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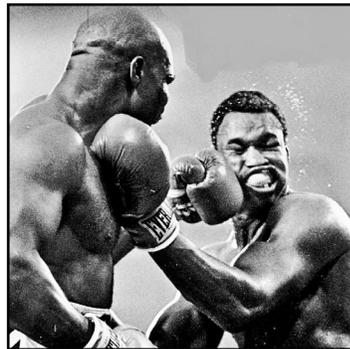
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The knockout punch that wasn't

Steven M. Kane, M.D.



If this midyear letter from the president of GOS starts off differently than in the past, that is because just like this year, things are different. Very different. So, you will have to forgive me for the lack of traditional formality, professional terms, political jargon and legalese that normally adorns the GOS president's letter. This year allow me to talk about what makes us who we are and where we are going.

I'm a sports guy and always have been. I can't remember a time when as a kid I didn't have bat, a glove, a basketball, football, baseball or soccer ball within arm's reach. Perhaps it's because few things inspire me more than when the best qualities of men and women are brought to the forefront within the realm of athletics and competition. How many of you remember Jim McKay and the Wild World of Sports where in the middle of that iconic phrase, "The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat" you tuned in each week to watch some unfortunate alpine ski jumper career off of the tower, impact the hill like a rag doll and end up in a heap amongst the spectators? Well that unfortunate ski jumper was Vinko Bogataj from Slovenia, and despite experiencing perhaps the most publicized athletic failure in history, he was back on the ski jump three months later. Impressive to be sure but

let me turn to another perhaps less well-known feat of courage, resilience and endurance. It was September 1979 and I was living in Europe. Not much of the American sports world was broadcast in Europe back then but for some reason, I managed to catch the world heavyweight boxing title fight between Ernie Shavers and Larry Holmes. Shavers at 34 was at the end of his career but was known as possessing the hardest punch in the business. He was fresh off a first-round knockout of Ken Norton which gave plenty of credence to his power. Holmes was the champion and possessed all the necessary strength, quickness, power and talent to gain and hold the crown. It was in the seventh round when after a brief flurry of punches, Shavers landed what many claim was the most perfect punch in heavyweight boxing history. In one sports writer's opinion, "It's the punch that would have felled a rhinoceros".

The picture above is that punch. Holmes was unconscious before he hit the canvas. Surely it was over. But then something amazing happened. Holmes moved, slowly at first but then he sat up and then even more amazingly, he stood up. Even the referee seemed astonished and after inquiring as to whether Holmes wanted to continue, and being told yes, he allowed the fight to continue. Wobbly and hurt, Holmes showed a level of

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determination, courage and endurance in weathering the storm, that is still the topic of discussion in boxing circles. Four rounds later after dominating the rest of the fight, Holmes was declared the winner by unanimous decision.

Getting off the canvas.

The Georgia Orthopedic Society is well aware that the start of 2020 was a lot like being put on the canvas by a punch we didn't see coming. There was debate about cancelling the September meeting for fear that some members would not see the wisdom or value in holding the meeting. Opinions varied on a plethora of issues but ultimately, the GOS board felt that it was time to show our resilience and get off the deck in order to continue what we do best; to represent our membership in matters that affect your profession. Certainly, those whose viewpoints and policy proposals are at times detrimental to our practices and to our patient's welfare haven't stopped, and neither shall we. Central to our efforts on your behalf, is membership attendance at the GOS annual meeting at Sea Island. It is there that relationships are strengthened, and that the funding is secured to advocate for the orthopedic surgeons statewide. This year, the GOS committee has worked very hard to ensure that the meeting will be interesting and enjoyable for each of you. First, we have asked Dr. Pat Connor to be our keynote speaker. Dr. Connor is the past president of the NFL team physicians and is the current team physician for the Charlotte Panthers. His talks promise to bring a most interesting insight into the practice of orthopedics within the ranks of professional athletics and the NFL. Secondly, William Heisel Pac, from the OrthoCarolinas racing team will deliver an address on the medical care and safety engineering necessary to protect and treat the driver athletes of NASCAR. Again, it should be a fascinating peek behind the wall on pit row as to how NASCAR protects its drivers and crews from the dangers of stock car racing. This in addition to a wonderful slate of scientific papers and lectures, promises to make this year's meeting well worth your time and effort to attend.

GOS update.

