

# Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association

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**CLINIC MARCH 10-11:** One month until the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Tenth Annual Clinic. We hope you have made your plans to attend and bring the team along, the assistant coach, and the coach "down the road" with you. Enclosed you will find a brochure about the speakers, topics, times, etc.. Show it to your Athletic Director, Principal, and Superintendent, and make sure you get the day off to attend the weekend of baseball. They might want to come along!

**BANQUET TICKETS:** Enclosed you will find a card to return so we can make a reservation for you for the Friday banquet and noon lunch on Saturday. Fill it out and mail it back with your check covering your Clinic fees. Admission to the Clinic will be \$11.00 for members this year. It will include all meals and the opportunity to hear many top-notch speakers. If you are not a member of the association it will cost you \$16.00 in advance for the clinic. This will include your membership. High school student rates are \$4.00 for full clinic or \$2.50 per day. If they want to eat the meals, it will cost the student \$11.00.

Remember, if you are not a member of the coaches association by March 1, 1978, the clinic will cost you \$18.50. Make your check payable to the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association. We will only order as many meals and noon lunches as we have paid reservations.

**HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCED:** Enclosed you will find the press release of the 1978 Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. A brief history follows each man's name. Not only will we honor Hall of Fame, but coaches who have served over 15 years, College Coach of Year, High School District Coaches of Year and High School Coach of Year. We hope you all are planning to attend and help honor these people.

**NEW DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:** In the November-December Newsletter you received a ballot to elect your new district representatives. Enclosed in the brochure you will find the winners in the different districts. Congratulations to the winners. The new directors will take office March 10, 1978 at the Annual General Meeting. They should plan to attend the Board of Directors meeting on March 9, 1978 at 7:30 p.m., and participate in the meeting Friday morning and the General Meeting at 10:30 a.m., Friday. The alternates should attend also to voice their opinions on topics of discussion. The alternate will have a vote if one of the elected representatives is absent or cannot vote. Each district will have two votes.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN--**You should call your committee meetings for 8:30 a.m., Friday morning, March 10.

**OFFICER ELECTION:** The officers will be voted on at the Annual meeting of all membership in attendance to be held Friday morning, March 10, 1978, at 10:30 a.m.. The nomination committee, made up of past presidents, will present a slate of officers for the members to elect. The new officers will take office at this meeting.

**BROCHURE ENCLOSED:** The typesetting of the brochure you have in this letter has been donated to us for the fourth straight year by Marv Howsare. Marv is an umpire in the Cedar Rapids Area and this is his donation to the baseball coaches association. If you see Marv around the clinic, give him a big thank you.

**200 WIN CLUB:** Enclosed you will find the names of coaches who have won over 200 games. These coaches will receive a certificate for their accomplishment. We have four different clubs--The 200,300,400 and a 500 win club. The coaches whose names are underlined will receive a certificate. If your name does not appear on this list, please contact the Executive Secretary and inform him of your record. This must be done before March 1, 1978 in order for you to receive your certificate.

**SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS:** Midwest Sports Center, Eby's Sporting Goods, Cedar Rapids Sports and the Gym Bag will appreciate your visit to their booths during the clinic. You will see their ad in the program once again. Other advertisers that will be at the Clinic once again are: Curve Master, Hogan's Sporting Goods, Pepsi Cola Company, G.M. Baseball Company, Pinckard Baseballs, Maxwell's Steel Drag, Iowa Sports Supply, Wilson Company, and many others. These people are helping offset the cost of the Clinic with their ads and support. Also a big thank you to Gene DeCosse of the Wilson Sporting Goods Co. for letting us hear Lefty Gomez.

**HELP BY I.H.S.A.A.:** The Iowa High School Athletic Association is planning on helping once again on the expenses for the clinic instructional staff. They have contributed over the past 10 years. Without this help our clinic would not be possible. A real thank you is due the I.H.S.A.A. for their help. A letter to Mr. Saggau and the Board of Control by you baseball coaches would be appreciated. Do your part!

