

The Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association wants to wish each of you a Happy and winning New Year. We hope in 1969 the organization can double it's membership.

Clair Rierson, Assistant Coach at Iowa State University, sends us the name of a book they think is excellent and he recommends it very highly – Application of Weight Training to Athletics by Gene Hooks, publisher Prentice-Hall.

Enclosed you will find a sheet that will have the times and topics to be discussed at our clinic next month, February 28 and March 1. This is just a temporary organization of the clinic, which will be subject to change. Also enclosed you will find a brief history of the speakers that will participate at the clinic. Each one has sent in a brief background of his baseball experience and accomplishments. We hope this will "sell" you on the caliber of men speaking at the clinic.

Congratulations to Coach Bernie Hutchinson of Norway for being selected Coach of the Year by the Topps Bubble Gum Company in District No. 2. A fine honor to Bernie who is one of our association members.

Congratulations to Coach Joe Lutz of Southern Illinois for being selected NCAA Baseball Coach of the Year. Coach Lutz will be one of the speakers at our clinic.

The membership now stands at 137. The new members by district are: Northwest District: John Pitz of Lake City High School; Southwest District: None; Central District: Duane Reynolds of St. Edmonds in Fort Dodge; Southeast District: Bill Norris of Oskaloosa High School and Jim Rima of Solon High School; Northeast District: Bill Quinby of Cedar Rapids Wilson Junior High, Roger Kittleson of Waterloo East, Navin Roberts of Linn Mar High School in Marion, Otis Roby of Monana, Rick Hendryx of Regis in Cedar Rapids, Dick Core of Dubuque High School, Ray Boehmke of Anamosa High School and Glenn Drahn of Coe College in Cedar Rapids. We now have 7 members in the Northwest district, 11 members in the Southwest District, 26 members in the Central District, 27 members in the Southeast District, and 2 in the Northeast District, plus 14 College Coaches. Again, we must sell our association to the rest of the baseball coaches of our state. Tell them of our aims and purposes.

A reminder to check your December newsletter for hotel and motel accommodations in Cedar Rapids for the clinic. Send in early and make your reservation.

Several coaches have asked if high school ball players or others than members can come to the clinic. The clinic will be open to the public. Cost for high school ballplayers will be \$1.50 for the clinic and \$2.50 for the banquet. For adults the cost will be the same as a coach - \$3.00 for the clinic, plus \$2.50 for the banquet. Remember, if you are an association member there will be no cost for the clinic, it is part of your membership. If you want to bring your boys, you are welcome.

Harold Primrose
Chairman