

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



**Induction Banquet  
May 15, 2010  
Holiday Inn  
Sacramento, CA**



# **SAVE CALIFORNIA COLLEGE WRESTLING**

**California's Division I wrestling programs are in trouble. Fresno State dropped wrestling 2 years ago. Cal State Bakersfield and UC Davis just dropped their programs. Cal State Fullerton is fighting to stay alive. Cal Poly seems safe, but that's what Davis thought. Stanford looks good at this point. Many of our Hall of Famers have come from these programs (& the many programs that have been dropped in years past). Where will our athletes that want to wrestle in California go to school? Where will the next generation of coaches come from? Where will our next generation of Hall of Famers come from? To get involved, see the websites and contacts below.**

**Also, two Community Colleges Moorpark & West Valley) dropped their programs this year.**

**Cal State Bakersfield    [www.savebakersfieldwrestling.com](http://www.savebakersfieldwrestling.com)**

Mail donations to: CSUB Wrestling, PO Box 21746, Bakersfield, CA 93390

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**CALIFORNIA WRESTLING HALL OF FAME  
INDUCTION BANQUET**

**AGENDA**

**Master of Ceremonies – Anthony Morales**

**Invocation - Jeff Roberts**

**Dinner**

**Welcome - Lynn Dyche**  
Director, California Wrestling Hall of Fame

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

**Commentary - Anthony Morales**

**Closing Remarks – Jeff Roberts**  
President, California Wrestling Hall of Fame

**Closure - Anthony Morales**

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, 104 individuals have been inducted in eight California Hall of Fame banquets and 38 Lifetime Service Awards. This year (2009) we are inducting nine individuals in the Tenth Annual California Wrestling Hall of Fame Banquet and twelve 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

## 2010 California Wrestling Hall of Fame Inductees



**RON BALDWIN**

Wrestled for Woodland High, lettered 4x, won league (2x) & Sub-District. He placed at JC State (2x) for Sac City. His coaching record of 137-17, Coach of the Year (1974 & 1980), with 12 league, 6 Sub-Section & 2 Section Championship teams.



**DAN ECKLEY**

In HS, he was a 3-time State qualifier & at Chico State he was a Far Western Conference Champion and 3 time NCAA DII qualifier. His coaching dual meet record was 305-50-2, with 7 undefeated dual meet seasons, 11 League & 5 Section Championships.



**ROD HEDLUND**

He was 2<sup>nd</sup> Far Western Conference & DII National qualifier. Teams won 11 League Championships & Section Dual Meet Champions. League Coach of the Year – 9x. Tournament Director for Northern California Tournament of Champions (36 years).



**DENNIS HELMS**

He coached 31 years wrestling at Paradise HS & his teams won 11 league & 4 CIF Section Championships. Denny coached 86 league champs, 28 CIF section champs, 3 State Placers and a State Champ. He was inducted into the Chico State Sports Hall of Fame.



**SHON LEWIS**

He was an Olympic & World Coach for the U.S. Greco-Roman team, is the head coach of the Army team (won the Armed Forces title numerous times). He competed on the 1993 & 1999 U.S. World Championships teams, was a U.S. Greco-Roman champion (4x).



**MARK MUNOZ**

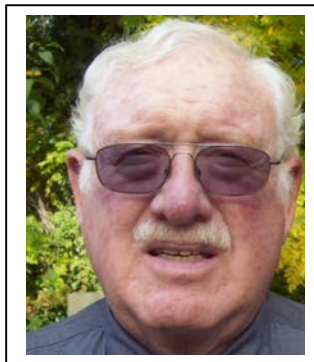
NCAA Division I Champion - Oklahoma State, 2X NCAA AA, 2X NWCA Academic AA, 2X Big 12 Conference Champion, Junior World Silver Medalist, 3x Jr World Team Member, Junior National Runner-up, High School National & 2X California CIF State Champion



**DAVE ROTTENBURG**

He was a JC state placer & NCAA DII Qualifier. His coaching record was 220-53-2, had 11 league, 4 CIF Masters Championships & set the NSCIF record of 231 pts. He was CIF State Coach of the Year (2005) & a finalist for National Coach of the Year in 2006.