**RESERVATIONS:** It is recommended that you get your reservations in early if you plan to stay overnight. Enclosed you will find a reservation request card for Holiday Inn. I have talked to the Inn people and they all think it is important for you to get your reservations early. These are the places to call:

Holiday Inn, Williams Blvd. S.W.	319-365-9441
Howard Johnsons, Highway 30 West	319-363-8101
Town House Motor Inn, 1st Ave. S.E.	319-362-3131
Roosevelt Royale, Downtown, C.R.	319-364-4111
Ramada Inn, 5560 6th St. S.W.	319-366-7721
Village Inn, 100 F Ave. N.W.	319-366-5323
Shearton Motor Inn, 525 33 Ave. S.W.	319-366-8671

**NIGHT CAP:** After the Friday banquet all coaches, umpires, fans will meet at the Holiday Inn for an evening "night cap". Plan on this "off the cuff" get together. This is all baseball talk. Many "big" stories are told here. Over the years this has been one of the high lights of the clinic. Many friendships are renewed at this get together. "There also will be a hospitality room on Thursday, March 9th."

**CLINIC GROWTH:** You might be interested in the growth of the Clinic over the years. Here are some figures that will show the growth of our Clinic.

1969-160 1970-195 1971-264 1972-420 1973-430 1974-465 1975-500  
1976-530 1977--780

We would like to break our record this year. With Lefty Gomez, Bill "Moose" Skowron, Jerry Lumpy, Lindy McDaniel, Larry Wallin, Ron Oestrike, Dick Birmingham, Jim Mahoney, I feel we will do it for the 10th consecutive year. We want you to be part of the record.

**RON KLEIN, NATIONAL COACH OF YEAR:** At the 34th Annual A.A.C.B.C. Clinic Convention, Ron Klein of New Trier East High, Winnetka, Ill. was named

National Coach of Year. Ron has coached 18 years at New Trier. His overall record is 350 wins & 211 losses. He has won championships (state) in 1967-68 and 74. Four districts and 1 regional. Summer State Champions in 66 and 68. Came in second in 73. He has five boys presently playing pro ball and 13 playing college baseball. Ron is past president of the Ill. baseball coaches association and currently on the board of directors.

**COLLEGIATE BASEBALL:** An excellent paper for baseball coaches, you may subscribe now by sending \$6.00 to Collegiate Baseball, P.O. Box 50566, Tucson, Ariz. 85703. This paper has many stories, and photos that baseball coaches can use in their program. This paper is the voice of the A.A.C.B.C. and the High School Baseball Coaches. If you are not a member of the A.A.C.B.C. you may send your dues to Les Miller, Baseball Coach, Chicago Circle, Chicago, Ill.

**PINKY PRIMROSE, NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CHAIRMAN OF A.A.C.B.C.:** At the 1978 Clinic Convention in Atlanta January 4-7, Pinky Primrose, Executive Secretary of the Coaches Association was named chairman of the high school division of the A.A.C.B.C. for the fourth consecutive year. His main duties are to appoint committees, District Chairman, State Chairman, present the 25 year plaques, The District Coaches of the Year, The National Coach of the Year and select the ALL AMERICAN TEAM. Coach Primrose also represented the high school coaches on the executive board of the A.A.C.B.C.

**WIVES ARE WELCOMED:** The coaches wives are welcomed to the 1978 Clinic. They can do a lot of shopping, attend some sessions, and come listen to one of the country's great dinner speakers Lefty Gomez. Bring her along and have a good week end!

