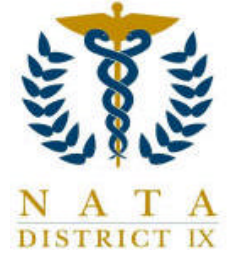




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## From the District Director R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC

Dear SEATA Members,

This has been a very challenging fall for so many of our members. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with those of you affected by the hurricanes. Please do let us know how we can provide further assistance in your recovery efforts. So many of our members, in their own unique ways, have come to the assistance of others in need and it is greatly appreciated. This caring and compassion for others is what makes us so strong and sets our profession apart from others. Please continue to monitor the SEATA and NATA websites to see how your assistance can be utilized.

I need to apologize for my omission in the last SEATA Newsletter of two of our NATA Award winners. We are very proud to have two of the inaugural **NATA College & University Athletic Trainers' Committee Awards** recipients from District IX. **Steve Bryant** from the University of Georgia received the *Division I Assistant Certified Athletic Trainer of the Year Award* and **Russ Hoff** of Valdosta State University received the *Division II College Certified Athletic Trainer of the Year Award*. Both of these members are very deserving and are outstanding representatives for our profession. I encourage you to nominate worthy members for the 2006 NATA awards. Nominations may be made via the NATA website until Nov. 15, 2005.

Regarding news from the NATA Board of Directors, we have authorized staff to move forward with a summit covering sudden cardiac arrest, which is anticipated to occur in early 2006. We approved the establishment of the NATA Catastrophic Injury Registry, which we expect

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## From the District President Chris Gillespie, ATC

Dear SEATA Membership,

I have really struggled with words to write for this newsletter. I have wondered what I should say. I have hurt along with many of our members. The devastating events of the past few weeks have really burdened me as I know they have many of you. We have worried about our friends and colleagues. We have prayed for those in need. Many of you have served in capacities to help and encourage those in need.

So my word to you is ---- PLEASE FIND A WAY TO SERVE! We live in a time when many people want to be served but few want to serve. Athletic Trainers have long been about service. We have served our athletes, coaches, schools, clinics, and each other. Athletic Trainers come runnin' when times are tough. They seek out ways to serve....they look for a way to help. I ask that we continue to seek out these ways that brought us to this point. I ask that we look for ways to serve that we have never imagined. I ask that we serve because there is a huge NEED for service to others.

To those of you affected by the events on the Gulf Coast, my prayers are with you. Remember that "all things are possible with God." In Him you will find strength, hope, and a future. You can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens you.

May God richly bless you and give you peace.

Chris A. Gillespie, MEd, ATC, LAT  
President

## From the District Secretary Jim Mackie, ATC

### **Future Meeting sites and dates**

- 21st Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Workshop February 10-11, 2006
- 1st Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference February 10-11, 2006
- 31st Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting March 30-April 2, 2006

Location for each meeting is the Crowne Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta GA

### **Check SEATA.ORG for more information**

The **First Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educator's Conference** will be held in conjunction with the SEATA Athletic Training Student Workshop on February 10-11, 2006 in Atlanta GA. The focus of this year's conference will be: Developing Outcome Assessments, Developing Effective Clinical Sites, and Common Pitfalls with Accreditation Evaluations. Registration will be limited to 150 participants. Please visit the SEATA website for further updates regarding this conference. Co-Chairs Mike Brunet and Bud Cooper have developed a "hands-on" program where participants will engage in facilitated sessions with experts in the field regarding program development.

The SEATA Research and Education Committee would like to announce that **the theme for the SEATA 2006 Annual Clinical Symposium will be *general medical***. The committee members are working to bring you cutting edge theory and relevant practice application in this area. Also, look for a Case Study Roundtable next year that hopes to create an atmosphere where physicians and athletic training clinicians can share medical management strategies.

### **2006 NATA annual meeting**

New Orleans, Louisiana, June 27-July 1 (Subject to change)

### **2007 NATA annual meeting**

Anaheim, California, June 26-30

## SEATA Elections Update

### SEATA ELECTIONS

I wanted to update everyone on the SEATA elections for SEATA District Director, President, and Treasurer. Due to the tragic events of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the SEATA elections were delayed so that as many SEATA members were able to participate in the elections as possible. The Executive Board of SEATA has decided it is now time to go forward with our elections.

Nominations for all positions were accepted through August 15<sup>th</sup>. R.T. Floyd is unopposed for District Director and Jim Mackie is unopposed for Treasurer.

David Green, Tennessee and MaryBeth Horodyski, Florida, are our candidates for the position of SEATA President.

