

# OACA Newsletter

*Winter 2010* 

#### **DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

#### Dave Johnson, Co-Director

Fall sports are in the record book and we are in the home stretch for winter sports. Time often seems to fly during the active school year. We (OACA) really appreciate the many efforts of our high school coaches. Your role as coach, counselor, organizer, facilitator, fund raiser and the many other duties/responsibilities are appreciated by most. When I was a coach/athletic administrator I always attempted to learn from my mistakes but not dwell (2<sup>nd</sup> guess) too much on the past as I figured most everyone else was doing that anyway.

Our OACA clinics continue to be important and provide a positive professional growth opportunity for our coaches. Our fall **basketball clinic** is outstanding and keeps improving under the guidance of Jerry Hauck, Pat Coons and our OACA office. We hope to continue our involvement with the excellent summer Oregon State University **volleyball clinic** with the help of OACA Board Member Kim McLain. Jim/Mary Wells, our OACA golf sport chairs will be conducting a great **golf clinic** February 15<sup>th</sup>. Our baseball coaches continue to do an outstanding job in conducting their annual **baseball clinic** at Corvallis High School under the direction of Eric Dazey. The baseball clinic is set for February 5-6<sup>th</sup>. Check our website of <u>www.oregoncoach.org</u> for more information on all clinics.

Our annual Nike/OACA football clinic will be held March 5-7, 2010 in Portland again. We have become one of the largest annually held football clinics on the west coast with over 30 outstanding speakers from high schools/colleges/others. We will have top college speakers such as: Lane Kiffin-New USC coach, Greg Schiano-Rutgers, Mike Riley-OSU, Steve Sarkisian-U of W., Paul Wulff-WSU and newly appointed Head Coach at PSU-Nigel Burton. Our football clinic profits help raise funds for our OACA Scholarship program and representation of all sports to the OSAA, OADA and OAOA. You can view clinic information on speakers/schedules/registration on our website of <u>www.oregoncoach.org</u>

"Success isn't something that just happens—success is learned, success is practiced and then it is shared"

—— Sparky Anderson

#### **DIRCETOR'S CORNER**

#### Marv Heater, Co-Director

#### WELCOME 2010, THE START OF A NEW DECADE

The year 2010 brings to us in the fall the start of new decade and the start of the **75th year** for the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association. Our last decade has been good and it has been busy. (Increased membership\*, Insurance Program, Coaches Education Program, OSAA Gold Card Program, Les Schwab All Star Football, Nike Clinic, Volleyball, Basketball and Baseball clinics, great Partnerships with OSAA, OADA and OAOA to mention a few accomplishments), \* Average yearly membership for the decade-- 3000 plus. **Thank you OSAA** for this fine program.

The start of the new decade brings to us many challenges. This school year has the Oregon School Activities Association Championship Committee meeting and tackling some tough issues in developing championship plans for all sports. The challenge is to incorporate changes in our championship structure that will to do more to <u>level the playing field</u>, cost less and allow our many sports teams from 1A to 6A to have positive experiences. We are looking forward to some exciting new programs such as Hybrid Leagues and Power Rankings as well as In-Leagues playoffs. There is lot more work to be accomplished and the Committee is meeting three more times before final recommendations are made to the Board in May. You can be kept up to date on the progress by visiting the OSAA website and, of course, if you have suggestions, you may attend a meeting to present your suggestions.. A special thanks to our OACA Board member **Tony Koontz** for being a part of this hard working committee..

Best wishes to all for a good year and decade ahead! MH

<u>DIRECTORY ERRORS</u>—. OUR APPOLIGIES TO Tom Stein, Portland Lutheran for not listing him as the 1A Boys Track Championship Coach and to Newberg High's Neil Russo for not listing as the 6A Wresting Championship Coach.

REMINDERS- SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY APRIL 1, 2010. Daughters and sons of current OACA members graduating in 2010 are eligible to apply for a \$1000 scholarship. A total of eight awards are given. See page 11 of this newsletter for details.

**REMINDER ALSO--** It is time to nominate a Coach for either an Assistant Coach of The Year Award or for a Mid/ Junior High Coach of the Year. Please see page 11 for details.

