

## A Note About Arbiter

Please remember that when you decline an assignment, Arbiter automatically puts an all-day block, which you can't remove. But I can. So if you've declined a game but are available at a different time that day, you have to let me know so I can remove the block.

## Jr High

Jr Hi is still going strong till the middle of March. Thanks to all who have stepped up and helped out with all the games.

Tom

## From the Assignor

As you read this we will be nearing high school play-off time. I can't assign ahead of time for play-offs because I don't get more than a day or two's notice about where and when the games will be played. So check your e-mail regularly.

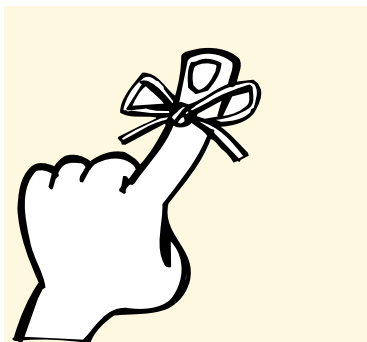
It was very rewarding to me the number of you who stepped up for more work when the big crunch hit the last couple of weeks. Thank you very much.

We were so busy, I had to return high school games for the very first time. That puts the schools in a tough situation because there are really no dates left for them to re-schedule. The two major contributors to this problem are a) too many single games, and b) not enough AVAILABLE officials. You can imagine that if I'm feeling the pinch, Tom and Ed are feeling it worse!

Hang in. We're getting down to the short strokes!

Gil Desmarais

## Dates to Remember



<b>February</b>	20	Molson Night 104 Avenue and 121 Street 7:00 - 10:00 pm
<b>March</b>	15 - 17	ASAA Provincials Women's College National Basketball Championship
	31	Regular Season Pay Cutoff



## OFFICIALS' EXCHANGE

### *Our West Coast Adventure*

Our three-day west coast adventure to Surrey, British Columbia began on January 18, 2007. We were provided the opportunity to officiate a total of 6 games each over 3 days. Just over two hours after landing we were at the gym for our first set of games. Our first games were quarter-finals in the RCMP High School Boys Tournament.

Our second set of games on Friday were at the British Columbia Catholic High School Invitational Tournament at Holy Cross High School, also in Surrey. Again, we both worked two games.

Our third set of games on Saturday was at a Grade 8 tournament in Langley. Both of us worked two games. Robin worked the final in this tournament.

We were very well received by the local association and had the opportunity to work with officials with a wide range of experience ranging from third year officials to experienced CIS officials. All of our partners were easy to work with and did all they could to help us. We found that on-court communication between partners is even more important when working with people from different parts of the country. We took the opportunity to go watch the RCMP tournament final and had the time to rub elbows with the officials after the game.



Kent Heine, Bill Denney, Robin Joy, Al Haynes

Kent held the lead in technical fouls with one until the Grade 8 final game when Robin called two technical fouls in quick succession; the first one to a player and the second one to the head coach. This is positive proof of the advantage of working the last game.

We were provided with very constructive feedback from our evaluators in 5 of the 6 games we worked. We were fortunate enough to be evaluated by both Al Haynes and Bill Denney. Both men have probably forgotten more basketball than both of us will ever know. You may have the opportunity to meet Bill Denney as he will be the Evaluator at the CCAA Women's tournament to be held in Edmonton March 15 to 17 at GMCC.

We had to adjust to some minor differences in mechanics. Handling the ball in the backcourt and allowing

substitutions following all free throws (not waiting until the last free-throw).

This was a tremendous experience from a number of different aspects. We received challenging games to work, useful feedback to improve our games, the opportunity to work with officials from another part of the country and most importantly we had fun.

If offered the opportunity to participate in an exchange we suggest you do whatever it takes to make yourself available.

Thanks to Stephane Labonne for laying the groundwork to make this trip possible.

Robin Joy and Kent Heine



## From Where I Sit

The playoff season is fast approaching and some of our colleagues have been assigned to prestigious provincial and national assignments. Please be sure to come down to Molson's Night on February 20th to celebrate their appointments.

By the way, the next and final meeting of the year is the Annual General Meeting on April 24th. This is the last chance for officials who have not attended their three meetings this season to come out and participate in association affairs. Past President (appointed) Alan Ward will be leading the election process this year; there are many important positions up for election so please make sure you are present so you can cast your ballot.

