

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual  
California Wrestling  
Hall of Fame  
Banquet Program**



**Induction Banquet  
May 19, 2007  
Holiday Inn  
Laguna Hills, CA**



**CALIFORNIA WRESTLING HALL OF FAME  
INDUCTION BANQUET**

**AGENDA**

**Master of Ceremonies - Lynn Dyche**

**Invocation - Jeff Roberts**

**Dinner**

**Welcome - Dennis Bardsley**  
President, California Wrestling Hall of Fame

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

**Commentary - Lynn Dyche**

**Closing Remarks - Dennis Bardsley**

**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 HISTORY**

In October 1996, a group of wrestling coaches, officials and supporters met in Monterey, California to organize a California Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Since this meeting, a steering committee has met and adopted by-law recommendations to the State Hall of Fame Committee. Additional meetings took place and a selection procedure for induction into the California Wrestling Hall of Fame is in place.

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

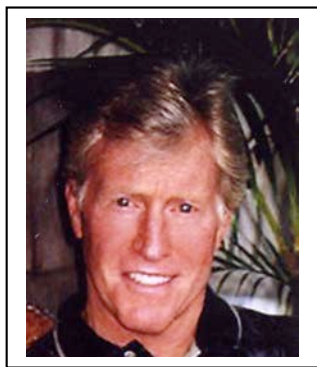
At the present time, we are searching for a Hall of Fame facility. Many prefer a location in a central California city such as Fresno, Bakersfield, or San Luis Obispo, so that it could be centrally located. However, if the committee could find a location would facilitate our Hall, that is where we would go as this is our primary goal. At this time, California USA has a complex in the making and we are in their plans.

The late Dave Schultz was the first inductee in 1997. The first group of nineteen individuals were selected for induction in 2000. So far, 86 individuals have been inducted in six California Hall of Fame banquets and 17 Lifetime Service Awards. This year (2007) we are inducting eight individuals in the Seventh Annual California Wrestling Hall of Fame Banquet and ten individuals receiving the Lifetime Service Award for their dedication and commitment to wrestling.

If you would like further information on the goals of the California Hall of Fame (see mission statement), or would like to serve on the Hall of Fame Committee, contact Dennis Bardsley at (559) 299-2176 or email Dennis at [dbards@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbards@sbcglobal.net). The committee is also seeking donations to support this worthwhile endeavor.

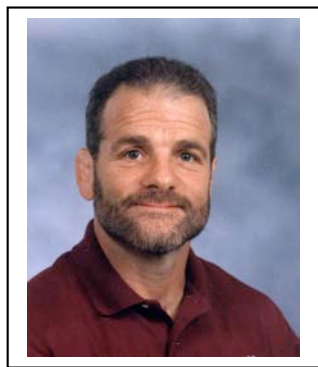
Annual membership dues are \$25 per year. You will receive a membership card and an annual newsletter. Please send your check to: California Wrestling Hall of Fame, C/O Del Schwartz, 21712 Superior Lane, Lake Forest, CA 92630

## 2007 California Wrestling Hall of Fame Inductees



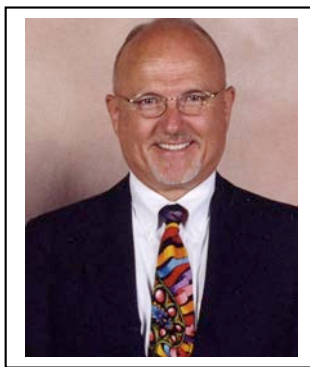
### FRANK ADDLEMAN

Coached Santa Ana JC to the 1974 State Championship, 3 regional championships & a 210-51 coaching record. He was JC. Coach of the Year (1974), El Camino college HOF, Orange Coast HOF, Long Beach State HOF, National Wrestling HOF. He helped establish OC Wrestling Coaches Assn., clinician & speaker at wrestling clinics & the author of a book on fitness & nutrition.



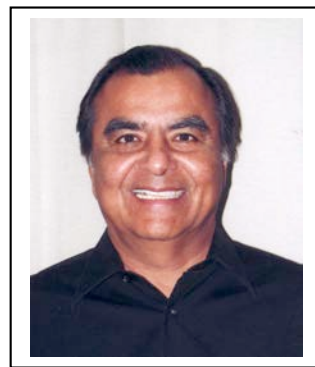
### RUSS COZART

Coached for 25 years at Brandon HS, won the state Championship 14 times and holds the national record for consecutive wins without a defeat (325-0). Coach of the US Dream Team, Head Coach for the Florida Greco Roman National Dual Team that won the National Title with 7 of his wrestlers on the team. He won the World's Veterans Championship 6x.



### DR JOHN DAHLEM

His team went 233-36, won 10 league championships & 4 undefeated seasons at Loara HS. Named OC Coach of the Year 4x, recognized as one of the National Wrestling Coaches of the Year, 1970's Coach of the Decade in OC & helped organize the OC Wrestling Coaches Assoc.. He was inducted into the Orange County Wrestling HOF & a member of the National Wrestling HOF.



