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2002 California Wrestling Hall of Fame Inductees at State CIF Tournament



# 4th ANNUAL

California
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Induction Banquet May 31, 2003 Hyatt Hotel San Jose, California

# Agenda.

### **Master of Ceremonies**

Lynn Dyche

### Invocation

Jeff Roberts Clovis West High School Clovis, CA

### Dinner

### Welcome

Jim Root President, California Wrestling Hall of Fame

### Introduction of California Hall of Fame Honorees & Awards Presentation

Lynn Dyche Commentary

Awards Presentations

### **Closing Remarks**

Jim Root

### Closure

Lynn Dyche

Group photos will be taken during the dinner session. For any special group photo requests, please contact the Master of Ceremonies.

# California Wrestling Hall of Fame Inductees

### 1997 Inductee

Dave Schultz\*

### 2000 Inductees

John Azevedo Russ Camilleri Mark DiGirolamo Lynn Dyche Jack Fernandez Greg Gibson Joe Gonzalez Dave Hengsteler Vaughan Hitchcock David Lee Pat Lovell
Bill Martell
M.A. "Doc"Northrup\*
Steve Sanchez
Joe Seay
Mark Schultz
Dean Sensenbaugh
Bill Smith
John Woods

### 2001 Inductees

Allen Abraham Lee Allen Ned Blass Ken Bos Dan Brand Charlie Douglas Bob Ericson Mike Gallego Webber Lawson Charlie Lee Larry Morgan Hugh Mumby Ted Mumby\* Larry Nelson Eric Wais Hans Wiedenhoefer

### 2002 Inductees

Glenn Anderson Jim Burke Bill Clauder Adam Cuestas Dick Francis Sheldon Harden Briggs Hunt\* Tom Kline
Bill Musick
Bruce Pfutzenreuter
Henry Stone\*
Tim Vanni
Kent Wyatt

### 2003 Inductees

Steven Barrett Frank Cheek Dan Cuestas Dick Delgado\* Leroy Evans Jim Ferguson Mark Fuller Sergio Gonzalez Tom Hall Ralphene Lee Zack Papachristos Dean Ryan

# Hall of Fame Program Profiles.



### Stephen Barrett

Steve attended Miraleste H.S. & was the CIF Southern Section Champion in 1972 & 1973. He won the 1973 State CIF Wrestling Championships (1st CIF State Tournament). At Oklahoma State he was the first CIF

State Champion to win the Division I NCAA Championship. Steve was the first four-time Big Eight Champion and also won the Athletic of the Year award at O.S.U. Upon earning his M.A. Degree, Steve joined the Athletes in Action. He has represented AIA as a wrestler and as an administrator. Steve has worked in California, Vienna, Austria and for the last 11 years in Russia. He is the liaison for trips between Russia and the United States.



### Frank Cheek

Frank wrestled at San Francisco State College. He coached wrestling at Ceres H.S. for five years. While at Ceres, his teams won three Sac-Joaquin Section titles - 1967 to 1969 and was voted the #1 team in

California by Cal-Hi Sports in 1968. He coached wrestling at Humboldt State for 21 years. His overall record was 261-107-9. His Humboldt teams won nine Conference titles and 46 All-Americans. He was named the Conference Coach of the Year three times. Frank was named Division III Coach of the Year in 1977. His teams placed 2nd, 3rd and 4th (twice) at the NCAA DII & DIII Championships. He served as President and Vice-President of the Division II National Coaches Association.



### Dan Cuestas

Dan was the 1976 & 1977 California State CIF Wrestling Champion, 1977 State Freestyle Champion, 1981 & 1982 NCAA Division II Champion, 1981 & 1982 NCAA Division I Champion. Dan was the 1980

Olympic Trials Champion. He was a member of the Division II National Champions - Cal State University, Bakersfield 1981 & 1982, AAU National Runner-up in 1982 and AAU National Champion in 1985.

<sup>\*</sup>Deceased



### Dick Delgado

Dick wrestled for San Diego H.S. He placed 3rd as a junior and he was the CIF Southern Section Champion in 1950 on the championship team. Dick joined the Navy and became a three-time National AAU Champion

(1953, 1954, 1956). He won the Olympic Trials in 1956 and placed 5th in the Olympics. Dick wrestled at the University of Oklahoma where he was a three-time Big-7 Champion. He placed 3rd and won two NCAA Championships (1957 & 1958) along with the Outstanding Wrestler Award in 1958.



