



Fall 2010

President's Message *by Jaime McCaig*

I would like to begin by extending my sincere appreciation to the York Region Board for hosting the 60th Anniversary weekend of OABO and the 8th Annual Wall of Fame Dinner. It was a special weekend and one that will bring forth lots of great memories.

I would like also extend a sincere thank-you to Pat Laing, Gene Schaaf and Harvey Bishop for all their hard work as members of our History Book Committee. We would not be able to celebrate our 60 years of this wonderful organization without their amazing research.

I would like to congratulate Ron Foxcroft on his recent appointment to the FIBA Study Centre Decisional Board which is the division of FIBA that deals with the

approval of basketball equipment and the construction of basketball facilities.

I attended the Ontario Basketball Annual General Meeting on November 13 to provide an update on our growing relationship with OBA. Several members of the OABO Executive are serving on Ontario Basketball Committees:

Bruce Covert - Elite Development
Sandy Bibeau - Learn to Train
Don Thorne - Discipline
Jaime McCaig - Hall of Fame

The list of 2011 Provincial Championships are posted in this Edition of The Whistle as well as posted on the OABO website along with the 2010-2011 Coaches Manual.

With Michele O'Keefe moving to her new role with Canada Basketball, Ontario Basketball is in the midst of hiring a new Executive Director to commence early in the New Year.

I had the opportunity to take part in the FIBA Conference Call for Local Board Interpreters on November 21 hosted by IAABO. The next one will be in March. I encourage all 32 Local Board Interpreters to take part in this educational forum that IAABO is providing at their cost. We continue to receive great educational support from IAABO.

The minutes of the 2010 OABO AGM and updated Constitution are posted on the OABO Website.

As well my October, November and December Monthly Presidents Messages are posted on the OABO Website. Beginning in January I will include in monthly messages the History of our Local Boards across the Province hi-lighting one Board per month.

Congratulations to Sandy Bibeau who has been selected to officiate at the 2011 Special Olympics in Athens, Greece.

In closing, please accept my best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season to you and all your family members.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Jaime McCaig
President, OABO

Vice President's Report - Mitch Panciuk

I would like my first message to the OABO membership to begin by thanking everyone who supported me in the election for this position. In particular, I would like to thank the President of the Hamilton Board, Paul Johnson, for nominating me. OABO is an organization with a tremendous history and legacy and I will do my best to serve your interests.

I also want to thank Tim Laurain for his service over the past term as OABO Vice-President. Tim put his energy and ideas into the position and all of us as OABO members owe a debt of gratitude to him. I hope he stays involved as he has more to contribute and all of us wish him well in the future.

I have enjoyed learning more about the issues OABO deals with and the future and continuing challenges that our organization faces. Recruitment, retention, training and relevancy are all pressures we must deal with as we struggle with the growth of the game and the fact that there are simply

not enough people choosing to become Basketball Officials.



Isn't the local board level where the rubber really meets the road in terms of dealing with these issues? After all, new officials first become involved and engaged at the local level and the decision to quit the game

is also made there. I think all of us can take the opportunity to ask ourselves if we're deliberately making time to find new prospects and what we're doing to rescue members who may be having second thoughts.

A Provincial organization like OABO can't move us from thinking about doing something to taking action – we can just support you when you take those steps. Know that when you need assistance in the form of training and education – OABO is there to help you. Know that when you have behaviour issues or incidents involving spectators, coaches or players – OABO is there to support you and has a process and mechanisms to ensure appropriate disciplinary action is taken. And when you just need advice on how to deal with something – know that the entire OABO Executive and membership is ready to step forward and offer guidance.

Remember, no matter what the issue you and your Board may be dealing with – someone

else has gone through it before and can offer a perspective that you may not have.

I have enjoyed working with my fellow OABO Executive members so far and have found them to be open, hardworking and dedicated to serving the best interests of the entire membership. I look forward to working more with them over the next couple of years and serving you as your Vice-President. If you ever have any questions or if I can be of assistance – please don't hesitate to contact me.

In the next edition I will be able to bring you a brief update on the items I am dealing with and let you know how you can help me in the work of my portfolio.

In the meantime, thank you again for this wonderful opportunity and please accept my best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a Merry Christmas. See you on the court!