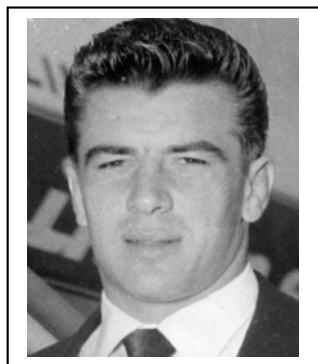
### FRANK GONZALES

Coached at Pacifica HS and El Dorado HS, where his teams won CIF SS twice and the State Championship in 1982. He was an assistant coach to Gary Debeaubien at Rancho Santiago CC for 3 years, Co-coach for 2 years and when Gary left, Frank took over as the head coach for 2 years. His JC team placed 3rd in the state in 1996.



### CHRIS HORPEL

As Stanford head wrestling coach, he produced seven NCAA Division I All-Americans, ten Pacific-10 Conference champions and has qualified Stanford wrestlers to the NCAA's every year. He was 2 x NCAA D1 All-American, first alternate on the 1976 United States Olympic Team, and set the national high school pin record by pinning 34 of 36 opponents.



### WENZEL HUBEL

He was 2x National AAU Champion, won the World Championship in Japan, & a 1955 Pan American Champ. He was instrumental in the development of the LA YMCA wrestling team that lasted until most members approached retirement age. The programs that Wenzel started, organized, and mentored, helped numerous young wrestlers learn the sport.



### DAN LEWIS

He won the Southern Section & was undefeated in 1971 for Fountain Valley HS, a 2x JC AA at Orange Coast College, qualified for the NCAA's at Cal State Fullerton 2x, won the 1979 Freestyle National title, Gold medal in the 1979 Pan American Games, Bronze medal in the Sombo World Championships, & on the World Freestyle team. He was NCAA DII coach of the year & served on the NCAA rules committee.



### DICK MORRIS

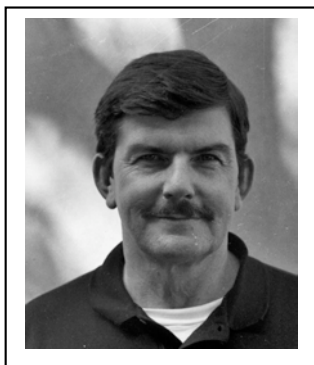
He coached wrestling at Edgewood and Corona Del Mar HS for 16 years. He has been a high school and college wrestling official for the past 45 years. He officiated the Southern Section Masters Tournament for 29 years and the State CIF Tournament for the past 18 years. He was also the President of the Southern California wrestling Officials Association.

## 2007 California Wrestling Hall of Fame Lifetime Service Award



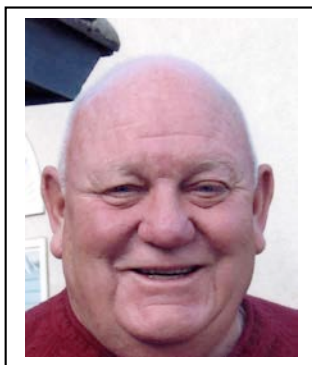
### **WILLIAM CLARK**

He coached at El Dorado HS & was the AD for 9 years. He went to the CIF-SS office & was the administrator for wrestling from 1980 – 2000. He helped change the format of the individual Championship tournaments as well as instituting the Sections dual meet championships. Bill served on the state CIF Wrestling Advisory Committee for 10 years.



### **DAN DIERDORF**

Dan is in his 52nd year of officiating. His resume includes many high school State Tournaments, 35 JC State Tournaments, 2 NCAA DI, 11 World Cup, 6 Senior World, 10 Jr World, & 2 Pan American Championships. Dan was selected as the Outstanding Official by FILA in the 1978 World Championships & the Outstanding HS Official in CA by the National High School Association.



### **RICHARD FERGUSON**

He has been officiating 41 years & achieved the highest officials ranking. He served as the on the board of the SoCal Wrestling Officials Assn & served as president. His officiating experience includes the JC Regionals, CA State HS Tournament, CIF Dual Meet & Divisional Championships & the SS Masters Tournament. He is currently the Instructional Chairman and assigner for the Foothill Section.



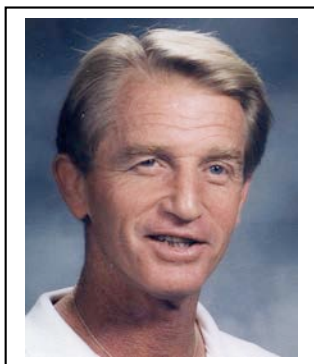
### **JOHN McCARTHY**

He attended the University of Iowa and wrestled four years & lettered 2x. He retired from teaching in 2006 but remains the wrestling coach at Magnolia HS. During his 35 years of coaching at Magnolia HS he has had only one losing season, has over 575 dual meet victories, and had over 55 wrestlers on the team each season. He was selected as the OC Wrestling Coach of the Year.



