

## ***In Dedication - Bob Shor & Santa Rosa***

### ***“Not Just You But Everybody!”***



This past August, we lost one of our most beloved track and field officials Bob Shor. Bob was the original starter for the Fiesta in 2008 and was a mainstay at all of Dublin hosted meets until his passing.

Bob LOVED track and field. He is the only person ever to beat me to a meet. Even his last appearance in 2016 (photoed here) when I got to the track, there he was in his tan truck, khaki shorts and red shirt at 5:00 AM. I don't recall ever seeing Bob wear anything different. I can remember him in the early 2000s at meets in the driving rain in those shorts. That was his patented look. Along with his blue speaker.

He would show up and help with whatever he could, from marking the track for off distance races to helping officiate field events, or to teaching kids how to set-up their blocks. I believe the last meet Bob ever started was a winter all-comers we hosted and one of the tape marks he made left residue on the track that we still can't get off (it's in lane 1 right before the finish line). It's a funny reminder to me of how dedicated he was to this sport.

Oh, and don't ever try to pay him for more than the cost of the shells he used. He got so offended at me one time when I tried to give him an extra \$20 that I thought he was going to DQ me from my own meet. Only later did he let me give him "gas money" when I threatened him with not

letting him start at the Fiesta if he didn't take it.

Over the years, Bob became a legend in my house. Bob would always go out of his way to say hello to my wife and children and he left such a wonderful impression on them. When I took my son to Sacramento Meet of Champions last year to witness Cooper Teare from SJND try to break 4 minutes in the mile and the starter gave the commands, my son turns to me and says, "Daddy, he didn't do it right. He's supposed to say, 'Not just you, but everybody.'"

And Bob just didn't love track and field, he loved EVERYBODY involved with it. And Bob would want us to cheer for everybody, not just your own schools. Bob was from the Santa Rosa area and many of the lives he touched throughout the years lost everything in the fires that ravaged that area. One thing Bob loved about the Fiesta was how the heats were seeded and that this might be the only race in the student athlete's life that they had a chance to be in the front, that this one event was such a positive moment in their lives. As you are competing today against some of the student athletes from Maria Carrillo, Montgomery, Rincon Valley Christian, Santa Rosa and Sonoma Academy, please remember that this race might mean more to them than normal - some of them and their coaches lost everything and running has been such a positive support for them. Shake their hands and wish them good luck. When you are cheering today, don't just cheer for your team but cheer for everybody, especially those kids from those schools where just toeing the line today means so much more considering what they have been through. Bob was such a vital part of the running community and this community is what can support these kids in this time of need.

Bob - thank you, not just from me, but from everybody. We will miss you.

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