

# IPRA TODAY

## Some Highlights Offered at IPRA Fall Workshop September 19—21, 2011, Clinton

### *Educational Sessions*

The 2011 Fall Workshop in Clinton will feature 17 educational sessions for professional development opportunities. This fall there will be a good mix of presentations including five sessions for parks and recreation, eight sessions geared towards administration, two sessions focusing on special events and two sessions featuring aquatics, including the Aquatic CEU Workshop. The workshop will be presented by David Peters, Technician for Pool Tech Midwest, Inc.

Also featured at this year's workshop is a presentation called, "When OSHA Comes Calling", which discusses ways to proactively prepare your agency for OSHA inspections. This session is being presented by Judie Petersen, Instructor at Clinton Community College.

You won't want to miss the Zumba Dance Party at this

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### *Golf Outing and Social*

Come join us on Monday, September 19 for 18 beautiful holes of golf at Clinton's finest golf course. The Country Club at the Oaks Golf and Dining is located in scenic Valley Oaks in Clinton. Featuring a complete 18 hole golf course and a 9 hole par 3 course, The Oaks is Clinton's top spot for golf. This course is sure to

impress. Course location is 3330 Harts Mill Road, Clinton, IA, 52732, just off the Mill Creek Parkway.

This year's golf outing will feature a four-person "Best Shot" format and is open to all IPRA members, associates and friends. Scoring will be flighted, and lots of prizes will be on hand. A patio dinner social will follow featuring burgers, brats, hot dogs, chicken patties, salads, drink and more.

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### *Tuesday Evening Social at Eagle Point Lodge*

After a long day of educational sessions, come relax and join us at the scenic Eagle Point Park Lodge for the Tuesday evening social. We have a wonderful meal planned with a relaxing view overlooking the majestic Mississippi River at its widest part. Dinner is slated to begin around 6:30 p.m. with a social hour prior to dinner. Eagle Point Park is home to a variety of open-air shelters, a castle, waterfall, dog park, 18 hole Frisbee golf course and much more. After dinner, join us for some fun, fellowship and entertainment.

Entertainment will be provided by the **Iowa Corn Fed Girls** from Bellevue, Iowa. This band is a must see with their humorous song and dance numbers. We will also be treating our guests to hayrack rides, drinks, s'mores and much more. Sand volleyball and basketball courts are also located next to the lodge if anyone would like to play.

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*(Contributed by Josh Eggers, Recreation Activities Specialist, Clinton Recreation Department, and member of IPRA Fall Workshop Committee.)*



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# Employment Opportunities

## Maintenance Superintendent Saint Charles, Missouri

The city of Saint Charles Department of Parks and Recreation is currently recruiting for the position of Maintenance Superintendent. The purpose of this position is to plan, administer and supervise parks and cemetery grounds; facilities maintenance; construction projects and personnel.

The Maintenance Superintendent prepares and recommends annual maintenance and cemetery operations budgets; assists in developing short and long-term capital improvement plans including design and cost estimates; administers budgets for maintenance and cemetery, operational and capital outlay as appropriate; organizes, schedules, supervises and evaluates employees; assigns priorities and allocates personnel; assists with research, preparing and reviewing bid documents for equipment, supplies, materials, services and repair/construction projects; manages, supervises, coordinates and evaluates contracts, equipment, supplies, materials and services for performance, cost effectiveness and suitability; and coordinates the planning, design and implementation of a variety of maintenance, construction and cemetery programs and facilities. A full listing of responsibilities can be found on the city's web site: [www.stcharlescitymo.gov](http://www.stcharlescitymo.gov).

The selected candidate must possess a Bachelor's degree in Construction Management, Parks Maintenance, Park and Recreation Administration or related field; six to eight years of public works, parks or private sector maintenance/construction supervisory experience; or any combination of education and experience that provides equivalent knowledge, skills and abilities. A valid Missouri motor vehicle operator's license required. CDL-A with passenger endorsement preferred. Proficient with Microsoft Office Suite Software. Ability to utilize a variety of design data information such as blueprints, site plans, bid specifications, building codes and standards, hazardous chemical sheets and engineering manuals. Certified Playground Safety Inspector, preferred. Familiarity with drafting or CAD preferred.

Salary range: \$54,865 to \$76,250; full-time employment.