**LONGEVITY AWARDS:** The following coaches will be receiving their longevity plaques at the Awards Banquet.

- 25 YEAR AWARD: Jerry Eimers, Dike; Chuck Wolever, St. Albert, Council Bluff  
John Manson, Ringsted  
20 YEAR AWARD: Estel Alexander, Hubbard, Bill Freese, Davenport Central  
Jerry Shinn, Waterloo West; Albert Sutton, Emmetsburg  
15 YEAR AWARD: Babe Harder, Marshalltown Comm. College; Ken Dohse, Davenport West; John Pierick, Manson; DeLoss Smith, Ralston, Neb.;  
Dallas Kray, Story City

In order to receive the Longevity Award a Coach must be a member of the Association at least three consecutive years. A coach can buy back his year

**GOOD COACHING BOOKS:** The Complete Baseball Play Book, by Jim Trainor, Doubleday & Co. Inc. Garden City N.Y. 1972 copy Written by a high school Coach for High School Coaches & players. 336 pages, 175 photos.

Litwhiler, Daniel, Baseball, 1967, Prentice-Hall

Dick Siebert and Otto Vogel, Baseball, 1973 World Pub.

Mel Didier, Power Baseball: Dynamic Techniques of winning, 1973, Prentice-H

Johnny Bench, Catching and Power Hitting, 1975 Viking Press

Ted Williams, The Science of Hitting, 1971, Simon and Schuster

Jim Brosnan, Ron Santo---3b, 1974 Putnam

The COACHING AND TEACHING AIDS COMMITTEE OF THE A.A.C.B.C. has published a Bibliography of All Baseball Books and Films.

## 500 AND OVER WIN CLUB

Vince Meyers, Bancroft 1,000 wins plus  
George Thompson, Cedar Rapids (Retired)  
Harold "Pinky" Primrose, Cedar Rapids Washington

## 400 AND OVER WIN CLUB

Vern Bredeson, Cedar Rapids Jefferson (Retired)  
Fred "Zebe" Larson, Waterloo West (Retired)  
Elmer Starr, Mason City (Retired)  
Dick Wagner, Burlington (Retired)  
Dennis Olejniczak, Decorah

## 300 AND OVER WIN CLUB

Buck Cheadle, Pekin Packwood (Retired)  
Ron Clinton, Creston  
Pat Daugherty, Indian Hills Comm. College  
James Denner, Waverly-Shell Rock  
Bill Freese, Davenport Central  
Gene Hannon, Bedford  
Bernie Hutchison, Red Oak  
Jim Kloewer, Stuart-Menlo  
Jarold Lister, North Tama  
Orval Madden, Floyd Valley (Retired)  
Ed McNeil, Fort Dodge  
Bill Murphy, Aurora (Retired)  
Bill Sapp, Boone  
Tom Stahle, Sergeant Bluff-Luton

## 200 AND OVER WIN CLUB

Dale Alderson, Meridan-Cleghorn (Retired)  
Vic Belger, Rockwell City  
Estel Alexander, Hubbard  
Keith Christie, Algona  
G.Kent Folsom, Dysart (Retired)  
Jerry Ford, Lone Tree  
Bruce Harvey, Calmus  
Terry Heald, M.F.L. Monona  
Bill Holmstrom, Clinton (Retired)  
Jim Jagim, Valley West Des Moines  
Roy Jessen, T.J. Council Bluffs (Retired)  
Bill Lehr, Clinton (Retired)  
Bob Locker, Lincoln Des Moines  
John Manson, Ringsted  
Don Miller, Assumption Davenport  
Don Mauro, Dowling West Des Moines  
Robert Miller, Rock Valley  
Dan(Bill)Moore, Council Bluffs (Retired)  
Jim Opoein, Ruthven  
Earnest Oppermann, Wartburg College  
Byron Rhodes, Beamon-Conrad  
Al Sutton, Emmetsburg  
Gene Schultz, Kee High Lansing  
Marv Thelen, Remsen St. Marys  
Jim Van Scoyoc, Norway  
Chuck Wolever, St. Albert Council Bluffs (Retired)

