

NEWS – FEBRUARY 14, 2008

David Merchant

David continues to recuperate at home and was hoping to go back to work this week. David is still dealing with some swelling associated with the surgery.

An Update from Herb Peters – February 8th (Friday)

Had oncologist appt. Wed. Doc said bloodwork shows that I'm responding well to chemo treatments. Bloodwork starting to move toward normal ranges. No swollen lymph nodes in neck and only very small nodes in armpits. Start second cycle of chemo Monday - Wed. next week and will be off work all week hoping to go back to work the following week if all goes well.

2008 NFHS Football Rules

The NFHS Football Rules Committee met on January 19th and 20th in Indianapolis to discuss rules changes for the 2008 season.

The following is the article discussing the changes for 2008:

http://www.nfhs.org/web/2008/02/2008_high_school_football_rules.aspx

For a line-by-line breakdown by Mike Webb, see the Clinician tab.

Northern Kentucky Spring Training and Development Clinic in March

Again a great opportunity to tune-up will be on March 8th at this clinic in Independence, KY. I (John Wilson) am planning on attending. Mike Webb has told me he plans to attend with some people from the Parkersburg area. If you want to find out more, please click on the following:

<http://www.nkoafotball.org/guests/clinic/springtandd.html>

Another Way to Get Ready for the 2008 Season

In the February 2008 edition of Referee magazine, there is an article called "Fit for the Job" which describes the various physical fitness requirements that various sports leagues and conferences place on its officials. In football, it addresses the standards for the SEC, including an age based requirement for running a timed 1.5 miles. While physical fitness

standards are only one part of the picture, nonetheless it is good to read these if you want to set a personal goal.

A Tentative Meeting Schedule for 2008

Please see the homepage for a tentative meeting schedule.

If You Signed a Form saying you were going to be at the Banquet, and didn't make it.....

Please send Fred \$15. If you don't remember, either e-mail or call Fred.

A Former KVFOA member – Now a Drag Racing Promoter

Many of you have had the privilege of working with Derek Casto. Derek is now the promoter of Kanawha Valley Dragway Park in Southside, WV (between Winfield and Pt. Pleasant on U. S. Route 35). Check out his website at www.kanrace.com and he will be at the Charleston Civic Center for the West Virginia Racers Auction and Trade Show on February 23rd.

Derek has a lot of fond memories of working football games. Now he'll be using those same skills to make sure racers follow the rules of drag racing.

If you want to contact him, his telephone number and e-mail address may be found in the dragway's website. I know he would certainly enjoy hearing from old officiating friends.

And Finally....

I enjoy reading books on legendary football coaches. I just finished a great one. While it talked a lot about his experiences in coaching, he talks a lot of how to manage people and situations. It was hard to put down once I started.

"Bo's Lasting Lessons: The Legendary Coach Teaches the Timeless Fundamentals of Leadership" by Bo Schembechler.