5, 2008

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**From Rosemary Bernabei Rocconi to  
our friends within NISOA** *October 22, 2008*

**IF I ONLY KNEW**

The love and strength and support  
You've always given me  
Were about to end,  
I would run to your side and thank you.  
For the million times you've made a difference.....  
THE difference.....  
In my life.\*

Ray Bernabei made a difference in many lives.

On behalf of my brothers and sister and our extended family, I want to thank each and every one of you for being so kind in sharing your stories and memories of Dad and the impact he made across many miles and many lives. Those thoughts help to keep him alive in our hearts. And your donations to the Foundation Fund keep his dream alive!

He was a giving person. He provided guidance, wisdom and support for many. He helped people to secure jobs, mentored them for growth and offered constructive sugges-

tions for improvement. He never hesitated to help out if you were in financial need – family or friend. He asked in return that you put your family first, do the best you can do every day and if you have nothing nice to say – say nothing at all.

Simple rules to live by.

In the weeks since we lost our Dad, I've had the opportunity to ask plenty of times “Why”? And, many of you have asked – “what happened”? It happened so fast.

He had a pretty aggressive travel schedule over the summer and we thought he was just run down and tired when he was admitted to the hospital with a fever, lacking an appetite and dehydration. After a week of tests they still could not determine the culprit and performed a bone biopsy to “rule out” lymphoma and leukemia. The result was that he was diagnosed with stage 4 - aggressive growing lymphoma that had spread through his bones and into his spleen. Still we had great hope that with six months of chemotherapy that he'd recover and while he may have never made it to age 104 we'd have him for 5 - maybe even 10 more years. As he prepared for the start of chemotherapy (even had a port put in) his spleen became enlarged and began to rupture. Emergency surgery was the only option

and he had a 50/50 chance of surviving the surgery – which he did – with flying colors. About an hour into recovery they informed us that they could not stop the bleeding and that we were going to lose him. The whole ordeal took a total of just 17 days.

You should know that like many of you we had no idea. However we do feel certain that he knew. For how long, who knows? We did find evidence that his family doctor had advised him of blood test results that pointed toward elevated lymphocytes. And he proceeded in typical Ray Bernabei fashion – he researched it on the internet and



found “ways to cure cancer that they never tell you in the hospital”.

Did he know how aggressive his disease was? I think so. He told my brother, Leo “these doctors have no idea how bad this is – but it’s really bad” and he advised – “spend more time with your children”.

Leo shared with us recently these thoughts -

As my father grabbed my arm and pulled me close, just days before his death, his tone was firm and his words well planned. He advised those things a man should know, but could not possibly know, until they are lived. He told me how to raise my sons and love my wife and what to do at certain points in time. He also conveyed to me his deepest wishes for the future of NISOA; as though it were the additional family member, as it was. His wishes were specific and he reiterated them to me and asked for my confirmation of understanding. He told me of his plans prepared for his estate and specific reasons for why he wanted certain distributions certain ways. He held back his tears as he informed me of these reasons and spoke of each of us, his children, very specifically. These last moments of deep discussion are precious to me, too precious and personal to share all specific words exchanged, but I can say this; a man’s character is truly shown in the depth of our existence and at the very loneliest of times, is most vivid. My father’s character, during those last moments of earthly existence, was greater and larger and more giving and more loving and more concerned for his entire family, his children and NISOA, than I could have ever imagined a man’s character to be. It was the most humbling moment of my life to be at the bedside of such greatness. What I learned in those last moments cemented those teachings of dad, that he conveyed to us all of our lives. I would be lucky to have emulated but a hint of his true character by the time I go, but will always remember those last few words and moments together as they will guide how I raise my sons until that time.

And so, when we look back at his schedule and the things he said and did it is evident that he was preparing to leave us.

In just a handful of weeks he was more active than ever - he participated in several soccer trips and meetings and still made sure he attended all of the family functions: Tim & Tara’s engagement party, Mario’s graduation, Dominic’s graduation and joining me in Michigan to receive an award in the same day! He enjoyed celebrating Al’s retirement by attending his party, traveled to Ohio to visit with Beth and

Ray, golfed with Al and his boys on Father’s Day, took the younger grandchildren out for donuts as well as attending to numerous other family needs.

Probably the biggest sign that he knew time was closing in is that he purchased a brick from he and mom at the Soccer Hall of Fame - taking that last opportunity to “cement” the love he had for Rose in a very public last demonstration.

I am convinced he knew and chose to go in his own way - quietly and without any attention or discussion.

He did not want to suffer as Mom did and he did not want to “burden” his family (although we would have taken any measure and extended any energy to keep him with us just as for the 17 days he was hospitalized we surrounded him 24/7!)

I want to thank Dad for providing us with so much.

For the most awesome family and demonstration of family values.

For allowing us to grow our family and friends through NISOA.

For never judging and always listening.

For demonstrating goodness and compassion.

For never questioning a need and always being there with words of wisdom.

For encouraging us to be the best we can be and being supportive when we were not.

Thanks, Dad – I can promise you every day when faced with a challenge or a choice I will remember four words spoken by Ken Andres at the funeral luncheon - “What would Ray do?”

### **IF ONLY I KNEW**

I was about to lose your smile

I would thank you

For all you’ve brought to my life.\*

*\*Excerpts from “IF ONLY I KNEW” by Lance Wubbels*



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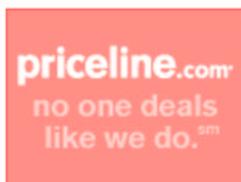
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