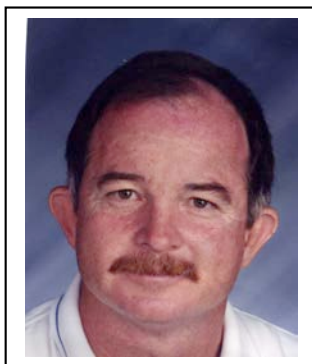
### **WAYNE MICKAELIAN**

His teams won the league 6 of the 7 years he coached at Fountain Valley & placed 4th at the CIF State Tournament. He was instrumental in bringing the Five Counties Tournament to Fountain Valley (one of the toughest tournaments in the nation). Served as president of the SoCal Wrestling Coaches Assn, hosted the Japanese Cultural Exchange & inducted into the OC Wrestling HOF.



### **DENNIS PAYNE**

He was team captain of his HS, JC & freestyle teams. He had the opportunity to coach wrestlers of all ages at the kid, high school, club & university levels. He took great pride in helping other officials, served as an instructional chairman serving the CIF-SS, AAU, & USA Wrestling. He has participated in cultural exchanges, World Meets, Olympic Trials, & the 1984 Olympic Games.



### **KEITH SMITH**

He wrestled at Brawley HS & placed 2nd in the Southern Section, Imperial Valley JC & placed 2nd at the State JC Championships. In his 30 years of coaching, Brawley has won 3 SD Sections Championships, 2nd in the SS Dual Meet Tournament, 2nd in the SS Championships. Brawley has won the Desert Valley League 20 times. His dual meet record is 300-40.



### **BOB STOLO**

Started an AAU/CAGWA Kids Wrestling Program that included many of the great names in SS wrestling, such as the Kistlers, Lawson's, Tomazic's and Iwanaga's. His kids program won 10 AAU/CAGWA state titles and 3 national titles. His wrestlers went on to win 12 high school state titles, 3 NCAA titles & 3 National titles. He was an asst coach at El Dorado HS for 9 years.



## 2007 California Wrestling Hall of Fame Lifetime Service Award



### **VIC & RITA TOMAZIC**

Their involvement started when their two sons started age group wrestling. They worked in the bout room for many years. During their boys high school years they were very involved in the booster club, lending support to the wrestling program.

They worked many dual meets & tournaments, as well as the CIF Southern Section Finals. Even though their sons went off to college, they continued their involvement in wrestling.



### **California Wrestling Hall of Fame Nominations**

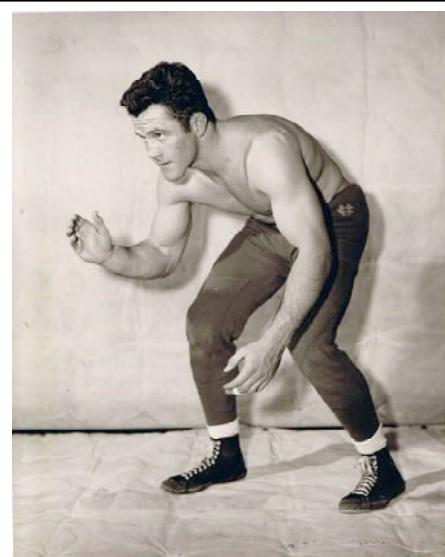
Submit a profile (75 – 100 words) on the person you would like to nominate to the Hall of Fame. Email the profile, picture and address of the nominee to Dennis Bardsley at [dbards@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbards@sbcglobal.net).

### **IN MEMORY**

**Sam Boyd  
Jim Burke  
Hans Wiedenhofer  
Judy Rider  
Kirby Page  
Roy Spomer  
Sheldon Hardon**



**El Dorado – 1982 California State Champions**



**Bently Lyon – California's first NCAA Champion in 1952.**



# Banquet



# 2006



## CALIFORNIA WRESTLING HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



### 1997 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

**DAVE SCHULTZ** – California State High School, NCAA, World and Olympic Champion, 10 Freestyle/Greco Roman National Titles, 7 World Medals, & 2 Tblisi titles.



### 2000 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

**JOHN AZEVEDO** – 2x California State Champion, 3x NCAA Division II Champion, undefeated NCAA D I National Champion, 1980 Olympic Freestyle Wrestling team, coached six CIF State Championship Teams at Calvary Chapel.

**RUSS CAMILLERI** - Member of two Olympic teams (1960 & 1964) and won twelve National AAU Championships, voted the Outstanding Wrestler six times and won 2 Northern California Invitational Team titles

**MARK DIGIROLAMO** - Four Northern California Invitational championships, NCAA D I champion for Cal Poly.

**LYNN DYCHE** - Head official of Community College and HS State Championships, state editor for Wrestling USA magazine since 1973, organized and directed the First California State CIF Wrestling Tournament in 1973. Lynn took the initial leadership role in organizing the California Wrestling Hall of Fame.

