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### **STEVE STEARNS, BILL DASKAROLIS AND MARK FOYER HONORED AS RECIPIENTS OF 2009 CCS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

The Executive Committee of the CIF-Central Coast Section Board of Managers has selected **Steve Stearns**, former CCS Assistant Commissioner, **Bill Daskarolis**, long time Cross Country and Track & Field aficionado, and **Mark Foyer**, of the Half Moon Bay Review covering high school sports since 1985, as recipients of the *2009 Central Coast Section Distinguished Service Award*.

The *Central Coast Section Distinguished Service Award* is intended to honor those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Central Coast Section and the California Interscholastic Federation over a period of years. This premier award is reserved for truly outstanding individuals who have made personal and professional sacrifices in order to promote, develop and positively influence interscholastic athletics.

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**Steve Stearns** has served athletes of the Central Coast Section in many positions, as a teacher, coach, athletic director and CCS Assistant Commissioner since 1973. Steve taught at Piedmont Hills and Independence High Schools where he coached football, track & field, swimming and diving, baseball and basketball. Steve became the athletic director at Piedmont Hills where he served on many committees such as the ADAC, Board of Managers and was the CCS Basketball Sports Committee chairperson. He was awarded the California Athletic Directors Association Athletics Director of the year in 1984. Steve was hired in 1989 to be the Assistant Commissioner for the Central Coast Section and continued in that position until 2007. Steve also has been an active official in football and softball and is still serving as the CIF State Rules Interpreter for Football. Steve has and continues to serve the athletes and coaches of the CCS and we are proud to call him one of our own.

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**Bill Daskarolis** has been coaching at Aragon High school for last 46 years. Although he officially retired from teaching in 1997, he still continues to serve the Aragon athletes as their coach and serves as meet director of the CCS Cross Country meet at the Crystal Springs course. Bill has served on many committees within the CCS insuring our athletes and coaches have a great experience at our championships. Bill has also served on USA Track and Field Committees and has worked numerous NCAA Division 1 Track and Field Championships over the years. Bill has been recognized for his many years of expertise and dedication to teaching, cross country and track and field including the CIF Honor Coach of the Year, CCS Honor Coach of the Year, PTSA Honor Service Award, San Mateo HSD Certificate of Appreciation, CAHPRED Division Honor award and has been inducted into the Crystal Springs Cross-Country Course Hall of Fame and the Aragon High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Bill is a perfect example of the local boy turned educator and has given back to the community, the students and the sports he so dearly cherishes.

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**Mark Foyer** has been covering high school sports in the North Peninsula since 1985. Over those 24 years he has received numerous accolades from California Newspaper Publishers Associations, California Prep Sports Writers Association and the Wick Company for outstanding local prep coverage. Mark has also found the time to dedicate his expertise to the Peninsula Athletic League as the meet director for their track and field league championships. Mark is always on the cutting edge of prep sports and is commonly seen at CCS seeding meetings and evaluation meetings always willing to offer his experience and insight. Mark's time and dedication devoted to the athletes, coaches and fans of the Central Coast Section has not gone unnoticed and he definitely has made a positive difference in serving the CCS. We appreciate his honesty and integrity when he reports his insightful stories.

**Steve Stearns, Bill Daskarolis and Mark Foyer** join an impressive list of previous *CCS Distinguished Service Award* honorees, who have consistently, and over many years, distinguished themselves in making professional, positive and selfless contributions to the development, growth and opportunities for student-athletes in interscholastic sports. That list includes the following:

**Larry Rice** (1989);  
**Loren Lansberry, Merv Harris** (1990);  
**Bert Viales, Joyce Ridgway, Ed Fennelly, Fran Errota** (1991);  
**Pete Newton, Mike Orlich, Ron Walters** (1992);  
**Angelo Aguiar, Dennis Lehman, Tom Ryan** (1993);  
**Don Dooley, Simi Lee, Ken Thomas** (1994);  
**Don Bell, Elgie Bellizio, Gordon Young** (1995);  
**Tom McEnery, Dave Payne** (1996);  
**Susan Hammer, Robert Braunstein** (1997);  
**Doug Blatz, Elias Chamorro** (1998);  
**Dwight Martin** (1999);  
**Barbara Beard, Frank Fiscalini, Barbara Nunes** (2000);  
**Marie Ishida, Dotty McCrea** (2001);  
**Gary Brinck, Lynn Dyche, Terri Sonniksen** (2002)  
**Duane Morgan, Dr. Art Ting** (2003).  
**Dino Certa, Trudy McCulloch, Brad Syth** (2005)  
**Br. Patrick Dunne, Richard Chamberlin** (2006)  
**Steve Filios, Rich Milam** (2007)  
**Dr. Rhonda Farber, Mike Peterson, Dr. Arlando Smith** (2008)

**Steve Stearns, Bill Daskarolis and Mark Foyer** will be formally recognized as recipients of the *2009 Central Coast Section Distinguished Service Award* at the CCS Board of Managers meeting, scheduled for October 21, 2009, at the Holiday Inn-Silicon Valley, in San Jose.