

14th Annual California Wrestling Hall of Fame Banquet Program



**Induction Banquet
May 11, 2013
Community Center
Laguna Hills, CA**



CALIFORNIA WRESTLING HALL OF FAME HISTORY

Many coaches commented over the years that a format was needed for wrestling coaches, officials, and athletes to be recognized for their achievements. So in 1998 about 25 representatives of California's wrestling world attended a conference in Monterey to start the process of obtaining a venue for a Hall of Fame to recognize standouts of the sport. A board which now totals 28 members is committed to seeing this project through.

The Hall's first inductee was the late David Schultz, a champion wrestler and a great ambassador of the sport. He wrestled at Palo Alto High School, and as a junior, he participated in the highly competitive Tablisi Tournament in Russia -- which he won. He wrestled at UCLA and the University of Oklahoma. Dave and his brother Mark each won gold medals in wrestling at the 1984 Olympic Games held in Los Angeles (Anaheim).

Nineteen inductees in the Wrestling Hall of Fame were the first to be honored in Concord in 2000. This evening's banquet will bring the honor of induction to 149, and one hundred will be cited with the Lifetime Service Award. They represent outstanding wrestlers, coaches, and officials including one woman. Ralphene Lee was a pairing master for USA Wrestling. This induction became an historical event for the Lee family as The HOF had also added Ralphene's son, David in 2000 and husband, Charlie in 2001.

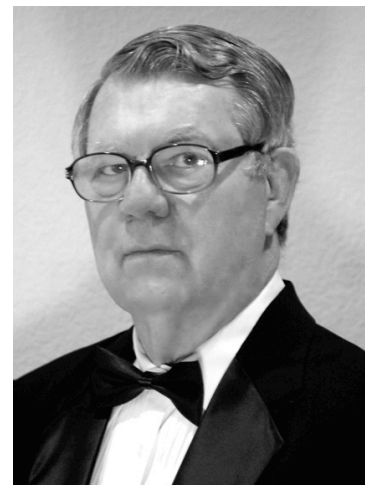
The executive board realized that there are many who contributed countless hours as coaches, tournament directors, pairing masters, announcers, photographers, and more. So in 2005 they instituted The Lifetime Service Award. Those who are receiving this honor bring the overall total to 97 Lifetime Service Award Honorees tonight.

The Board members' primary goal has been finding a place for the Hall of Fame. California USA Wrestling recently announced that it has begun construction on a new arena in Woodlake, located east of Visalia. This facility will contain a Hall of Fame room that will house the wrestling history of California to be shared with the public. On display will be photos, posters, magazines, rule books, trophies, plaques and other memorabilia.

Please submit to board members any ideas for raising funds for the Hall of Fame room in Woodlake. Finances are always the greatest need. The Board hopes to make the Hall of Fame Room a special and enjoyable place for visitors. Tax deductible donations will be accepted, and board members can provide donors with a tax ID Number.

The Hall of Fame Board is proud to have recognized so many deserving individuals in California Wrestling and will strive to continue this recognition process. Your attendance tonight is welcome and appreciated. On behalf of our Executive Board, I thank you for coming and look forward to future encounters that further the goals of the Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Lynn Dyche, CWHOF Director



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.

**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

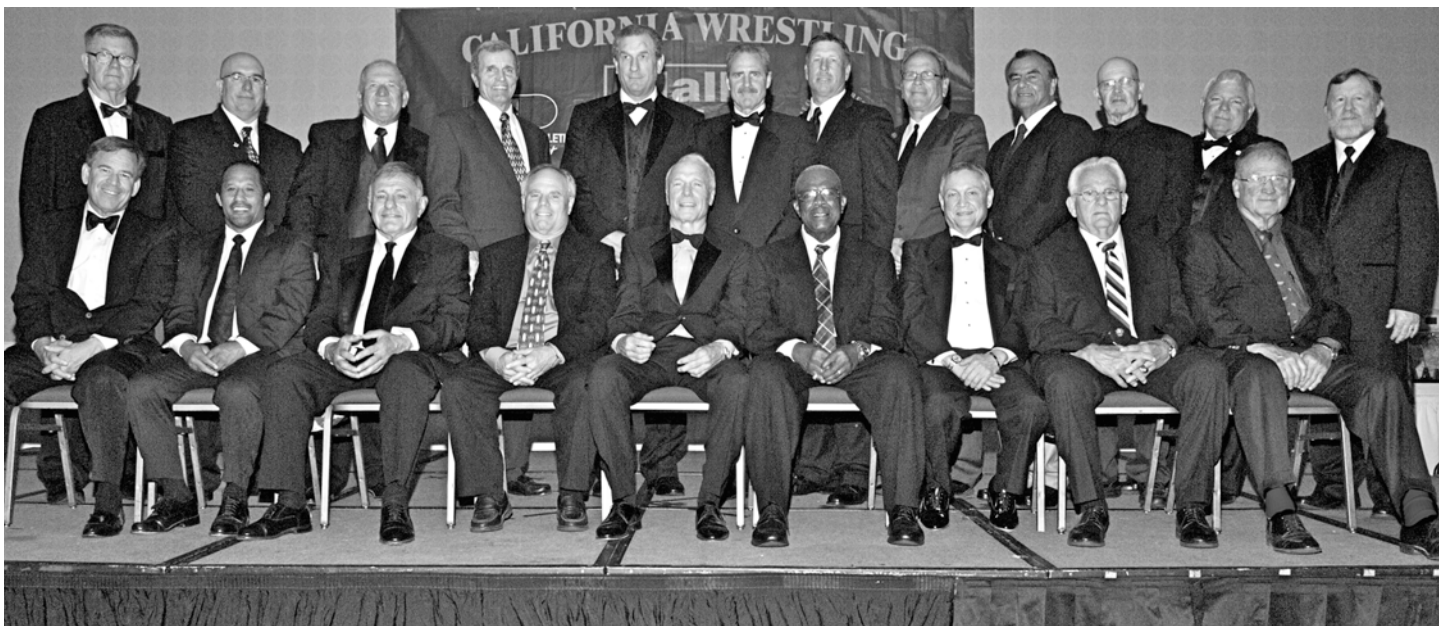
**Introduction of California Hall of Fame
Honorees & Awards Presentation**