## 2010 California Wrestling Hall of Fame Lifetime Service Award



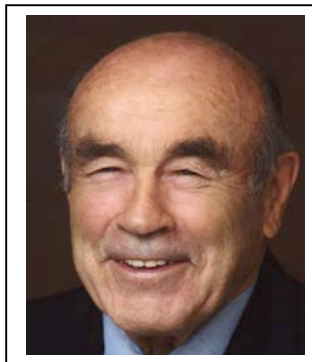
**JERRY AIKMAN**

He has coached wrestling at Ukiah High for the past 38 years. Ukiah has won 16 NBL & 2 NCS Championships, 2 NCS 2nd places, 3 top ten finishes at State & 3rd place at Nor Cal Championships. He was selected as the NCS Honor Coach & REWOCA Lifetime Service Award.



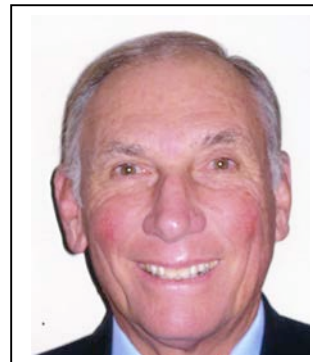
**DAVID BORGES**

David started wrestling in 1967 and has been involved at various levels since then. He has been a part of the California – Japan Cultural Exchange, coaching since 1995 and ran many successful tournaments in the South Lake Tahoe area.



**BOB BROOKS**

Hired in 1964 as asst coach & became Head Coach (1986 – 1990). During those years, UCD had 10-15 DI AA's. He started the Aggie wrestling camps, was appointed by AAU wrestling to lead teams to Budapest Hungary and worked AAU camps in Colorado Springs.



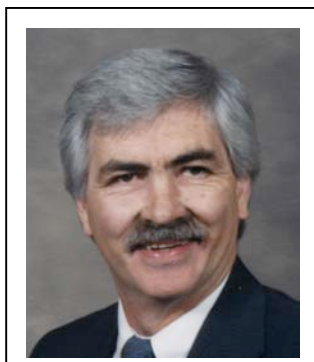
**DAVID CANCLINI**

Coached Stagg HS for 17 yrs winning Sub-section (1975-76) & City Championships. Former member of the NorCal H.S. Wrestling Coaches Assoc. Co-Directed Nor Cal H.S. Tournament in 1966. Head Scorekeeper of CIF State Tournament for 14 yrs.



**CHUCK CHANDLER**

Chuck has been a successful wrestling coach in the Stockton area. Chuck was a California USA Wrestling coach to the National Tournament. He has many section placers and Nor Cal placers. He was director for the CIF State Wrestling championships-11 years.



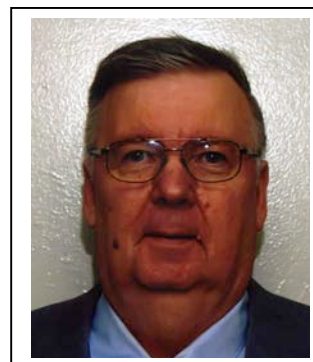
**DAVE FOSTER**

Coached wrestling at Lassen College 1967-1998. Small and large college State JC Champions. Coach of the year-NWCA, Cal Coaches, Cal Community College Wrestling Coaches. He also served as the mayor of Susanville while he was coaching at Lassen.



**SUZANNE HEDLUND**

Suzanne has organized & directed more than 80 wrestling tournaments since 1973. These tournaments include the prestigious Northern California Tournament of Champions (36 times). Golden Empire League, three Sub-Section Championships, JC Northern Regionals (2x).



**JIM LOFTHUS**

Pairing official for CA USA Wrestling at all major CA freestyle & Greco tournaments for over 20 years as well as Regional, National tournaments & Olympic trials. He also announces and is a tournament director at many high school and college tournaments.



# 2010 California Wrestling Hall of Fame Lifetime Service Award



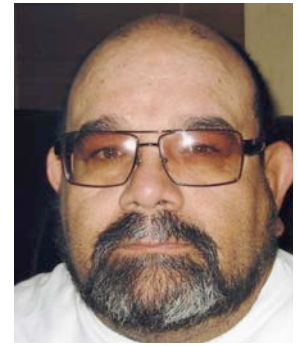
**GARY ROVIG**

He coached Wrestling (16yrs), Wrestling Official (30 yrs), South Modesto Official of the Year, Head Official San Joaquin Sections 16x, Subsections 18x & 4x State Wrestling Official. Also, the only Father and Son to officiate at State tournament at same time



**BERT VAN DUZER**

HS (3yr), JC (2yr), Humbolt (2yr) Letterman & JC Academic AA. Founder/Director of the Redwood Empire Wrestling Assoc. & the Burley Redwood Sticker FS Club. His teams won 15 league, 3 Section Team Championships with a dual meet record of 263-40-2.