**JACK FERNANDEZ** - Coaching dual meet record of 223-34-1, his teams won 65 tournaments, 17 league championships and 5 CIF Southern titles at Miracosta. Jack officiated the NCAA and the National AAU tournaments.

**GREG GIBSON** - CIF Section & Northern California placer, Shasta College State placer, NCAA runner-up at Oregon, World Cup Greco-Roman Champion, first wrestler to medal in three World Championships in three different styles (Freestyle-2nd, Greco Roman-4th, Somo-1st), Pan-Am Games Champion, Olympic Greco Roman Silver Medalist, Olympic Team coach.

**JOE "GONZO" GONZALES** - 3 time World Cup Champion, United States Olympian, NCAA D I Champion, 2 x NCAA D II Champion, 11 x AAU National Freestyle Champion, Tbilisi Tournament Champion, National High School Wrestling Champion, NCAA record 55 wins 0 losses.

**DAVE HENGSTELER** - One of the founding fathers of the Community College State Tournament – 1959, only coach to win three consecutive State Championships, record of 216-45-10 at El Camino, pioneer in the Southern California Wrestling Coaches Association.

**VAUGHAN HITCHCOCK** - 3x Northern California Wrestling Champion, two Pacific Coast Intercollegiate titles with a record of 97-4-0, won four CIF Section Championships and two Northern California Invitational team titles with a record of 72-1. His team won eight NCAA D II Wrestling Championships with a record of 355-112-4 at Cal Poly.

**DAVID LEE** - World Schoolboy Freestyle Champion and the World Greco-Roman School Boy Champion, first 3x CIF State Champion, 2x PAC-10 Champion for Stanford, 2x Big 10 Champion, NCAA D I Champion for Wisconsin

**PAT LOVELL** - PCI Champion for Cal Poly, member of the 1964 Olympic Greco-Roman Team, officiated at 17 NCAA Division I, 17 Pac-10, 15 California State High School, 2 Junior World, and 17 National Open Freestyle Championship Tournaments.



**BILL MARTELL** – Coached at Cal, chairman of the National Greco-Roman Committee for USA Wrestling Coaches Association; and Head Coach, Elite Wrestling Team, director of the annual Concord Cup International Greco-Roman Tournament.

**M.A. “DOC” NORTHRUP** – 4x AAU National Champion, Olympic team alternate, Pan Am Champion, at age 57 he won the Arizona State Freestyle Championship. “Doc” proved that age was not an excuse for not competing, and he was an example of a true champion for all.

**STEVE SANCHEZ** - The only California high school wrestling coach to have coached State CIF Championship teams at two different California high schools: Merced 1980 and Antioch-1988. Combined 8 CIF Section titles.

**MARK SCHULTZ** - California CIF HS Champion, 3x NCAA D I National Champion, Gold Medal at the 1984 Olympics, 2x World Champion, 4x U.S. Open titles. Former BYU head coach.

**JOE SEAY** - Won 3 National AAU Greco-Roman titles and was 2x 2nd in Freestyle. His teams won NCAA D II (Cal State Bakersfield) and D I Oklahoma State) titles, head coach of the U.S. Goodwill Games team, the World Championships, the Olympic Team at Atlanta.

**DEAN SENSENBAUGH** - One of the founding fathers of the Community College State Tournament - 1959. He holds the coaching record for the most California Community College wins-374 at Modesto JC.

**WILLIAM T (BILL) SMITH** - two NCAA titles for Iowa State Teachers (Iowa), 3 National AAU titles, a gold medal at the Olympic Games, coached 9 National AAU Team Championships at the San Francisco Olympic Club, 5 in Freestyle and 4 in Greco-Roman, won the 1977 California State CIF Team Championship.

**JOHN WOODS** – 2x NCAA D II finalist and Champion, 2nd at the NCAA D I Championships for Cal Poly. His Palomar teams were 179-19-3 and won five Community College State Championships.



## 2001 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

**ALLEN ABRAHAM** - 3rd in the Northern California Wrestling Championship, won the Far Western Conference title, 2nd in the PCI Championships, his San Francisco State teams won 8 Far Western Conference Wrestling Championships, Junior World Greco Roman Coach and Team Leader, Leader of 1980 USA Olympic Wrestling Team and USA World Freestyle 2x

**LEE ALLEN** - 4x undefeated Oregon State Champion, 2x PCI Champion, member of the United States Olympic Freestyle & Greco-roman teams, National Champion 5x, U.S. Olympic Greco-Roman assistant coach, head World Team Greco-Roman coach 5x. Coached at Skyline JC.

