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SHOW SUPPORT FOR YOUR TEAMS THE RIGHT WAY

by Robert Thomas, Hill Country News

I agonized in trying to find a way to write this column so no one would take offense, but in today's world, that's not going to happen.

In my time as a sports writer, over 10 years now, I have seen just about everything that could happen on the field of play.

This column, however, deals with some of the shenanigans that take place off the field.

I have always asked fans - students and parents alike - to support their respective athletic programs. And there have been times I have been amazed with the level of support for athletes in Leander ISD.

And then there have been times when those same fans have shown how they can take away from that with thoughtless and bizarre actions at same said events.

You can't honestly think derogatory comments and

actions, whether at the opponent or the home team, makes that much of a difference. Where is the sportsmanship in saying the nastiest things that come to mind?

Before each game, there is a UIL-mandated statement about good sportsmanship that is read. But it just seems like it goes in one ear and out the other for some fans.

I guess they are too busy figuring out their game routine and what they plan to say and how loud they want to say it.

Most of the time, the head coach takes the brunt of those comments, anywhere from questioning his/her ability to coach during games to a disturbing trend of off-the-field tactics to prove their points.

Those comments and actions don't escape the ears of

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Texas Girls Coaches Association 2008 Summer Clinic

July 7 - 11
Arlington Convention Center
1200 Ballpark Way

	Time	Event	No.	Site
Monday, July 7th	3 pm	Orientation of Softball All-Stars		Kaplana Chawla Hall, UT Arlington
	4:30 - 5:30 pm	2007-08 TGCA Directors' Meeting	#1	Sheraton Arlington, World Series I & II
	6 pm	Board of Directors' Dinner		Legends of the Game Baseball Museum
Tuesday, July 8th	7:00 am and 12:30pm	Coaches Golf Tournament Director Larry Tidwell 409-880-2238		Canyon West Golf Course 200 Canyon Drive Weatherford, TX
	9 - 11 am	Softball Demonstration	#2	Workman Softball Complex 701 East Arbrook Dr., Arlington
	10 am - 4 pm	Registration		Arlington Convention Center
	12 noon - 5 pm	Exhibitors' Set Up (No one allowed in Exhibit Hall)		Arlington Convention Center
	1 pm	Orientation of Volleyball All-Stars		Kaplana Chawla Hall, UT Arlington
	4 pm	1A- 2A- 3A Softball Pre-Game		Workman Softball Complex
	4:30 pm	1A- 2A- 3A Softball All-Star Game		Workman Softball Complex
	6:30 pm	4A-5A Softball Pre-Game		Workman Softball Complex
	7 pm	4A-5A Softball All-Star Game		Workman Softball Complex
9 pm	Welcome Social		Humperdinks - 700 Six Flags Drive	
Wednesday, July 9th	8 am - 5pm	Exhibit Hall Open to the Public		Arlington Convention Center
	8 am - 5 pm	Registration		Arlington Convention Center
	8:30 - 11 am	Volleyball Demonstration	#3	Arlington Martin High School
	8:30 - 9:30 am	Track & Cross-Country Update, UIL	#4	Salon C, Arlington Convention Center
	9 - 10 am	Basketball Lecture (Major) Kevin Cook Gallaudat University	#5	Salon B, Arlington Convention Center
	9 - 10 am	Softball Lecture (Major) Shanon Hays Lubbock Christian University	#6	Salon A, Arlington Convention Center
	9 - 10 am	Special Lecture - Roy Rudewick UTA Head Athletic Trainer "Eating for Success"	#7	M 5-8, Arlington Convention Center
	10 am	Basketball All-Stars Orientation		Kaplana Chawla Hall, UT Arlington
	10:30 - 11:30 am	Basketball Lecture (Major) Kevin Cook Gallaudat University	#8	Salon B, Arlington Convention Center
	10:30 - 11:30 am	Track & Cross Country Lecture Gerald Rodriguez Spring Woods High School Shot & Discus Progressions	#9	Salon C, Arlington Convention Center
	10:30 - 11:30 am	Softball Lecture (Major) Shanon Hays Lubbock Christian University	#10	Salon A, Arlington Convention Center
10:30 - 11:30 am	Special Lecture - Dr. Jim Peterson "10 Dumb Health-Related Mistakes That Even Smart Coaches Make"	#11	M 5-8, Arlington Convention Center	