### **2009 FALL STATE CHAMPIONS**

#### **Girls Cross Country**

6A Tom Rothenberger, Jesuit – 5A Dave Clark, Summit – 4A Chase Wells, Marist – 3A/2A/1A Joe Volk, St. Mary's

#### **Boys Cross Country**

6A Dave Frank, Central Catholic – 5A Justin Loftus, Crater – 4A Bob Freirich, Henley – 3A/2A/1A Tom DeLong, Nyssa

#### <u>Football</u>

6A Marty Johnson, Sheldon – 5A Ken Ingram, Hillsboro – 4A Frank Geske, Marist – 3A Joe Magill, Amity – 2A Kyle Braa, Scio – 1A Tony Smith, St. Paul

#### **Girls Soccer**

6A Ken Skipper, Jesuit – 5A Bob Welch, Bend – 4A/3A/2A/1A Steve Thomas, Gladstone

#### **Boys Soccer**

6A Eric Johansen, South Salem – 5A John Callahan, Corvallis – 4A Joseph Frimpong, La Salle Prep – 3A/2A/1A Justin Kerr, Oregon Episcopal

#### **Volleyball**

6A Rick Lorenz, Central Catholic – 5A Rosie Honl, Crook County – 4A Diane Bremer, Sisters – 3A Kim McLain, Santiam Christian – 2A Sherrie Bashaw, Blanchet – 1A Jennifer Teeter, Imber

#### PADS FOR AMERICAN SAMOA

Do you have any extra football equipment that could be donated to American Samoa for their Football .Programs? **Coach Randy Traeger, Kennedy High School,** after viewing the "60 Minutes" TV program about football in American Samoa felt that coaches here could help make a difference. Football equipment is badly needed in this small island of 65,000inhabitants. *They love football and are sending more players to the NFL per capita than any place else in the* 

world. <u>But they need help</u>. Please contact **Coach Traeger at Kennedy High School, Mt. An**gel for full details. His email is defense@mtangel.net.

## MaxPreps Oregon Update, by Brandon Bowling

#### .MaxPreps: WHERE WE STAND

#### Coaches,

I would like to take a moment and thank many of you for jumping onboard and utilizing the Max-Preps stat management program! 2009 was huge in regard to coach participation and I'd like to share some very fantastic numbers for you! When MaxPreps got started in Oregon we had less than 60 total teams in the state using the site for the sports we cover on a national scale, today we have 360 plus coaches taking advantage! We have come a long way in a short period of time and our fall season was record setting. Nearly 50% of the Varsity Football Programs in the state took part this year and we were very happy with our growth in Girls Volleyball! Thus far, the winter is off to a huge bang as we have more than tripled our girls participation and almost tripled our boys BBX! Thanks to you taking advantage of the site I am pleased to announce that CBS MaxPreps will be opening SOFTBALL THIS SPRING!! Coaches, this is all because of you the more we get onboard the more sports we will be able to open.

#### New Accomplishments:

- Nearly 50% Coach participation in Football BEST TO DATE
- 350% Coach Growth Since our Start in the State YEAR AND HALF
- Softball Opening This Spring
- AVCA Partnership Player Of The Week
- Sports Illustrated
- Best Winter Season TO DATE

#### MaxPreps: ON THE HORIZON

The OACA Spring Letter will be in the mail very shortly to all Spring Baseball and Softball Coaches. The letter will be coming from Dave and Marv and will include your spring login info! Things are going very well and we look forward to building a solid foundation this spring in softball! In Baseball, we are projecting a breakout year and look forward to getting more teams on-board!

If you have not yet got going with MaxPreps for your varsity team just e-mail me as I would be more than happy to get you started! **bbowling@maxpreps.com** 1-800-329-7324 ext. 162

#### **CONGRATUALATIONS TO SHELDON FOOTBALL TEAM:**

MaxPreps and the Army National Guard will be recognizing Coach Marty Johnson and Sheldon HS on their outstanding season! I will be in Eugene and we will be awarding Sheldon with one of the Army National Guard Tour Stops and award them as one of our Champions! MaxPreps makes stops at the Top 50 Programs in the US and Sheldon is in the elite company of over 1600 teams! Congrats Sheldon! Award will be given in between the JV and Varsity basketball game on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>!





**OREGON ATHLETIC OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION** 

Can You Teach Judgment?

At officiating camps and clinics, I'm often asked, "How do you teach judgment?" I think the more important question is, "Can judgment be taught?"

I believe judgment can be taught. When I first started blowing the whistle, any violation of the rules was a foul or penalty, because those were the first guidelines I received.