**NED BLASS** - Oklahoma High School Wrestling Champion, 2x NCAA Champion for Oklahoma State, alternate on the 1956 Olympic Team, leader in organizing the California State Wrestling Championships..

**KEN BOS** – 2x Conference Champion, NCAA D II Champion and 4th place in the NCAA D I Championships for Cal Poly, teams at Rio Hondo won two JC State Championships and 10 Conference Championships.

**DAN BRAND** – won 7 National AAU championships, 4 in Freestyle and 3 in Greco-Roman. In World Championship competition, he was 4th in 1961, 3rd in 1962, and placed 3rd in the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome.

**CHARLIE DOUGLAS** – 3x HS conference champion, officiated at the PAC 10s, NCAA D II, Big 8 Conference, Far Western Conference, NAIA, and 15 NCAA D I Championships. He was the first African-American to officiate in the NCAA D I Championships.

**BOB ERICSON** - Career dual meet record at DVC was 315 wins and 54 losses, DVC was the first community college team north of Fresno to win the State Community College Championships.



**MIKE GALLEGRO** - Central Coast Section Champion, a NCAA D I National Champion, 2x D 11 National Champion for Fresno State, National AAU Freestyle Champion, World Freestyle & Greco-Roman Team member.

**WEBBER LAWSON** - 3x Far Western Champion, won the Senior Open AAU Championships, won 6 SPAAU titles, and won the U.S. Western Pan Am Title, won 52 straight dual matches, 4 Central Coast Section titles in a row and a Northern California Invitational Team Championship.

**CHARLIE LEE** - Overall record of 248-28-1 at Bella Vista, six Top Five California State places, 5 Sac-Joaquin Section Championships, coached California's first 3x champion, son David Lee.

**LARRY MORGAN** - 2x Junior National Wrestling Champion, Valley (CIF) Champion, 3x NCAA D II AA, NCAA D I AA for Cal Poly, participated in the NCAA East-West All-Star Meet, won the Junior World Wrestling Championship, 4th in the World Championships, USAW National Champion 3x, an alternate in the Montreal Olympics.

**HUGH MUMBY** - PCI Wrestling Champion, guided San Jose to a continually prominent West Coast position for nearly 20 years, known as one of the finest mat technicians in collegiate history.

**TED MUMBY** - Coached wrestling in India at Lucknow College, at Stanford and at San Jose State College (SJSC), coach and manager of the India Olympic Team, helped start the wrestling program at Stanford. In 1946, Ted took over the SJSC wrestling program.

**LARRY NELSON** - Wisconsin State HS Champion and Wisconsin AAU Champion, won the Michigan AAU Championship, Big 10 Champion, led Vacaville to numerous section individual and dual meet championships.

**ERIC WAIS** - 2x CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Champion, 2x CIF State Wrestling Champion for Woodland, 3x AA, a 3x Big 8 Champion and a NCAA Wrestling Champion at Oklahoma State.

**HANS WIEDENHOEFER** - "The Father of Central Valley Wrestling," introduced wrestling to the Central Valley, 2x PCAA Champion, Farwestern Champion, won 5 league championships, 2 regional championships, and 2 California State Junior College Championships



## 2002 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

**GLEN ANDERSON** - Southern CIF Champion, record was 98-9-1, 38-0 his senior year, 4x conference champion, 4x NCAA Division 2 AA, 2x NCAA DII National Champion for Cal Poly.

**JIM BURKE** - Northern California Champion, 2x All-Army Champion, NCAA D III Champion, Pan American Champion, 3rd in the World Greco Roman Championships, Olympic Team Member, National AAU Freestyle Champion, his teams won 5 city championships.

**BILL CLAUDER** - Led his teams to a 262-16-2 record, achieving 22 Grossmont League Championships and 17 San Diego C.I.F. Championships, won the first California State HS Championship in 1973.

**ADAM CUESTAS** - 2x California State HS Champion, 2x California Freestyle Champion, Junior National Freestyle Champion, 3x NCAA D II National Champion, NCAA D I National Champion, World Cup Freestyle Gold Medalist.

**DICK FRANCIS** - 2x PCI Champion and runner-up, 3x Far Western AAU Champion, placed third at the National AAU Freestyle Championships, 3rd and 4th at the National AAU Greco Roman Championships, coached two Conference Team Championships at Fresno State.

**SHELDON HARDEN** - Record was 48-10, won the PCI Championships, 17-0 dual meet record that is still a Cal Poly record, trained officials and started wrestling programs at four central coast high schools, started the Cal Poly High School Tournament (CIT) in 1949 and the Junior College Tourney in 1950.

**BRIGGS HUNT** - Coached many PCI champions at UCLA, a leader in the development of Southern California wrestling, one of the early Greco Roman coaches and authored wrestling skills books.

**TOM KLINE** - 3x league champion and 3rd in the Northern California Championships, 4x conference champion, 5x NCAA AA, NCAA D I Champion for Cal Poly.