Commentary - Anthony Morales

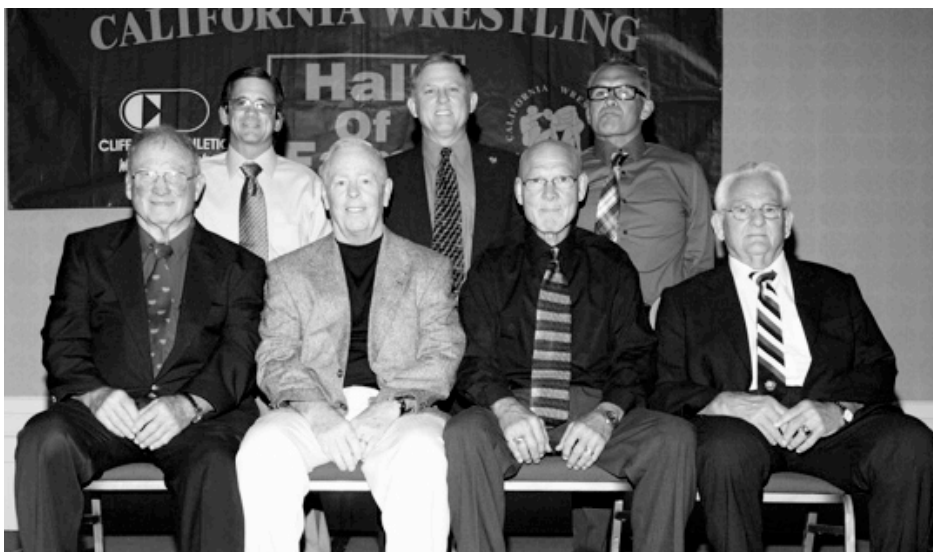
Closing Remarks – Jeff Roberts
President, California Wrestling Hall of Fame

Closure - Anthony Morales

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



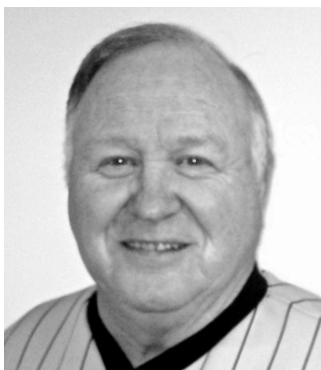
The 2013 California Wrestling Hall of Fame Executive Board includes: (front L-R) Jeff Roberts, Joe Dansby, Allen Abraham, Bill Grant, Jim Root, Charles Douglas, Armand Brett, Pat Lovell, Vaughan Hitchcock, (back row L-R) Lynn Dyche, Al Fotnes, Ray Wallace, Del Schwartz, Lars Jensen, Dennis Bardsley, Tim Tyler, Dave Rottenberg, Frank Gonzales, Dick Morris, Mike Stricker, and Jon Talbott.



Californians on the U.S. Olympic Wrestling teams (above) include Vaughn Hitchcock, Tim Vanni, Bruce Burnett, Jake Varner, Joe Seat, Joe Gonzalez, and Pat Lovell.



2013 CALIFORNIA WRESTLING HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD



JAY BRACCINI

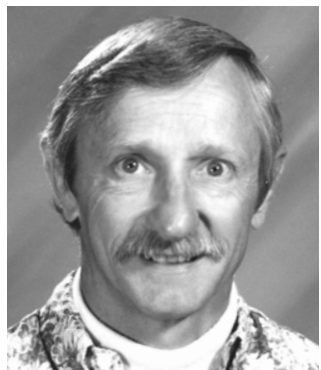
Jay was introduced to wrestling in Minnesota, and he began officiating there in 1965 after graduating from high school. He wrestled at Mankato State University and began officiating. After graduating, he was hired as head wrestling coach at Loyola HS in Mankato where he won 2 Private State team wrestling championships and coached 8 individual State Champions. He moved to Orange County CA in 1974 where he continued his high school and college officiating.

He has served as President of the OCWOA twice, and has served as instructional chairman, treasurer, and assignment chairman. He has 47 years of refereeing experience.



FRED BURRI

His Swiss background introduced him to Schwinging (Wrestling) as a youth. Fred wrestled at the Multnomah Wrestling Club in Portland and earned a wrestling scholarship at Oregon State. At OSU he also played football and was recruited to coach football at Whittier College where he began a wrestling program. He then went to Cal High and began their wrestling program, convincing the school district to introduce wrestling in all of their high schools. Fred coached wrestling at Mt. SAC for over 30 years, received a Lifetime Service Award from the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, and has wrestlers become coaches at all levels.



BOB JANKO

Bob wrestled at Redlands HS and then San Bernardino Valley College on two California State Championship teams. He finished at UCLA, winning the Cal Poly tourney, UCLA invitational (twice), and the prestigious NTC freestyle tournament in San Diego. Bob was 3rd at JC State in 1962 and 2nd in 1963. In 1964 he was 4th in the NCAA tournament, named to the All-American team at 123 lbs.

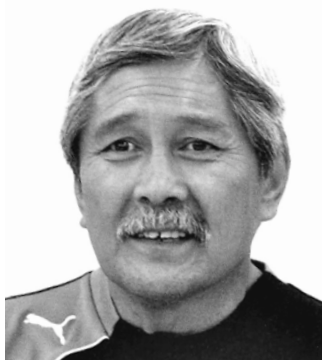
Bob taught and coached wrestling for 10 years at North Torrance HS and for 27 years at Capistrano Valley HS. He also officiated wrestling in the South Bay and in Orange County. He has officiated the Pac-10 tournament and coached a Southern California Cultural Exchange team to Japan in 1975.