Enjoy the rest of the season!

Richard.

## Community Playoffs

The last round of community playoffs is coming. If you can work on any of the following dates, give me a call: Feb 24, March 10 or March 17. I will be filling these slots quickly. The last note to remember is that things will get very competitive for the next three weeks...it is time to take your game to a new level.

Be confident, be controlled – do not lose your temper, and remember EYBA is all about “FAIR PLAY” and for the “LOVE OF THE GAME”.

Ed Harasem

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## Junior Development

How time flies, here it is the middle of February! The regular season for the high schools is almost over with playoffs starting about Feb 26 with the City's March 2 weekend, zone's March 9 -10 and provincial's March 15, 16 and 17th. Jr high will go on for a while, with community league finals March 16 and 17.

We have endeavored to evaluate all community league and novice officials. If you have not been evaluated yet, please call me at 476 5472 or email me at [kgldrng@telusplanet.net](mailto:kgldrng@telusplanet.net) as soon as possible. There still is time to get looked at. We do not want anyone to slip through the cracks.

As the leagues finish off, do not slacken off, keep focused, finish strong, it is still not too late to move up to better levels of ball, there are eyes out there watching.

A few things we have noticed as this season draws near to an end, officials are still not cutting the time in for the last five minutes of community league games, still do not signal the clock to start in the last minute of the game after a field goal is scored, still walk to report fouls and walk to their next position.

Some people doing Jr high games are not signaling the time again for stop time games for the kids at the scorers bench, this should be automatic at this time of the year. People are allowing subs after the warning buzzer of a time out, people do not care about players jerseys being tucked in when coming on the floor or letting players wear wrist and/or head bands that are not the color of their jerseys.

The end of the year is not here yet. Spring League will start shortly, so there is still a lot of ball.

We are tentatively planning a clinic for April 3rd and 5th for the Spring League and others who want to becoming an official. So spread the word to any of your friends and stay tuned to the web site [www.theeboa.com](http://www.theeboa.com) for details.

See you on the court somewhere.

Fred Goldring



## IN THE KNOW

We all begin each officiating season with certain aspirations and goals....don't we? If you answer no to that question, perhaps you should ask yourself why you don't. Attainable goals are the only way to climb the ladder. They must, however, be realistic and reachable.

We have to be equally careful that the goals we have for ourselves are "our" own goals, not what someone else has determined for you. We must determine for ourselves, what it is we want out of officiating. We have to be true to ourselves. By being true to yourself, from the lowest goals in refereeing to the highest, you set yourself up to achieve them by making the steps necessary for success a very tangible and daily expectation for yourself.

To get to that "certain" level you aspire to work, you have to research what it is others did to get to that level. How many years did they work to get to that level? How many camps did they attend? What are the time commitments of working in such leagues and am I able to make that kind of sacrifice?

NBA Official, Monty McCutchen says is best:

1. Your character states on a nightly basis that you care about the game, first and foremost.
2. You honor those that you are working with and they invariably bend over backward to help you learn the craft.
3. You enjoy the ride as much as the goal of destination.
4. Look inward for your advancement, not outward and you remain captain of your own ship.
5. You wear ties to your assignments, not because it is expected or required of you, but instead because you are in control of how you are perceived.
6. You study the rules obsessively, not because the leagues you work say it's mandatory, but because you want to be prepared for anything or anyone who happens to be watching you in the stands.
7. You show respect for the 30 year veteran in the high school league that never made it big. You do that not because of what the official can do for you but because being a good partner is part of your craft.
8. You work in a league over the summer that plays better basketball than you referee, pays \$20.00 a game, because seeing play above the rim will prepare you for the day when your consistency will depend on those hot summer days of seemingly no payoff.
9. You keep your weight in control not because it's mandatory, but because you realize it's an inhibitor in a competitive avocation.
10. You practice your signals with zeal in the mirror because you know your signals are the tools of the trade and having to think about them while reffing takes away from your ability to interact with the game actions, participants, and situations that demand total attentiveness.
11. You convince someone to tape your games so you can see yourself making mistakes, to grow.
12. You do all those things and more because you realize to reach the goals you have set for yourself you must have a total vision of yourself to see them through.

For those of you who have reached a goal this year, congratulations! For those of you who have not, re-evaluate, and don't give up! You are the master of your own destiny!

Karen Lasuik  
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