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Time	Event	No.	Site
12 noon - 1 pm	Sub-Varsity Softball Lecture Cathie Johnson-Landers Austin Bowie H.S. “How to make fundamentals a part of your practice without losing time with the varsity”	#12	Salon C, Arlington Convention Center
12 noon - 1 pm	Volleyball Lecture Al Bennett - Westlake High School	#13	Salon A, Arlington Convention Center
12 noon - 1 pm	Track & Cross Country Lecture Robert Ondrasek Southlake Carroll High School Getting kids to run...on their own ...and like it	#14	M 5-8, Arlington Convention Center
12 noon - 1 pm	Basketball Lecture Kari Wallace Cibolo Steele High School “The Little Things Do Make a Difference”	#15	Salon B, Arlington Convention Center
1 - 3 pm	Honor Awards Luncheon		Arlington Hilton Hotel 2401 E Lamar Blvd., Arlington
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Sub-Varsity Track & Cross Country Lecture - Will Reid Harper High School “Pole Vault and More”	#16	M 5-8, Arlington Convention Center
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Softball Lecture - Wes Overton Midland Lee High School “Making the Most of Batting Practice”	#17	Salon B, Arlington Convention Center
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Sub-Varsity Volleyball Lecture Doug Milner Wimberley High School “Owning the middle 10’ of the Net - The Setter/Middle Relationship”	#18	Salon C, Arlington Convention Center
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Basketball Lecture Jill McDill - Rockwall High School	#19	Salon A, Arlington Convention Center
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Tennis Lecture - Troy Simonek Waco Midway High School Higher Level Doubles, tactics, formations & drills.	#20	M 9-12, Arlington Convention Center
3 pm	Administrators’ Golf Tournament Director: Gina Farmer, Cedar Hill ISD # 972-291-7014		TBA
3 - 4 pm	Track & Cross Country Lecture Brittany Lanehart Kingwood Park High School	#21	M 5-8, Arlington Convention Center
3 - 4 pm	Volleyball Lecture Scott Simonds Clear Creek High School Off Season Scouting & Drills	#22	Salon C, Arlington Convention Center
3 - 4 pm	Softball Lecture Ruth Wright Huntington High School “Handling Practice in a Small School Setting”	#23	Salon B, Arlington Convention Center

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	Time	Event	No.	Site
	3 - 4 pm	Tennis Lecture - Angel Martinez Grapevine High School "The Mustang Blueprint"	#24	M 9-12, Arlington Convention Center
	3 - 4 pm	Sub-Varsity Basketball Lecture Todd Bramlett Denton Guyer High School	#25	Salon A, Arlington Convention Center
	4 pm	Orientation of Track & Cross Country All-Stars		Kaplana Chawla Hall, UT Arlington
	5 pm	1A-2A-3A Volleyball Pre-Game		Grand Prairie High School Turner Gym
	5:30 pm	1A-2A-3A Volleyball All-Star Game		101 High School Drive Grand Prairie
	7 pm	4A-5A Volleyball Pre-Game		Grand Prairie High School Turner Gym
	7:30 pm	4A-5A Volleyball All-Star Game		101 High School Drive Grand Prairie
Thursday, July 10th	8 am - 2 pm	Exhibit Hall Open to the Public		Exhibit Hall, Arlington Convention Center
	8 am - 2pm	Registration		Arlington Convention Center
	8:30 - 11 am	Basketball Demonstration	#26	Arlington Martin High School, Main Gym 4501 W. Pleasant River Road
	9 - 10:30 am	Track & Cross Country Demonstration	#27	Maverick Stadium, UT Arlington
	9 - 10 am	Special Lecture - Legislative Update Dr. Bill Farney, Dr. Charles Breithaupt and Sam Tipton	#28	Salon B, Arlington Convention Center
	9 - 10 am	Softball Lecture (Major) Rich Wieligman Oklahoma State University	#29	Salon A, Arlington Convention Center
	9 - 10 am	Volleyball Update, UIL	#30	Salon C, Arlington Convention Center
	9 - 10 am	Soccer Lecture - Rennie Rebe Austin Westlake High School "Individual Player Development"	#31	M 5-8, Arlington Convention Center
	10:30 - 11:30 am	Softball Update, UIL	#32	Salon A, Arlington Convention Center
	10:30 - 11:30 am	Volleyball Lecture (Major) Cathy George Michigan State University	#33	Salon C, Arlington Convention Center
	10:30 - 11:30 am	Special Lecture - Mike Carroll Stephenville High School Head Athletic Trainer, "MRSA"	#34	Salon B, Arlington Convention Center
	10:30 - 11:30 am	Soccer Lecture - Richie Sanchez Klein Oak	#35	M 5-8, Arlington Convention Center
	12 noon - 1 pm	Softball Lecture (Major) Rich Wieligman Oklahoma State University	#36	Salon A, Arlington Convention Center
	12 noon - 1 pm	Volleyball Lecture (Major) Cathy George Michigan State University	#37	Salon C, Arlington Convention Center
	12 noon - 1 pm	Sub-Varsity Track & CC Lecture Beverly Humphrey Lancaster High School "Coaching Today's Champions"	#38	M 5-8, Arlington Convention Center
	12 noon - 1 pm	Basketball Update, UIL	#39	Salon B, Arlington Convention Center