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Northern Boreal Hoops by Charles Ketter, Northern Rep

Hello again from the greatest part of this our province. The Girl's High School season is coming to a completion and their OFSAA's will be soon under way. Most of us are presently completing our local and regional finals leading to this august event. Unfortunately our region has only A to AAA schools so we loose out on the competition of AAAA but none the less ball at those levels continues to be highly competitive.

A newsletter communication has begun in our area to first introduce leading officials in our area to others in the same region and as well to introduce leading officials from this region to the rest of the province. More on this in future Whistle issues. At this time I would like to thank those who supported my renewal as Northern Representative and want all of you to know I am open to all communications and look forward to your input. Our region has some very unique challenges due to the expanse of our area and we need to draw on our resources carefully.

Over the years officials from all parts of our region have participated in such tournaments as the Tomahawk tournament in North Bay, surely one of the longest repeating tournaments in the province; Gold Hoop in Timmins with the efforts of Hughie Meyers and his successors, The Jaak Valiot's Memorial, now a White Whistle Tournament, in Sudbury to name but a few of the long standing events hosted north of Barrie.

There are numerous other tournaments throughout our area and I hope to hear from them to bring them to the attention of the rest of the Province. Our local Laurentian University continues to host both a Ladies' and Men's Senior High school tournament every Fall that challenges select teams across the province. I expect that Algoma U and Sault College attempt similar events. Surely the near proximity of the border must entice entries from Sault Ste. Marie to compete below the border and to invite our southern neighbors north.

Pierre Thibodeau, (25 years) and Peter Guarda (15 years) from Timmins were present with certificates of recognition from IAABO for their contributions to the game as was Barry Ault from Muskoka (25 years). Notably was Ted Hyndman from Elliot Lake who received a certificate of recognition from OABO (45 years). With this comes the thought that each region of our Provincial Board should select someone to report on the events and accomplishments of the members in their respective areas. We should be singing about our accomplishments!

The Tomahawk Tournament will have a Provincial Evaluator, our Provincial President, Jaime McCaig, available to provide requested evaluations to provide another avenue of growth in this region. Hopefully many will take advantage of this and it will expand in the future. The cost of a game fee is far less than the cost of a camp and though it isn't as complete and intensive as the camp experience it does open an avenue to improve one's

game. This is a unique opportunity and if it is successful may lead to future opportunities.

We have many great officials in our region and it is time to show case them which is my intention over the next few Whistle issues. Officials such as Ken Estabrooks, our poet laureate, Bracebridge, Brian Seccareccia, Sault Ste Marie, Butch Forbes, Johnny Fong, North Bay, Pierre Thibodeau (PePe), Angelo Lia, Timmins, Peter Andros and Markku Peuhkurinen, Thunder Bay, Craymer Forth with Marty Nadeau from Sudbury and how about Ted Hyndman and Colin Gosselin from North Shore - these are but a few of those here who keep the best of the game in mind and work to improve the quality of the game in Northern Ontario.

Basketball is alive and well with great service in Northern Ontario – if you want to grow your game and be stress free – yeah sure! – come join us!

Membership Support Officer's Message

Season 2010-2011

With the season well under way all officiating materials have been sent out to the boards that have placed orders. I have NFHS part two exams available if your board is interested in having your officials write it.

All OABO camp and CABO evaluations have been sent out to board Presidents

and filed away in the OABO archives. If you are missing one from this past summer let me know and I will track it down. Girls' OFSAA has just completed and you can be sure to expect the evaluations from these tournaments to be forth coming. If someone has misplaced a previous evaluation and would like a copy send me an email and I will check our OABO archives to see if I have it. I will scan the evaluation and send it your way.

The OABO website is consistently being updated, please try to visit it monthly and as usual if you find something that needs to be changed let me know. The site contains all current and relevant documents for being an official in Ontario.

See you on the court

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From the Desk of the Secretary/Treasurer by Don Thorne

I would like to thank all the delegates who took the time to attend the Annual Conference in Markham. Rick Parnham, Dennis Herbert and their conference committee need to be commended for an excellent job in organizing and hosting the event. We also need to thank Jaime McCaig for all his work involved with celebrating OABO's 60th year during The Wall of Fame Dinner Saturday night. Along with numerous OABO and IAABO service awards, several special awards were presented including 2 CABO awards. Charles Gonzales (Toronto) was the recipient of the Nicurity/Ritchie Scholarship Award and Dennis Herbert (York) received the Wink Willox Award. Mike McPhee (Guelph) was presented with an OABO Honorary Life Membership. OABO Awards of Merit were also presented to Wayne Lewis (Ottawa) and Rich Stehlik (K-W). Congratulations to all five for receiving these prestigious awards from your peers.