### **Leroy Evans**

Leroy wrestled for Modesto H.S. where he won the Northern California Championships in 1962. He also competed for Humboldt State. Leroy coached at Turlock H.S., Hughson H.S. and Modesto J.C.

As an official and administrator, he was a board member for USA Wrestling, State Chairman for California and official for the World Championships and two Olympic Games. Leroy was on the CIF Advisory Committee and the California Hall of Fame Executive Committee. Under his leadership, California became the number one state in USA Wrestling with over 14,000 wrestlers per year.



### Jim Ferguson

Jim was the Oklahoma State H.S. Champion in 1955, Big-10 Champion at Michigan State & 3rd in the NCAA in 1959. He won the National AAU Championship in 1959, 1960, 1962, Pan American

Champion in 1959 & 1963, Far Western Champion in 1960, 1961 & 1962, Naval Training Center Champion in 1960, 1961 & 1962. Jim also placed 2nd or 3rd in the National AAU Championships eight times. He was a member of the Olympic Club when they won Five National Championships in the 1960's.



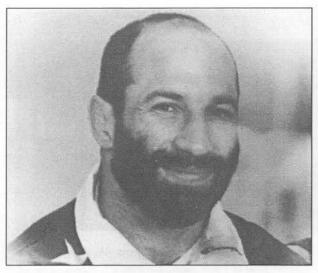
Inductees of 2000 California Wrestling Hall of Fame Banquet, May 27, 2000

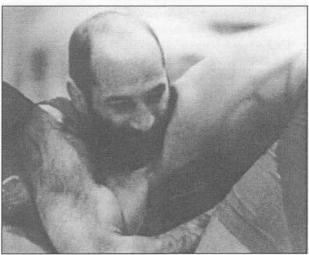


Inductees of 2001 California Wrestling Hall of Fame Banquet, May 25, 2001

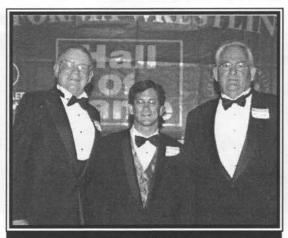


Inductees of 2002 California Wrestling Hall of Fame Banquet, May 17, 2002





Dave Schultz, 1st Inductee 1997 California Hall of Fame



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Jim Burke, Tim Vanni & Pat Lovell

Hall of Fame Banquet, May 17, 2002



### Mark Fuller

Mark started wrestling at Lincoln H.S. (Lincoln, CA) placing 3rd and 4th in the CIF State Championships. He won seven National Greco-Roman titles (AAU & USA Wrestling) at 48 kilos (114 lbs).

Mark was the Junior World Champion and Cadet World Champion. He won the Pan American Games and was a five-time World Team member. Mark was the first American wrestler to make four Olympic teams-1980/84/88/92. He coached for USA Wrestling as Junior World Head Coach and Cadet World Assistant Coach. Mark was also assistant coach at B.Y.U.



### Sergio Gonzalez

Sergio wrestled at Redondo H.S. He was a 1964 CIF Southern Section Champion. While attending UCLA, he was the PAC-8 Champion in 1969 and twice runner-up in the NCAA in 1968 and 1969. Sergio was a

National AAU Champion in 1974, the Pan American Games Champion in 1971, and the Olympic Team alternate in 1968. Sergio placed 7th in the 1972 Olympic Games while not loosing a match.



### Tom Hall

Tom attended James Lick H.S. winning the school's first MVP award. He attended Cal Poly for two years placing 3rd in the PCI. Tom joined the army and placed 4th and 1st in Greco Roman at the National AAU

Championships. He was 5-0 at the 1956 Olympic Trials, placing 4th. Tom returned to Cal Poly where he was undefeated for two years. He was PCI Champion in 1958 and won the Outstanding Wrestler Award on the Cal Poly Champion-ship Team in 1958. He also placed 2nd in the PCI (1959) and 1st in the Northern Regional Olympic Trials (1960). Tom was inducted into the Cal Poly Hall of Fame as one of the Charter members (1990).