SCHOOL	UMPIRE FEES			BASEBALL SALARY		DESIRED GAMES		
	SINGLE	DOUBLEHEADERS	JV& SOP	HEAD	ASST.	VARSITY	JV.	SOPH.
Burlington	\$	\$22.50						
Cedar Rapids	\$ 15.00	30.00	12.50	\$ 1,496.00	980.00	36	20	20
Ames	17.50	27.50	1/2	1,350.00	750.00	35	18	20
St. Edmond Fort Dodge	15.00	25.00	15.00	900.00	450.00	32	20	15
Hampton	15.00			900.00	350.00	17		12
Fort Dodge	15.00	25.00	12.00	1,150.00		30	18	
Hoover Des Moines	15.00	25.00	15.00	1,170.00		26	4	22
Valley Wes Des Moines	15.00	25.00	15.00	1,550.00	945.00	30	20	20
Urbandale	15.00	25.00	15.00	1,200.00		38	36	
Washington	15.00	22.00		1,100.00		33	8	
Jefferson	18.00		7.00	1,150.00	700.00	30	22	
Algona	20.00		20.00	1,464.00	915.00	30		20
Waverly-Shell Rock	12.50		5.00	1,200.00	650.00	30	15	10
Marion	14.00	28.00	12.00	1,285.00	830.00	40	25	25
C.R. Prairie	15.00	27.50	12.50	1,500.00	850.00	35	12	25
Maquoketa	13.00	25.00	12.00	960.00	540.00	35	18	18
Nevada	15.00	30.00	12.50	860.00	600.00	35	20	20
Grinnell	20.00	25.00	15.00	1,150.00	800.00	30	25	20
Council Bluffs	15.00	30.00	12.50	1,400.00	700.00	40	30	
Corning	25.00	45.00	25.00	840.00	520.00	30	30	30
Decorah	10.00	20.00	10.00	1,700.00		45	5	35
Dubuque	15.00	27.50	12.50	1,410.00	912.00	35	5	25
Pleasant Valley	18.00	26.00		1,000.00		12		
Eldridge	15.00		12.50	990.00	792.00	30		20
Bettendorf	15.00	30.00	12.50	1,386.00	891.00	35	22	18
Beton Community	17.50	25.00	7.50	1,400.00		44	20	
Mason City				1,000.00		33	10	30
Muscatine	20.00	40.00	12.00	1,350.00	650.00	40	20	30
Fort Madison		25.00		800.00		40		26
Davenport	15.00	30.00	15.00	1,800.00	1,330.00	45		25
Iowa City	15.00	30.00		1,200.00		28		18
Beaman-Conrad	20.00	25.00	15.00	1,325.00	600.00	30	15	15
N.E.S.C.O.	20.00	30.00	10.00	850.00		18		
Grundy Center	15.00			750.00		25		10
Clarinda	18.50	25.00		1,200.00	750.00	30	20	
Burlington Notre Dame		25.00		896.00	603.00	36		28
New Sharon	17.50	25.00		1,000.00		28	15	15
Osage	17.50	25.00	7.50	800.00	500.00	25		30
North Linn	14.00			600.00		25	15	5
Postville				560.00		20		10
Nashua	15.00	25.00		1,200.00	500.00	30	20	20
Moulton-Udell	15.00	25.00		250.00		15		5
Iowa Valley	12.50	25.00	12.50	700.00		30	15	
M.F.L. Monona	15.00	25.00	5.00	1,368.00		40	16	
Belle Plaine	17.50	25.00	10.00	700.00	525.00	35	15	15
Guthrie Center	15.00	25.00		760.00		20		8
Corydon	15.00	25.00		632.00		30	12	12
St. Ansgar	22.50			7% of base		30	15	15
Panora-Linden	10.00	20.00	10.00	1,100.00		36	15	15
Rockwell City	12.00	20.00		900.00		30	15	15
Somers	15.00	22.50		1,080.00		24	16	16

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## NEWS RELEASE

TO BE RELEASED FEBRUARY 1978

Written by Tait Cummins

CEDAR RAPIDS: (Special) Six new names will be added to the Hall of Fame of the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association at its annual clinic banquet in Cedar Rapids March 10.