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	Time	Event	No.	Site
	1 - 2 pm	“Everything We Haven’t Had the Opportunity to Tell You,” UIL	#40	Salon C, Austin Convention Center
	1 - 2 pm	Visit Exhibit Hall Exhibits close at 2 pm		Arlington Convention Center
	2 - 3:15 pm	Regional Meetings Region 1 Region 2 Region 3 Region 4 Region 5 Region 6 Region 7 Region 8	#41	Arlington Convention Center: M 9-12 M 5-8 Salon AB North East Salon AB South East Salon AB North West Salon AB South West Salon C North Salon C South
	3:30 - 4:15 pm	TGCA General Business Meeting	#42	Salon AB, Arlington Convention Center
	5:30 pm	1A-2A-3A Basketball Pre-Game		Grand Prairie High School, Turner Gym
	6 pm	1A-2A-3A Basketball All-Star Game		
	6:30 pm	Track & Cross Country All-Star Introductions		Grand Prairie High School, Turner Gym
	7:30 pm	4A-5A Basketball Pre-Game		Grand Prairie High School, Turner Gym
	8 pm	4A-5A Basketball All-Star Game		
Friday, July 11th	8 - 9:30 am	TGCA Committee Meetings Volleyball Committee Basketball Committee Track & Field Committee Softball Committee Sub-Varsity Committee	#43	Sheraton Arlington Meeting Rooms: Super Bowl 2 Triple Crown World Series I World Series II Super Bowl 1
	8 - 10 am	Registration		Arlington Convention Center
	9:30 - 10:30 am	Basketball Lecture	#44	Salon A, Arlington Convention Center
	9:30 - 10:30 am	Volleyball Lecture	#45	Salon B, Arlington Convention Center
	9:30 - 10:30 am	Track & Cross Country Lecture Lance Harter - University of Arkansas	#46	Salon C, Arlington Convention Center
	10:45 - 11:45 am	Basketball Lecture	#47	Salon A, Arlington Convention Center
	10:45 - 11:45 am	Volleyball Lecture	#48	Salon B, Arlington Convention Center
	10:45 - 11:45 am	Track & CC Lecture Lance Harter - University of Arkansas	#49	Salon C, Arlington Convention Center
	12:30 pm	TGCA Directors’ Meeting	#50	Sheraton Arlington, World Series I & II
	TGCA JOB PLACEMENT SERVICE CENTER Sponsored by Assistant Coach Wednesday, July 9th - 8 am - 4 pm Thursday, July 10th - 8 am - 4 pm			M 1-4 Arlington Convention Center

Attend Your Regional Meetings

Regional Meetings
Thursday, July 10 at 2 pm
2008 TGCA Summer Clinic
Arlington Convention Center

The TGCA Officers and Board of Directors encourage ALL attendees at the 2008 Summer Clinic to attend your regional meeting. This is the meeting in which each of the eight regions making up the general populace of TGCA, elect individuals to serve in the following capacities: sports committees (cross country, volleyball, basketball, track & field, softball, and sub-varsity), board of directors (junior directors in Regions 2, 4, 6, and 8 for 2008), and Second Vice President nominee.