FRED OWENS

Fred wrestled at Orange Coast College in 1950 under Wendell Pickens. He returned to OCC as assistant wrestling and football coach from 1960-1965. Fred was hired as the Athletic Director at Golden West College in 1965 and became their first wrestling coach. His love for the sport led him to become a founding member of the Orange County Wrestling Officials Association. He was a proud member for 20 years. He was also proud of the award he received from the 1984 Olympic Committee for Outstanding Contribution to the Sport of Wrestling and his Lifetime Service Award from the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

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DALE SISCON

Dale started wrestling at age 9, and entered high school in 1967. He was a three time San Diego CIF Section Champion and his varsity record was 107-4. He wrestled at UCLA but transferred to Cal Western/USIU, coached by Buddy Wilkerson, and was on the NAIA National Championship Team. He began coaching at Mt. Miguel High School as an assistant to coach Bill Leep. He also began officiating as a member of the SDCOA and officiated three State CIF Tournaments. In the 80's he formed a youth wrestling program, the San Diego Mighty Mights. Many of those wrestlers went on to distinguished careers in the high school and college ranks.



CHUCK SMITH

Chuck coached wrestling at El Dorado HS starting in 1970. At the first CIF State Wrestling Tournament in 1973, one of his wrestlers, Mike Fleming, won the State Championship and was selected as the Most Outstanding Wrestler. His next four years at El Dorado saw his teams win four league championships, and in 1976 they won the tough CIF Southern Section Championship. Chuck organized a Pin Club of parents to support the El Dorado wrestling program and helped other Orange County schools organize booster clubs. He was involved with international wrestling exchanges and hosted a team from Japan in 1974.



CHRIS SONES

Chris was a CIF Champion & undefeated in his Senior year at Fountain Valley High. He wrestled for University of Iowa where he was a four-time Varsity letterman and Big Ten Champion. Chris won four national titles in his career and was on four National teams. Chris competed in five international tournaments, earning four medals in those competitions. He coached many levels from club to college. His high school wrestlers won 16 individual championships and two team championships, and 38 placed in state tournaments. His support of wrestling includes several years of officiating. He continues volunteering at his local school.



AL TORRETTO

Alan Torretto began his coaching career in 1972 at Morse High School in San Diego. He was hired at Poway High School in 1973 and is still there today. At Poway he served under 3 head coaches: Tom Middleton 1973-74, Al Dorris 1974-78, and Wayne Branstetter 1978-2007. He served as an assistant varsity coach, head junior varsity coach, and head freshman coach. As the assistant varsity coach, the program won over 30 League Championships, 30 CIF championships, 30 Masters Championships, and 3 State Championships. He has run the seeding meetings, weigh-ins, and mat and scoring table set up for over 20 San Diego Section CIF and Masters Tournaments.

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LARRY WATANABE

Larry attended Mt. San Antonio Community College where he was a Junior College State Champion, All-American and the 1970 Mt. SAC Athlete of the Year. He was runner-up in the Western Regional U.S. Olympic Trials in 1972, and he placed 3rd in the U.S. National Greco-Roman Championships. In 1973, he was the CCAA Champion, and he was twice the San Diego Naval Training Center Champ. Larry was Head Coach at Nogales HS from 1974-1991, winning 5 league titles and one CIF State Championship. Since then he has been Head Coach at Mt. SAC where he has developed numerous state placers including 15 All-Americans and 10 State Champions.



ED WILEY

Ed graduated from UCSB in 1957 with a major in physical education, and he began teaching and coaching football for San Dieguito Union HS. Soon after, without any previous wrestling experience, Ed was talked into becoming the first wrestling coach. With athletes who wouldn't give up, and help from Coach Don Hubbard of Vista HS and Chris Pagakis of Palomar College, Ed got through early disastrous seasons and became successful. His teams were Avocado League Champions in 1963, 1964 & 1970 and Coast League Champions in 1973 and 1974. Ed was the Palomar College Coach of the Year in 1967, and San Diego County Coach of the Year in 1974 & 1987.

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GARY BOHAY

Gary wrestled at Fountain Valley HS where he was a CIF Southern Section Champion and a two-time State CIF Place winner. Gary wrestled at Arizona State University and became a NCAA Division I All-American. Canadian-born, he wrestled for Canada in many international competitions. He won the Canada Cup and represented Canada in the Olympic Games in Seoul. He was a World Silver Medalist at the 1989 World Championships in Martigny, Switz. He was Canadian Wrestler of the Year in 1989, won the Canadian National Championship six times, and served as team doctor for the Canadian World Team.



DAN HENDERSON

Dan wrestled at Victor Valley High School and led his team to a CIF State Championship. During his senior year he won both the Freestyle and Greco-Roman Championships at the Junior Nationals. After wrestling at CSU-Fullerton and Arizona State, Dan focused on Greco-Roman style of wrestling and became a National Open Division Champion and a two-time Olympic team member at Atlanta in 1992 and at Barcelona in 1996. Dan was a World Cup Champion and represented the U.S. in two World Championships. He became a mixed martial arts legend and is currently a top contender for the UFC World Championship.

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LAURENCE JACKSON

Laurence was a three-time CIF State HS Champion, and he was undefeated all three years. He was also a three-time High School National Champion and University National Champion. Laurence was selected as an Asics High School All-American. He wrestled at both Oklahoma State and at Cal State Bakersfield. He was a US Sports Festival Freestyle Champion, a two-time Armed Forces Champion in both Freestyle and Greco-Roman and was a two-time National Team member in Greco-Roman. Laurence was Assistant Coach and Officer in Charge of the Armed Forces Team Champions in both Freestyle and Greco-Roman.



