



NORTHERN SECTION  
CELEBRATING WOMEN IN SPORT

February 13, 2008  
**Holiday Inn, Redding**

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Agenda**

**8:00-8:45**

**REGISTRATION**

**8:45-8:50**

**WELCOME (Holiday Inn, Redding)  
Jim Cloney, NSCIF President**



**SESSION 1  
9:00-9:30**

**Speaker: Barbara Fiege, Commissioner Los Angeles City Section**

**SESSION 2  
9:35-10:10**

**Speaker: Kathy Wheeler, Superintendent-Red Bluff High  
School District**

**SESSION 3  
10:15-10:45**

**Speaker: Eileen Mason, Teacher, Coach, Fitness Instructor  
Topic: You Can Do It All**

**Keynote Speaker  
11:00 – 12:00**

**Speaker: Laurie Bagley, Life Journeys**

**LUNCHEON  
12:00-1:00**

**Closing Remarks: Jim Cloney, NSCIF President**

# Welcome

*"Within me is infinite power. Before me is endless possibility. Around me is boundless opportunity. Why should I fear?" Unknown*

**Welcome to the 6th Annual Celebrating Women in Sports Conference. Last year we had very positive responses from our Conference. This is our endeavor to bring women together to learn about opportunities from successful professionals in the field of women's athletics**

**Conference organizers have again developed an agenda and set of speakers designed to provide an opportunity for students to network with individuals from throughout our Section.**

**I encourage each of you to take advantage of the diverse topics our speakers will share with you today. Let's make this conference an event that we will all remember for years to come.**

**Thank you for attending and we hope that all or part of the information you take home today will aid in your voyage to success.**

## Women In Sports History

- 1895 1<sup>st</sup> American Women's Golf Championship
- 1896 1<sup>st</sup> Modern Olympics-Women banned from competing
- 1900 Women are included in the modern Olympics
- 1926 Gertrude Ederle becomes first female to swim the English Channel
- 1931 17 year old Minor League pitcher, Jackie Mitchell strikes out Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig in a Yankee exhibition game
- 1932 Babe Didrikson wins two golds and one silver at the LA Olympics
- 1932 Amelia Earhart flies solo across the Atlantic
- 1934 Aviator Elinor Smith is first woman to appear on a Wheaties box
- 1943 The All American Girl's Professional Baseball League is formed with four teams
- 1948 Alice Coachman becomes the first black woman to win an Olympic Gold Medal
- 1950 The All American Girl's Baseball League is disbanded
- 1965 Golf Medalist swimmer, Donna de Varona, becomes the first female sportscaster on network television
- 1967 Kathrine Switzer becomes the first woman to compete in the male only Boston Marathon (she registered as K. Switzer)
- 1967 Billy Jean King defeats Bobby Riggs in the "Battle of the Sexes"
- 1968 Debbie Meyer is first swimmer to win three individual Gold medals in the Mexico City Olympics
- 1971 Title IX was passed, giving girls equal access to athletics
- 1977 Janet Guthrie is the first woman driver in the Indianapolis 500
- 1984 Mary Lou Retton wins five Olympic medals
- 1993 Julie Krone becomes the first woman to win a Triple Crown Race
- 1995 Sheryl Swoops is the first woman to have a signature Nike shoe
- 1996 Four USA women's teams win gold medals: softball, basketball, gymnastics, and soccer
- 1997 Women's professional basketball attracts an average of 10,000 spectators per game
- 1998 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team won the gold
- 1998 Ila Borders becomes the first female pitcher to start a minor league baseball game
- 1999 U.S. Women's National Soccer Team won the World Cup

**Kathy Wheeler** is one of our many local success stories. She is a graduate of Central Valley High School, the 2005 Division II Football Section Champion. She competed in the “good old days of GAA.” She then received her AA degree from Shasta College where she played volleyball, basketball, softball, track and tennis. She then went on to Southern Oregon University where she received her Bachelor of Science degree. She was still able to participate in volleyball, basketball, tennis and softball at Southern Oregon. She received a Masters in Counseling at Oregon State University and recently was awarded her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of LaVerne.

Kathy has been a teacher, coach, athletic director and counselor. She has also been an Assistant Principal, Principal, and now Superintendent. She has served the Northern Section CIF on the Board of Managers and has served as our President.

We are most proud of Kathy as she is currently the President of the State CIF. She is well respected throughout the state and will continue to promote the integrity of high school sports.

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**Laurie Bagley** has always been an athlete and competitor, from her high school days of competitive track and cross country running, to a list of inspiring achievements in her adult life that include summiting mountains, guiding rivers and a variety of racing. A pleasing, and perhaps surprising, element of Laurie’s personality is that she considers herself to be a regular person, leading a regular life. "I'm not a world class climber, or a sponsored athlete," she says.