**BILL MUSICK** - Central Section CIF Champion. won 17 league championships, 12 Nor Cal Championships, 4 state JC Championships, 4 dual meet State Championships, a 247-50-5 career record at Fresno City.

**BRUCE PFUTZENREUTER** - Won 2 South Yosemite League Championships and placed high in the Central Section Championships, won the California State Community College Championships, with a career record of 264-81-2 at Bakersfield JC.

**HENRY STONE** - Henry coached for many years at UC Berkley, where he coached Bently Lyon (first NCAA champion west of Rocky Mountains). He was the author of the best wrestling book of that time and many of the Bay Area (SF) coaches were Henry's former wrestlers.

**TIM VANNI** - 2-time CIF Central Section (Valley) Champion, 6th & 2nd in the California State CIF championships, 5x World championships placer, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5th in Olympics Games.

**KENT WYATT** - Southern Section CIF champion, 2x California State JC Champion, NCAA D II Champion & AA, 3rd at the NCAA D I Championships for Cal Poly. His teams were 10 time league champions, 1974 Southern Section CIF Champions, 3rd place CIF California state Championships.



## 2003 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

**STEPHEN BARRETT** – 2x CIF Southern Section Champion, State CIF Wrestling Champion, D I NCAA Champion, 4x Big 8 Champion.

**FRANK CHEEK** - Won 3 Sac-Joaquin section titles, won 9 conference titles, placed 2nd, 3rd & 4th (2x) at the NCAA D II & III Championships, with a record of 261-107-9.

**DAN CUESTAS** – 2x California State CIF Wrestling Champion, 2x NCAA Division I Champion, and AAU National Champion.

**DICK DELGADO** - CIF Southern Section Champion, 3-time National AAU Champion, won the Olympic Trials, placed 5th in the Olympics, was a 3x Big Seven Champion, placed 3rd and won 2 NCAA Championships.

**LEROY EVANS** - Northern California Champion, was a board member for USA Wrestling & State Chairman. Under his leadership California became the number one state in USA Wrestling. He officiated at the World Championships and two Olympic Games.

**JIM FERGUSON** - Oklahoma State HS Champion, Big-10 Champion, placed 3rd in the NCAA, 3x National AAU Champion, 2x Pan American champion.

**MARK FULLER** - placed 3rd & 4th in the CIF State Championships, 7x National Greco-Roman Champion, Junior & Cadet World Champion, won the Pan American Games, 5x World Team Member, first American wrestler to make 4 Olympic Teams.

**SERGIO GONZALEZ** - CIF Southern Section Champion, Pac-8 Champion, 2x runner-up in the NCAA for UCLA, National AAU Champion, Pan American Games Champion, and the Olympic Team Alternate, 7th in the 1972 Olympic Games while not losing a match.

**TOM HALL** - 4th and 1st in Greco Roman National AAU Championships. 5-0 at the 1956 Olympic Trials, placing 4<sup>th</sup>, PCI Champion & he was undefeated for two years at Cal Poly.

**RALPHENE LEE** - As a pairing master, she worked for California USA Wrestling, was assigned the World Championships and the 1992 Olympics. In 1985, she received the USA Wrestling 'Exceptional' Pairing Rating.

**ZACK PAPACHRISTOS** - 2 league, 1 CIF North Coast Section & one Northern California Championship team, won 5 California State JC, 12 Northern California and 12 conference championships & dual meet record of 152-6-2 at Chabot.

**DEAN RYAN** - Head coach at the Univ. of Illinois-Chicago, assistant wrestling coach at UC Berkeley under Henry Stone, head coach at UC Berkeley, moved to UC Davis and served as the head coach. Dr. Ryan was an outstanding wrestler & coach.



## 2004 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

**WAYNE BRANSTETTER** - Coaching record 281-3 -1. Held California State dual meet record of 150 consecutive wins for 17 years, 2x California State HS, 17x Masters, 29x CIF, League Championships-27x at Poway HS.

**BRUCE BURNETT** - Central Section Champion. 2x JC State, Big Sky Conference, & MIWA Champion. Teams won 4 State Championships & 5 2nds, USA Wrestling national Freestyle & 1996 U.S. Olympic Team coach.

**DOMINIC CAROLLO** - CIF, AAU State, 2x Ca State JC, 2x NAIA, NCAA D I Champion, & won the Pam American Games.

**BILL GRANT** – 1982 C.C.S Champions, 4<sup>th</sup> in CIF State Championships, Director Monterey Clinic of Champions 23 yrs. Editor & Publisher of the “California Wrestler” 25 yrs. President CA. HS Wrestling Coaches Assn.

**ED JALLI** – San Joaquin Valley father of wrestling. Won 7 straight San Joaquin Section titles, founder & past president of the Nor Cal Wrestling Coaches Assoc, helped establish the first Nor California HS Championship.

**MIKE REMER** – Northern California runner-up. 2x CIF Section, 2x State JC, & D II National Champion, NCAA D I 4th place.

