



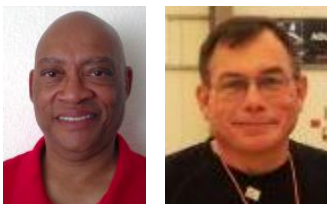
# HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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## HOOP HISTORIANS PAIR TO HEAD USSTTA

Two Hoop Historians have teamed in an outstanding venture in establishing the United States Sports Tournament and Training Academy. **Dr. Michael Johnson** is the founder and CEO of the not-for-profit organization, which provides the opportunity for youths to increase their skills in the sports of basketball, volleyball, soccer and lacrosse. The Academy is based in Simi Valley, California. Fellow Hoop Historian **Vern Vegso** serves as the Director of Development and Marketing. The USTTA team is building the dream for youths to take their talents to be successful in life. The Academy provides an opportunity for everyone to be part of the solution to help the youth of today to continue to build a great America. The group's first event is the Inaugural Celebrity Golf Tournament on November 5 in Simi Valley. More information on the golf outing and other Academy programs can be found on the group website at: [www.usstta.org](http://www.usstta.org).



ABOVE: Mike Johnson (left) and Vern Vegso (right) have launched the USSTTA.

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## PLAY BALL -- BATTER UP!



There is no better way for Hoop Historians to end the major league baseball season with a major league welcome on the Jumbo-tron in Milwaukee's Miller Park. Hoop Historians **Dave DeGrace** and **Rick Schabowski** coordinated the effort on the last week of the season, as a Chicagoland foursome made their annual trip to Brew City.



ABOVE: Friends of the Hoop Historians (left to right) Joe Dote, Steve Busa, John Suffredin and Hoop Historians Joe Spagnolo and Dave DeGrace enjoy post-game activities in Milwaukee.

## SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW



**Dick Triptow** is a retired basketball player and coach who is still on the go. Trip played at DePaul on Coach Ray Meyer's first team; and also played in the NBA & NBL from 1944-49. He was the Head Basketball Coach of the Lake Forest college mens team from 1959-73. Charter member of the Hoop Historians **Brian Burmeister**, played for Triptow in college. Triptow has been honored by several Halls of Fame, receiving induction into DePaul University Athletic Hall of Fame in its second induction class, the Chicago Catholic League Coaches Hall of Fame, the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame and the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame.

## IN MEMORY BILL JAUSS 1931-2012

Honorary Hoop Historian **Bill Jauss** passed away on October 10. Jauss was a charter member of the first induction class of Honorary Hoop Historians in April of 2010. Bill was a sportswriter for nearly 50 years and was named to the United States Basketball Writers Association Hall of Fame in 2003.



## RIDING IT OUT AT THE RYDER CUP



A threesome of Hoop Historians attended last month's Ryder Cup in suburban Chicagoland. **Brian Burmeister, Ted Reineking** and **Fred Allman** all were present at professional golf's most prestigious international team event. The European team defeated the United States Team 14½ to 13½ to retain the Cup in the biennial competition at the Miracle at Medinah.

## ALL ROADS LEAD TO



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