

HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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CAMPAIGN 2004 FINISHES IN SAN ANTONIO

The Hoop Historians concluded its 2004 campaign with their annual Final Four get-together in San Antonio. Among the highlights of the week included nightly strolls along the world famous Riverwalk, the annual business meeting at the Texas Land & Cattle Restaurant and numerous food-related and basketball-based activities.



HOOP HISTORIANS 2004

Top Row (Left to Right) Joe Spagnolo, John Mayberry, Dennis Mishko, Frank Wilson. Middle Row: Steve Bennett, Fred Allman, Bruce Ziemer, Bill Carsley, Hersh Cherson, Al Sack, Brian Burmeister. Bottom Row: Pat Irvine, Marianne Parrillo, Dorothy Kim, Surl Kim, Ted Reineking



Bruce Ziemer, Chairman of the Dining and Entertainment Committee did an excellent job in his restaurant choice for the Hoop Historians annual meeting.

ALREADY STARTING THE MADNESS FOR 2005

It's not too early to start marking your calendar for the 2005 Final Four. For the first time since 1978, the Final Four will return to Saint Louis and will be played at the Edward Jones Dome, April 2-4. The opening round for the 58th Annual Division I National Championship starts in Dayton on March 15. Meet me in Saint Louis!

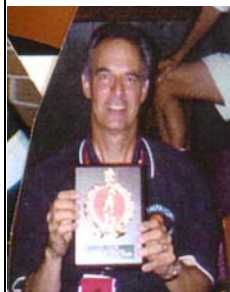


CHALK UP ANOTHER TITLE FOR COACH MISHKO

Congratulations to Hoop Historian Dennis Mishko, as his boys AAU basketball team qualified for the National tournament at Disney World in July. His team won the Rutgers University Rebounds Tournament and the Northeast AAU title at Brown University. Mishko coached Keystone College to the Mens' National Junior College Championship game in 1986 and was Junior College Coach of the Year in 1986 and 1989. Away from the courts, Dennis' Abingdon Heights (PA) High School soccer team won their fourth straight AAA state championship this past fall.



TRAVELING MAN: AL SACK HITTING BOTH THE COASTS



Al Sack received the first ever Hoop Historian Award for attending his 100th Final Four game. Sack started his streak in 1973 and has been at every Final Four since 1975.

Al Sack has been a busy traveler. Within weeks after attending the Final Four, the Southern California native traveled to Pueblo, Colorado to catch the NCAA Division II Baseball West Regional. In the tournament, Al son's Darren pitched 8-2/3 innings for Sonoma State and held Mesa State to just six hits and two runs, one of which was earned. The younger Sack struck out twelve and walked only one en route to his ninth win of the year. Sonoma State eventually fell to conference rival Chico State in the West finals. Al then went out to the East coast for a wedding shortly after.

HOOP HISTORIANS WELCOME ILLINOIS STATE TITLE GAME OFFICIAL

How can a group that has many of its members as coaches interact with a referee? Just fine, when it's the Hoop Historians and Fred Allman. Fred joined the group the past year in San Antonio for his third ever Final Four, two weeks after working the Illinois High School Association state championship game. Allman joins the many members of the Chicago chapter as a die-hard Cub fan. Welcome Fred!



ANOTHER HISTORIAN JOINS THE RANKS

After a 28 year career at General Dynamics and nearly 13 years with CSC, Hoop Historian Frank Wilson became the third Hoop Historian to choose retirement in the last several months. Frank's adventures have taken him to Texas this past year and away from his California family, but gave him the opportunity to meet and work with so many wonderful people and accumulate many memories and experiences. Now that retirement has started, Frank can devote full attention to wife Cath's honey-do's list, and his daughter Meredith's final dance performances and college graduation. Congratulations Frank!



Frank Wilson, daughter Meredith and wife Cath are no strangers to the Final Four. Frank has attended 24 finals, Cath 15 and Meredith six. All were at the 2004 event.