Over time, as I saw more plays and worked more games, my philosophy and judgment changed. I started to see gray as well as black and white. I learned to appreciate the spirit and intent of the rules. I learned common sense and preventive officiating. And that's all part of developing good judgment.

I've also learned to trust my instincts....my gut feeling. That's when being lucky is sometimes better than being good. Good judgment is realizing that the best call may be a "no-call." Some situations just play out without any "official" intervention.

Judgment is a learning process that gets better over time. Education, experience and a willingness to improve are key elements in this process.

Jack Folliard, Executive Director Clark Sanders, Associate Executive Director



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#### From The Desk of the Executive Director - Bill Bowers, CMAA

As we begin 2010 and enter into the close of the first semester for the 2009- 2010 school year, we can reflect on some significant changes in the just completed decade. Y2K seems like a distant bad dream. 2000 was a time when email, electronic scheduling, texting all were in the primitive stages. Many athletic directors relied on pagers to get messages. There was no internet access via your phone or pda. Pictures were taken by digital cameras and downloaded to a computer to send a file. Phone trees were common practice for coaches to communicate with players and parents about practice or game changes. And that meant making a call to each player. Oh the days of old!

Coaches and players today text, tweet, use blogs or personal web pages to communicate multiple times a day.

Gone is the four classification system used by the OSAA throughout the 1990's. In its place is a new, (improved - is a word not surely conjured by all), six classification system. As we finish the first four year time block many questions have been asked, some via the judicial system, others simply over a cup of coffee or the family meal table. Some questions have actually been answered, but not to the entire liking of all the schools, coaches, players and fans. The 1A classification had the fewest issues to deal with in the realignment; the old 4A classification had the most. Splitting long standing leagues, some of which had schools in the same district going into two separate classifications, necessitated leagues to draw up new SOP's, league bylaws, design league championship trophies and create new banners for the gyms. As we finish this four year block we again are faced with ever changing issues as the OSAA has modified and changed some of the leagues due to increasing or declining enrollments. While many "older" coaches and fans would like to keep the state championships like they were in the 1990's and earlier, the fact remains, times and priorities have changed in 2010. There are so many choices and opportunities for students, players, parents, and families to choose from for their entertainment time. The days of taking five days off to attend the state basketball tournament is not as common. The added opportunity to attend both a boys and girls tournament on the same week at different sites, really convolute the issue. The overall length of the season is one of major concern to many coaches and administrators at the lower classification level. The overlap of the seasons makes it difficult for the smaller size schools who utilize many multi-sport athletes to begin the next season when their current teams are playing into the championships.

New opportunities are available for coaches to become "certified" by the National Federation of High Schools Coach Education program. Since all coaches in Oregon are mandated to have taken either the NFHS Coach Education or were grandfathered in under the ASEP program, and also must have a current first-aid card, becoming a certified coach requires only one more class from a list including over eight choices available. If you have questions about the benefits of becoming a certified coach, and there are so many great reasons for a coach to Get Certified! Check them out today at <u>www.nfhslearn.com</u>.

National Federation of State High School Associations



## NFHS Coach Certification www.nfhslearn.com

### NFHS Certification Program

Designed to deliver the highest-quality professional development online at an affordable cost, this certification will:

- Help coaches minimize the inherent risks faced by participating students
- Improve the sport experience of participating students
- Recognize coaches nationally
- Develop a sense of personal and professional accomplishment
- Enable coaches to increase liability insurance coverage through membership in the NFHS Coaches Association

## Level 1 – Accredited Interscholastic Coach

- The coach must complete the following courses:
  - NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching
  - NFHS First Aid for Coaches (American Red Cross) or its equivalent
  - Fundamentals of Coaching (Sport-specific) or Teaching Sport Skills

## CLINIC INFORMATION OACA Basketball Clinic Report/ Jerry Hauck

On October 9, the OACA with the cooperation of Tony Dorado and NIKE presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NIKE/OACA Basketball Clinic. The clinic was held at Westview High School. There were 139 coaches in attendance. The clinic featured Kevin Boyle from St. Patrick's High School in New Jersey.

Additionally, there were 8 mini sessions featuring Oregon Boys and Girls coaches. Speakers included: Chris Roche-Wilsonville, Brian Morse-Cascade Christian, Heather Roberts-Canby, Scott Kellar-Century, Cindy Anderson-Wilsonville and Mike Doherty-Oregon City.

