

18th Annual California Wrestling Hall of Fame Banquet Program



**Induction Banquet
May 6, 2017
University Square Hotel
Fresno, CA**



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.

A WORD FROM THE HALL OF FAME DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynn Dyche

I trust that you will have an enjoyable evening as we share the opportunity to recognize and hear about the outstanding individuals from Central California that are being honored this evening. They have contributed so much to advance the stature of amateur wrestling in California.

When we started the Hall of Fame in 1998, I proposed a regional concept for our banquets. It made sense that we should recognize deserving wrestlers, coaches, officials and others as close to their homes as possible. This would enable their families, former athletes, fellow coaches, officials, and friends the opportunity to attend the banquet to honor them. Individuals from the greater Central California area will be recognized and honored this evening.

Our first banquet was held in Concord, California in 2000. Since then we have held 17 banquets in San Jose, Fresno, Bakersfield, Laguna Hills and Sacramento. Now 181 individuals have been inducted and 123 individuals have received the Lifetime Service Award. The 2018 banquet is scheduled to be held in Laguna Hills, CA.

There are 9 individuals who will be inducted this evening. They have impressive wrestling resumes. I would like to recognize two of our inductees who have traveled a good distance to attend this evening; Jimmy Aguirre came all the way from Kigali, Rwanda and Jake Varner traveled from Pennsylvania. In addition, there are 16 individuals who will be receiving a Lifetime Service Award which includes six individuals who will be recognized posthumously. These six individuals, many who have long passed were the early pioneers of Central California wrestling.

One honoree, Bill Kinnett, passed away in December, 2016. I am sure that Bill was pleased to have learned that he was to be honored this evening. I have been privileged to have known the majority of those being honored this evening. The countless hours of time, dedication and commitment that they have given makes them most deserving of the Hall of Fame recognition.

We are actively exploring the concept of using virtual reality to display the many photographs, inductee interviews, books, posters and other memorabilia to share the history of California wrestling.

In closing, on behalf of the California Wrestling Hall of Fame Executive Board, we congratulate our 2017 honorees.



**CALIFORNIA WRESTLING HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION BANQUET**

AGENDA

Master of Ceremonies - Anthony Morales

Recognition of 2017 Honorees

Invocation - Jeff Roberts

Dinner

Welcome - Lynn Dyche
Director, California Wrestling Hall of Fame

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

Commentary and Closure - Anthony Morales

**A group photo of the 2017 HOF Honorees
will be taken at the end of the banquet.**

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

2017 CALIFORNIA WRESTLING HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



JIM AGUIRRE

At Clovis HS, he was the fourth wrestler in history to win the CIF State Championship three times (1989- 91), defeating two state champions. He led his team as captain to back-to-back State Championships (1990 -91). Jimmy was a four-time member of the California Junior National Team. He placed 1st at the high school nationals in 1991, 2nd at the junior world team trials in 1990, and 2nd in the Espoir Nationals in 1992 and 1993. Jim attended Stanford where he was a PAC-10 champion, 2-time team captain and a 3-time NCAA Division 1 qualifier. In 1993 he was selected Outstanding Wrestler at the PAC-10 Conference Tournament.



RICH BAILEY

A CIF Central Coast Section Champion, he was a 2X CIF San Diego Section Champion. He placed 3X at the CIF State Tournament, a finalist twice. He was a member of the 1985 Valhalla State Championship Team. At Cal State Bakersfield he started 4 years, a 2X PAC-10 finalist and PAC-10 Champion.

The 2X NCAA D1 All-American won the NWCA All-Star Classic and ranked #1 in the nation. As assistant coach at CSUB in 1996, they won a PAC-10 Championship and were 3rd at the NCAA Division 1 Tournament. He coached at Moorpark College for back-to-back state CC championships, and he coached the past 8 years at Granada HS.



MIKE BULL

He attended South HS in Bakersfield and was a 3X Yosemite League Champion, a CiF Central Section Champion and a CIF State Wrestling Champion at the first state tournament in 1973. Mike was selected as Kern County Most Outstanding Athlete. At 16 he was a National Greco-Roman Junior Champion. He won a National Wrestling Federation Championship and in 1972 the National Greco-Roman Open Division Championship.