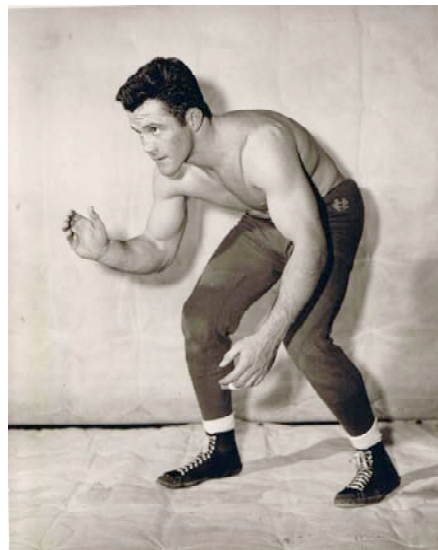


**GREG ZAVALA**

He established the USA Stockton Wrestling Club, served as NCC Director for California, team leader/coach for the California Junior National Team, Cultural Exchange Director for CA USAW, State CIF Tournament Director, served 3X Sports Festival & 8X USA World Coach.

## IN MEMORY

**Sam Boyd  
Jim Burke  
Hans Wiedenhoefer  
Judy Rider  
Kirby Page  
Roy Spomer  
Sheldon Hardon  
Weber Lawson  
Shirley Spenser  
Karen Foley**



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

## 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).

## 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 GALLEG0** - 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.

## 2007 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 is 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.



**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. 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 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 NCAAs every year. He was

2x 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, 2x NCAA qualifier at Cal State Fullerton, 1979 Freestyle National & Pan American Games Champion, Sombo World Bronze medal & 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 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 HS Assoc.

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

**JOHN McCARTHY** - He attended the University of Iowa & 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 & placed 4th at the CIF State Tournament for Fountain Valley. 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 & is in the OC Wrestling HOF.

**DENNIS PAYNE** - He was 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 for 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 asst coach at El Dorado HS for 9 yrs.

**VIC & REETA 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.

## 2008 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



**GEORGE BERESFORD** - He placed first in the Eastern Collegiate Tournament for the U of Pittsburgh & in the Western States Olympic Trials. He had seven undefeated league dual seasons, won the San Antonio League at Upland HS & his coaching record is 124-5-0. He is the founder/coach of the Upland Blackwatch WC & officiated high school and freestyle for many years.

**GARY BOWDEN** - While at Canyon HS, his teams won five CIF SS Championships, 19 league championships, and were ranked No. 1 in Orange County seven times. He had a five-year undefeated dual meet record of 86-0 and a career record of 324-75-3. In Oregon, his team won the 4A State Championship & he was the Oregon Wrestling Coach of the Year in 2002.

**GARY DEBEAUBIEN** - He was the State Freestyle Champion in 1964, Junior National AAU Champion in 1967 and a Senior Open Freestyle & Greco-Roman Champion. His

coaching record is 245-50. He started the wrestling program at Santa Ana College and was selected Community College State Regional (7 times), the Orange County College & HS Coach of the Year.

**JACK GIFFORD** - He coached for 25 years at Brawley & Beverly Hills HS and his coaching record was 235-70-3. His teams won many league and invitational titles, and his 1969-70 teams were Southern Section Champions. He was selected as the Southern California High School Coach of the Year in 1969 & 1970, & was the 1980 National HS District 8 Wrestling Coach of the Year.

**MIKE HART** - At Dos Pueblos HS, he had 15 league championship & 107 league individual champions. His teams won 37 team tournaments, three SS Championships, placed second (2x), third once with a dual meet record of 268-21. He was selected as the Southern California Wrestling Association & the Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table HS Coach of the Year.

**OLAN POLITE (deceased)** - He placed fourth in the state at Boulder HS. At Bakersfield HS, his teams won many South Yosemite League titles & two Central Section Valley Championships. He coached a total of 21 Central Section Champions and his teams placed in the top-10 at the Section championships 15 times. He was selected as the District 8(13 states) Coach of the Year.