The mini sessions were well attended as coaches had the opportunity to hear from successful coaches from around the state and who coach at different levels.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clinic is scheduled for October 8, 2010 at Westview HS. Speaking will again be a nationally prominent high school coach as well as coaches from Oregon high schools and a Division 1 college coach.

Look for more information regarding registration later this school year and also next Fall. As usual, you will be able to register online at the OACA website. Again, a feature of the clinic, for those preregistered, is a trip to the NIKE store. Be sure to pre-register to gain all the benefits of the clinic.

It is special to see so many basketball coaches, boys and girls teams, getting together and sharing ideas. This clinic is very similar to the very successful football clinic held annually in March.

## NIKE/OACA FOOTBALL CLINIC-MARCH 5-7

We have another outstanding group of speakers at our annual Nike coming up soon in March. We encourage our football coaches to get involved as our clinic helps give financial support to our OACA Scholarship program and representation of all sports to the OSAA, OADA and OAOA. We need your support.

We have over 30 speakers from colleges and high schools from all over the U.S. speaking on a variety of topics. Our football clinic is unique in that we have a wide range of speakers that not only present on x's and 0's but other important aspects of football and life. We have sent out two mailings of our brochures to all Oregon High Schools but you can also view our information and register at our website of <u>www.oregoncoach.org</u> Please join us soon as possible and if you need lodging, contact hotel as their rooms are limited.







Working together for a common goal is what teams are all about. In the high school athletic field, the administration, coaches, parents, fans, and students make up a team of one that represents the entire school. It is important to step back and realize that not one person makes up the team but its hundreds of faces and personalities working together. Thousands of games take place every year in this state with rarely an incident and that should be applauded. It's a thank you to every team and every school that cooperates and works together to make an event a positive experience for everyone involved. As seasons conclude and teams make their way to the state championships, it is easy to overlook the incredible cooperation we have in this state. It is not a mistake how the OACA, OADA, OAOA and OSAA work together hand-in-hand to make state championship events a great experience for those involved. That foundation of cooperation is one that is integral for successful events to take place. It is easy to get tied down with the challenges that our schools are facing today but it's important to realize, understand, and appreciate the

relationships we have with each other. As the tides change there is only one way that we are going to make it though it - and that is as a team.

Kyle Stanfield OSAA Staff/Public Relations

#### 2008-09 Fall All-Sports Standings

#### 6A TOP FIVE BOYS

Jesuit 39 Central Catholic 21 Sheldon 18 West Linn 17 South Salem, West Salem 16

#### **3A TOP FIVE BOYS**

Amity 22 Cascade Christian 22 Nysaa, Oregon Episcopal 16 Catlin Gabel 14 Rainier 14

#### **6A TOP FIVE GIRLS**

Jesuit 46 Westview 18 Central Catholic 16 Tualatin 14 South Eugene, Sunset 12

#### **3A TOP FIVE GIRLS**

Catlin Gabel 28 Valley Catholic 27 Santiam Christian 16 Cascade Christian 14 Bandon 12

#### 6A BOYS & GIRLS

Jesuit 85 Central Catholic 37 Sheldon 28 South Salem 27 Westview 23

#### 3A BOYS & GIRLS

Catlin Gabel 42 Cascade Christian 35 Valley Catholic 27 Amity 22 Santiam Christian 21

#### 5A TOP FIVE BOYS

Crater 21 Corvallis 20 Ashland 19 Mountain View 19 Hillsboro 16

#### 2A TOP FIVE BOYS Scio 16 Kennedy 14 Portland Christian 14 Union 14

5A TOP FIVE GIRLS Summit 35 Sherwood 26 Crescent Valley 25 Bend 24 Thurston 23

#### **2A TOP FIVE GIRLS**

St. Mary's 39 Blanchet 16 Salem Academy 14 Weston-McEwen 10 Corbett 8

#### 5A BOYS & GIRLS

Summit 47 Ashland 41 Sherwood 37 Bend 35 Crater 33

#### 2A BOYS & GIRLS

St. Marys 50 Blanchet, Scio 16 (Kennedy, Union, Portland Christian Salem Academy) 14