Our AGM was held on Sunday September 26, 2010. The following boards had delegates in attendance: : Barrie, Bay of Quinte, Brockville, Chatham-Kent, Cobourg, Durham, Elgin, Grey Bruce, Guelph, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener-Waterloo, London, Muskoka-Parry Sound, Niagara, North Bay, Ottawa, Oxford, Peel, Peterborough, Renfrew, Sarnia, Sault Ste Marie, Seaway Valley, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Timmins, Toronto, Windsor, and York Region.

I would like to congratulate Jaime McCaig (President), and Bruce Covert (Provincial Supervisor), for being acclaimed to their positions for another term, and to Mitch Panciuk for being elected as our new Vice President. We would like to thank Tim Laurain for his 4 years of service. We welcome Charles Ketter back as Northern Representative, and Geordie Montgomery as Editor of The Whistle.

As of the writing of this article, most boards have made their revisions to their membership rosters using the oaboadmin.ca site. Please remember that according to our Constitution these were due October 31. This is also an insurance requirement. At the end of last year OABO consisted of 1722 members (1488 active, 187 Associate, 35 non-officiating, 12 Honorary). As of November 31st membership stands at 1667 (1490 active 128 Associate 36 non-officiating, 13 Honorary).

OFSSA Girls' has just finished. I have been very busy as the RC for OFSAA AA Girls' in Sarnia. I really enjoyed working with Les Hoover and Gayle Savoie (my assistants) and the 16 officials who really wanted to learn how to improve. During the event Jason Howie (Windsor) tore a calf muscle. We all wish Jason a speedy recovery.

Condolences to Fred Curren - Kitchener Waterloo on the passing of his father.

Condolences to the Niagara Board for the passing of their member Arlene Lindsay.

To wrap this up, I hope there was a few good days in November where you golfing buffs were able to get out for one last round. Now it's time to check your grips and get ready for winter golf in the southern states.

Lastly, it's hard to believe that Christmas and New Year's is fast approaching. I would like to extend best wishes to you and your families throughout the upcoming holidays and a hope you all have a very happy New Year.

OABO INSURANCE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Am I covered if I work a game with a school teacher, out of Province official, or out of country official who is not an OABO member?

A: YES, all OABO members are covered for all basketball official activities (except social activities) that are sanctioned or authorized by OABO. This includes games officiating, all related training activities, clinics and tournaments for basketball officials in and outside of Canada. For those members traveling outside of Canada you must notify the OABO Secretary/Treasurer before you leave Canada.

Q: If I get injured during a game would I receive monies for loss of time from my full time employment?

A: NO

Q: If I get injured during a game would I receive monies for games I had to turn back due to the injury?

A: NO

Q: What coverage does our policy actually have for me?

A: All Local Board Secretaries have received a PDF file called Insurance Information and Coverage. Please contact your Local Board Secretary or the OABO Secretary/Treasurer.



Q: If I am in a car accident on the way to a game I am to be officiating at, am I covered?

A: If you travel to the game with 2 or more fellow officials, the OABO insurance policy would cover you for personal accident and liability coverage but not for damages to your vehicle.

Q: Are there limitations to the Benefits of the Policy

A: Yes, a list can be found in the PDF file called Insurance Information and Coverage from you Local Board Secretary or the OABO Secretary/Treasurer. Most importantly, this plan is secondary to any existing medical plan and no payment for any benefits that are available under any government health plan, whether the Insured is enrolled in such a plan or not.

Q: How do I make a claim?

A: Your Local Board Secretary has a copy of all the forms and a step by step procedure is listed in the PDF file called Insurance Information and Coverage.

Q: Are members covered for Liability.

A: Yes. OABO members need to be aware of incidents that occur in games especially injuries to players. A standard incident report can be found under the Secretary/Treasurer tab on the www.oabo.ca web site. The form should be completed, saved and copied to your local board executive and the OABO Secretary/Treasurer.

