

WHISTLE A HAPPY TUNE

June 2011 News Letter Connie Crane, Coordinator

It seemed like a long time away when plans started taking shape for our 2011 International Recognition Days in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. That time is now here. Indiana has almost 50 members attending our event including all four Area Captains for the area in which I am Coordinator.

I have had several inquiries about awards KOPS can receive from TOPS headquarters. It is wonderful that weight recorders, other officers and members are aware of opportunities for awards from TOPS and are keeping track of accomplishments. TOPS does award KOPS in five year increments for consecutive years of being a KOPS.

The confusion is because of the words consecutive and cumulative. Consecutive means the KOPS did not lose status the entire time. If they lose their KOPS status the consecutive time starts over. Cumulative means the time the KOPS was in limits and does not start over if status is lost and later reinstated.

An example would be.... Alice became a KOPS January 1, 2000. She was still a KOPS without losing status on January 1, 2005. Her chapter would fill out the form and send it to me, requesting her 5 year consecutive award. At this point she has 5 years consecutive and cumulative.

Then on January 2007 she lost her status and did not get reinstated until January 2008 and still is in limits on January 2011. She now has 10 years cumulative but only has 3 years consecutive because when she lost her status her consecutive went back to 0.

She will not get another award for her 5 years (already received in 2005) but will need to maintain her status for 10 years (already has 3 yrs toward this) to get her next award from TOPS.

I know it sounds complicated but if you are like me, once I get it in my head it makes sense. If you are not quite clear on the KOPS awards do not hesitate to call me and we will talk it through.

Until next month....Whistle a Happy Tune



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