#### 4A TOP FIVE BOYS

La Salle 26 Henley 16 Marist 16 Phoenix 16 Baker, McLoughlin, Siuslaw 16

#### 1A TOP FIVE BOYS

St. Paul 16 Imbler 14 Southwest Christian 12 Mohawk 11 Triad 11

#### 4A TOP FIVE GIRLS

Marist 35 Sisters 29 Hidden Valley 17 Gladstone 16 Siuslaw 14

1A TOP FIVE GIRLS

Imbler 16 Griswold14 Hosanna 12 Mckenzie 10 Crane 8

#### 4A BOYS & GIRLS Marist 51 Sisters 41

Siuslaw 28 Henley 26 La Salle 26

#### 1A BOYS & GIRLS

Imbler 30 St. Paul 19 SW Christian 15 Griswold 14 Crane 13

#### "The strength of the group is the strength of the leaders" —Vince Lombardi

#### YEARS OF SERVICE

We will be honoring those coaches who have coached for 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 years at our May 29, 2010 Award Banquet. We need to hear from you if you fall into one of these above categories. Please check for your name at **www.oregoncoach.org** under *Coaches Award*. Email us at: **suzette@wvi.com** if your name is not on the list. We receive this information from our member's application form he/she submits.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

The OACA annually awards eight scholarships to sons and daughters of OACA members. Completed scholarship applications, including a copy of the student's transcript and two letters of recommendation, are due April 1, 2010. Scholarship applications will be reviewed by the OACA Executive Board, who will evaluate applications in the areas of academics, athletic participation, honors, school activities and out-of-school activities. Online applications can be found at **www.oregoncoach.org** under *Scholarships*. If you have any questions, please call the office at 503-399-9132 or email: **suzette@wvi.com**.

The following is a Nomination Form to be used for either **OREGON ASSISTANT COACH or for JUN-IOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR**. If you would like to nominate someone please fill out the enclosed form and mail it to: OACA, 3295 Triangle Dr., Suite 100, Salem, OR 97302

ASSISTANT <u>or</u> JR. HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL COTY Deadline: April 1, 2010	
Name:	Nomination by:
School:	Name:
Address:	School:
City/St./Zip:	Position:
Nominee Information: Years in coaching:	Years at current: Sports Coached:
• Should have a m	oulsy have been a head coach in the past 5 years. inimum of 10 years experience as an assistant coach. dation from an athletic director, principal or head coach.
<b>RETURN TO:</b> Oregon Athletic Coaches Association 3295 Triangle Dr., Suite 100 Salem, OR 97302	

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

New to our Newsletter is a section on our past OACA Scholarship winners. If you have a son or daughter who was a Scholarship winner or are a past winner yourself, we would love to hear from you. Send all inquiries to: *suzette@wvi.com* 

**<u>Ryan Hadden</u>**, is the son of Kary Hadden (OACA Past President) and a graduate of Sprague High School, Ryan was a recipient of the OACA Scholarship in 2005-06. Ryan is now a pre-med student at OSU where he is maintaining a 4.0 GPA and has been on the Dean's List.

Ryan "walked on" and made the football team. He was on the scout team when he suffered a knee injury. Two operations later he is now just a student, but loved the opportunity to play for Coach Riley and the Beavers.

**Joey August**, is the son of Kathy and Bill August and a graduate of South Salem High School. Joey was the recipient of the OACA Scholarship in 2004-05. Joey graduated from Stanford University in June 2009 and played 4 years of baseball there and went to the College World Series his junior year.

Joey was drafted in June 2009 by the New York Mets and played Single A Long Season in Georgia for the Savannah Knats this past summer. He will be leaving for spring training at the end of February.

<u>Aaron Haugen</u>, is the son of Amy and Terry Haugen and a graduate of South Salem High School. Aaron received the OACA Scholarship in 2003-04. Aaron attended Linfield College from 2004-08 and played baseball his freshman year. During his Sophomore thru Senior years he was an assistant baseball coach at Linfield. He graduated in 2008 with his teaching degree and his license in Social Studies and later picked up additional endorsements in Math and Health Education.

Aaron taught at North Salem High School during the 2008-09 school year in a temporary position until the his job was terminated due to the economy. He also coached JV Football and Freshman Baseball at South Salem High School. Aaron is currently working on his masters in Social Studies at WOU and substitute teaching in the Salem-Keizer School District. He is also a member of the Salem Basketball Officials Association and is looking for a JOB!!





## DO YOU KNOW A CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINER THAT DESERVES TO BE RECOGNIZED ?

Does your Athletic Trainer do a superb job of supporting the athletic programs and athletes?

Do you have a specific story of how an Athletic Trainer helped an athlete back onto the court/field?

