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## MESSAGE FROM: Jim Sanderson, CCSUA Chairman

Fellow College Softball Umpires,

I am humbly honored to be invited as the chairman of CCSUA. The loss of a friend and true professional has affected us all; I hope to honor the memory of Greg, RIP, as we all push forward to improve and prepare to serve the student athletes and the fine game of softball. I am very excited in becoming a part of a very professional team of board members that work together diligently in preparing training opportunities so that our officials can serve the game in a polished professional manner.

If you have any questions or concerns I am just an email or phone call away.

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## ASSIGNORS and TRAINING STAFF INFORMATION!

### From the Assignors

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate all our umpires who were selected to work Conferences' Championship Tournaments and/or Post-Season assignments:

**GSAC (NAIA) CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP:** Tom Davis, Katrina Gonzalez, Herb Huitt, Bill Kinsella, Dave Long, Bill Plante and Jeffery Samuels

**SCIAC (D-III) CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP:** David Hardage, Joe Torres and Frankie Williams

**CCAA (D-II) CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP:** Daniel Cowan, Mark Craver, Randy Goudy, Mark Korras and Martin Vandenburg

**COMMUNITY COLLEGES, NORTH, REGIONALS:** Lisa Allard-Talamantes, Alex Alexander, Louie Barraza, Sean Beaton, Frank Bispo, Bob Creamer, Pete Dufour, Chris Elze, Tom Eddy, Paul Heathcote, Michael Herz, Mark Maciel, Rick Petros, Don Postle, Michael Pressley, Jerry Richards, Richard Schord, Oscar Segura, John Silva, Zach Snell, Stacy Stobo, Ric Turner, Rick Vietti, David Viratos and John Williams

**COMMUNITY COLLEGES, NORTH, SUPER REGIONALS:** Lisa Allard-Talamantes, Louie Barraza, Sean Beaton, Paul Heathcote, Don Postle, Oscar Segura, Zach Snell and Stacy Stobo

**COMMUNITY COLLEGES, SOUTH, REGIONALS:** Jess Black, Tom Davis, L. J. Dolan, Lyle Dove, Tom Duarte, David Florentino, Anthony Garcia, Ruben Gonzalez, Dave Hand, Herb Huitt, Dan Marksbury, Edward Mytinger, Bob Raphael, Mario Romero, Vince Rojas, Steven Kayo, William Smith, William Tarashi, Ralph Vasquez, Mindy Villa, Glenn Waggoner, James Walker, Steve Wilson and Danny Winders

**COMMUNITY COLLEGES, NORTH, SUPER REGIONALS:** Anthony Garcia, Erik Geierman, David Hand, Herb Huitt, Dan Marksbury, Edward Mytinger, Vince Rojas, Mark Schulman, Ronnie Strange and Joe Torres

**COMMUNITY COLLEGES CHAMPIONSHIP:** Louie Barraza, Herb Huitt, Zach Snell, Stacy Stobo, Mindy Villa and Steve Wilson

**D-II REGIONALS:** Jess Black, Joe Campanella, Daniel Cowan, Bob Garcia, Dave Long, Martin Vandenburg, Mindy Villa and James Walker

**D-II SUPER REGIONALS:** Jess Black, Daniel Cowan, Bob Garcia and Dave Long

**D-1 REGIONALS:** Jim Bertuzzi, Rick Cowan, Chris Drumm, Smokey Edds, Tanya Garig, Laura Head, Katrina Kershaw, Mark Korras, Vince Price, Sue Sawyer and Calvin Walker

**D-1 SUPER REGIONALS:** Chris Drumm, Katrina Kershaw, Sue Sawyer and Calvin Walker.

**WOMAN'S WORLD SERIES:** Smokey Edds

Again, Congratulations on a job well done!

*Joanne, Terry, Jim and Rich*

**For CCSUA Training Staff**

**Do you have a plan?**

If you have been watching any of the NCAA Division-I post-season games on TV, you may

have heard a few coaches and players talking about “having a plan” for their game strategy, whether it is an overall plan or a specific plan for their pitching or hitting.

