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President's Update

North Carolina Athletic Trainers'

My thoughts:

The extremely hot and dry fall season is behind us and as most of us are transitioning to our winter (yea!!) indoor season. I want to thank each of you for the job that you do, day in and day out. Athletic Trainers' are special people with at times difficult schedules, demanding coaches and athletes. I try to keep it all in perspective. I have days that I wonder if I should be fighting these battles with my coaches, athletes and parents that don't understand. There are times that I seem to be the only one that is protecting them from themselves. Mark Laursen, my best friend who is at the University of South Carolina told me recently, "Athletic Trainers' don't hurt people". I lean on Mark's wisdom and advice. Personally, I enjoy each and every football season. I like it when it starts and I am relieved when it is over. Enough said!!



Mark White, LAT, ATC

Board Happenings:

The NCATA BOD recently met in October and several things came out of the meeting. The BOD decided to discontinue its' sponsorship of the High School Symposium for Students. After much discussion over several meetings and research, the board voted unanimously to end our oversight of this program. I want to thank Randy Pridgen and his staff for all the years of service as the NCATA's director of this long running program. The BOD heard from James Shipp, CUAT committee chairman and has given its' support for a CUAT workshop this summer. Look for more information as this workshop develops. The finishing touches are being completed for our Annual Symposium and Business Meeting set for March 7-9, 2008 at the Holiday-Inn Sunspree in Wilmington. You will be receiving a post card from Mike Guerrero just after the holiday season outlining registration information and deadlines. I hope that you will make plans to attend our state meeting. In addition to that I want to remind you of elections and award nominations for the upcoming term. Nominations for officers opened on November 1st and will close on December 1st. Nominations for awards open December 1st and close January 1st. You can read more about our elections and award processes in the Vice-Presidents message in this newsletter. You can also review procedures on our website at www.ncathletictrainer.org.

As the holiday season draws near make time to be with your family and friends. The time you spend with them is invaluable. That athletic training room, field, court or office will be there when you get back. Have an outstanding holiday season.

All the best,
Mark

Message from the Vice-President

Scott Barringer, M.Ed., LAT, ATC, CAA

With the fall sports season beginning to wind down, I hope everyone has had a successful one with potential playoff berths. As the new year, 2008, is about to arrive, it will be a very important year facing the leadership of the NCATA. There will be a number of important positions to fill in our organization as you will see listed below. Please get involved in your NCATA organization by nominating qualified individuals to lead this organization forward.

The NCATA Election of Officers will open on November 1st and close on December 1st. NCATA members are encouraged to nominate persons interested in running for several available offices. In this election cycle the executive board officers of President and Secretary will be open. There will be election of 4 district directors on districts 2, 4, 6 and 8. In addition to those offices there are 3 At-Large positions holding elections. Those positions are to be filled by a secondary school Athletic Trainer, a college/university Athletic Trainer and a clinical/industrial Athletic Trainer.

Nominations for all offices can be sent to Mark White, current NCATA President at tee2green@triad.rr.com. Those persons nominating individuals please make sure that the nominee is willing to run. Nominations need to be made by email prior to December 1st.

Nominations for NCATA awards will open on December 1 and close on January 1. If you know of someone that you feel deserves recognition check the NCATA website for the criteria that surrounds each award. Send those documents to the individual that is responsible for collecting those nominations. The NCATA also has three college/university scholarships available. Again check the website for this information.

Finally, I would like to personally say "Thank You" to Mark White for his dedicated leadership over the last two terms as our President of the NCATA.

I sincerely hope you have a safe and rewarding winter sports season. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me via email scbarring@cabarrus.k12.nc.us or phone 704-262-6185.

NCATA Logo Apparel for Christmas

Anyone interested in NCATA Christmas Apparel needs to contact Erik Stubblefield at stubbatac@hotmail.com by November 18th. DryFit shirts and Vests are available for Christmas delivery. Cost for the shirts are \$40 and vests are \$60. Shipping is included and proceeds go toward the college/university scholarships. Contact Erik today and show your support for the NCATA and the scholarship fund.

12th Annual Triangle Sports Medicine Symposium

The 12th annual Triangle Sports Medicine Symposium will be held Saturday, December 1, 2007 from 7:30 am - 4 pm at the American Institute of Health and Fitness in Raleigh, NC. Cost for the symposium is \$40/\$25 for students. This fee includes lunch. Registration is due by 11/24/07. The course has been approved for 6 CEU credits. Please direct all registration inquiries to:

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19th Annual Cabarrus County Sports Medicine Symposium

The Cabarrus County Sports Medicine Symposium will be held January 19, 2008, at the Cabarrus Medical Center - Northeast in Concord, NC. Cost of the Symposium is \$30 and attendees will be awarded 6 CEU's. For more information, contact Scott Barringer, M.Ed., ATC, CAA at 704-262-6185 (office) or sbarring@cabarrus.k12.nc.us.

Ken Brown Appointed New Chair of Secondary School Committee

Ken Brown, LAT, ATC, Head Athletic Trainer at Panther Creek High School, has been selected and approved as Scott Barringer's replacement to chair the NCATA Secondary School Committee. Brown is in the process of soliciting help both from those within the athletic training community as well as those in related professions "as we, together, shape the future of athletic training in our state's secondary schools". We would like to, first of all, extend a hearty "thank you" to Scott for his years of service not only to the NCATA, but particularly for his service as Chairman of the NCATA Secondary School Committee.

Ken Brown, "Doc" as students have come to know him, is beginning his nineteenth year in the secondary school setting. He also brings 7 years additional experience as an athletic trainer at the collegiate level. Athletic training has been his passion since a high school sophomore. Ken realizes that one person's experience alone is not enough as we propagate our profession. He solicits input, therefore, from those interested as we explore the various models utilized in providing athletic training services to our secondary school student athletes. It is also necessary that we remain vigilant by policing our profession assuring that only those licensed individuals refer to themselves as "athletic trainers". "I am honored and appreciate the confidence extended to me by my colleagues in being selected as the new Chairman for the Secondary School Committee", states Ken. "Our focus remains clear," he commented, "every high school student athlete deserves and every parent expects the services of a certified licensed athletic trainer."

NCATA Exhibits at the State School Board Association Conference

This past week the NCATA exhibited at the North Carolina School Board Association Conference in Greensboro. Mark White, Ray Davis, Bill Griffin and B.C. Charles-Lipscomb greeted county delegates and representatives across parts of North Carolina. Most delegates were aware of the jobs Athletic Trainers' performed but were very interested in how to employ Athletic Trainers' in their secondary schools. All delegates realized the need but funding those positions was an issue.



Mark White, Bill Griffin and Ray Davis (taking picture) with State School Board Association conference attendee Debra Watts, Administrative Assistant with the Alexander County School System.

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