

Presidential note:

To all Highland athletes, organizers, and supporters,

My name is Charles (Chuck) McClain and I have decided to run for the National Presidency of the SAAA. I currently hold a seat on the executive board as the National Secretary and have been responsible for the website, on-line registration, registration discounts, and other member benefits. Some of my other duties as the secretary have been to score keep, judge, tally votes from the board, carryout what was voted on, sign contracts for games, and court new games and clubs to join the SAAA.

A bit about myself... I'm a husband to a very wonderful and understanding wife (Dawn), a father of two wonderful girls (ages 8 Lauren and 11 Maddie), and a part time student/full time employee. My career at Micron Technologies as an ESD (Electro Static Discharge) global Coordinator and Quality/Reliability Engineer allows me to interact with the worlds diverse cultures. Micron is the second largest computer memory supplier in the world and we have offices in several different locations. When I'm not working or with my girls much of my time is dedicated to the running of the SAAA. I signed up to help this organization as I believe in the values it stands for. We the throwers need to have a voice for fair and impartial judgment of the games. Equipment must be kept up to date, free of defects, and safe for all. Goals for my presidential term will include the continued growth of the club through good will and cooperation with other organizations. It is not my belief that we need to fight with other organizations, but to show we can put on a great game and have standard rules and regulations. Through our continued efforts to make the games run efficiently and safely we will hopefully be able to absorb those that want to be part of the SAAA. We do not need to take over games or game organizations, though if asked it is our responsibility to submit a bid for festivals that ask for such. In the case of winning bids from other groups, it is my hope to work with those groups to make the games a success. If the games or festivals fail due to us, we have failed the sport!

NASGA is a great tool and I hope to expand upon it by offering certified field measurements and consistency from game to game on how measurements are taken. As a thrower this is important to me and something I hope will be seen as one of the major pluses to being at a SAAA game. Only certified scores will be entered by judges or score keepers that are certified. This certification is not just a once in your life test, but a recertification is required every two years. The requirements of the judges test is one way for the SAAA to ensure we have the judges in place that the throwers know will do a good job. I'm open to questions or concerns from any one. Please feel free to drop me an e-mail or give me a call.

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