Jim Root President

Lynn Dyche
Master of Ceremonies

# FAME 2003



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### Ralphene Lee

Ralphene has been involved in wrestling in California for 30 years. In 1985 she received the US Wrestling 'Exceptionnelle' Pairing Ranking. Ralphene, along with her husband, Charlie, founded the

Sacramento Super Stars Wrestling Club. She directed many league, section and the Bella Vista Invitational Tournaments. As a pairing master, she worked for California USA Wrestling and as pairing director at Concord International for 19 years. She ran many local, state, and international events. She also was assigned to work the World Championships held in Switzerland and the 1992 Olympics. In 1997 she was California Teacher of the Year. One of her major contributions to wrestling was the training sessions she developed and conducted throughout the State. She joins husband Charlie and son, David, in the California HOF.



### **Zack Papachristos**

Zack attended the University of Utah & San Jose State. He coached at Canyon H.S. (Castro Valley) and Chabot College. Zack coached two league, one CIF Section and one Northern California Championship

team while at Canyon and had a 64-8 H.S. coaching record. In the 14 years at Chabot his teams finished in the top three in the State ten times with five State, 12 Northern California and 12 Conference Championships. He was Coach of the Year five times and Community College Wrestling Coach of the Decade (1970-80). Zack coached 18 State Champions and 52 All-Americans. His dual meet record was 152-6-2.



Mike Gallego 2001 Inductee Dick Francis 2002 Inductee



### Dean Ryan

Dean wrestled at Will Rogers H.S. in Tulsa, Oklahoma for three years. After graduating he joined the Navy and wrestled for St. Mary's Preflight School in Moraga, CA. He served as head wrestling coach at the

University of Illinois-Chicago from 1948-54. Dean moved to California and was assistant wrestling coach at the University of California under Henry Stone in 1954 and 1955. He became the head wrestling coach at U.C. Berkeley in 1956-58. Dean moved to U.C. Davis and served as the head wrestling coach from 1959-69. Dr. Ryan was an outstanding wrestler, coach and motor learning scholar.



Pat Lovell presenting Coach Sheldon Harden with Inductee Plaque May 17, 2002 Charlie Lee, 2001



San Francisco State College Wrestlers May 2002

# History of The California Wrestling Hall of Fame

In October, 1996 a group of twenty five wrestling coaches, officials and friends met in Monterey, California to discuss organizing a California Wrestling Hall of Fame.

As a result of that meeting, Lynn Dyche was elected president and a steering committee was formed. Additional meetings took place. We now have governing by-laws adopted, and a selection procedure and process in place for inducting individuals into the Hall of Fame.

California has been long overdue in establishing a Hall of Fame. There are many past coaches, officials, athletes and friends who have supported wrestling through their efforts and who should be recognized and remembered for their contributions to wrestling "the oldest living sport."

The late David Schultz was the first California Wrestling Hall of Fame inductee in 1997. In the past three years 49 individuals were inducted. This year we will recognize twelve inductees into the California Wrestling Hall of Fame 2003.

We are searching for a permanent site for the Hall of Fame facility. A central California city such as Fresno, Bakersfield or San Luis Obispo is preferable. However, the immediate goal of the committee is to find an interim location.

If you would like further information on the California Wrestling Hall of Fame, or you would like to serve on the Hall of Fame Committee, contact Jim Root at 408-270-0977 or e-mail Jim at grapple@earthlink.net. The committee is also seeking donations to support this worthwhile endeavor.

Annual membership dues are \$25 per year. You will receive a membership card and an annual newsletter. Please send your check to: California Wrestling Hall of Fame, c/o Del Schwartz, 21712 Superior Lane, Lake Forest, CA 92630.

## Mission Statement.

The mission of the California Wrestling Hall of Fame shall be to recognize those individuals and groups who, because of their dedication, have contributed immeasurably to the establishment, maintenance and continuation of amateur wrestling in the State of California.

The lives of thousands of student athletes from middle school to university have been positively influenced by their association with the sport of amateur wrestling. Dedication to a goal and a striving for excellence are characteristics of the amateur wrestler while self discipline, self reliance and self confidence are lifetime returns for all who have given themselves to the sport.

Wrestling builds character and is unique among sports because it welcomes all athletes regardless of physical characteristics, race, socioeconomic status or geography. The California Wrestling Hall of Fame shall recognize and honor into perpetuity those wrestlers, coaches, officials, friends of wrestling and related organizations who, by their exemplary contributions, are worthy of recognition by induction into the California Hall of Fame.



Bill Smith
See how wrestling ages one beautifully!!