Did you have emergency situation that the Athletic Trainer handled?

## **NOMINATE THEM!**

## NOMINATION CRITERIA:

- ➢ The individual works in a high school, college, or clinic setting
- The individual has performed in a way that you feel needs to be recognized by their peers
- ➢ The individual is certified through the National Athletic Trainers' Association

## SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS:

Please e-mail the following information to the committee chair at <u>kmehlho@hotmail.com</u>

- 1. Name of the Athletic Trainer
- 2. School or Clinic they work at
- 3. A description of why you feel they deserve recognition. This could

Sponsored by The Oregon Athletic Trainers Society Honors & Awards Committee.







## Preventing Injuries and Optimizing Performance in Young Athletes: What You Need to Know

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Slocum Sports Injury Clinic for Coaches

Slocum Center for Orthopedics and Sports Medicine March 13, 2010 at 8am

#### Schedule

8:00-8:05- Introduction- Michael C. Koester, MD. ATC 8:05-8:25- What You Need to Know About Concussions- Koester 8:25-8:45- What You Need to Know About Sideline Emergencies- Laura Baker, MS, ATC 8:45-9:15- What You Need to Know About Nutrition for Athletes- Jessica Wilson, MS, RD 9:15-9:25- Q&A Session 9:25-9:35- Break 9:35-9:55- What You Need to Know About ACL Injury Prevention- Julie Embree, PT 9:55-10:25- What You Need to Know About the Basics of Strength Training- Ricky Rodriguez, ATC, CSCS 10:25-10:55- What You Need to Know About Core Conditioning: Getting the Most from Limited Equipment- Julie Embree, PT 10:55-11:05- Q&A Session 11:05-11:10- Break 11:10-11:30- What You Need to Know About Sorting Out Owie's from Injuries: Who Needs to See a Doctor?- Koester 11:30-11:50- What You Need to Know About Nutritional Supplements and Performance Enhancing Drugs- Lisa Pomranky, MD 11:50-12:00- Q&A Session

Please join us for this unique and informal opportunity to learn about common athletic injuries and conditions. In addition to the scheduled lecture format there will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions of some of the region's leading sports medicine experts.

There is no fee for this course and a continental breakfast and snack will be provided. Please see the map on the following page for directions to the Slocum Center.

To ensure that we have enough course materials, seating, and snacks, please reply to <u>Michael.koester@slocumcenter.com</u> if you plan on attending.

#### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Sponsors are a very important part of our organization. They provide funds for us to keep our membership at a lower rate, which includes liability (\$1 million) and other important benefits. MaxPreps, Gatorade and Neff are our 3 financial top sponsors. We also appreciate the support of Prime Time Sports, Wilson/OSAA and the vendors that display at our clinics.

**GATORADE** does a wonderful job of contributing funds to our Oregon Athletic Coaches Association and offers many reduced purchase programs through our web site at <u>www.oregoncoach.org</u>. Please support Gatorade by using their products.

**PRIME TIME SPORTS** owned by **John McCallum and Gerrit Wood** also contribute funds to the OACA and do a great job in management of the Les Schwab Bowl. This game features 5A/6A football All-Stars from Oregon High Schools. The OACA is involved in the selection of the coaches who in turn select the players. Prime Time Sports manages the game/teams while the players/coaches stay in the Portland area.

We also appreciate the support of **WILSON ball** products and the **OSAA** as they provide the many door prize gifts at our annual OACA Coach of The Year Banquet.

**MaxPreps** joined us last year as an excellent sponsor. **Brandon Bowling** has worked hard to get schools involved in an outstanding athlete and team recognition program. Most all high schools in California and several other states are now using this site. We would like to encourage all Oregon coaches to get involved with this program. They provide significant funds to us (OACA) so that we can offer 8 \$1000 each year to graduating children of our members along with many other benefits. Look at the web site at **www.maxpreps.com** and contact Brandon Bowling, **bbowling@maxpreps.com**. This technology is the way to enhance your teams stats and highlight your team and players.

**Neff Company** with **Steve Hunker** provided all of our plaques for our 2008-09 annual Coach of the Year Banquet held again in Eugene this past May. The plaques were outstanding and added to the class of our banquet. We appreciate Steve and Neff for stepping forward to help support our Oregon Athletic Coaches Association. Please consider Neff for your needs. **www.neffco.com** You can reach Steve at **shunker@neffco.com**.







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