CLIFF JARMIE

Cliff is the wrestling coach at Laguna Hills High School, and he has developed that program into an Orange County dynasty. His teams have won a California record 26 consecutive league titles, 9 CIF Division Championships (8 consecutive), and 3 CIF Dual Meet Championships, with a dual meet record of 453-76. His teams have been the Orange Co. Team of the Year 9 times. He has been Orange Co. Coach of the Year 6 times and in 2010 was named the NWCA California Wrestling Coach of the Year. Jarmie also coached LHHS softball and swimming teams to CIF Championships. He was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2010.



JOHN RICE

John was 3rd in the CIF State Tournament in 1964 for Chaffey HS. He was a conference champion at Mt. San Antonio JC. and placed 3rd at Humboldt State in the Far Western Conference. He was a three-time Armed Forces Champion in Freestyle & Greco-Roman and was bronze medalist in the 1968 National AAU Tournament. He coached 17 years at Indio High School where his record was 185-8-1. His teams captured 17 League and 8 Riverside County Championships, 5 Dual & Tournament Championships and his teams amassed a 98 straight dual meet win streak. He was named the Coach of the Year in 1991 by the California Coaches Assoc.



TOWNSEND SAUNDERS

Townsend wrestled at Torrance HS where he was a CIF Southern Section Champion and a CIF State runner-up. He wrestled at Cal State Bakersfield where he was a NCAA Division II Champion. He also wrestled at Arizona State where he was a two-time NCAA All-American and two-time PAC 10 Champion. In Sunkist Wrestling, he was a two-time U.S. National Open Champion. He won gold medals in Freestyle at the 1994 Goodwill Games and in the 1991 & 1995 Pan American Games. He was a Silver Medalist in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. He also served as Head Coach of the 2003 U.S. World Team and the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team.

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JIM SHIELDS

Jim wrestled at Kennedy High School and placed 3rd in the Southern CIF Championships. Jim attended Cypress College where he was the State Junior College Champion and was selected as the outstanding wrestler of the state tournament. As a 177 pounder in 1971 at Oklahoma State University, he was Big 8 Conference Champion at Hwt., placing 3rd at the NCAA Division I Tournament, helping OSU win the team title that year. Jim coached high school wrestling, leading six of his teams to win state championships. He returned to OSU as an assistant coach, helping them earn NCAA team titles in 1989 and 1990.



DON SHULER

Don wrestled at Santa Ana High School and placed second in the CIF Championships. He also attended Santa Ana College and won the Junior College State Championship and was selected as Outstanding Wrestler. His record at Santa Ana was 83-6. He attended Arizona State and was two time WAC Champion, NCAA All-American, and a US National Freestyle Champion. He became head wrestling coach at Liberty University in Virginia where his dual meet record was 189-110-1. He also coached at Brookville High School where he coached 8 state champions. Don was named the Virginia High School Coach of the Year in 2012.



HEATH SIMS

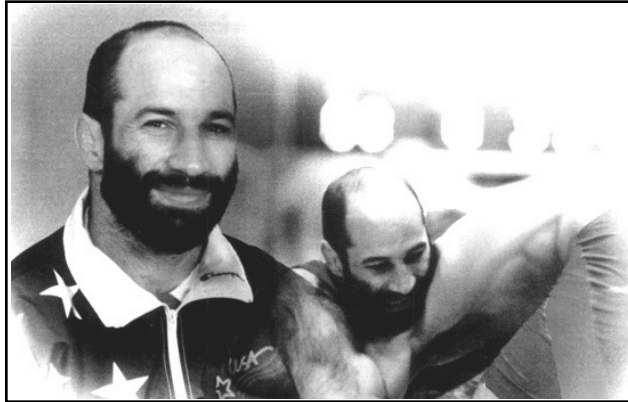
Heath was a two-time high school State CIF Champion from Woodbridge High School in Irvine. He wrestled at Cerritos Junior College where he won the JC State Championship in 1998. Heath excelled in Greco-Roman wrestling, and he was a member of the U.S. Junior National team in 1989 and the World Team in 1990. He won the National Open Greco-Roman Championship and then wrestled at 69 Kg in the Olympic Games at Sydney, Australia in 2000. He now resides in Singapore where he trains martial arts fighters at Evolve MMA for UFC matches.



CHARLES TRIBBLE

Charlie wrestled at Pacific High School in San Bernardino where he was a two-time CIF Southern Section Champion. He was also a two-time State Junior College Champion at San Bernardino Valley College before transferring to Arizona State University. He was a National Open Freestyle Champion and competed in the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan. Charlie coordinate a program for troubled youth in Phoenix, Arizona. He dedicated his time and expertise to training young athletes to achieve their highest potential in academics and athletics. Charlie passed away in 2009

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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, and 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 and 1964) and won 12 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, Sombo-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 and Greco-Roman teams, National Champion 5x, 2x 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 GALLEGO - 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.

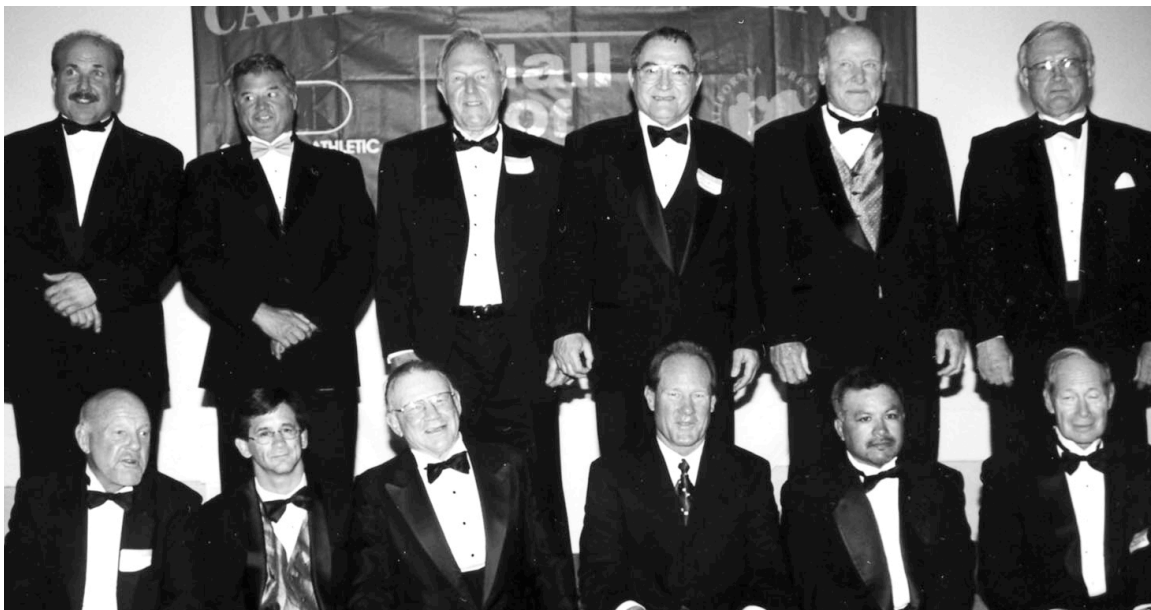
HUGH MUMBY - PCI Wrestling Champion, guided San Jose to a continually prominent West Coast position for nearly 20 years, known as one of the finest mat technicians in collegiate history.