Interested applicants should submit a resume or application to: The City of Saint Charles Human Resources Department, Suite 301, 200 North Second Street, Saint Charles, MO, 63301. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Employment applications can also be downloaded from the city's website and faxed to Human Resources at 636.940.4606. Website address for the employment application is [www.stcharlescitymo.gov](http://www.stcharlescitymo.gov). Application deadline: September 16, 2011.



## Recreation and Chamber of Commerce Director City of Humboldt/Humboldt and Dakota City Chamber of Commerce

Minimum Education: Graduation from a four year higher education institution. At least one year experience in a related field preferred. Valid driver's license required. Job duties include, but not limited to, planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating chamber and recreation programs, events and initiatives .



Application and complete job description can be obtained by contacting City Administrator Aaron Burnett, PO Box 529, 29 5<sup>th</sup> Street South, Humboldt, IA, 50548, Phone: 515.332.3435 or city's website: [www.ci.humboldt.ia.us](http://www.ci.humboldt.ia.us). Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 16, 2011.

# IPRA Fall Workshop Highlights

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### Educational Sessions

year’s workshop! Zumba instructor Tiffany Harris will give an overview of the newly added Zumba class to the Clinton Recreation Department’s fitness programming. Be prepared for a brief demonstration. Other fitness trends will also be discussed by Tony Elskamp, Recreation Program Supervisor, Dubuque Leisure Services.



### Golf Outing and Social

The golf event will feature hole prizes, raffle prizes and prizes for top teams in each flight. You will not want to miss this event. Reasonably priced at \$50 per person, this fee includes 18 holes, cart, two drink tickets, social and door prizes. Check-in begins at 11:00 a.m., and golf begins at 12:00 noon. Interested parties may sign up individually or as a team at the IPRA website or through the delegate brochure.

### Tuesday Evening Social at Eagle Point Lodge

We’re looking forward to a fun and entertaining night!

Eagle Point Park Lodge and Shelters is located east of Highway 67 at 4101 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Clinton, IA, 52732.



## WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO COME TO CLINTON AND WHY GO ON AN O.S.I. AT THE IPRA WORKSHOP?

People ask me a lot "Greggo, why have you stayed in Clinton for 32 years? You are a big city boy who grew up outside the 'big apple' New York City. Why?" Two reasons: Clinton offers one of best school systems in the state and country. (I'm not a school board member for nothing; I want to be part of something great) and the city of Clinton is one of the best "quality of Life" cities in the Midwest.

Name a city that features the following:

- ◆A full service park and recreation department AND a full service YWCA that are good friends!
- ◆A symphony orchestra, a municipal band, a professional theatre company, a ballet company, a municipal choir, a historical society and an art association.
- ◆A dog park, an arboretum, an authentic Dutch windmill, a clown discovery center and a turn-of-the-century historical village.
- ◆Two marinas, three public boat ramps, over nine miles of recreation trails and an ADA fishing pier.
- ◆A show horse association AND a horse competition association.
- ◆10 nationally recognized horseshoe courts, three golf courses, a national champion rugby club and field and a disc golf course.
- ◆AND History with street cars, railroads, ferry boats and WPA built structures still in use today.
- ◆AND, AND a professional baseball team affiliated with the Seattle Mariners.
- ◆AND, AND, AND overlooks the widest part of the Mississippi River at 3.27 miles.

I submit to you that all the not-so-positive things you may or may not have heard about Clinton does not compare with the reasons why I choose to stay in Clinton. Come and find out why and go on an OSI. See you September 19, 20, 21.

*(Submitted by Gregg Obren, Director, Clinton Recreation Department, and IPRA Fall Workshop Chairperson.)*

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## Foundation Golf Outing Held in Coralville

The Iowa Foundation for Parks & Recreation held their annual Golf Outing on the beautiful Brown Deer Golf Course in Coralville on August 12. The foundation was happy to have 34 golfers taking part in the two person Ryder Cup format. Participants were park and recreation professionals, vendors, friends and family members that enjoyed themselves on a great Iowa summer day. Teams had a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. with the first six holes being best shot, followed by six holes of alternate shot and finishing up with six holes of best ball. When everyone was done, it found Jeff Peterson and John Anderson of Vinton with the low score of 72. That was just enough to beat the Marion team of Richard and Alex Fox who shot a 73.