She is a mother, business owner, public speaker and educator. She squeezes her training into a day full of tasks and responsibilities, just like the rest of us. And throughout her life she’s created the time to train for and complete significant goals.

Laurie is currently working as an international mountain guide for Adventures International.

Most recently:

- co-guide on Mt. McKinley (Denali), Alaska 2007.
- co-guided a team to the summit of 22,841-foot Mount Aconcagua in Argentina, the highest point in the southern hemisphere, in January 2007
- inducted into the California Outdoors Hall of Fame, January 2007
- named Shasta High School Distinguished Alumni in 2006
- became the 26th woman to summit Mt. Everest (all routes),
- 6th woman to summit from the Tibet Side (North Col Route) in May 2006.
- summited Alaska’s Mt. McKinley in July 2005

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**Eileen Mason** grew up in Standard, California, a small lumber town near Sonora. She is the oldest of five children. Eileen graduated from Sonora High School in 1974, where there were no organized interscholastic athletics for girls, only GAA. She was a cheerleader and a baseball scorekeeper throughout high school because that was the only way to be involved in sports at that time.

Eileen attended California State University, Stanislaus for a year and a half, then transferred to CSU Chico as a Criminology major. It was at Chico State where she began to compete in every intramural sport possible, women and co-ed. She quickly changed her major to physical education.... What career could be more fun? She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Physical Education, with a supplemental in Health and Biology.

After earning both her K-12 and Community College teaching credentials, she married her high school boyfriend, Bob Mason. Mrs. Mason immediately got a part time teaching job at Butte College where she taught Health, Tennis, Aerobics, and is in her 27<sup>th</sup> year currently teaching Fitness, Cardio-Kickboxing and Boot Camp courses. After her first year at Butte Eileen began her career at Orland High School as well. She coached volleyball for 13 years and softball for 6 years, where her teams won several league and section titles. She has been the head of the Physical Education department for 23 years, has been athletic director, Coach of the Year, nominated for Teacher of the Year and has served on numerous school committees. She has also worked with CSU Chico's Education department's Student Teacher/Credential program for many years.

In addition to all of her immediate school responsibilities Mrs. Mason is also the originator and match director of the annual North vs. South "all senior" All Star Volleyball match; teaches partime at Chico Sports Club, has been a presenter at instructor's fitness workshops and conferences, has served on the Northern Section CIF Board of Managers for 22 years and in on the NSCIF Scholarship Committee.

Eileen has been with her husband for 34 years, married for 27. She has a 24 year old daughter and a 20 year old son, both very successful and actively involved in competitive athletics since they were born

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**Barbara Fiege** is presently the Director, Interscholastic Athletics, Los Angeles Unified School District, and the Commissioner, CIF Los Angeles City Section.

Barbara received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education from Northern Illinois University in 1974. Her Post Graduate Study was at CSU, Long Beach from 1977-79, and she received her Master of Arts in Education Administration from California Lutheran University in 1990.

Barbara was a teacher of Physical Education at Dorsey High School, Los Angeles, from 1975-81

She coached, Varsity and Junior Varsity Softball, and Volleyball. Barbara taught Physical Education at Belmont High School, Los Angeles, from 1981-93 where she coached Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball, and Volleyball. She was also the Athletic Director at Belmont High School.

Barbara received the following Honors and Awards:  
Los Angeles Times Central Section Basketball Coach of the Year  
Coaches of Los Angeles Women's Sports Continuing Service Award  
CAHPERD Unit #406 Outstanding Athletic Educator Award  
CAHPERD Southern District Outstanding Athletic Educator Award  
CAHPERD Unit #406 Dedicated Service Award  
CAHPERD Girls' and Women's Sports Distinguished Service Award  
Coaches of Los Angeles Women's Sports – Hall of Fame Induction  
LAJCC LA Watts Summer Games Florence Griffith Joyner Alumni Award  
Amateur Athletic Foundation Honoree: "Those Who Inspire"

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2004-05 GIRLS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION\*

1971-72	294,015
1975-76	1,645,039
1980-81	1,853,789
1985-86	1,807,121
1990-91	1,892,316
1995-96	2,367,936
2000-01	2,784,154
2003-04	2,865,299
2004-05	2,908,390

2004-05 GIRLS MOST POPULAR SPORTS\*

(NATIONAL)		
	Schools	Participants
1. BASKETBALL	17,175	456,543
2. TRACK AND FIELD	15,213	428,198
3. VOLLEYBALL	14,526	386,022
4. SOFTBALL	14,493	364,759
5. CROSS COUNTRY	12,345	170,450
6. SOCCER	9,695	316,104
7. TENNIS	9,646	169,292
8. GOLF	8,249	64,245
9. SWIMMING	6,238	148,154

\* NFHS News (October 2005)