In light of the unopposed races, Jim Mackie will be leaving his Secretary position and becoming Treasurer. Therefore, we must hold a special election for the position of SEATA Secretary.

At this time, nominations are now being accepted for the position of **SEATA Secretary**. You may email your nominations to Lori Groover, election chair, at [Lori.Groover@woodward.edu](mailto:Lori.Groover@woodward.edu) or mail them to Lori Groover, Woodward Academy, 1662 Rugby Avenue, College Park, GA. 30337. Nominations for this position will be accepted until **November 16, 2005**.

Ballots will be mailed the 1<sup>st</sup> of December for the election of SEATA President, as well as, SEATA Secretary. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact anyone on the SEATA election committee. Upon election, these positions will begin following the June 2006 Annual Symposium.

### From the District Director, R. T. Floyd (continued from Page 1)

some of the costs to be offset by charging subscribers for the data. After receiving approval from each of the ten districts, we adopted the following as the NATA's Mission Statement: "To enhance the quality of healthcare provided by certified athletic trainers and to advance the athletic training profession." Also approved by all ten districts and your Board of Directors was the increase in dues by \$10 for online payments and \$15 for non-online payments, effective 2006. We voted to allow the usage of the NATA logo on the United States Department of Agriculture Anti-Obesity Posters. The Ethics Committee presented revisions and updates regarding the NATA Code of Ethics, NATA Membership Standards and Sanctions, and the Ethics Complaint Process which we approved. We donated \$2,500 to the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund and approved a plan whereby 2006 NATA Convention speakers can donate their honoraria to a designated relief organization to assist the hurricane recovery efforts. We will also donate half the 2006 speaker gift expense.

As you should be aware NATA's original lawsuit to stop implementation of the new CMS "incident to" rule was dismissed by the court on jurisdictional grounds. The court found it did not have the authority to rule on the issue. NATA's primary argument was that CMS was acting outside of its authority. When the court dismissed the case, it did not rule that CMS' actions are acceptable or legal. It remains NATA's position they are not. NATA is appealing the Court's ruling. It is not known when the Court of Appeals will rule on the appeal. In the meantime, NATA will seek a court order preventing CMS from implementing the incident to rule while the appeal is pending. NATA remains committed to preventing implementation of the new incident to rule, obtaining a judgment that the rule is illegal, and protecting its members' right to provide athletic training services in all settings where they are qualified to practice, including providing incident to therapy services under Medicare. Meanwhile the new incident to rule is now in effect. Members in clinical settings should check with their billing departments to find out how such services should be billed. The new incident to rule only applies to Medicare Billing, not private insurance companies. Any member with news or relevant experience to report regarding this issue, should contact the NATA office. Please stay informed on this through NATA eblasts and the NATA website. I also encourage you to review the entire minutes of the NATA Board of Directors Meetings and Conference Calls on the SEATA List Serve.

Please see the details in this Newsletter regarding SEATA elections. I strongly encourage you to

participate fully in the nomination and voting process. Your vote affects the future of us all.

As always, please call on me with any concerns or questions you may have regarding the business of your professional organization. May you have a strong finish in all of your pursuits and a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Public Relations Committee

#### "Life Cycle of the Athlete" Press Event

Tuesday, October 18 at Madison Square Garden in New York City. To highlight various phases of athletes and injury conditions with national press exposure.

### Research and Education Foundation

#### One Day Summit

"Infusing Evidence-Based Medicine into Athletic Training and Clinical Practice"

**Sponsored by NATA and the NATA Research & Education Foundation**

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Sheraton Gateway Hotel, Atlanta, GA

**Save \$25! Register Today! Early bird registration ends September 30, 2005**

[www.natafoundation.org/pages/EBMSummit.htm](http://www.natafoundation.org/pages/EBMSummit.htm)

### SEATA Executive Board

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 30, 2006 at 1:00 pm Atlanta, GA Crown Ravinia Plaza Hotel

### SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference Committee

The SEATA 1st Biennial Athletic Training Educators' Conference will be held Feb. 10-11, 2006 at the Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta, GA. Mike Brunet, Ph.D., ATC, of Louisiana College and Bud Cooper, Ph.D., ATC are the conference co-chairs. Program Coordinator: Sue Shapiro, Ed.D., ATC/L, Program Committee: Brian Bogdanowicz, MS, ATC, Stacy Walker, PhD, ATC, and Kristen Schellhase, MEd., ATC/L, CSCS. The conference begins at 8:00 A.M. Friday, Feb. 10 and ends at 5:00 P.M. Saturday, Feb. 11.