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, 4th and 5th in Olympics Games.

KENT WYATT - Southern Section CIF champion, 2x California State JC Champion, NCAA D II Champion and 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.



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

KENT WYATT - Southern Section CIF champion, 2x California State JC Champion, NCAA D II Champion and 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 and 4th (2x) at the NCAA D II and 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 and 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 4th, PCI Champion and 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 and 5 2nds, USA Wrestling national Freestyle and 1996 U.S. Olympic Team coach.

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

BILL GRANT – 1982 C.C.S Champions, 4th in CIF State Championships, Director Monterey Clinic of Champions 23 yrs. Editor and Publisher of the “California Wrestler” 25 yrs. President CA. HS Wrestling Coaches Association.

ED JALLI – San Joaquin Valley father of wrestling. Won 7 straight San Joaquin Section titles, founder and past president of the Nor Cal Wrestling Coaches Association, 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-2nd, 2x Pac-10 place-winner, 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, and 14 Regional Championships Teams, dual meet record 96-0, one of the founding fathers of the California State JC Tournament.

--- IN MEMORY ---

**Dave Schultz
Doc Northrup
Sam Boyd
Jim Burke
Hans Wiedenhoefer**

**Judy Rider
Kirby Page
Roy Spomer
Sheldon Hardon
Weber Lawson**

**Shirley Spenser
Karen Foley
Charlie Lee
Jim Sylvia
Norm Gomes**

**Ron Pineda
Olan Polite
Leon Tedder
Lee Allen
David Nelson**



2005 Hall of Fame Inductees

STEVE ABAS - 3x CA State, National HS (OW), Jr. National FS (OW), 3x Jr. World National Freestyle Champion and Jr. World Champion. He was a 3x NCAA and 4x AA, U.S. Nationals champion, 5th in World Championships, Pan American Games, World Cup Champion & 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 2nd. 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 and 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 7th at the World Championships.

TJ KERR - NCAA DIV II Champions and 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, and NWCA Coach of the Year. 330 wins.

BENTLY LYON — at UC Berkeley, a 2x PCI Champion (OW & Team Captain in 1952), placed 4th and 1st 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, and 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.

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2005 Hall of Fame Lifetime Service Award

SAM BOYD – RMAC Champion in 1956, teacher/coach for 36 years, 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, and 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, and 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+ years & were used by "CA Wrestling News" for state rankings, received first award by CIF for a citizens support of HS wrestling.

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





2006 Hall of Fame Inductees

GERRY ABAS – Placed 2nd and 3rd at the State Tournament. At Fresno State, he was a 4x NCAA AA (1st in the WAC), 3x runner-up in the NCAA D1 Championships, won the Junior National Freestyle and Espoir Championship. He was assistant 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 and 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 and 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 6th), Freestyle (University Games – 2nd) and Sambo. He was the head coach Cal State Stanislaus.

MARTY KISTLER – He was also the first 4x finalist at the State Tournament, placing 2nd twice and 1st twice. At Iowa, Marty won the NCAA DI Championship 2x, placed 2nd and 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, and he was the commissioner of 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, and a State Title.

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

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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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2007 Hall of Fame Inductees

FRANK ADDLEMAN - Coached Santa Ana JC to the 1974 State Championship, 3 regional championships and 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 and speaker at wrestling clinics and the author of a book on fitness and 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 and 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 and is 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 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 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, and 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 and on the World Freestyle team. He was NCAA DII coach of the year and 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.

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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 and achieved the highest officials ranking. He served as the on the board and as president of the SoCal Wrestling Officials Assn. He has officiated the JC Regionals, CA State HS Tournament, CIF Dual Meet and 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 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 and 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 Association, hosted the Japanese Cultural Exchange and is in the Orange County Wrestling Hall Of Fame.

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, and the 1984 Olympic Games.

KEITH SMITH - He wrestled at Brawley HS & placed 2nd in the Southern Section, Imperial Valley JC and 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 Southern Section 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 and 3 National titles. He was assistant coach at El Dorado HS for 9 years.

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 and 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 and 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 and 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 and HS Coach of the Year.

JACK GIFFORD - He coached for 25 years at Brawley and 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, and 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 and 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 and 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, and 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 and 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 and 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) and 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 and 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, and '72 Olympics Qualifying Tournament.

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 and 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 and took first place in Greco Roman and 2nd in freestyle at the Junior Nationals. Inducted into the OC Wrestling Coaches' Association & National Wrestling HOF.