The second flight winners were the team of Ted Mann and Chuck Peterson of Vinton firing an 82 with second place in that flight going to the Iowa City two-some of Jeff Sears and Chad Dyson who shot an 84.

At the conclusion of the tournament, a hamburger and chicken sandwich buffet was served to all participants and then the raffle and silent auction winners were announced. Prizes ranged from sleeves of golf balls to golf and hotel packages at communities from all around the state.

The foundation is very grateful to all who contributed to the golf outing by donating prizes, participating in the event and by being generous during the silent auction and raffle. Early numbers reveal over \$4,400 was raised to help in the foundation's efforts to promote and improve leisure services throughout the state, sponsoring forums for professionals and providing scholarships for professionals to attend state and national conferences. This was helped by the generosity of Pete Downs and Shade Creations of Waterloo and their contribution of \$5 per golfer that participated.

For more information about the Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation, go to [www.iapra.org](http://www.iapra.org).



The offices of the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department have moved, and the new address is as follows:

3226 University Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50311

IPRA membership renewal letters have been recently mailed to all current members of the association. Your timely return of forms and payment of dues will insure that you and/or your agency or commercial business will be included in the 2012 Membership/Agency Directory and Advertisers Guide.



The Iowa Park and Recreation Association and the Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation will join in partnership as exhibitors at the Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference and Exhibit in Des Moines on September 21-23, 2011.

The primary purpose for our attendance is to promote the benefits of leisure services and amenities in Iowa and to expand IPRA membership. This year's theme is baseball. In applying this year's theme, we will create a baseball diamond backdrop for placing photographs of Hometown Heroes in parks and recreation. Our hometown heroes in parks and recreation will be a great way to launch conversation with city leaders and board members about the importance of parks and recreation in Iowa towns.

### “Score a homerun with hometown heroes”

**A hero: he'ro (noun).** Somebody in your town who is admired for outstanding qualities or achievements in making their community a better place through parks and recreation.

Every Iowa town has them

- ... the lifeguard who cares for our safety when we play in the water
- ... the youth baseball coach with good character who becomes a role model for the kids
- ... the volunteer who always shows up and does the “dirty work” with a smile on their face
- ... the dog lover who works tirelessly to bring a Dog Park to their town
- ... the volunteer group who knows the importance of parks in their town and takes on a fundraising and leadership role to create a better amenity for the people who work, live and play in their town
- ... the volunteer board member who takes on a special project and brings it to fruition
- ... the person who greets the public everyday and answers their endless questions with a smile

You get the idea. Please help us by emailing a photograph (jpeg format) along with a very brief caption to include; name, name of town, outstanding quality/achievement by Tuesday, September 13, 5:00 p.m.

Email to: Christine Page, President  
Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation  
[funbrokers@mchsi.com](mailto:funbrokers@mchsi.com)

Questions: 515-238-2906

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA TO EXPAND ITS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM!**

The Program of Leisure Studies will expand its Internship program beginning May 2012! The program currently offers an internship program for students enrolled in the Therapeutic Recreation track. The internship program will now be expanded for students seeking opportunities in community recreation and sports management. The program will initially be offered to students in the summer of 2012 and subsequent opportunities for enrollment by students will then take place annually during the following Spring and Summer terms.

Basic agency requirements include:

- Duration: Nine weeks with no less than 35 hours per week or 360 hours
- Supervision: Students must be supervised by a full time professional in the field and given activity and program responsibilities, administrative opportunities, etc.
- Remuneration: Students cannot be paid a wage, but may receive a student stipend, reimbursement for related expenses and mileage.
- Reports: Agency must have a University of Iowa affiliation agreement on file; complete a work agreement, to be agreed upon by agency/student/university; weekly progress reports will be developed by the student and approved by the agency; mid-semester and final evaluation of student by agency.

Please join other communities and offer your agency as an "official" University of Iowa internship location. For more information, contact:

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RAGBRAI XXXIX riders Geoff Hubbard (enjoying apple crisp and ice cream) and Terry Hoffman.





## IPRA Google Group Forum Etiquette

In 2008, the Iowa Park and Recreation Association went online with *Google Groups*, creating the “IPRA Forum”. The forum was created to allow members the opportunity to interact and seek information from fellow professionals. *Google Groups* was chosen due to its flexibility in allowing members to receive information in multiple ways: online through the group homepage, via a daily digest e-mail with all posts from the day, or by individual e-mail every time a question is posed or an answer is given. A few members were invited to begin using the forum, helping the IT committee work out the bugs before opening the forum up to the entire membership.