Over the past month, in conjunction with our partners at the capitol, GOS has been focused on the careful reopening of the state and the implications COVID-19 continues to have on

government and businesses. Your representatives in the medical profession have been working closely with state leaders to protect doctor and patient safety as well as minimize negative effects on the medical profession. GOS along with the Medical Association of Georgia, has helped negotiate increased liability protection and has played a key role in the early allowance of elective surgery following the shut down in March. Prior to the suspension of this legislative session, GOS and a medical coalition had worked to pass HB 888, known as the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act." The bill has crossed over from the House and awaits passage in the Senate. There was also a push for tort reform at the Capitol. GOS was part of a 50-member coalition working to pass SB 415, a sweeping tort reform bill. The bill failed to pass out of the Senate by crossover day but GOS and your Orthopedic PAC continue the work towards a more physician friendly environment within the state of Georgia.

Finally, I would ask that you each go to the GOS website at www.georgiaorthosociety.com and register for this year's annual meeting at Sea Island. In so doing, you will avail yourself to a wonderful series of great lectures including the NFL and NASCAR presentations, reconnect with colleagues and continue to be an integral part of the Georgia Orthopedic Society and its mission to improve the lives of orthopedic surgeons statewide.



Steven M. Kane, M.D.

GOS President

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Center Orthopedic Residency.



REPORT FROM

THE GOS AAOS BOARD OF COUNCILORS

Your three AAOS Board of Councilors representatives truly feel your pain during these unprecedented times of the Covid-19 pandemic. We understand that you, your families, and your practices are under tremendous strain. As conduits between you, the orthopaedic surgeons of Georgia, and the AAOS leadership, we are here to help communicate your concerns. We are all proud to have Danny Guy, MD, orthopaedist in LaGrange, GA, in our AAOS leadership as 1st Vice-President and, of course, he will be Academy President in 2021. He has the ear of the Georgia orthopaedic surgeons.

Like most of you, we have become familiar with virtual meetings. Cancelling of the annual Academy meeting and the upcoming National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference has resulted in multiple BOC videoconferences to complete our business and committee meetings. Much of our agenda relates to Covid-19 and its effect on your practices. The AAOS continues to update documents in the [COVID-19 Resource Center](#), and we encourage you to review the information frequently. In addition, you can also access the recorded AAOS Presidential Line COVID-19 webinars that contain helpful information for you and your practices in getting through these difficult times. You may find one webinar particularly useful, “the Covid-19 Impact on Orthopaedic Surgeons: Preparing to Reopen and Strategies for Mitigating the Financial Impact”. The link: [AAOS.ORG/ABOUT/COVID-19-INFORMATION-FOR-OUR-MEMBERS/](https://www.aaos.org/about/covid-19-information-for-our-members/) is beneficial, especially the information on the telemedicine guidelines and other survival guidance articles. Keep an eye out for the JAAOS June issue which is a special edition on research and guidelines for practicing during Covid-19. Do not forget to recommend OrthoInfo to your patients, which can answer many of their questions during the pandemic such as, [Questions and Answers for Patients Regarding Elective Surgery and COVID-19](#).

Aside from the Corona virus, remember to fill out your ballot for the AAOS

Nominating Committee. You can vote for up to 5 orthopaedists by following the instructions in your personal email from “balloting@aaos.org” titled “AAOS Balloting is Now Open”. These nominating committee members will recommend a nominating slate for the AAOS Board. Also, remember to support advocacy efforts by giving to the AAOS Ortho PAC. AAOS continues to work with coalition partners and Congress to protect patients from surprise medical bills, address narrow health insurance networks, and maintain a fair playing field for negotiations. AAOS also continues to advocate for scope of practice issues. We continue to stress the importance of keeping the title “physician” reserved only for those health care professionals who have completed rigorous training and passed the United States Medical Licensing Exam. Lastly, we continue to work with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to fairly compensate the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) Model. These are just a few of the advocacy efforts that should interest all of us and we strongly believe that orthopedic surgeons should be the ones who manage how health care reform impacts orthopedic surgery. For giving to the PAC you can simply text AAOS to 41444.

Thank you for taking the time to read our report. We appreciate the opportunity to serve on your behalf. When you see Dr. Jim Barber, congratulate him for being elected the third rep from Georgia to the BOC, replacing the outgoing Todd Schmidt, MD who served a total of 16 illustrious years on the GOS Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Georgia Orthopaedic Society is very appreciative to the following companies for sponsoring the GOS Southeastern Senior Resident’s Conference, which took place March 6 -7, 2020 at the Château Élan Winery & Resort. The weekend was a great success due to their support!