Do you have a plan for your game? Do you have a plan for calling an accurate and consistent strike zone? Does it include a previous analysis of which pitches have been giving you difficulty (outside corner, low and away...) and what you will do to improve your accuracy on those pitches?

Do you have a plan for when a batter is hit with a pitch? Are you prepared to quickly decide whether she should be awarded first base or not – was the pitch completely in the batter’s box or was it in the river and what did the batter do? What is your plan for the conversation with the offensive coach if you determine that the batter intentionally let the ball hit her? What is your plan for the conversation with the defensive coach if it was “borderline” whether it was intentional or not?

In a recent TV game a batter was hit by a pitch near the plate area and the plate umpire immediately called dead ball then gestured and declared loudly for the batter to “stay here!” It was a great call except for one factor – the pitch was called a ball, but the replay (with the K-zone overlaid) showed the pitch was in the strike zone. Was that plate umpire ready with a plan if that happened? Probably not.

And while we are on the subject of creating your individual plans, do you have a plan for how you are going to improve your game during the summer and fall? Is your plan written down with specific items that are measurable?

### **Upcoming events**

We are in the final stages of setting dates for the Fall Clinic in September, Fall Ball dates (waiting for teams’ schedules), the January Preseason Camp and our CCSUA Annual Meeting. We will send information on these dates when finalized.

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM YOUR ASSIGNORS!**

We would like to see our officials working on their athleticism and movement, during the summer months. The players are not getting older, but all of us as officials are.

Training and observations will begin in late September, so prepare to make yourselves available if you are looking to improve and enhance your officiating skills in order to be considered for or continue to work at the upper divisions of softball.

A PGF San Jose Bay Area showcase will be held at the end of September, which our association will be servicing up north. More information will follow through Terry Ching.

As a reminder, please go to the NCAA SUP Hub for a list of available camps in our area. We noted several in our last month’s newsletter and several more have been added. Although, it is not listed, as of yet if you are interested in attending’s Mike Bartling’s Next Level Advanced Camp in October, you may contact Mike at [mbart90@gmail.com](mailto:mbart90@gmail.com) for more information.

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT CORNER

Live, Love and **EAT!!!!** 🍔 😊 😊 🍷

*Greg Schmidt, RIP*

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## FOCUS AND PREPARTION

**“The longer I live the more I realize the impact of ‘Attitude’ on Life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the ‘Attitude’ we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is ‘Our Attitude...I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of ‘Our Attitudes.’”**

*Charles Swindoll*

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## RULES CORNER

Next quiz to be posted in our September issue.

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## GAME MANAGEMENT

Here are several more comments of what Game Management means:

Good game management with our crew partners. This would begin with a thorough pregame conversation amongst the crew. The conversation should include reviewing the pregame conference handout and discussing the possible tendencies of the teams and their coaches. This conversation should also include how and where the crew should handle getting together on calls that require getting together or handling a coaches' protest. **Bill Taraschi**

My perception of game management is Preparedness; mentally, physically and being properly equipped (hats, uniforms and plate gear, even when working only the bases) for the level/division/conference you are working. **Dan Cowan**

Game Management is the ability for a softball official to have control of the game by exhibiting Rule Knowledge, Good Judgement, Athleticism, and Communication Skills with coaches. By having mastery of all four of these skills, an official should be able to be

"unnoticed" most of the time, which should be every official's goal. *Erik Geierman*

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As most of you know, I (Kelie) retired from the field of officiating at the end of the season. I will still be around to assist our CCSUA Board, Training Staff and Assignors, as we continue to move forward in meeting our goals for the love of the game.

I wanted to take a moment to thank ALL of you for being a part of my awesome career on the field. I would not have accomplished all the accolades I had if I did not have wonderful partners, friendships and support from so many who worked with me, and my assignors throughout my career. I will truly miss officiating games, but I know that my life has been richly blessed because of it!

Again, I thank you ALL and enjoy your summer!

**Knowledge is Power and Experience is the best teacher.**

A tribute to Greg Schmidt at UCLA