Fast forward to 2011, and the IPRA Forum has proved successful, allowing members to interact and learn from others’ experiences. Out of 245 professional members of the association, over 90 are currently users of the forum. While some are more active than others, all have the opportunity to participate and ask questions. Over 200 discussions have been initiated on a variety of topics. Rarely has a topic been duplicated. There is still room to grow, and our goal is to have 100 percent of the professional members actively participate.

As part of the growth and popularity of the forum, we’ve seen different users have different interpretations of how to utilize the forum. Therefore, it is time to remind everyone of some standard protocols and etiquette on using *Google Groups*.

- ⇒ **Has your question already been answered?** Using the Group website, <http://groups.google.com/group/ipraforum?hl=en>, you can go through the list of topics. You may find that someone else has asked the same question, and a large amount of information is already available to you.
- ⇒ **Keep the topic subject consistent.** Many times users who are replying to questions by e-mail either change the subject line to something else, or change the topic completely by asking another question in their reply. When viewing the topics online, this can combine separate subjects under one heading, which makes it hard to revisit the topic in the future. Remember that if you have a new question to ask by e-mail, send an e-mail with an appropriate subject line to [ipraforum@googlegroups.com](mailto:ipraforum@googlegroups.com).
- ⇒ **The forum is for professional use only.** Please be sure that your use of the forum or of the forum e-mail address [ipraforum@googlegroups.com](mailto:ipraforum@googlegroups.com) is used only for job related means. Adding the forum e-mail address to a chain e-mail or other mass e-mail will then send out an unsolicited message to every member who receives forum updates to their inbox.

Have you tried Google’s new format for Groups? It can be found by visiting the IPRA Forum homepage at the link listed above and clicking on “View this group in the new Google Groups”, or by following this link: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#forum/ipraforum>. The updated layout makes it easier to scroll through the many topics that our users have posted over the past few years.

If you still haven’t signed up for the IPRA Forum, I urge you to give it a try. It’s a great way to get valuable information from your colleagues and get quick answers when your time to do research is limited!

For all questions related to the forum, you may contact IT Committee Chair Geoff Hubbard ([g Hubbard@councilbluffs-ia.gov](mailto:g Hubbard@councilbluffs-ia.gov)), past IT Committee Chair Matt Beatty ([mbeatty@muscatineia.gov](mailto:mbeatty@muscatineia.gov)) or IPRA Executive Director Steve Jordison ([steve@iapra.org](mailto:steve@iapra.org))



Kevin Borke, COO of the Iowa Sports Foundation, Inc., is congratulating Iowa ASA umpire, Linda Lowinski, for recognition received from the Iowa Sports Foundation for exemplary service in the adult softball program of the Summer Games Sports Festival.



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## IPRA/Iowa ASA Men's 14 Inch Slow Pitch State Tournaments

A total of 31 teams participated in the annual Men's IPRA/Iowa ASA 14 Inch Slow Pitch State Tournaments held August 19-21 at Raccoon River Park in West Des Moines. Two divisions of play were offered—Major and Class A/B. The tournament format was double elimination, and teams were seeded into the tournament bracket based on their finish at the district tournament. Class A/B teams that did not advance past the first round in the loser's bracket advanced on to a Class B "Silver" bracket, which consisted of a single-elimination bracket with consolation games.

Winner of the Men's 14 Inch Major Slow Pitch State Tournament was ATS from Fairfax (pictured below). First place team in the Class A tournament was Climate Engineering from Fairfax, and the winner in the Class B "Silver" bracket was Country Boys from Boone.

Additional information is available on the Iowa ASA web site: [www.softball.org/iowa](http://www.softball.org/iowa).



## IPRA Calendar of Events

### September

- 5 State Office closed—Labor Day observance
- 9 Early Bird Registration Fall Workshop due (payment and forms)
- 15 IPRA Membership Renewal due
- 19-21 Fall Workshop—Clinton
- 21-23 Iowa League of Cities Conference—Des Moines

### October

- 17 CEU/Aquatic Update—Cedar Rapids
- 18-19 Certified Pool Operator's Course—Cedar Rapids

*Steve and Cathy want to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend.*