- [Update on Technology Used in the Education Setting](#) Presentation- Speaker TBA
- [Navigating Assessment](#) by Malissa Martin, EdD, ATC/L, CSCS
- [A Primer on Measurement for Outcomes Assessment Instruments](#) by Trenton Gould, Ph.D., ATC, Scott Piland, Ph.D, ATC, Earl

"Bud" Cooper, Ed.D, ATC

- [New BOC testing format](#)  
Denise Fandel, ATC
- Social / poster presentations
- [Peer Learning](#) by Stacy Walker, PhD, ATC
- [Paradigm Shift: Taking away the worker mentality of clinical education](#) by Mark Laursen, MS, ATC
- [The Clinical Rotation Plan](#) by Marisa Colston, PhD, ATC/L
- [Education Council Update](#) by Ray Castle, PhD, ATC
- [Off-Campus Clinical Experiences](#) by Sue Shapiro, Ed.D., ATC/L
- [Common Pitfalls with Accreditation Evaluations](#) by Carl Cramer, Ed.D., RKT, ATC/L
- [Mock Program Review](#) by Brian Bogdanowicz, MS, ATC

\*Note - Some sessions will involve short presentations (maximum length 20-25 min) followed by facilitated discussion at tables of no more than ten individuals and one table facilitator. These sessions will provide examples (plans, procedures, etc.) to the group provided by accredited institutions. The room coordinator will move around assisting table facilitators to keep the discussion on topic. It will be made clear during each presentation and table discussion that all examples provided are from accredited institutions, but that in no way guarantees that by using the example it would ensure accreditation at their institution. It will be made clear that each institution needs to ultimately determine the policies and procedures that bring them into compliance with the standards. Efforts will be made to organize the table so that institutions of similar size are paired together with a facilitator that has experience at that type of institution.

Participants are asked to bring electronic/hard copies of their institution's measurement and assessment tools of their ATEPs for purposes of sharing. The electronic copies will be compiled on a network and registrants will be able to access

the materials for a determined period of time. Please note that this is voluntary, but could serve to be very useful.

Go to [www.seata.org/06atec.htm](http://www.seata.org/06atec.htm) on the SEATA website for further details and registration.

## **SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium**

The 21<sup>st</sup> SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium will be held Feb. 10-11, 2006 at the Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta, GA. Ray Castle, PhD, ATC, of Louisiana State University is the Workshop Coordinator. R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC, of The University of West Alabama is the Competencies in Athletic Training Director.

Two simultaneous sessions will be offered, including:

**Session I: Foundations of Athletic Training Workshop** (open to all athletic training students) Begins at 8:00 A.M. Friday, Feb. 10 and ends at 5:00 P.M. Saturday, Feb. 11. Session I is separated into two concurrent tracks based upon the student's level athletic training. For questions about the Foundations of Athletic Training Workshop, contact: Ray Castle, PhD, ATC (225) 578-7175 or [RCASTL1@lsu.edu](mailto:RCASTL1@lsu.edu)

**Track A - Prevention, Evaluation, and Initial Management of Athletic Injuries** (designed for 1st year & pre-athletic training students)  
**Limited to 1st 120 registrants**

**Track B - Therapeutic Exercise, Modalities, and Professional Development** (designed for 2nd year athletic training students)  
**Limited to 1st 120 registrants**

**Session II: Competencies in Athletic Training Workshop** (for senior and graduate students preparing to take the BOC certification exam) Begins at 8:00 A.M. Friday, Feb. 10 and ends at 5:00 P.M. Saturday, Feb. 11. For questions about the Competencies in Athletic Training Workshop, contact: R.T. Floyd, EdD, ATC (205) 652-3714 or [rtf@uwa.edu](mailto:rtf@uwa.edu).

SEATA Call for Case Study Abstracts authored by athletic training students for 2006 Annual Athletic Training Student Workshop are due January 1, 2006 [www.seata.org/casestudy06.htm](http://www.seata.org/casestudy06.htm)

Go to [www.seata.org/06atss.htm](http://www.seata.org/06atss.htm) on the SEATA website for further details and registration.

## **SEATA Memorial Resolutions Committee**

Donna K. DeSilvey  
Sept. 30, 1970 - August 29, 2005

Donna lost her life during the tragic storm of

Hurricane Katrina. She was a Certified Athletic Trainer in Shreveport, LA and was owner and operator of [D2K Fitness Solutions for Busy People](#). She is survived by her father, Doug DeSilvey of Ocean Springs, MS.

## **SEATA Newsletter & Website Committee**

Please submit all information for posting on the website to R.T. Floyd at this time. E-mail to [rtf@uwa.edu](mailto:rtf@uwa.edu). You may also submit info via [www.seata.org/newsform.htm](http://www.seata.org/newsform.htm).