The office of TGCA is asked time and time again, 'How can I be more involved? How are changes made within the organization? How do things really work?'

The answer is GET INVOLVED in the operation of the individual region where you reside. To continue moving forward and supporting its members and student-athletes, TGCA needs dedicated, responsible, hardworking individuals to serve in many different capacities. Please take the time and effort to give back to the organization that promotes and supports you as a member coach. TGCA is as strong as the leadership of the officers, board of directors, and members of the various committees. These are the committees who will select the athletes that will be honored.

Make a difference in TGCA by using your vote in regional meetings to select the best possible candidates to serve the organization. Who knows, your peers may see leadership qualities in YOU and elect you to serve TGCA!

The two MOST IMPORTANT MEETINGS at Summer Clinic for you to attend will be your REGIONAL MEETING (2 pm on Thursday 10th) and the GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING held immediately following the Regional Meetings.

Regional Meetings

Thursday, July 10th 2 - 3:15 pm
Arlington Convention Center
in the following rooms:

Region 1: M 9-12

Region 2: M 5-8

Region 3: Salon AB North East

Region 4: Salon AB South East

Region 5: Salon AB North West

Region 6: Salon AB South West

Region 7: Salon C North

Region 8: Salon C South

TGCA General Business Meeting

Thursday, July 10th 3:30 - 4:15 pm
Salon AB, Arlington Convention Center

Collegiate Speakers for the TGCA Summer Clinic

Lance Harter

University of Arkansas
Head Cross Country Coach

Throughout his 26-year career as a collegiate head coach, Lance Harter has built programs that win. He is the most successful women's cross country coach in the Southeastern Conference history, having led his team to 11 league championships in 16 years, and he has racked up an impressive 14 NCAA regional titles, bringing Arkansas to the brink of a national championship with four NCAA runner-up trophies. His athletes have earned 23 cross country all-American honors, numerous all-conference and all-regional certificates and collected nine SEC individual championships.

Cathy George

Michigan State University
Head Volleyball Coach

Guiding MSU to the 2006 NCAA Championship Tournament in just her second season at the helm of the Spartan program, Cathy George has quickly led the Green and White back to its prominence as a nationally prominent program. George led a rebuilding Spartan squad to a 19-12 overall record, including a 10-10 (6th) Big Ten Conference mark in 2006, and its first trip to postseason play since the 2003 campaign.

Shanon Hays

Lubbock Christian University
Head Softball Coach

Coach Hays was appointed to head up the new Softball program at LCU in the fall of 2007. "It's exciting to have an opportunity to lead the way in starting a new program at a growing and vibrant place like LCU," stated Hays. Hays is new to the staff of LCU, but not a stranger to the school. He was a letterman on the 1987 baseball and basketball teams at LCU before transferring to Texas Tech University where he played baseball.

Rich Wieligman

Oklahoma State University
Head Softball Coach

Rich Wieligman is making his fourth stop in the Big 12, but this time it is as a head coach. He comes to Oklahoma State after serving the previous four years as a hitting coordinator under Jo Evans at Texas A&M.

Wieligman also served as an assistant at Baylor and Texas Tech, but he really made a name for himself at Texas A&M. His success with the Aggie softball program put his name at the top of the Oklahoma State coaching search, after Arizona and US National team coach Mike Candrea recommended him to the OSU Athletic Director, Mike Holder.

Kevin Cook

Gallaudet University
Washington D.C.

Coach Kevin Cook comes to Gallaudet after ten years as an assistant coach with the WNBA Houston Comets. In 2006, Kevin was named the head coach of the Nigerian National Team that competed in the 2006 World Championships in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

"Coach Kevin" served on the winning Western conference all-star staff in the first three WNBA All-Star games as well as touring Brazil as coach with the WNBA All-Stars in 1998. Prior to his stint with the Comets, Cook served two years as head coach at Garden City College, including a 20-win season plus a #12 national ranking. Kevin also has ten years' experience at the college level with the University of Kansas, participating in 4 conference championships and a number of NCAA tournaments.

