

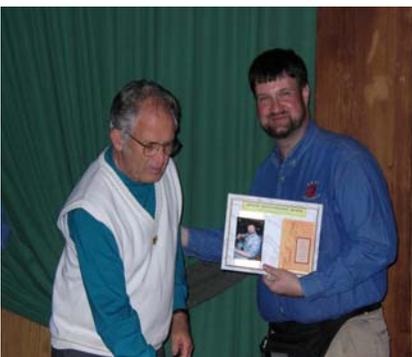


HOOP HISTORIANS RECOGNIZED



Ted Reineking (left) receives a plaque for his 200th NCAA Tournament game.

The milestones keep coming for the Hoop Historians. At its recent annual meeting, the group recognized Ted Reineking as he celebrated his 200th NCAA Tournament game this past year. Reineking attended all three legs of this year's tournament (for the second year in a row), with first and second rounds games in Tucson, the Regional Tournament in Chicago and completed his 22nd Final Four in Saint Louis. Congratulations, Ted!



John Mayberry (left) presents Joe Spagnolo with a service award as webmaster and editor of the Hoop Historians News.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN: FRANK WILSON DIARY

The Charles Kirault of the Hoop Historians is finally back home after a 3-1/2 week, six thousand mile journey around the Final Four. Here's a summary of Frank Wilson's travels: Frank and wife Cath flew to Nashville on March 17 and spent the weekend with his cousins, Jeff and Susan. All of them went to the Gaylord Arena for the first and second round games to see Louisville and Villanova among others. Cath then flew back home (somebody in the family has to still put food on the table) while Frank drove off to Cincinnati. Frank visited another cousin and his former supervisor when he worked there in the 1960's. On March 25 Frank arrived at Bruce Ziemer's "Inn for the Wayward" and spent five wonderful days with Bruce and his wife Janice while being shown the sights of Chicago. On the one night the Hoop Historians didn't personally attend a game, they enjoyed a party at Joe Spagnolo's house with fellow Hoop Historians Ted Reineking, Bruce Ziemer and Brian Burmeister. On Saturday it was the regional final with Arizona and Illinois in the loudest sports arena ever. On March 30, Frank left the windy city for St. Louis with Bruce and Janice not far behind, and just ahead of the tornado that hit later that afternoon. The next week saw Final Four in St. Louis where the hotel room was a stones throw from the entrance to the Edward Jones Dome. Sunday saw the tour of Busch Stadium and the Bowling

Hall of Fame. Frank's daughter Meredith took the week off from graduate school at Dominican University in San Rafael and flew in to St. Louis Sunday night for the Great Alaska Shootout Party. Before the title game Frank and Hoop Historian John Mayberry visited with Meadowlark Lemon. On Tuesday April 5, Frank and Meredith drove back to Nashville for a couple of days and then drove to Atlanta for a close friend's wedding. Cath flew in for the wedding and the family spent three days at the Marietta Conference Center. After three and a half weeks, they went back home to Chino, California and many a honey-do and a well earned rest.

NEW ADDITION TO THE BENNETT FAMILY



Steve Bennett and family are doing great. Their latest addition is son Ari Steven Bennett, born on March 18th -- a perfect time to celebrate March Madness. Ari was seven pounds nine ounces, and 20 inches long at birth and growing up already. Steve's wife Vaishali is recovering nicely and Kyan has been a great big brother and has already taken Ari under his wings. Steve received an excused absence from the Hoop Historians for missing this year's Final Four. Congratulations Steve & Vaishali!