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GOS LOBBYIST REPORT

2020 Legislative Session



As with most things in 2020, the legislative session has been chaotic. The Session began on January 13th as normal. It quickly became clear that this would not be a typical legislative session as the budget immediately became a point of contention between the Governor and the legislature. The Governor had initially called on agencies to slim down budgets by 4% in FY20 and up to 6% for FY21 – a request that some legislators openly questioned. The Legislature completed 29 days of the 40-day legislative session when they suspended action due to the COVID-19 pandemic. After a three-month delay, the legislature will reconvene on June 15th.

The budget will no doubt be the number one focus upon returning. The state is now facing a 14% cut to all agencies and legislators are forced to make these hard budgetary decisions quickly as they are required by law to pass a budget by June 30th. The budget will be at the forefront of every conversation but we also anticipate a number of other bills to pass including the out-of-network bill eliminating surprise medical bills. We expect to see some COVID-19 driven bills bring pushed including liability protections for small businesses. We will be following these bills closely.

During the break in the Legislative Session, Georgia held its primary election. The election was on June 9th. There were 35 incumbent legislators facing primary opposition. In general, incumbents performed very well. Of the 35 elections, two incumbents were unseated (Representatives Pam Dickerson and Jeff Jones) and two will be in a run-off on August 11th (Representatives Michelle Henson and Sharon Beasley-Teague).

The Georgia Orthopaedic Society supported a number of successful candidates in the 2020 Primary. We are excited about the possibility to add two more physicians to the state legislature and two more to our Congressional delegation. Dr. Michelle Au (District 48, formerly Zahra Karinshak) and Dr. Scott Bohlke (District 4 – formerly Jack Hill) are both running for the State Senate. Dr. Au won her primary election by 76% and faces a general opponent in what is likely considered a swing district. Dr. Bohlke is in a run-off to be decided August 11th. If Dr. Au and Dr. Bohlke are successful in their bids for the State Senate there will be five physicians in the body. That is nearly 10% of the 56-member Senate.

In Congress, Dr. Rich McCormick defeated a field of seven candidates with 55% of the vote in the 7th district avoiding a run-off and putting himself in a strong position for victory in November. Dr. John Cowan is in a run-off to be the nominee in the 14th District. He received 21% of the vote on June 9th.

In an unprecedented and oftentimes confusing year, the Georgia Orthopaedic has continued to show strength at the legislative level. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Doctor of the Day program and Physicians Day at the Capitol. These important advocacy activities have been vital to the success of pro-physician legislation in Georgia.

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Jennifer Tucker, M.D., GOS Legislative Chair, pictured with Representative Deborah Silcox. Dr. Tucker participated in the MAG Doctor of the Day program at the State Capitol.

75TH GEORGIA ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24 -27, 2020
THE CLOISTER ON SEA ISLAND, GEORGIA



The Georgia Orthopedic Society (GOS) is honored to welcome the South Carolina Orthopaedic Association (SCOA) as our Guest State Society at our 2020 Annual Meeting! GOS is excited to inaugurate this program with our eastern neighbors in an ongoing effort to promote interstate camaraderie and exchange of ideas, and we look forward to future visits from other state societies.

MINIMUM OF 9 - 10 CME CREDITS AVAILABLE

Reserve your room today at this link! <https://book.passkey.com/go/gos2020> no code is needed! You can also Call 855-421-0041 and mention you are attending the GOS annual meeting to receive the great low rate of \$402.00 per night

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

All subspecialties combined into two half-day sessions.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th		SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th	
6:00PM	Registration/Welcome Reception	7:00PM	Oceanside Dinner/Dance (Adults only) - Located at the Beach Club.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th		SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th	
6:45AM	Breakfast with a Mentor (CME)	7:45AM-12:30PM	General Session
7:30AM	Registration	1:00PM	Afternoon of Leisure
7:45AM-12:30PM	General Session	2:00 - 4:00PM	Skeet Shooting (Pay at time of event at Sea Island Shooting School) Please email Dr. Tom Bradbury tom.bradbury@emory.edu if interested in Skeet.
8:30AM	Family Hospitality with Breakfast – Located at Beach Club.	6PM	Cocktail Reception
10:30AM	Coed Tennis Tournament		
1:20PM	Sports and Leisure		

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Dr. Patrick Connor

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The 2020 GOS Presidential Guest Speaker:
Patrick Connor, MD, FAOA

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The Winners of the 2020 Thomas E. Whitesides, M.D., Resident's Award are:

FIRST PLACE

Rahul Goel, M.D.