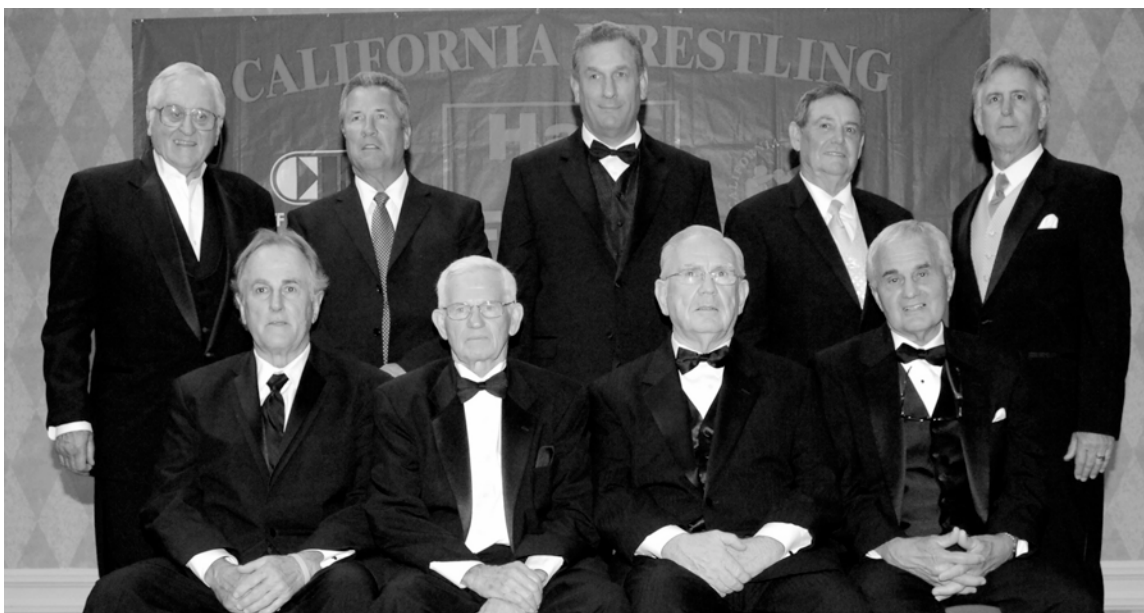
PAUL LA BLANC - He was a National Jr. Freestyle & JC State placer, NAIA AA, YMCA, 2x Sombo, and 3x Veterans National Champion, Pan Am Games Silver Medal & World Bronze medalist. Coached for 29 years and received Coach of the Year awards in the Sunset, Seaview, and Western States Conference. He is a member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

ART MICHALIK - He was Athlete of the Year 1948 & 1949, undefeated in dual meets in college, Iowa Conference Champ 4x, and placed 3rd and 4th at the National AAU. Officiated 38 years (president or board member 12 years) including the CIF finals, Masters, CIF dual meet, 5 Counties & state finals. He was OC Referee of the Year, CA Wrestling Coaches Association and 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, and National AAU Champion and placed 3rd in the 1936 Olympic Trials. He founded the San Diego Keylock Association, was San Diego Coach of the Year several times, national pairing master and National Wrestling HOF Member.

DR. ART OSBORNE - He was the first and 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 4th at the NCAA's. He is a supporter of wrestling in West Covina and at South Hills HS.

JOHN OWENS - At Pierce College, he was team captain, 4th in regionals and 5th at state. At CSU Northridge, he was 2nd & 3rd at CCAA, DII qualifier, team captain & MVP & 5x Senior Olympic Champion. Started coaching in 1964 and is currently coaching at San Clemente HS (44 years & 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. 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, and 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 and 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 and finished in the top ten in the Sac-Joaquin Section numerous times. He coached 10 Northern California Champs and 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 and 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 and 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 and 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 and 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.

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Norm Gomes

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David Nelson



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 and 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 assigner, group leader, mentor and a representative to the Northern California Officials Association and 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 and 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 and more. She was the manager for the first 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 and region JC tournaments (including 4 state championships), NCAA D2 and 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 and a California Collegiate Champion at Fresno State. He has officiated at 9 CIF State High School Championships, CIF Central and Sac-Joaquin Sections, and 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, and 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 and 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 Association was an evaluator at the CIF State Tournament

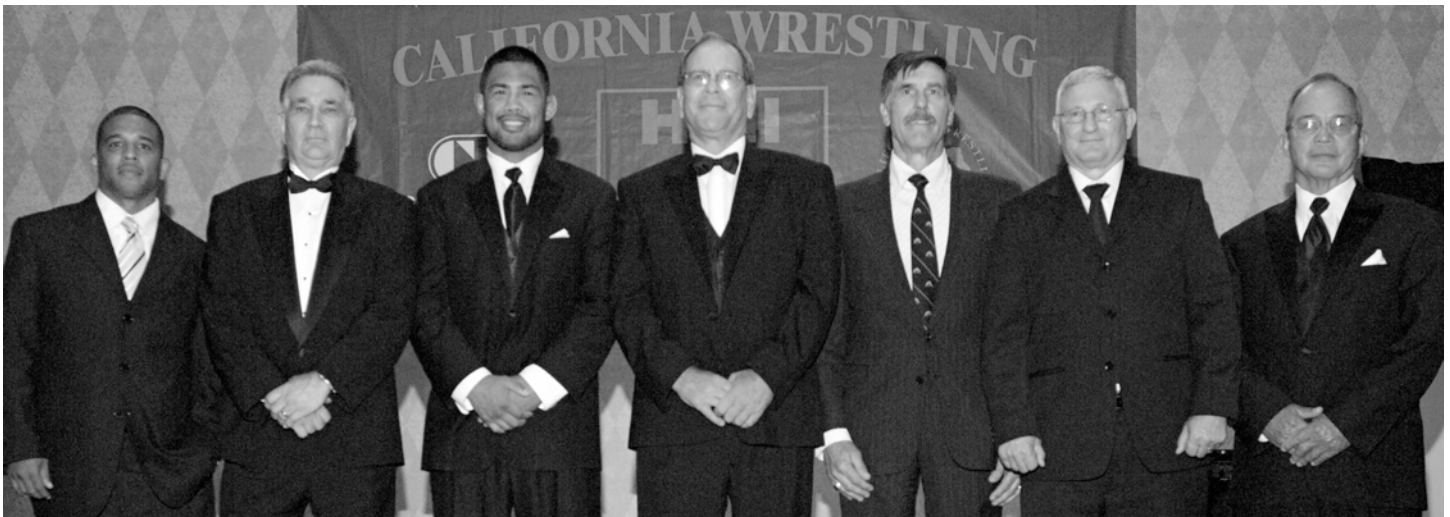
JUDY RIDER (deceased) - Judy Rider was a wrestling mother, supporter and the best ambassador the sport of wrestling could ever have. Judy was a pairing master at most of the major California USA Wrestling Tournaments for over fifteen years. She also served as a pairing official at the Western Kids Regional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