**JEFF ROBERTS** - He was a four-year letterman, two-year team captain, & CIF Sectional Champion at Chino HS. As an assistant at El Dorado HS, the team won the state championship. His Capistrano team placed second at state. He coached at Calvary Chapel and was responsible for bringing coach John Azevedo to Calvary and they won two state team titles.



**DEL SCHWARTZ** - He was a 2x high school state placer, a 4x college state champion and a 2x placer at the NAIA Nationals. He coached at Pacifica HS where he developed over 300 tournament champions, seven varsity league championships (23 league championships overall). Del co-founded the Orange County Summer League and was selected as the Orange County Wrestling Coach of the Year 5x.

**JEFF SMITH** - At Cerritos, he was a State Champion & JC AA with a 56-4 record. He was a 2x Midlands & 2x Big Ten Champ, placed 2nd & 3rd at the NCAA's for Michigan State with a record of 50-2. He also was the 1971 AAU and USWF Greco-Roman Champion & won the Gold Medal at the Pan Am Games. His HS coaching record was 111-8-2 and college was 212-32-2.

**LEON TEDDER (deceased)** - He was a 4 year letterman at Oklahoma State with a 35-0 record. His senior year, he was undefeated & no points were scored against him, but was injured just prior to the NCAA's. He coached at East Bakersfield HS and his teams were Central Section champions 2x & placed second 2x. He officiated major high school & college wrestling competitions for 25 years.

## 2008 HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD



**CAL CALENTINO** - He helped start Tournament Masters (TMI) & the Orange County Wrestling Coaches Newsletter. Department Head at the 1984 Olympics, performing in the top three percent of the 56,000 workers during the Olympic Games and worked three Olympic Festivals. He announced league, CIF, California JC State & Pac Ten Championships.

**DON CAWTHON** - He began officiating Wrestling in 1960. Helped form SCWOA & SCCWOA, develop the Officials Rating System, Instructional Chairman & volunteer Security at '84 Olympics. Wrestling officiating experiences include CIF Masters, HS State, JC State, Five Counties, Pac-10, NCAA DII, NAIA, & '72 Olympics Qualifying Trny.

**BOB COMBS** - He was a J.C. Champion, coaching record of 340-119 & 10 League Championships. Coach of the Southland Wrestling Club and was 2X YMCA, Greco-

Roman, 4X Sambo National Champions & Coach of the Year. He coached U.S.A Pan Am Sambo Team, published wrestling newsletter for California Colleges & won first state Girls C.I.F. in 1997.

**FRANK HORPEL** - At Mater Dei he produced Orange County's first SS CIF champion, volunteered for over 20 years as a wrestling official. Started a wrestling club at the OC YMCA in 1965 which won the Junior World Team Trials & took first place in Greco Roman and 2nd in freestyle at the Junior Nationals. Inducted into the OC Wrestling Coaches' Association & National Wrestling HOF.

**PAUL LA BLANC** - He was a National Jr. Freestyle & JC State placer, NAIA AA, YMCA, 2x Sombo, & 3x Veterans National Champion, Pan Am Games Silver Medal & World Bronze medalist. Coached for 29 years & received Coach of the Year awards in the Sunset, Seaview, & Western States Conference. He is a member of the OC Wrestling & Vanguard U. Athletic HOF.

**ART MICHALIK** - He was Athlete of the Year 1948 & 1949, undefeated in dual meets in college, Iowa Conference Champ 4x, & placed 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at the National AAU. Officiated 38 years (president or board member 12 yrs) including the CIF finals, Masters, CIF dual meet, 5 Counties & state finals. He was OC Referee of the Year, CA Wrestling Coaches Assoc & the National Wrestling HOF.

**IVAN OLSEN** - He was the head wrestling coach for many San Diego HS for a total of 33 years. At San Jose State, he was a Far Western, Pacific Coast Conference 2x, & National AAU Champion and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1936 Olympic Trails. He founded the San Diego Keylock Assoc., San Diego Coach of the Year several times, national pairing master & National Wrestling HOF Member.

**DR. ART OSBORNE** - He was the first & only Medical Director for the CIF State Tournament from 1973 until 2003, thirty-one years, the father of four sons, all place winners at the CIF State Tournament. Eric was a two time CIF State Champion and continued to wrestle for Cal Poly, placing 4<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA's. He is a supporter of wrestling in West Covina & at South Hills HS.