If you have any further questions please contact Don Thorne OABO Secretary/Treasurer

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If your mailing address or phone number changes, please notify OABO Secretary Don Thorne at donthorne@sympatico.ca.
Thank you for your cooperation.

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Ron Foxcroft, Fox 40 founder and C.E.O, the Only Canadian to be Named One of 30 Who Made a Difference by the National Association of Sports Officials



RACINE, WI, October 17, 2010- To celebrate the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO) 30th anniversary, the NASO staff is recognizing 30 members who have made a difference. Among the 30 individuals, businesses and organizations that made the list is Ron Foxcroft. Foxcroft, inventor and manufacturer of the Fox 40 pealesse whistle was the only Canadian to receive the honor. Foxcroft has served twice as chairman on the NASO board, once in 1992-97, and again from 1999-03.

He currently serves as a special advisor on the board. NASO is the world's largest organization for sports officials at every level and all sports and is the leading source of officiating education, programs and services worldwide.

Foxcroft's Hamilton based company - Fox 40 International, has also been a partner and supporter of NASO. His famous Fox 40 pealesse Whistle is now recognized in over 140 countries worldwide. "Fox was easy" is how Barry Mano, president and founder of NASO, described the choice to add the Canadian entrepreneur to the list. Twenty years ago Fox 40 became the

very first NASO Education Partner. Fox 40 has also made a large impact with its initial sponsorship of the NASO Gold Whistle Award banquet. The Gold Whistle Award is now one of the most coveted awards in the world of sports officiating.

"I feel honored and humbled to be recognized by my peers and by such a respected organization as NASO" said Foxcroft of making the list. "There is no other organization that has contributed more for officials than NASO, and I am proud to be a part of that."

This honor follows the 2008 Referee

Magazine announcement where Foxcroft was named one of the top 52 most influential referees in North America. "Narrowing the list down to 30 was quite a process, but the "call" on Foxcroft was an easy one" noted Bill Topp VP of NASO and editor of Referee Magazine.

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Canadian Forces Official of the Year - 2010

Cpl Jacques Caron, reservist fire fighter, is an extremely dedicated member of 8 Wing, the Ontario region and the CF Basketball community. His unwavering dedication and the countless hours of personal time that he dedicates to the officiating of basketball are most certainly worthy of recognition.

and better the CF sports community. In addition to his service with the CF basketball program, Cpl Caron has and continues to dedicate a large part of his personal time to officiating at local civilian basketball competitions including the high school season finals and the AA girl's provincial tournament.

Over the years, he has consistently been a key member of the officiating ranks at both CF and civilian organized basketball leagues and tournaments.

Off the court, he's also been involved in various committees and members of various boards, including the annual general meeting of the Ontario Association of Basketball Officials. He's a member of the Knights of Columbus where he assisted in organizing and officiating the free throw competition at the local, regional and provincial levels, demonstrating a wellrounded and complete dedication to officiating basketball in the CF and civilian community.

This past year, he was the Umpire in Chief at both the CF Ontario Regional Championships and the CF National Championships held at CFB Borden. His continued desire to officiate at this level of competition is certainly a testament to his desire to serve,



Official of the Year was presented to Corporal Jacques Caron, by Colonel Dave Cochrane, Commander, 8 Wing/CFB Trenton

Provincial Evaluators

The following have been assigned to act as R/Cs this year:

OFSAA Girls'

- A - Tim Laurain
- AA - Don Thorne
- AAA - Mike McPhee
- AAAA - Ken Muir

OFSAA Boys'

- A - Charlie Ketter
- AA - Andre Lemaire
- AAA - Mario Suffoletta
- AAAA - Phil Lawn

OCAA

- OCAA Men - TBA
- OCAA Women - Dawna Townsend

The following have been added to the Provincial Evaluators' Panel

- Paddy Byrne - Ottawa**
- Peter Andros - Thunder Bay**
- Paul Johnson - Hamilton**
- Michael McMurray - Guelph**
- Kevin Moore - Niagara**
- Tom Christie - Niagara**



Lessons from the Police Athletic League By Sarwar Qureshi

The Police Athletic League (PAL) is a program that runs in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club to provide opportunities for youth to take part in organized sports. The Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa has a basketball division of the PAL and on Saturday September 18th an all-star team was selected from players within the league to play against the Ottawa police in what is the finale to a busy summer of basketball. Murray Shoup and I from OVBABO (Ottawa Valley Board of Approved Basketball Officials) were invited to officiate the game as well as stay for the dinner and awards banquet.