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DON SCRIMNGER - He was one of the few individuals who knew the pairing process and 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 and 4 Small College State Community College Championships. He was a wrestling official at all levels.



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 and 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 2nd Far Western Conference and 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 and 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 and 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 and NCAA Div. II Qualifier. His coaching record was 220-53-2, had 11 league, 4 CIF Masters Championships & set the NSCIF record of 231 points. He was CIF State Coach of the Year (2005) and 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 assistant 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 years winning Sub-section (1975-76) and 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 years.

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 for 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 and 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, and JC Northern Regionals (2x).

JIM LOFTHUS - Pairing official for CA USA Wrestling at all major CA freestyle and 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.

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

BERT VAN DUZER - HS (3 year), JC (2 years), Humbolt (2 years). 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.

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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 and 8X USA World Coach.



2011 California Wrestling Hall of Fame Inductees

JOE GOMES - At Fremont HS in Oakland, he was a 2x Northern California Championship. At SF State, he was undefeated and the Far Western Conference Champion all four years. He was a 2x National AAU Freestyle Champion, 17x Pacific AAU and 7x Western Regional Champion.

BILL GRAY - At Oceana, his teams won 11 North Peninsula League Championships. His teams won the CIF CCS Regional and CCS Section Championships 4x, the CCS Dual Meet Championship and the CIF Northern California Championship and placed 3rd at the state tournament.

SAM HUERTA - He was a Northern California Champion for Hayward HS, a Northern California & State JC Champion at Modesto JC and a CCAA Conference Champion, 2x PCI runner up and NCAA Regional Champ at Cal Poly. At San Jose City, his teams were 2nd in the state 2x and coached 5 state Champions.

MORRIS JOHNSON - He wrestled for SF State and was a 2x NCAA Division II AA, National Champion in 1984, placed 2x at the Midlands, and at the National Free Style and Greco Roman Nationals. In He was the Pan American Games Heavyweight Champion, placed 3rd at Tbilisi & 2nd in the Sombo World.

SAM LAWSON - He wrestled San Jose State, was first alternate at the 1948 Olympic Trials. He then started wrestling programs at Palo Alto & Cupertino HS's. He was a wrestling referee and was an original member of the BACWA and was awarded the Martin Olavarri Award.

MACK McCREADY - He was a league and CIF Section Champion. At SF State he was 2x Far Western Conference Champion. He placed 4th at the 1972 U.S. Olympic trials. He won the 1973 AAU National Championship in Greco Roman and was a member of the US World Greco Roman Team.

NEIL PEW - He placed 3rd in the CIF Southern Section Championships for Arroyo Grande HS. At Cal Poly he was 3rd in the PCI Championship and was a 2x NCAA Qualifier. At San Lorenzo, his record is 271-45-1, his teams won 20 league and the 1979 North Coast Section Championship.

TOM ROSENTHAL - At Marina HS, he was named the athlete of the year in 1970 with a 120-20 wrestling record. Tom coached at Chabot College and won the State Title. His high school coaching record is 231-28-6. His teams won 17 League and 8 CIF North Coast Section Championships

ASHLEY SHERMAN - He wrestled at SF State and was the Far Western Conference Wrestling Champion & OW, placed in the NCAA Division II Nationals and was an AA and placed 2nd at the Greco Roman Nationals and was an alternate on the 1976 Olympic Greco Roman Team. He coached Oakland Tech for 40 yrs.

JIM SYLVIA - Jim wrestled at the San Francisco Olympic Club and placed in freestyle and Greco Roman Nationals. He started the wrestling program at the College of the Redwoods, won 6 conference titles, and coached 7 Northern California, 2 state champions and 23 All-Americans.



2011 California Wrestling Hall of Fame Lifetime Service Award

MATT ALVARADO - Matt wrestled at Salinas HS, formed & coached the Salinas Valley Wrestling Club for over 25 years. Many of his wrestlers & their coaches were sent to camps, clinics, state and national tournaments through his fundraising. He was presented the Irv Oliner Award at the State Tournament.

VERN BAXTER - He started the wrestling program at North Salinas HS and were the 5x CCS runner-ups. Vern was a mentor to many young coaches in the Salinas-Monterey area for 25 plus years. He served as the president of the Northern California Coaches Association.

ED DeFERRARI - Started selling the "new" type of wrestling mat (Resilite) in 1959 and supplied mats for almost every high school, college and clubs in northern California. He was an outstanding contributor to the sport with his donation of time, trophies, awards and money.

TERRY ESPINOZA - Terry competed at Adams State College. He started the Alisal wrestling program and won the CIF CCS Championship. He helped start the Salinas Valley Wrestling Club in Salinas and coached for 12 yrs. He was mentor to many young coaches and officiated for 10 yrs.

ED FERRELL - He was a 4x League and Northern California Wrestling Champion for Santa Cruz HS. Ed wrestled at Cabrillo College and San Jose State. He started the Coast Classic which continues to be held annually. He was named the CIF CCS Wrestling Coach of the Year

GENE GIRE - Gene was one of the original members of the Northern California Wrestling Coaches & Officials Association and officiated at the high school & collegiate levels for over 30 years. He officiated at the major high school and collegiate tournaments including the JC and CIF State Tournaments.