**JOHN OWENS** - At Pierce College, he was team captain, 4th in regionals & 5th at state. At CSU Northridge, he was 2nd & 3<sup>rd</sup> at CCAA, DII qualifier, team captain & MVP & 5x Senior Olympic Champion. Started coaching in 1964 and is currently coaching at San Clemente HS (44 yrs & still counting). He has run over 133 tournaments at San Clemente HS over the past 33 years.



## 2009 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



**MAX BURCH** - He has coached HS & JC wrestling for the past 28 years. While at Shasta he coached 22 Northern Section Champions, 43 section finalists & 5 state place winners. Max retired from coaching in 1983, 18 later he returned to help having wrestling reinstated at Shasta College. He was selected as the Community College Coach of the Year in 2002.

**LEE ERHLER** - Lee was a Northern California Champ in 1963 at Modesto HS, a JC Champion at Modesto JC, & at UCLA was a two time Pac-8 Champ & OW. Lee became the head wrestling coach at Modesto JC in 1986, coached 2 State Champs, 18 AA's & 56 state place winners. He also served as the president of the California Community College Wrestling Coaches Assoc.

**BILL FLAKE** - He started the wrestling program at Placer HS in 1964, had a dual meet record of 267-59, won 17 League Championships, 8 Northeast sub-section championships & finished in the top ten in the Sac-Joaquin Section numerous times. He

coached 10 Northern California Champs & 2 CIF State Champs. He was one of the founding fathers of SAWA.

**RICHARD FOX** - He has a coaching record of 454-49, 14 Section dual meet titles, 13 Sub-section titles & 8 Sac-Joaquin Section Championships( most won by any coach in the section). He was the California State Wrestling Coach of the Year in 1997 & 4x Coach of the Year by the Sacramento Bee. His influence on his wrestlers have led 37 to coach wrestling at the middle or HS level .

**DAN GONZALVES** - He introduced the first wrestling program in Modesto in 1956. In 1961 he helped open Grace Davis HS where he had a total of 48 wrestling dual team and tournament championships in his 17 years. In 1996 his team won the Northern California Invitational tournament. He also served as the Athletic Director for 21 years

**LARS JENSEN** - He has served as the head wrestling coach at San Francisco State for the past 25 years. His 1997 team won the NCAA D2 National Championship. He has coached 9 NCAA D2 Champions, 51 NCAA AA's, 34 NCAA Academic AA's and 51 Conference Champions. He has served on the NCAA D2 Games Committee & the NCAA Wrestling Rules Committee.

**BILL HICKEY** - In 1958-59, he was one of the founding fathers of HS wrestling in the Sacramento area. His teams won numerous League Championships & many wrestlers place in the Northern California Invitational. He moved to Sacramento City College in 1969 and spent the next 24 years as the wrestling coach. His 1980-82 teams won 3 Conference Championships.

**DAVID NELSON (deceased)** - He wrestled at Vacaville HS. He attended San Francisco State, was a Conference Champ & NCAA D2 AA, & served as an assistant coach at SF State. He was a 4x member of the US Greco-Roman team and placed third in the Greco Roman World Cup. In 1985, he became the head coach at Vacaville HS and his teams won both the Section Dual Meet & Section Championships.

## 2009 HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD



**STEVE COLE** - He wrestled at Roseville HS, Sierra College and Chico State. During his 34 years of service to thousands of the younger Sacramento area wrestlers Steve found time to be a coach at Sierra College and also at Del Oro HS. Dubbed "Mr. Head Table," Steve ran the head table at all of the major tournaments in the Sacramento area and averaged 9 tournaments a year for 31 yrs.

**DIANE EVANS** - Diane was the person "behind the scene" that helped CA USA Wrestling keep growing as well as organized. She was the Secretary/Treasurer overseeing membership registration for athletes, coaches, officials and clubs, insuring all local and statewide

events, responsible for content, printing and mass mailing of the newsletter & the year-end IRS tax filings

**LARRY FLETCHER** - He has been officiating wrestling for 36 years. He has officiated all of the major wrestling duals and tournaments in the greater Sacramento area, has served the officials association as an assisgner, group leader, mentor and a representative to the Northern California Officials Association & an evaluator of officials at the State CIF Wrestling Championships

**KAREN FOLEY (deceased)** - She was a Pairing Master & was selected to the Pairing Director position on the California USA Wrestling Board of Directors. She worked as a Head Pairer at many of the local, state, national and international tournaments. She conducted many state & local training sessions for pairers & was Chairman of the BAWA as well as secretary and pairing coordinator.