## **SEATA Research and Education Committee**

The SEATA Research and Education Committee has placed the following documents on the SEATA website:

- [Call for Abstracts 1st Biennial SEATA Athletic Training Educator's Conference](#)
- [SEATA Research and Education Committee Call for Abstracts 31st Annual Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting](#)
- [SEATA Research Grant Request for Proposals](#)
- [Research Grant Application Guidelines and General Information](#)

Please check each for submission criteria and deadlines.

## **Women in Athletic Training Committee**

The WATC is still in the process of putting together a timeline and history of women in athletic training, and we could use the help of all SEATA members in identifying profound female athletic trainers who have made an impact on the profession. If you have any information about the history of women in the NATA or SEATA, feel free to contact your state representative or Jenay Dunlap Myers and Lauren Carter (see the committee page on [www.seata.org](http://www.seata.org) for contact information). If you have information on women from other districts, let us know, and we can pass that information along to their committee.

Website- The SEATA and NATA WATC websites are both updated and have a lot of useful information for all members, including a list of the WATC's current projects. There is also a link on the SEATA website for anyone who would like to join the WATC list serve. Log on to [www.seata.org](http://www.seata.org) and [www.nata.org](http://www.nata.org) and visit their respective "committee" sections.

Mentoring- The WATC is in the process of planning a mentoring workshop for 2006 in conjunction with the SEATA annual meeting. Look for more information on that in the coming months. Also, the e-mentoring program continues to expand, and anyone interested in becoming an e-mentor can find information on the NATA WATC

website. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the e-mentoring program and to contact their state representative if they are interested in assisting with any of the WATC projects. It is a great opportunity to get involved and meet new people.

Public Relations- Public relations efforts continue with the goal of increasing awareness of the work done by the WATC on the district and national level. The WATC wants to provide resources to help all members of the association regardless of gender. The SEATA and NATA websites are great places to find out what the committee has to offer.

Life-Balancing Projects- The Life-Balancing area on the NATA WATC website has plenty of helpful links on a variety of topics for anyone who is interested in ways to bring more balance into their lives.

The WATC district committee is comprised of a chair and members from each of the states in the district- Mary McLendon (Chair), Sherry Kimbro (AL), Kristen Couper Schellhase (FL), Lauren Carter (GA), Jenay Dunlap Myers (GA), Debbie Klinger (KY), Lori McGaha (LA), Ruth Haugan (MS), and Karen Griffin (TN).

For information on the WATC and its activities, visit [www.seata.org](http://www.seata.org) or [www.nata.org](http://www.nata.org) and go to their respective "committees" sections.

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Visit [www.seata.org/Deadlines.htm](http://www.seata.org/Deadlines.htm) and/or the **SEATA Calendar of Events web page to stay current**

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[www.seata.org/assocmemfm.htm](http://www.seata.org/assocmemfm.htm)

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**WEEKEND WORKSHOP  
COMING IN JANUARY**

NATA's 2006 Weekend Workshop -- "Muscle Energy Techniques for the Sacroiliac Joint" -- is an Advanced Level educational course involving presentation of theoretical concepts, opportunities for laboratory practice, and integration of muscle energy techniques to the sacroiliac joint. Participants will earn 15 CEUs.



For complete information go to [www.nata.org/forms/06weekendworkshop.pdf](http://www.nata.org/forms/06weekendworkshop.pdf)

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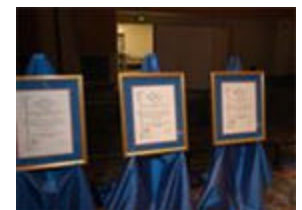
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Know a fellow ATC who's deserving of an NATA award? From now until Nov. 15, all NATA certified members can nominate colleagues for Hall of Fame, Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer, Athletic Trainer Service Award, President's Challenge and Honorary Membership.



**Mississippi Summit on Sudden Death in Athletes**

*"Hearts Too Good to Die" – Bernard Lown, M.D.*

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M., (NEW DATE) FEBRUARY 20, 2006

Norman C. Nelson Student Union Building, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS  
601-984-1300

## OTHER NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

### **“FATHER OF SPORTS MEDICINE” AMONG GEORGIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME’S STELLAR 2006 CLASS**

MACON, GA – Dr. Jack Hughston, known as the “Father of Sports Medicine”, has been chosen as a member of the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame’s Class of 2006 inductees.

The 2006 GSHF Induction Ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 20 at the Macon City Auditorium.

Hughston was a “trailblazer” in the field of sports medicine becoming one of the first known physicians to attend to high school and college athletes on the sidelines. He endured ridicule from many in his profession for these actions but persevered and served as Auburn University’s Orthopaedic consultant from 1952-1994.