**JIM ROOT** –Nor Cal-2<sup>nd</sup>, 2x Pac-10 placewinner, Open Championships-3rd, Coached 9 State JC, 28 Nor Cal JC Champs, 11x top ten finishes at the State JC Tournament, co-founder of the CA State HS Championships.

**BOB SMITH** – 2x Oregon Collegiate Champion, coached 7 State JC, 14 Conference, & 14 Regional Championships Teams, dual meet record 96-0, one of the founding fathers of the California State JC Tournament.



## 2005 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

**STEVE ABAS** - 3x CA State, National HS (OW), Jr National FS (OW), 3x Jr. World National Freestyle Champion,& Jr. World Champion. He was a 3x NCAA & 4x AA, U.S. Nationals champion, 5th in World Championships, Pan American Games, World Cup Champ & 2nd in 2004 Olympic Games.

**ARMAND BRETT** - Coach at Chico State won 7 Far Western Conference & NCAC Championships, NCAA D II Western Region Team Championship named coach of the year 6x, member of the NCAA rules committee.

**DALE DEFFNER**– State JC, PCI Champ & 4th in NCAA at Long Beach State. He coached 9 state JC Champions, 2 OW's, 25 AA and has 200 wins at Golden West College. He has been a wrestling official since 1963.

**DENNIS DELIDDO** – At Clovis HS, won 5 Central Section, 3 CA State Championships & one 2<sup>nd</sup>. At Fresno State, won 7 WAC championships, WAC Coach of the Year 4x, PCAA 2x. He has a 304-165-3 career record.

**ERIC GUERRERO** – He was 4x CCS & 3x State Champ at Independence HS. A 3x NCAA D1 Champ & 4x NCAA AA Oklahoma State. He was a 2x Pan Am Silver Medalist and placed 7<sup>th</sup> at the World Championships.

**TJ KERR** - NCAA DIV II Champions & NCAA DIV II Coach of the Year at Cal State Bakersfield. President of the NWCA, co-coach of NWCA All-Star Classic, 7x PCAA, 3x PAC-10, & NWCA Coach of the Year. 330 wins.



**BENTLY LYON** – at UC Berkeley, a 2x PCI Champion (OW & Team Captain in 1952), placed 4<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> in the NCAA D1 Championships. The first NCAA D1 Champ west of the Rocky Mountains.

**DUANE MORGAN** – Had a dual meet record of 101-1 at Overfelt HS. Chairman of CA of USA Wrestling and 1st VP of USAW, Commissioner of the NCWCO, & has officiated at past 14 CA State Wrestling Championships

**DOC PETERSON** – “Father of Nor Cal HS Wrestling.” His work and effort in promotion started wrestling in the Northern Section. Coached at Chico State, dominating the Far Western Conference through the 1960’s.



## 2005 HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD

**SAM BOYD** – RMAC Champion in 1956, teacher/coach for 36 yrs, started youth wrestling in Morro Bay, raised countless dollars for athletics, directs the CIT, owns Pacific-Resilite Mat Co, sponsor of the State Tournament.

**FLOYD “DOC” BUCHANAN** – Superintendent of Clovis Unified, he purchased regulation mats for each of its elementary schools. Doc's support led to Clovis High's 7, Clovis West's 3 & Buchanan's 1 state title(s).

**PAUL CONNER** - volunteer wrestling coach at Arcata HS from 1974-96. He was especially skilled at psychology which

helped his athletes excel in sports and life. Paul led the daily warm-ups until the age of 75.

**RENE ERROTABERE** - Valley Wrestling Champion, Coach and NYL wrestling rep at Fresno HS, Director of the CA State Wrestling Tournament, Chairman of the Central Section Wrestling Committee, NYL President, & member of the state's CIF Wrestling Advisory Committee.

**IRV OLINER** - Official photographer for the CIF State Championships. He donated his time, expertise, and photographs, without charge, to countless wrestlers during his time of service to the sport of wrestling.

**KIRBY PAGE** – Coached 58 yrs (Football 50, Basketball 17, Baseball 25, Wrestling 41, & track 3 for a total of 136 seasons). He was the weigh master and head timer for the State Wrestling Tournament in Stockton for 18 years.

**ROY SPOMER** - began weekly rankings which were published in the Fresno Bee for 30+ yrs & were used by "CA Wrestling News" for state rankings, received first award by CIF for a citizens support of HS wrestling

## 2006 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



**GERRY ABAS** – Placed 2nd & 3rd at the State Tournament. At Fresno State, he was a 4x NCAA AA (1<sup>st</sup> in the WAC), 3x runner up in the NCAA D1 Championships, won the Junior National Freestyle & Espoir Championship. He was asst coach at FSU for 10 years

**DAN CHAID** - Was a 2x State Champion. He was a NCAA Division I Champion and Runner-up, 4x NCAA DI AA, National Greco Roman, 2x World Veterans Champ & medaled 9x in the National Open. He coached the U.S. Freestyle Team & Dave Schultz WC.