While the game was extremely competitive and highly skilled – overtime with a final score of 110 – 106! And the dinner was quite bountiful and delicious – Lone Star takeout complimented with homemade Somali cooking. And the banquet was quite dazzling – numerous

awards and speeches along with Murray and I presenting the sportsmanship award to very deserving individuals. I was especially touched by the underlying reason of having the PAL, which is the reason for the article all together.

In talking with some of the police officers at dinner one of the goals of the league is to build friendships between law enforcement officers and children with the view that positive attitudes can be developed by the youth towards police officers. This was evident over the course of the entire afternoon and evening as I observed interactions between the two groups on the basketball court and socially afterwards. An officer went on to explain that if an individual respects an officer on the court, they are more likely to respect the rules an officer enforces off the court. At the banquet a powerful presentation was delivered by one of the officers about the perils facing youth

today and many examples were given of people falling into various traps which got them into trouble with the law. I am certain the youth took the message better because of the respect they developed for the officer through the PAL.

Overall Murray and I felt very appreciative of being invited to such an event. As representatives of OVBABO, OABO, CABO, and officials in general we realized that our interactions on and especially off the court with the youth helped foster their respect for officials similar to the concepts described above with officers. While this is far secondary in importance to developing respect for law enforcement, I feel as officials we should take part in such events whenever the opportunity arises. By doing so, it helps us appear more personable, friendly, and human which in turn will help our future interactions with the same coaches, players, and spectators involved. Not

to mention that you can also learn something from the youth – which is worth another article altogether.



Interpreter's Message by Sandy Bibeau OABO Interpreter

Dear Fellow Officials:

Wow! The girls' high school season goes by amazingly fast. I had an opportunity to watch the bronze and gold finals for the OFSAA "A" in Welland. An exciting finish in both games, won on last shots. The officiating was great too!

All local boards will have now received the OCAA and FIBA exams. Any official who's name is submitted for the OCAA provincial men's' and women's championships, must write this exam. The FIBA exam passing grade is specific to your National Officials Certification Program level. Level 1 = 70%, Level 2 = 80%, Level 3 = 86%, Level 4 = 86%, Level 5 = 86%. Each year you will need that specific passing grade, to qualify or retain that level. Your level may be checked by logging on to the OABO website www.oaboadmin.ca Go to **Login** (email address) and **Password** (either "trial" or whatever you have changed it to). Level 4's are still in the approval stage with CABO.

As the West Women's OUA Commission Rep, I was able to join the officials and supervisor Guy Cipriani at their opening meeting. I welcomed the officials to a new season and encouraged "all" to rely on me for assistance with the West Women's Panel and its operations. This must be the age of conference calls. Our first IAABO/FIBA call was held Nov. 21, 2010. Peter Webb of

IAABO and me hosted the information phone meeting, along with our FIBA carded official Rich Stehlik. Although rich in content, the call was "not" greatly attended. Something I wish to rectify for the **MARCH 20, 2011** call date. Notice the darkened, underlined DATE!!!! These are opportunities to get bang for our educational dollar and to NOT take part (at least have another member of your board participate), is a large disservice to your board and our grassroots education.

The regular IAABO conference calls are a wonderful opportunity for IAABO interpreters to share and gain information across Ontario and the United States. A new conference call will be scheduled in the New Year.

On yet another conference call; the Windsor Board of Officials, the University of Windsor, CABO and OABO are teaming up for a FIBA clinic to be hosted March 2011 at the CIS Women's National Championships in Windsor. Jim Walsh, Paul Carter, Mike Harvey and myself are working together to arrange this officiating event, which will be advantageous to the university and the grassroots official alike. Stay tuned!!

If you think I should still have some more time to spare, I do! Basketball Ontario has founded a "Learn to Train Committee". As the officiating representative, I have taken on a role

to assist with the development of protocol for "Parent Education". Yes it is never too late to learn, at least not about proper behaviour at the basketball site. How about an online tutorial preceding registration? Works for hockey why not basketball?