“Dr. Jack Hughston was an amazing individual,” said GSHF Executive Director Jacquelyn Decell. “He truly changed the face of athletics. His groundbreaking techniques have extended the careers of thousands upon thousands of athletes and his impact has extended to physicians all over the world.

“I think of people like Dan Reeves and Tommy Nobis who endured countless knee surgeries. How long would their careers have lasted if they played today with Dr. Hughston’s procedures? We are extremely proud he has been chosen for induction.”

The 1938 Auburn University graduate invented the protective mouthpiece that was made mandatory for high school football players across the nation in 1962. He was also the founder of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, the American Journal of Sports Medicine and presided over the first sports medicine conference in Georgia in 1960.

His first teaching course on “The Prevention of Athletic Injuries” was in August of 1961. It was attended by over 300 high school coaches and team physicians in Atlanta. Seven years later, Hughston, a 1949 graduate of the Duke University Orthopaedic Training Program, created the Hughston Sports Medicine Foundation. His clinic treated its 100,000<sup>th</sup> patient in 1982 and his Hughston Sports Medicine Hospital open in 1984.

Others in the Class of 2006 include:

**Taz Anderson:** Six-year NFL veteran who played tight end for the St. Louis Cardinals (1961-1964) and the Atlanta Falcons (1966-1967)...Finished his career with 87 receptions for 1,335 yards and nine TDs...Best season came in 1965 with 35 catches for 535 yards and three TDs...Lettered three years at Georgia Tech playing halfback, fullback and end...Played in the 1959 Gator Bowl and 1961 Senior Bowl...Led Tech in receiving with 10 catches in 1959...Inducted into the Georgia Tech Hall of Fame in 1982...Named All-State in 1954 and 1955 at Savannah High...Co-captained the South squad in the state high school all-star football game.

**Bobby Cox:** One of the winningest coaches in professional baseball history and the winningest coach in Atlanta Braves’ history...During his 23 years (not counting 2005) as a head coach, he has compiled a staggering record of 2002 wins and 1531 losses...In Atlanta, he is 1,647-1,239...Cox has led the Braves to 13 consecutive divisional titles, 1995 World Series championship and five overall appearances in the Fall Classic...He was named Manager of the Year by the Baseball Writers Association of America in 2004...He also received the same honor from the Sporting News for the sixth time – more than any other manager since the magazine started balloting in 1936.

**Ray Donaldson:** Enjoyed a 17-year NFL career with the Baltimore/Indianapolis Colts, Seattle Seahawks and Dallas Cowboys...He earned six Pro-Bowl honors and became the first African-American to play center in the NFL...Won a Super Bowl title with the Cowboys in 1995...Played in 244 career games...1979 All-SEC selection at the University of Georgia...Lettered three years at UGA from 1977-79...All-American and All-State performer at East Rome High School...High School jersey retired by East Rome.

**Bobby Gaston:** One of the most respected men in college football officiating...Has been involved in Southeastern Conference football officiating for nearly five decades... Received the Officiating Award by the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame in 1995...Supervisor of football officiating for the Southeastern Conference since 1988...Was as an SEC official from 1957-1981 and

worked 18 bowl games.

**Lea Henry-Manning:** Starting point guard on the 1984 gold medal winning U.S. Women's Olympic Basketball team...Four-year starter at the University of Tennessee...Captained three teams that competed in the Final Four...Two-Time Academic All-American...Scored over 1,000 points and compiled 593 assists in her UT career...1983 All-SEC selection...Played on US international teams from 1978-1984...Selected as a 1979 Kodak High School All-American at Southwest Georgia Academy.

**Betty McClendon:** Became the first female to officiate a men's college basketball game...Women's college basketball official...Officiated the Final Four of the Mid-Eastern (MEAC) and Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Women's basketball tournaments...Physical Education Coordinator for Atlanta Public Schools from 1974-1991.

**Al Mead:** The first paralympic athlete to ever be selected for induction into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame...Dominant figured in amputee track and field for 14 years...Won the gold medal while setting a world record in the long jump at the 1988 Seoul Paralympic Games...Captured silver medal in the long jump at the 1992 Barcelona Paralympic Games...World record holder in the 100 meters from 1982-1988...Seven-time national champion in the 100 meters...14-time national champion in the long and high jumps.