**NORI C. GOSSE** - She was PMI official & FILA Pairing Master. She worked every National Open Tournament from 1984 to 2004, six Junior National Tournaments, 1984 Olympic Games, 12 World Police & Fire Games, Sunkist Internationals, Women's World Trials, Kids Nationals & more. She was the manager for the 1<sup>st</sup> FILA Women's World Championship.

**ED JACOBS** - He officiated 34 consecutive league HS tournaments, 33 consecutive Sub-Section Tournaments, and 31 consecutive CIF Sac Joaquin Section tournaments, numerous league & region JC tournaments (including 4 state championships), NCAA D2 & D3 National Championships & NCAA Division I Regional Championships.

**RON MARQUEZ** - Ron was a CIF Central Section HS Champ, a 2x place winner at the California Community College State Championships at FCC & a California Collegiate Champion at Fresno State. . He has officiated at 9 CIF State HS Championship, CIF Central and Sac-Joaquin Sections & all of the major high school tournaments in the last 41 years.

**RICHARD PIERUCCI** - Helped start the first wrestling team in the Sacramento County, was involved in developing the wrestling officials association, officiated many league, section and state tournaments, & served as the head official at these tournaments. He officiated for all of the colleges in the Northern California area & officiating two NCAA D2 National Tournaments.

**BUD POWELL** - He coached wrestling at Livingston HS for 12 years. His 1974 team was the number one ranked dual match team in the state & defeated the state championship team, Clovis HS. His teams won league and section championships. Bud also served on the executive committee of the Northern California Officials Assoc. & was an evaluator at the CIF State Tournament

**JUDY RIDER (deceased)** - Judy Rider was a wrestling mother, supporter and the best ambassador the sport of wrestling could ever have. Judy was a pairing master at most of the major California USA Wrestling Tournaments for over fifteen years. She also served as a pairing official at the Western Kids Regional Tournament and the National Cadet and Junior Tournaments.

**DON SCRIMNGER** - He was one of the few individuals who knew the pairing process & would often do the pairing of wrestlers, prepare bout sheets and would work late into the evening to ensure the tournament being successful as well as completed. He was a caring person who always sought to assist in any way that he could to improve the stature of amateur wrestling.

**SHIRLEY SPENCER (deceased)** - California was the number one state for enrolled Mat and Pairing Officials thanks to Shirley's written program. She headed almost every state tournament as well as many national tournaments. She was the first pairing official to sit on the California USA Wrestling Board of Directors. She was a pairing official for the Atlanta Olympic Games.

**JIM SYLVIA** - Jim began his wrestling at the San Francisco Olympic Club in 1960. He started a wrestling program at College of the Redwoods in 1966. His dual meet record was 114-42. He had 34 Conference Champs, 6 AA's, 5 Golden Valley Conference & 4 Small College State Community College Championships. He was a wrestling official at all levels

# **SAVE CALIFORNIA COLLEGE WRESTLING**

**California's Division I wrestling programs are in trouble. Fresno State dropped wrestling 2 years ago. Cal State Bakersfield and UC Davis just dropped their programs. Cal State Fullerton is fighting to stay alive. Cal Poly seems safe, but that's what Davis thought. Stanford looks good at this point. Many of our Hall of Famers have come from these programs (& the many programs that have been dropped in years past). Where will our athletes that want to wrestle in California go to school? Where will the next generation of coaches come from? Where will our next generation of Hall of Famers come from? To get involved, see the websites and contacts below.**

**Also, two Community Colleges Moorpark & West Valley) dropped their programs this year.**

**Cal State Bakersfield    [www.savebakersfieldwrestling.com](http://www.savebakersfieldwrestling.com)**

Mail donations to: CSUB Wrestling, PO Box 21746, Bakersfield, CA 93390

More info contact Larry Morgan 661-324-0398 or 661-655-8000

Donation will be returned if the effort fails

**Cal State Fullerton    [www.savefullertonwrestling.com](http://www.savefullertonwrestling.com)** has a lot of info on how to donate and different ways to be involved.

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## CALIFORNIA WRESTLING HALL OF FAME MISSION STATEMENT

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.