I would like to include here the updated interpretation from Rich Stehlik and the FIBA rule changes:

"I have received the clarification about when the 8 second count ends from Paul Deshaies (National Interpreter) and since I gave the FIBA Rule Change presentation at the OABO conference in September I feel as though I need to let you know the change in Interpretation. The correction comes from Paul, Fred Horgan and even Lubo Kotleba based on an original inquiry by Tanner Cervo at a clinic in South America.

The 8 second count ends in two ways when advancing up the floor:

- 1) When a non-dribbler is holding a ball with both feet entirely in the front court.*
- 2) When a dribbler has both feet entirely in the front court and dribbles the ball so that the ball contacts the front court only.*

Note: the slideshow presentation that is on the OABO website (Ontario Interpreter>Rules>Rich Stehlik FIBA Rule Changes PowerPoint Presentation) is correct and can still be used. It is the concept of what puts a

foot/player/ball into the front court that has changed. Makes much more sense in my humble opinion

*Thank you
Rich Stehlik"*

Thank you Mauro Sardone for forwarding me an NCAA rules interpretation that has now been passed on to the OCAA coaches and athletic directors. Please make your OCAA officials aware of this important interpretation,

SWINGING OF THE ELBOWS

Effective with the 2010-11 season, more than incidental contact with a defender **about the shoulders (throat or head)** with an elbow must be ruled a minimum of an intentional foul. Elbow contact **below the shoulder** will continue to be penalized by a common foul, an intentional foul or a flagrant foul in the judgment of the official.

If the contact with the elbow is deemed to be a result of **excessive swinging of the elbows**, the penalty will continue to be a flagrant foul regardless of the area contacted.

Continue to forward me questions or comments. It is always welcomed and as you know, I always do my best!

And best of luck with your officiating. Stay healthy!
Sandy Bibeau -OABO Interpreter

IAABO Region Nine Representative News & Views December 2010

IAABO, Inc. are determined to provide all local board executives and the roster of officials with resources that make the learning of our art- officiating- an enjoyable experience. In my travels in our province to officiate games or observe officials working games, I am constantly approached by non-IAABO officials who are interested in becoming an 'IAABO' official but are not sure of the benefits.

Here are some benefits to consider if you haven't already joined forces with an organization that has 16,000 officials who have adopted the motto, "One Rule, One Interpretation"

- A 16-20 page full colour newsletter, Sportorials, which contains time sensitive topics to the compliment your learning the nuances of rule knowledge (both NFHS and FIBA), effective floor mechanics coverage and game management tips which put you in a higher comfort zone when dealing with typical game issues such as coaches' concerns and table crew problems. These articles are written by veteran officials who have experienced all of the challenges found in the articles.

As well, there are articles on fitness programs and nutrition needs to keep you healthy and fit during the long season. Five issues a season never leaves you isolated from a regular mailing to your residence.

- IAABO's Handbook is first class! It includes NFHS Rules and Casebook Plays and Crew of Two and Three Mechanics in a colour-formatted style. The Handbook is easy to flip through and the one book covering all is appreciated by those who carry it to games for referencing. The handbook is printed annually, so any changes that have occurred with respect to mechanics and rulings are updated and ready for referencing.
- Once you become a member, you can access the IAABO web page where you will be given a login password which allows you to view the Tips and Taps, a weekly seminar-type resource tool that delves into the rules (currently NF) and interpretations. There is also a video Play of the Week where you can view typical high school player action- you

make the call, to see if you have good judgement These learning tools keep your mind mentally sharp with images and plays that are certain to occur in your weekly games.

There are many benefits to the Local Board Executive and Training Officers which supplement the continual training that officials desire to have - I'll send them to you if your Local Board does not have an IAABO charter and interest is high on obtaining one. E-mail; dennherb@rogers.com

Season's Greetings...Merry Christmas...Happy Channukah... Joyeux Noel... Eid Mubarak... Happy Divali... I would like to extend best wishes for the Holiday season, all faiths, and continued good health and happiness throughout the coming year!