**Marian Morgan:** An influential figure in the development of African-American Olympic track athletes from 1949-1971...Her coaching produced gold medalists like Mildred-McDaniel Singleton, Margaret Matthews Wilburn, Wyomia Tyus, Edith McGuire Duvall, Lucinda Williams Adams, Isabell Daniels Holston and Martha Hudson Pennymen (all in the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame)...Was selected to coach the US Women's National team that competed against Russia in Moscow in 1961.

**Sugar Ray Robinson:** Arguably "pound for pound" the best prize fighter in boxing history...Born in Ailey, Georgia, Robinson held the world welterweight title from 1946-1951 and was the world middleweight champion five times from 1951-1960...In 200 career fights, he never took a 10 count...In 1997, *Ring* magazine chose Robinson as the best boxer in its 75 years of publication...Fought the "Raging Bull" Jake LaMotta six time, winning five...Finished his career with a record of 175-19-6.

The Class of 2006 brings the total number of members in the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame to 344.

"Every induction class is special, but I have to say this is one of the most balanced I have ever seen," Decell. "Their distinguished careers and pioneering efforts are staggering."

For more information on the Class of 2006 and the Induction Ceremony next May, please call the GSHF at (478) 752-1585, ext. 101 or 102.

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### **Speakers are needed for the 2006 Big Sky Athletic Training Sports Medicine Conference.**

Case Studies, original research, and significant reviews of literature are appropriate for the audience of Athletic Trainers, Physical Therapists and Primary Care and Orthopedic Team Physicians. If you are interested in presenting please contact Jeff Monroe at [monroe@ath.msu.edu](mailto:monroe@ath.msu.edu) for further information.

All interested attendees are encouraged to register now to the 2006 Big Sky Athletic Training Sports Medicine Conference, [www.bsatsmc.ath.msu.edu](http://www.bsatsmc.ath.msu.edu), to be held Sunday, January 29th, Through Friday, February 3rd, 2006 at Big Sky Resort, Big Sky, Montana.

#### **Format:**

Morning sessions from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM, Afternoon sessions are from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

#### **Total CEU's:**

20 CEUs from the NATA, the NATABOC awards Speakers an extra 10 CEU's each talk given.



**Total CME's:**

The 2005 BSSMATC was able to offer 20 Class One Continuing Medical Education units through Michigan State University at no cost to attending physicians.

**Location:**

Big Sky Ski Resort located about 60 miles south of Bozeman, Montana, and 20 miles north of West Yellowstone, Wyoming, which is just outside of Yellowstone National Park.

**Lodging:**

A host of different options are available to stay in Big Sky. The resort is a "ski in ski out" resort. Once you are on premises, you will not need transportation, local transit is provided to the immediate mountain area and village. When making housing reservations, use the abbreviations: BSATSMC for the special rates.

**Travel:**

Northwest Airlines flies daily to Bozeman, MT. Special rates are available by contacting NWA at 800-328-1111 Mon-Fri 7:30 a to 7:00 p (CT) and using the travel code: NSDCR.

Ground travel can be arranged through Karst Stage at [www.karststage.com](http://www.karststage.com) you will receive a discounted round trip to the Big Sky Resort with reference to the BSATSMC.

**Cost:**

There is no cost for attending the meeting, which means that there will also be no reimbursement given for speakers who attend. This meeting is intended to be a free communication among interested professionals. Non-presenters are encouraged to attend because of the valuable discussion that follows each talk.

**Presentations:**

All presentations or talks will be ½ hour blocks. If a topic requires more than ½ hour, then please specify anticipated length. It is preferred that all talks be in digital format for PowerPoint presentations. An IBM Laptop Computer with digital projection will be used for audio/visual displays. DVD/CDs may be used for data transport. Any other type of medium must be the responsibility of the presenter.

Topics for presentation may vary to whatever professional area is of your interest. Most attendees will be Allied Medicine Professionals and Physicians. Presenters are asked to supply their own handouts or make arrangements before the conference begins.

**Contact Information:**

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## STATE REPORTS

### Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association

ALATA participated in the disaster relief by donating medical supplies to local high schools and families in the Gulfport area affected by the hurricane. Most of the work was performed by ALATA Vice-President, Mike Jones.

**State meeting update:**

Just to let everyone know that we are diligently exploring other venues to host our 2006 state meeting. Unfortunately the Grand Casino was destroyed and will not be up and running for at least 2-3 years. Please keep checking the ALATA website for updates on the state meeting. We should have a new location by the end of November.

## Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida

### 18th Annual ATAF Meeting Info Announced

The ATAF 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinical Symposium and Business Meeting will be held from April 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 at the Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs. Special ATAF Room rates are: \$73.00/night plus tax, and deadlines for reservations are March 28, 2006. For Reservations call (800)678-4380. Once again the ATAF PAC/Social will "kick off" the meeting on Friday night April 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Nominations Closed for Upcoming ATAF Elections

ATAF Nominations closed for several positions on the Executive Board on October 1, 2005. Thanks to all of the current licensed/certified members that submitted their names as candidates for the various board positions that are open. The ballot will be mailed out to current NATA/ATAF Certified members by the end of October. If you do not receive your ballot by then and are a current NATA/ATAF member please contact Craig Portwood, ATC/L, Nominations Chair at (386) 677-6455 or [acportwood@tomokacc.org](mailto:acportwood@tomokacc.org) to request the ballot.

**All members voting must send ballots back to Craig Portwood, ATC/L postmarked no later than November 15, 2005. Remember, Executive Board works on behalf of You, the membership and your votes do count. Please vote and encourage all of your colleagues to vote!**

The following positions on the Executive Board are up for election:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- North East Region Representative
- Panhandle Region Representative
- Southern 2 Region Representative

### ATAF assisting with collections for D9 members affected by Hurricane Katrina

President Brunett extended the initial deadline for members to assist D9 colleagues and students that were affected by Hurricane Katrina. Members can continue to send in Monetary donations made payable to "ATAF" or gift cards from Target, Sears or Wal-Mart until **October 22<sup>nd</sup>** to ATAF Treasurer:

Glenda Hammons, ATC/L, ATAF Treasurer, PO BOX 12846 Tallahassee, FL 32317-2846.

ATAF Executive Board & Governmental Affairs members will be meeting with Jon Johnson, ATAF lobbyist, as well as various government officials within the next month in Tallahassee to help prepare for upcoming legislative session. "Grassroots effort" will be needed by *ALL* members for successful '06 legislative session for ATC Bill. Please check the [ataf.org](http://ataf.org) website frequently to see what you can do in your areas to assist with the bill's passing.

Members of ATAF:

There have been several emails sent out as well as postings on the ATAF and SEATA websites of ATAF's Hurricane Katrina Collections Drive. We as a state wanted to do something to directly assist our colleagues and athletic training students that were affected by Hurricane Katrina. **We initially set a deadline of September 30<sup>th</sup> for collections, but I would like to extend that deadline until October 22, 2006** to allow for more of our members to participate. I would like to send my sincere gratitude to those members that have already contributed to the ATAF Hurricane Katrina collections drive. I know that many of us have probably already donated to several other causes, but I am asking ATAF members to do what they can to help our own.

ATAF has a great history of being leaders and helping to make a difference, so again I am asking our members to send a monetary donation or a gift card from **Wal-Mart, Target, or Sears** for hurricane victims. Please send monetary donations (**make checks payable to ATAF**) and/or gift cards to: **Glenda Hammons, ATC/L, ATAF Treasurer, PO Box 12846, Tallahassee, FL 32317-2846. We will collect donations through October 22, 2006.**

I am challenging our membership to again rise to the occasion in a great time of need. If our members contribute what they can to the "Hurricane Katrina Collections Drive" it will certainly help to assist those ATC's and student's in their time of recovery. Let's show our fellow colleagues how much ATAF cares! I know that we can all somewhat relate to what they are going through with the Hurricane season we had

last year. Please know that no matter how big or small the donation you can make, every little bit helps! ATAF would like to make a difference in the lives of our colleagues and students that were affected by this tragedy.

Your generosity in this time of need is greatly appreciated!

Warmest Regards,  
Marisa Brunett, MS, ATC/L

## **Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association**

### GATA Annual Meeting & Symposium

The GATA meeting and symposium will be held January 20 -21, 2006 at the Wyndham Peachtree Hotel and Conference Center again this year. The room rates are \$69.00 so I encourage all of you to take advantage of this and participate in our meeting. Our educational committee is putting together a great program including, CPR recertification, workshops, an on-site social sponsored by DonJoy and a packed agenda for Saturday. Keep in mind, the CEU reporting system changes next year and everyone with a last name between A-G must report 25 CEU's by December 31, 2006.

We will also have again this year, the high school student athletic trainer meeting on Saturday. This is a wonderful opportunity for your high school students to learn about current sports medicine topics. We will again have a cadaver dissection and an agenda your students will not want to miss.

Look for more information on the GATA website at [www.athletictraining.org](http://www.athletictraining.org)

## **Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association**

In cooperation with Mississippi, the Louisiana Athletic Trainers Association would like to announce the creation of an "Athletic Trainer Relief Fund" at Chase Bank for athletic trainers in the Gulf Coast who were affected by Katrina. This fund had been established through the LATA and all donations can be Tax-Deductible as a donation to a 501(c)(3) organization.

