



HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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HOOP HISTORIANS LEADERSHIP TEAM CHOSEN

In June, the complete membership of the Hoop Historians elected the group's initial Board of Directors. Named as officers were **John Mayberry** and **Al Sack** of California; **Dennis Mishko** of Pennsylvania; and **Ted Reineking** and **Bruce Ziemer** of Illinois. The Board of Directors met in July and selected Reineking as the Chairman of the Board and **Joe Spagnolo** as its Executive Director. Reineking (right) who annually gives the keynote address at the Hoop Historians Welcome Dinner, is a 31-year veteran of the DePaul University scorer's table and a member of the United States Basketball Writer's Association. Spagnolo (left) has been a coach, official and athletic administrator for over 25 years at the high school level, in addition to being the Hoop Historian webmaster and editor of the *Hoop Historian News*.



DID YOU KNOW: The current thirty person membership of the Hoop Historians have attended a collective 591 Final Fours?

AND THEY'RE OFF -- OUTING AT THE TRACK



Hoop Historians and Friends of the Hoop Historians are welcome to attend the 2nd Annual Hoop Historian Race Track outing at the Arlington International Racecourse in suburban Chicago on Sunday, August 30. Dinner is also scheduled to follow the afternoon of racing. For more information, please contact Ted Reineking or e-mail us hoophistorians@hotmail.com.

NCAA TOURNEY SITES TO BE ANNOUNCED

Sixty cities are competing for the 36 available spots to host first/second round and Regional games for the NCAA Basketball Tournament in 2011, 2012 and 2013. Those winning cities will be announced in September, during the NCAA's Championships Sports Management Cabinet meeting. Three cities should be a shoe-in for Regional selection, as New Orleans, Atlanta and Arlington (TX) will host Final Fours from 2012-2014. Traditionally Final Four cities will get to host a Regional in the year prior to the Final Four. The list of cities that have applied for consideration includes places where a number of new arenas are planned to open in time for the three year cycle of post-season play. Among them, are two on-campus facilities, the new Auburn Arena in Alabama and the **Matthew Knight Arena** on the University of Oregon. Municipal facilities that are in the bidding process, and will be opening over the next few years, include the **Intrust Bank Arena** in Wichita, Kansas, a 15,000 seat facility; the **Amway Orlando Events Center**, which is part of a 1.05 billion dollar plan that includes a basketball arena, performing arts theater and expansion of the Citrus Bowl; and Louisville's downtown arena, which will seat 22,000 people and will be the fifth largest college basketball arena in the nation. That facility has already received a bid to host the 2012 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Final Four. Even **Madison Square Garden**, which hasn't hosted a NCAA Tournament event since 1961, and is undergoing a 500 million dollar renovation project that should be ready by 2012; has thrown it's hat into the ring for future March Madness games. Since 2000, the [current Hoop Historians membership has visited 27 different cities](#) to see NCAA Tournament games.



ABOVE: Louisville's new downtown arena may prove to be a NCAA favorite.

BASEBALL BONANZA: THREE PARKS IN TWO DAYS



On April 17-18, Hoop Historian **Dave DeGrace** embarked on a 27 hour whirlwind tour that took him to see Major League Baseball's two newest parks and its oldest. The trip started on Saturday afternoon at the new **Yankee Stadium**, as the Bronx Bombers lost 22-4 to Cleveland. A commute to an evening contest at Boston's legendary **Fenway Park** saw the Red Sox beat the Orioles 6-4 in Saturday's nightcap, as DeGrace had seats on top of the Green Monster in left field. Sunday it was back to the Big Apple to see the Mets lose to Milwaukee 4-2 on Sunday afternoon at the new **Citi Field**. That's three games, in three parks, in two cities, in less than a day and a half.

HOOP HISTORIANS MISSION STATEMENT

Sharing the past experiences of our members to promote the great game of basketball through education and goodwill.

THE RACE TO INDIANAPOLIS



FINAL FOUR WEEKEND
APRIL 3 & 5, 2010