Alphabetically, the new members are Umpire Art Fish of Story City, Coach-Umpire Connie Goodman of Fort Dodge, Umpire Mel Happel of Victor, Umpire Mel Martens of Alden, Coach Tom Vincent of Council Bluffs and Coach Dick Wagner of Burlington, who was National High School "Baseball Coach of the Year" in 1975.

Of special interest is the presence of four umpires in the 1978 class, continuing a practice of honoring baseball figures whose contribution to the sport has covered the complete spectrum of players, coaches, scouts, umpires, counseling and providing leadership for the baseball playing youngsters of Iowa. Thumbnail sketches of the new members follow:

ART FISH has umpired 45 years and is still active in baseball, softball and as a track official. A 1926 high school graduate at Maxwell where he later was a U.S. mail carrier, he may have worked more state finals baseball tourneys than any other umpire. He also umpired in the Big Eight and served as softball umpire in the girls state finals from 1955 until injured by a pitch in the 1974 meet.

CONNIE GOODMAN brings a background of more than 30 years of baseball umpiring into the Hall of Fame, spending as much time studying the rulebook as on the field. He also served as football and basketball official and is recognized statewide as a track starter. An educator and coach, Goodman gained prominence at Bronson, Alta, Nevada and Fort Dodge as a basketball coach. He attended Simpson and Morningside, now holding lifetime membership in the N.E.A. I.S.E.A. and F.D.E.A..

MEL HAPPEL has umpired since 1946 with 13 state tournament finals to his credit prior to enforced retirement in 1972 due to heart trouble. He also umpired for seven colleges in Iowa, plus several junior colleges. As a player at Van Horne high school, Happel laid the groundwork for a brilliant semi-pro career which he coupled with volunteer service to the Pony league program at Van Horne and for the Van Horne high school team during several summers when no coach was available. He played semi-pro baseball in Van Horne and Cedar Rapids for almost 20 years.

MEL MARTENS enters the Hall of Fame with the amazing background of 18 state finals in baseball and 19 sub-states since he first started his umpiring career in 1951. In several years he drew two state finals, coupled with a sub-state. In one season, he umpired three state meets, spring, summer and fall. His contribution as an educator at Alden matches his umpiring

TOM VINCENT contributed a spectacular 315 wins, 93 losses, 2 ties and a 1973 state championship to the baseball record book at Council Bluffs Tee Jay high school. He came to that Iowa school off a successful Nebraska and Omaha Metro background which enabled him to make a vast contribution to the lives of the boys he coached at Tee Jay. He sent numerous players on to college baseball, some getting pro shots.

DICK WAGNER is the only Iowa baseball coach to be twice honored as coach of the year. This is no surprise in the light of his record of 393 wins against 86 losses at Cantril, Deep River, Wayland and Burlington. His teams have made seven state tournament trips, winning twice and finishing second in three others. His Burlington teams have never lost a sectional tourney and he has coached 13 different all-state players and two Junior College All-Americans. He was the first Iowa Coach to have "bat girls", first to have a self-supporting baseball program financially, first to operate 'big' schedules for summer, first to introduce new uniforms styles, first to have night baseball for high school teams and numerous other interesting innovations. He's umpired 16 state girls softball tournaments served as TV commentator for IPBN network coverage of state baseball finals twice and has found time to serve youth baseball in Burlington in many ways. And to think, he's only 43.