**LENNIS COWELL** - Placed 3rd, 2nd & 1st at Nor Cal. He was regional champion (OW) & placed 3rd at JC State. At Cal Poly, 2x CCAA, 2x NCAA Regional Champion, 2x NCAA DII AA, placed 3rd & 4th at NCAA DII

Championships. Coached Clovis West HS two State Championships, 85 match winning streak & coached Cal Poly for 19 years.

**BUCK DEADRICH** - He was a 4x Freestyle National Champion and Sambo National Champion. He wrestled on the USA World Teams in Greco 2x (placed 6<sup>th</sup>), Freestyle (University Games – 2<sup>nd</sup>) & Sambo. He was the head coach Cal State Stanislaus

**MARTY KISTLER** – He was also the first 4x finalist at the State Tournament, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> 2x, , 1<sup>st</sup> 2x. At Iowa, Marty won the NCAA DI Championship 2x, placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, & was selected as the Outstanding Wrestler of the NCAA Tournament.

**MONTY MULLER** - MVP at JC (HOF) SF State. Monty officiated 18 State Tournaments (ranked the number one official), 22 years of JC wrestling, & was the commissioner of the wrestling officials for the Sac Joaquin Section.

**GLENN TAKAHASHI** - 2x Masters Champion and section “Wrestler of the Year”. He was selected as Coach of The Year: League 9x, SD Section 4x, California 1x, & 200 dual wins. His teams have won 16 league, 10 Section, & a State Title.

**RAY WALLACE** –He has officiated 30 CIF, 25 Masters, 12 State, & 7 JC State Championships. He has been the President of: CWOA, SCWOA, SCCWOA & OCWOA, is in the OC Wrestling HOF, & was selected as the OC Wrestling Official of the Year 7x.



## 2006 HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD

**VERN BROOKS** – His Rock springs team won the Wyoming State Championship. Coached at Madera HS for 12 years. His teams won 2 Nor Cal, 5 NYL, & 5 Central Section Championships. He coached 27 Central Section & 12 Nor Cal (5 in 1957) Champions.

**JOE CONELY**– Coached for 25 years at Exeter HS. He retired from teaching & coaching for two years & returned to Exeter to coach again. He produced many championship teams as well as individual champions. Joe was very active in his community.

**SAM CRANDELL** - Coached at Kingsburg HS for over 45 years & was close to 70 when he retired. He coached many championship teams and individuals. Sam was involved with many organizations that supported youth programs in the Kingsburg area.

**BOB DAVIS** – Officiated wrestling for 47 years. He was the Central Section Wrestling Advisory Chairman for 13 years, CIF Wrestling Rules Interpreter for 12 years & advisor to the National High School Federation Wrestling Rules Committee.

**CHRIS FEDER** – Placed 2nd in the NCAA DII Championships for C.W. Post University & coached wrestling at Terra Linda HS for 15 years. He has sponsored numerous wrestling tournaments, as well as the CIF and California USA Wrestling.

**DAVID JACKSON** – He represented the CA State School Board Assoc on the CIF Wrestling Advisory Committee, was President of the Advisory Committee & his leadership was both appreciated & respected. He has given countless hours to support youth.

**NANCY SCHULTZ** – Founder of the Dave Schultz WC, in honor of her late husband. This organization has helped support countless numbers of wrestlers. Nancy has also been a board member of the National Wrestling HOF, USA Wrestling & has supported numerous wrestling programs by both her participation and financial donations

**MIKE STRICKER** - The Coyote Club, under his leadership has supported numerous programs and individuals in the Bakersfield area. Mike lives, eats and breathes wrestling and his love for the sport is obvious and his generosity is appreciated by many.

**DR. JOHN TAYLOR** - MVP of his HS wrestling team, competed at American River JC and CSUB. He was a volunteer coach at Ponderosa HS for many years. He provided medical care at various wrestling tournament including the state tournament.

**GW WINGO** - 2x Nor Cal Champ. He was Modesto’s first state JC Champion. He taught & coached at Oakdale HS and organized youth wrestling programs. He was responsible for developing many outstanding wrestlers from the Oakdale and Waterford area.

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

The lives of thousands of student athletes from middle school, high school, community college, college to chosen careers have been shaped, molded and forever impacted by their association with amateur wrestling. Dedication to a goal, determination to do their best, and self-sacrifice for excellence, are but a few of the investments when one is part of wrestling. Self-discipline, self-reliance, and self-confidence are lifetime returns for amateur wrestlers and others who have given of themselves to the sport.

Wrestling builds character and is unique among sports because it welcomes all athletes – tall and short, heavy and light, physically strong and physically finessed. Wrestling is blind to color, socio-economic status and 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 Wrestling Hall of Fame.