Dennis Herbert , IAABO R9 Exe. Com. Member



OFSAA Girls' Tournaments *Congratulations to the following officials that worked the OFSAA Girls Tournaments*

GIRLS' A ROSTER	London - Trevor Hall	Windsor - Jason Howie	K/W - Brad Matsugu	GIRLS' AAAA ROSTER	Peel - Paul Coley
Niagara - Ron Forstinger	K/W - Ramzi Abdi	TABO - Siohban Wright	K/W - Alen Mijic	Hamilton - Ruta O'Grady	Guelph - Larry Bolzon
Niagara - Robb Caporicci	R/C - Tim Laurain	Cobourg - Melanie Killman	K/W - Patricia Wyke	Hamilton - Zach Evans	Niagara - Nick Borich
Niagara - Ron Valente	Assistant - Mike Zason	Elgin - Dave Frank	Durham - Wayne Menzie	Hamilton - James Grice	R/C - Ken Muir
Niagara - Kevin Werner	GIRLS' AA ROSTER	Oxford - Dan St. Amand	Grey Bruce - Marc Butuk	Hamilton - Martin Bourgeois	Assistants: Larry Snaidero, Mario Suffoletta, Jim Lyle
Niagara - Azlan Bacchus	Sarnia - Dave Bisson	Kent - Bob Barwick	Ottawa - Kim Allardyce	Hamilton - Malcolm Huber	
Niagara - Kerry Felstead	Sarnia - Holly Foster	R/C - Don Thorne	Peel - Isaak Dyck	Hamilton - Joe Kemp	
Niagara - Jason Bray	Sarnia - Kiri Kaija	Assistants: Les Hoover & Gayle Savoie	TABO - Robart Eshag	Hamilton - Jeff Lack	
Niagara - Gerry McIlhorne	Sarnia - Jason Moran	GIRLS' AAA ROSTER	Quinte - Jim Stone	Hamilton - Tony Turnbull	
Hamilton - Jan Bays	Sarnia - Jason O'Reilly	K/W - Melba Amos-Spinelli	Quinte - Yvonne Steele	Niagara - Ben Tomiuck	
Hamilton - Steve Black	Sarnia - Mark Colbran	K/W - Mark Bullock	R/C -Mike Mc Phee	Guelph - Anna Del Col	
Hamilton - Naol Cochrane	Sarnia - Laura Shaw	K/W - Sandy Graham	Assistants: Marty VanLanen, Dennis Herakovic, Michael McMurray	London - Becky Richardson	
Peel - Melissa McCutcheon	Sarnia - Bill Sparks	K/W - Austin Johnson		TABO - Mary Neglia	
TABO - Georgia Risnita	Windsor - Lindsay Walsh	K/W - Farnoud Kazemzadeh		TABO - Andrea Beneteau	
York - Christine Vuong	Windsor - Suzy Pizzicarioli				

2011 Ontario Cup Dates and Locations

Age Category	Date	Location	Host Organization
U10 Novice Girls	March 25-27, 2011	Chatham-Kent	Chatham-Kent Wildcats
U11 Atom Girls	March 25-27, 2011	London	London Ramblers
U12 Major Atom Girls	March 25-27, 2011	Mississauga	Malton Mavericks
U10 Novice Boys	April 1-3, 2011	London	London Ramblers
U11 Atom Boys	April 1-3, 2011	Niagara	Niagara Falls R.R./ St.Catharines CYO
U12 Major Atom Boys	April 1-3, 2011	Mississauga	Malton Mavericks
U13 Bantam Girls	April 8-10, 2011	Windsor	Windsor Valiants
U14 Major Bantam Girls	April 8-10, 2011	London	London Ramblers
U13 Bantam Boys	April 15-17, 2011	Mississauga	Malton Mavericks
U14 Major Bantam Boys	April 15-17, 2011	Ottawa	E.O.B.A.
U15 Midget Girls	April 29- May 1, 2011	Kitchener/Waterloo	KW-Lightning
U16 Major Midget Girls	April 29- May 1, 2011	Ottawa	E.O.B.A.
U17 Juvenile Girls	May 6-8, 2011	Kitchener/Waterloo	KW-Lightning
U19 Junior Girls	May 6-8, 2011	Kitchener/Waterloo	KW-Lightning
U15 Midget Boys	May 13-15, 2011	Windsor	Windsor Valiants
U16 Major Midget Boys	May 13-15, 2011	Etobicoke	Etobicoke Thunder
U17 Juvenile Boys	May 27-29, 2011	Niagara	Niagara Falls R.R./ St.Catharines CYO
U19 Junior Boys	May 27-29, 2011	Kitchener/Waterloo	K.W. Vipers