Emory University

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Abstract title:

Capsular Management in Direct Anterior Total Hip Arthroplasty: A Randomized, Single Blind, Controlled Trial

SECOND PLACE

Thomas Neustein, M.D.

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Abstract title:

Biomechanical Evaluation of Scapholunate Reconstruction Techniques

THIRD PLACE

Gregory Kurkis, M.D.

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Abstract title:

Anterior Revision Total Hip Arthroplasty is Associated with Increased Postoperative Wound Complications Compared to Posterior Revision Surgery

Congratulations to Rahul, Thomas, and Gregory!

Each winner will present his paper at the GOS annual meeting, September 24 - 27, 2020 and will receive the \$1500 – First place, \$1000 – Second Place and \$500 - Third place awards.



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Georgia Orthopaedic Society 2020 Annual Meeting Registration Form
September 24-27, 2020 | The Cloister, Sea Island, Georgia

DEADLINES: Block of Rooms, August 24th, 2020; Meeting Pre-Registration, September 3rd, 2020

Please make check payable to the Georgia Orthopaedic Society and mail to:

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Name: _____
 (Please list as you would prefer your name badge to read.)

Spouse/Guest Name _____

Practice Name: _____

Practice Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____
 (Please include email in order to receive a meeting confirmation)

REGISTRATION CATEGORY (check only one): GOS Member Resident Member GOS Candidate for Membership
 Guest Resident Guest Allied Medical Professional (PA, NP, RN)

ACCOMMODATIONS: The Cloister Other

Reservations should be made directly with the Cloister at **800-732-4752**. Please ask for the GOS block of rooms at the rate of \$402.00. You can also go online and key in <https://book.passkey.com/go/gos2020> No code is needed!

****GOS member/non-members registration fee now includes ALL GOS sponsored meals for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.**
***Spouse/Guest/Resident and Allied Professional must register and pay additional fee to attend Friday night dinner.**

MEETING FEES	# Attending	Amount
EARLY BIRD RATE – Register by July 3rd and receive \$25.00 discount off the below rates!		
Registration Fee for GOS Members - \$425	_____	_____
Registration Fee for Non-Members - \$525	_____	_____
**NEW - YOUNG MEMBER RATE THIS YEAR:		
Young Member Rate \$325.00 (Price includes dinner dance tickets for 2) (MUST be within 5 years of residency/fellowship)	_____	_____
Registration Fee for Allied Professionals - \$175	_____	_____
Registration Fee for Residents, and Spouses - No Charge	_____	_____
Late Fee - \$25 (For registrations rec'd after September 3rd)	_____	_____
Total Amount - Meeting Fees		\$ _____ ←

SOCIAL EVENTS REGISTRATION:	# Attending	Amount
Thursday, September 24th, 6:00PM, Cocktail Reception	_____	N/C
Friday, September 25th - 8:30-10:00AM, Family Hospitality with Breakfast (Located at the Beach Club/Ocean Room – Children welcome)	_____	N/C
7:00PM - Oceanside Dinner Dance (Located at the Beach Club) – GOS Member/Non-Member	_____	N/C
Oceanside Dinner Dance for Spouse/Guest/Resident/Allied Professional (fee required) - <i>Please note – Friday night Dinner is for Adults Only</i>	_____ x \$125pp = _____	
Saturday, September 26th – 6:00PM – Cocktail Party	_____	N/C
Total Amount - Social Events <input type="checkbox"/> I will not be attending the Social Events		\$ _____ ←
<i>Children are welcome to attend the Thursday and Saturday evening events.</i>		

SPORTS PRE-REGISTRATION:	Names of Participant(s)	Handicap/Avg Score	Amount
Friday, September 25th - 6:45AM, Walk/Run	_____	N/A	N/C
10:30AM, Coed Tennis Tournament (Sea Island Tennis Courts)	_____	N/A	N/C
1:20PM, GOS Classic Golf Tournament (Plantation Course) - \$240 per person. Price includes box lunch and beverages on cart	_____	_____	
Total Amount Due for Golf Tournament (\$240 x _____)			\$ _____ ←

Saturday, September 26th - 2:00 - 4:00PM, Skeet Shooting. (\$200pp ++)
 Name _____
 (Pay at time of event at Sea Island Shooting School)
 Please email Dr. Tom Bradbury tom.bradbury@emory.edu if interested in Skeet.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (Includes Meeting Fees, Social Events and Golf Tournament) \$ _____ ←

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Please register online at <https://georgiaorthosociety.wildapricot.org/event-3753253>. Log in to the website is NOT required.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Refunds will not be granted for cancellations received after September 10th, 2020.