Cut out and return with your pre-registration fees

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## Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association

### 1978 Clinic Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Years Coached \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

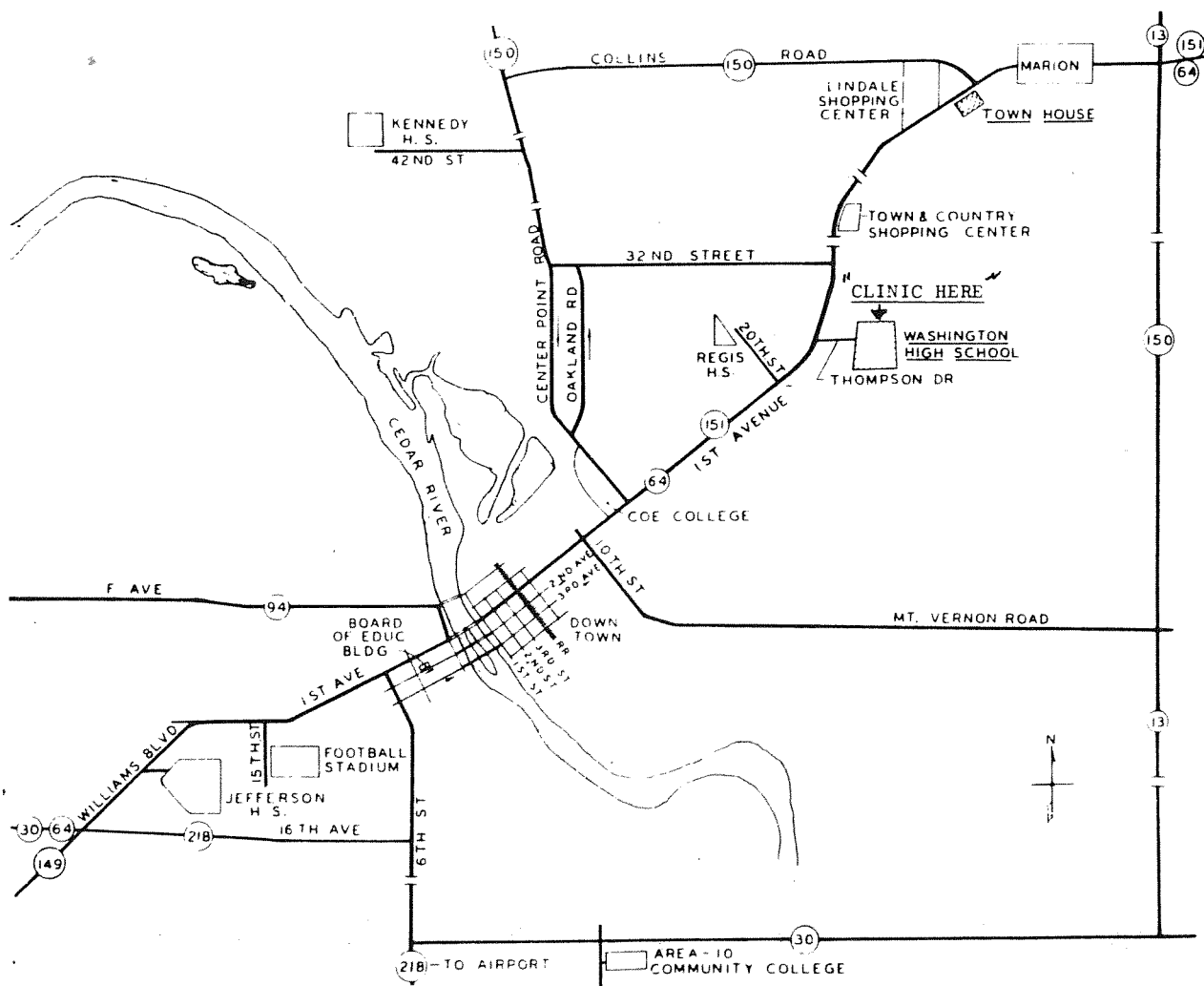
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Present Coaching Job \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Level \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#### Clinic Fees

Pre-paid	Paid today	Cost	Activity
		\$ 5.00	1978 I.H.S.B.C.A. Membership
		\$11.00	Registration Fee
		\$16.00	Registration Fee (non-members)
		\$13.50	Late Registration Fee
		\$18.50	Late Registration Fee (non-members)
		\$ 6.00	Awards Banquet
		\$ 3.00	Luncheon
		\$ 4.00	Students
			Others
			Total Fees



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