I need your help to spread the word to any member who would like to make a donation to help our fellow athletic trainers. I would also ask that each state affected by Katrina have a representative (ie, treasurer, president, etc) to help form the AT Relief Fund Committee which will be created to develop the guidelines and oversee the disbursements of these funds. (I would be open for any suggestions on how this can be done.)

Anyone who would like to contribute to the fund can send a check made payable to:

Gerard White, Program Director  
Athletic Training Science  
Nicholls State University  
P.O. Box 2090  
Thibodaux, LA 70310  
(985) 493-2612  
(985) 493-2614 (Fax)  
[www.nicholls.edu/ahs/health/athletic](http://www.nicholls.edu/ahs/health/athletic)

## **Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association**

The MATA wishes to thank athletic trainers from across District IX and the country for the well-wishes, prayers, and support sent to those that suffered from Hurricane Katrina. The large number of athletic trainers that helped organize relief efforts, volunteer time, or donate money and/or items, truly represents the caring, compassionate, and dedicated nature of our profession.

We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of USM graduate Donna DeSilvey, MS, ATC and several family members due to Katrina. No other deaths or major injuries have been reported by our members due to the hurricane, and only one injury has been reported during the recovery period.

The Sun Herald mistakenly labeled a picture of Ross Langston looking at a damaged house as his personal residence (it belonged to a family member); fortunately for Ross, his house was not significantly damaged.

“Thank You” to Ray Castle at LSU for helping to organize the NATA’s Katrina Webpage; this has been an invaluable tool in communicating with others across the country trying to locate friends and colleagues.

“Thank You” to Tom Rokovitz with Sports Health and William Leavell and Mark Blake with Alert Services. These organizations have helped get athletic training supplies to several schools along the Gulf Coast that lost all of their supplies in the storm. At least a dozen schools in south Mississippi lost supplies and some lost their athletic training facilities. Anyone interested in donating athletic training items for schools along the Gulf Coast can send them by mail (*yes, some mail service has been restored*) or FedEx (not UPS, the service center was destroyed) to:

The Rehab Center of South Mississippi  
Attn: Eric Oehms  
1720-A Medical Park Drive, Suite 210  
Biloxi, MS 39532

The MATA in conjunction with the LATA has established the **Athletic Trainer Relief Fund**. Contributions to this fund are tax-deductible and can be made payable and sent to the following address:

**AT Relief Fund**  
C/O Gerard White, LATA Treasurer  
Nicholls State University  
P.O. Box 2090  
Thibodaux, LA 70310

We have been in contact with The Isle of Capris and we are continuing to evaluate the need to move the 2006 annual meeting. If you have any thoughts, concerns, or suggestions for the 2006 meeting, please contact Tim Colbert or Mitch Bibb.

Again, continued thanks for the thoughts and prayers for those affected by Katrina, and our thoughts and prayers go out to those in Louisiana and across the country for those also affected by Katrina and Rita.

## **Tennessee Athletic Trainers’ Society**

Heat getting to you after a long summer ??? Want to get rid of those summertime blues ???

**. . . then start planning that mid-winter getaway to beautiful**

**Gatlinburg, Tennessee for the**

**2006 TATS Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium !!!**

The site for our meeting is the Park Vista Hotel, [www.parkvista.com](http://www.parkvista.com), which we think you will agree is the nicest facility in Gatlinburg.

Best of all, we have secured great room rates at \$79.00 per night for all attendees !!!

**But there is a deadline on these special values**

**so make your hotel reservations now !!!**

The Planning Committee and Executive Board members are working on bringing together not only a great educational program, but are also working on social events including the still to be named

”Next Annual Nick -At-Night,

It’s Five O’Clock Somewhere’ Luau By The Pool Barbeque Party

on Saturday night that you won’t want to miss !!! Particular attention is being made for attendees as well as discounts to local attractions and activities for the entire family !!!

**So make your plans to attend and bring the family or that special someone early to enjoy a great weekend in the Great Smoky Mountains !!!**

Mark your calendars for the weekend of **January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006**.

Come early and stay late !!!

Go online now to [www.parkvista.com](http://www.parkvista.com) and click on Reservations . . .

Make sure you enter **TATS06** in the box for the Special Rate Code  
to get the \$79.00 rate for TATS meeting attendees  
or call The Park Vista Hotel at 1-800-421-PARK .

Look for more information in the upcoming TATS Newsletter or  
check our website in late November for registration materials at

[www.tnata.org](http://www.tnata.org) !!!

DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE . . . THESE ROOMS ARE BEING HELD FOR US  
AT THIS SPECIAL RATE ONLY UNTIL DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> . . . .

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