Coach Cook's experience also includes co-authoring a basketball book with the first female Harlem Globetrotter, Lynette Woodard, and had a small role in the movie Cottonmouth. He has done TV and Radio commentary for NCAA women's basketball games and speaks regularly for civic groups and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

Honor Awards Luncheon

TGCA will host the awards luncheon during the 2008 Summer Clinic. The luncheon will be sponsored by Baden. The luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9th at 1:00 p.m. in the Arlington Hilton Hotel, 2401 E. Lamar Blvd., Arlington, Texas.

Tickets will be \$20.00 each (non-refundable) plus \$1.00 for processing and mailing. If you wish to attend, please return the order form (found on the TGCA website under summer clinic) with payment to the TGCA office at 1603 Manor Road, Austin, TX. 78722. Please make check payable to: TGCA

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of the players, who often have to hear the same lines after the game on the way home. All that does is force these young athletes to choose between trusting their coach or trusting a parent.

This foolishness needs to stop. Just because you have the right to say what you want doesn't mean you get to say it stupidly and with malice.

Don't let yourself get caught up in that - nothing good comes from siding with that behavior. I know most fans are positive and just want the best for their teams, the players and their schools. But it's the vocal minority that always gets heard, and it makes everyone look bad.

I think if most people just walked through a day as a coach, they probably would have a new appreciation for the thankless job they have.

Most fans just see the two to three hours of work during a game and they think that's all there is to it. What they don't see is the 10- to 12-hour days, which include daily practices, field/court upkeep, paperwork and game preparation.

Oh yeah, let's not forget that they teach several classes a day too and most also coach a second sport.

Often times, the only time a coach knows he or she is doing a great job is when no one says anything at all.

Just how would you respond if someone came to your workplace and just started spouting off about how to do your job? Someone who doesn't have the training and experience you do?

I am not saying that coaches are all saints; I have met several pieces of work in my time as a sports writer. But they do deserve your respect. They work hard to not only win, but to help your child become a better athlete, a better student and a better person.

Coaches are not out to get your kids, they don't willingly hold them back out of spite and allow others to succeed. Unfortunately, they also can't give playing time to every single person on the team.

Ask yourself this: Should coaches play everyone on the roster and settle for what result comes from that? Or should the best players play as much as possible to ensure the best chance for their team to win?

All I'm asking is that you cut the coaches some slack. Let them do their jobs, and you do yours by enjoying and cheering wildly at the games your children play.

And that's the bottom line.

Important Dates and Announcements - 2007-08 School Year

TGCA COACHES CAPTURE STATE GOLF TITLES

TGCA is Proud to Recognize and Congratulate the following Coaches and their Athletes.

Jaime Walling, Wall High School (2A)
Mark Burgen, Andrews High School (3A)

TGCA CERTIFICATES

The certificates for the all-state and academic all-state honors for volleyball, cross country, and basketball were mailed to your school's principal. The volleyball and cross country certificates were mailed in December and the basketball certificates were mailed the end of March.

The certificates for track & field and softball will be mailed during the summer to your high school principal's office. We understand that several of the recipients will no longer be students at your high school but hopefully you still will have contact with their families.

Please check the website for any spelling errors; the certificates will be printed accordingly. For corrections to the web-site or certificates please contact Susan at susan@austintgca.com or Lisa at lisa@austintgca.com.

June

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| 1 | Board of Directors' Meeting - UIL Building 11:00 a.m. |
| 10 | Legislative Council Athletic Committee Meeting (Austin) |

July

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| 7 | TGCA Board of Directors Meeting - 4:30 - Sheraton Arlington, World Series I & II |
| 7 - 11 | TGCA Summer Coaches Clinic - Arlington |
| 24 | Athletics: Last day for summer strength/conditioning programs. |

LaQuinta - Official Hotel of TGCA

Coaches, teams and fans can receive preferred rates through the La Quinta toll-free central reservations number 1-

800-531-5900. This rate will also apply to reservations made directly with LaQuinta hotels, as well as, via the internet at www.lq.com using the corporate/promotional code of TGCA. These rates are good for both business and leisure travel, seven days a week, for standard and king bedded room types coast to coast.



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Please notify the TGCA office if your school, home address, telephone number or coaching assignment changes.

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