ARMAND GUERRERO - Armand is part of the Guerrero clan that wrestled at Corcoran High School. However, this evening he is not being recognized for his wrestling achievements but primarily for his service to wrestling, it's coaches, wrestlers, officials and friends as an outstanding photographer.

MIKE HARR - Mike has traveled throughout the state and nation officiating high school and collegiate wrestling competitions. He has been rated in the top 10 at the CIF State Wrestling Tournament and has officiated more state high school tournaments (21) than any other person.

CHUCK KENT - At Crestmor HS, his teams won six league championships, and he had a coaching record of 89-22-1. He was a wrestling official and officiated all of the major high school tournaments in the greater bay area. His leadership as an official assisted many others become sports officials.

FRITZ KNIPE - Fritz was one of the original members of the Northern California Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association and developed the association by-laws. He officiated 15 JC State, 4 CIF State High School and numerous Northern California Invitational Tournaments.

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KEITH PICKARD - He has been ranked as one of the top officials at the past 19 state CIF Wrestling Tournaments. He is a member of the education team mentoring new officials in the CCS. Keith also serves as instructional chairman for officials and is the past president of the CWOA.

GUS TALBOT - Gus got his introduction to wrestling at San Jose State. Gus officiated wrestling for several years while teaching and coaching at Sunnyvale Junior HS. He moved to Lynbrook HS where he was the first teacher hired at the new school. His 27-year record was 244-86-6.



2012 California Wrestling Hall of Fame Inductees

David East - He was an undefeated Central Section Champion (1972) & runner-up at the State JC meet. He coached a State record 9 placers, 7 finalists, and 4 champions in one year winning the State Team title and was the National Coach of The Year (2002).

Sam Gollmyer - He was a CIF Central Section Champion in 1966. He coached at Victor Valley (306-71-10) to 13 League Championships, 10 went undefeated, 109-10 in league dual meets, 1987 CIF & California State Wrestling Champions and ranked eighth in the Nation.

Bill Kalivas - He was a CA State JC AA & NCAA DII AA. He coached Bakersfield College (194-48-2) to a CA State JC State Championship and 2nd place. He was the 2003 & 2004 California State JC Coach of the year, and 2003-04 NWCA California National Coach of the Year.

Paul Keysaw - He placed 2nd and 1st at the PIAA State Championships and 3rd at the Jr Nationals. He won the 1991 NCAA Division I Championship and placed 5th. Coaching at the JC level, his teams have collectively won 6 State Titles & he was CA State Coach of the Year 6 times.

Lou Montano - He was 3rd in the CA High School State Championship (1978). At Cal Poly, he compiled a record of 112-16-1, 2x NCAA Division I AA, placing 2nd his senior year. As a head coach at Columbia University (1991-2000), Columbia had some of its most successful seasons.

Stephen Neal - He was 4th in the Ca State Championships, HS National Champion (FS & GR), 2x NCAA Champion, 4x NCAA All-American, 1999 World and Pan-Am Champion, US Freestyle Champion and 1996 Olympic Alternate. Played 10 years in the NFL with the Patriots, earning 4 Super Bowl Rings.

Darryl Pope - He was a CA State High School Champion, 3x NCAA AA, placed 2nd in the NCAA Tournament, 2x NCAA DII Champion & was named the OW and won the Most Falls Award. At Cal State Bakersfield, the NWCA named Pope the "National Assistant Coach of the Year".

Jessie Reyes - He was 4th in NCAA DII, 2x DII Champion and OW, NCAA DI National Champion, 1984 East-West All Star Classic Champion, Kern County Sports Personality of the Year, with a record of 151-22-1. At Purdue, he was the winningest coach in the schools history.

Bill Van Worth - He was undefeated at South Bakersfield High School, 2nd in the Junior World Games in 1971, 2x State JC All American, placed 2nd in DII Nationals, NCAA National Division II Champion, 6th in the World and won the Gold Medal in the Pan American Games.



2012 California Wrestling Hall of Fame Lifetime Service Award

Rudy Gonzalez - He placed 1st or 2nd in every tournament entered including the CIF Valley. Rudy became head coach for 16 yrs. He helps run the Coyote, League, Valley, Master's & the CA State Tournament. One of the founders of the Kern County Junior Wrestling Association.

Ray Juhl - He started program at West & won the SYL League & Dual Meet Championships. Served as the announcer of CSUB Wrestling Home Duals, officiated High School Wrestling, Organized and Coached the Orange County and Kern County High Schools Summer duals.

Dr. Ken Lane - He has volunteered his medical services at every level of amateur wrestling in the world. He has been the CIF State Wrestling Championships Medical Director, the USA Wrestling medical pools, a tournament physician for the PAC 10 & NCAA National Championships.

Ed Levenson - He had a 2 year record of 66-3, became a High School AA Honorable Mention & wrestled at Cal Ploy SLO. Ed has been a coach for the past 37 years. In McFarland, he has produced 19 league champs, 15 SS placers, 6 Section placers & 6 state qualifiers.

Gary Pederson - Coached Yuba College to 2 Conference Titles. At Shafter (157-38-2), they won 8 SSL Titles and 10x 2nd, 2002 Valley Runner-up & 2003 Valley Champions. He was the 2003 Bakersfield Californian Wrestling Coach of the Year & 26 years as CIF Sectional League Rep.

Joe Smart - He was 4th in the Valley, Junior College State Champion & 2x AA. Coached 15 years with the Kern County Junior Wrestling Program and assisted at Bakersfield College. He officiated various High School, Junior College, and NCAA Div I wrestling matches in his career.

Steve Varner - He was a CIF Champion in 1966. Won 4 SYL titles with 3 years undefeated coached BHS to first top 5 finish at State Meet in 1980. He was a Board Member of Kern County Wrestling Association, Coyote Club, league rep to CIF & youth and club coach.

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