In 1974 Mike won a Community College State Championship with a season record of 34-0. At Cal State Bakersfield he was a 3X NCAA Division II All-American including being a NCAA Division II Champion in 1976.

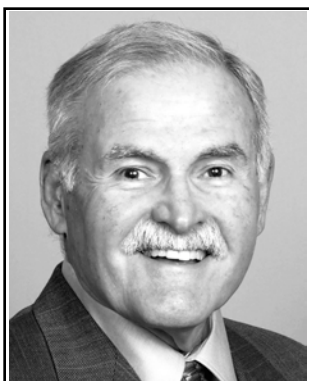


JOE DANSBY

At Palma HS, the 3X league champion was a CIF Central Coast Section Champion and the only wrestler at Palma to place at the CIF State Tournament twice. Joey was a California Cadet Free-style All-American and a 3-year member of the California Junior National Team. At Cal Poly the 4X letterman was a 3X PAC-10 Conference Medalist. He was an Olympic Trials qualifier and a National Greco Roman team member. In 2001 he became Head Coach at Cuesta College.

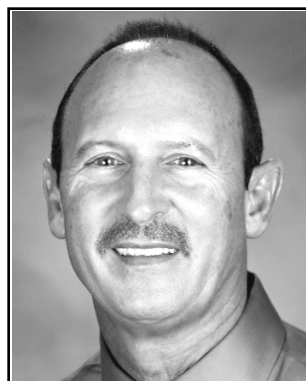
In 16 years there his teams have won 5 conference championships, with 3 state CC champions and 16 All-Americans. He has been conference Coach of the Year 5 times.

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JOE FARIA

He started wrestling as a junior at Chowchilla HS, a 2X league champion undefeated in two seasons. Joe was a 3X letterman at Cal Poly on a football scholarship, wrestling as a senior for 3rd in conference when Poly won its 1st NCAA D2 championship. As coach at Exeter HS, his teams won many titles, he coached 51 Central Section placers with 4 state placers including a champion. At Clovis West HS, his teams won the State Championship in 1983 and 84, both teams ranked in the nation's Top 5. He became head coach there in 1987, and his 1989 team won the Sierra Nevada Classic in Reno and the CIF State Championship.



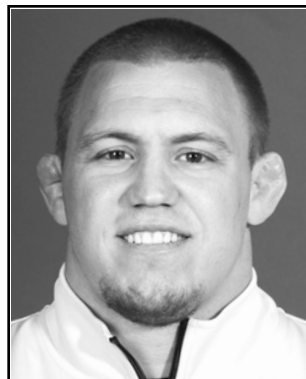
RICK McKINNEY

At Livingston HS, Rick was a 3X team captain, the most valuable wrestler, league champion, Sac-Joaquin CIF Section Champion and a medalist at the state tournament with a record of 121-33-0. Rick coached high school wrestling for 25 years with a record of 268-101-2, winning league and section titles. He coached 13 California National Teams, with National Champions in 1985 & 1988. He coached the California Espoir Team to a national title in 1994, and the 1989 USA Cadet Greco Roman World Team finishing 2nd at the World Championships. He officiated the CIF State Wrestling Tournament the past 8 years.



DAN MELLO

At Portland State, Dan won three Western Regional Championships. An assistant coach at CSU Bakersfield for 3 years, he wrestled for the Bakersfield Express. Dan won 14 National titles in Greco-Roman and Free-style, and he was on 4 World Teams, on the 1980 Olympic Greco-Roman Team and 4X on the FILA World Greco-Roman team. Dan was a 3X World Military Champion, a 2X National AAU Champion and in 1981 he won the Sambo World Championship and was the Outstanding Sambo Athlete. An assistant coach at the 1996 Olympic Games and World Cup, he was the head coach of the Cadet World Team and Espoir World Team.



JAKE VARNER

A league and CIF Central Section Champion at Bakersfield HS, Jake was a 4X CIF State Medalist (4-2-1-1), twice a CIF State Champion. He was a Senior National All-American, a 2X Junior All-American, a Cadet All-American, 2X Asics HS All-American, a Wrestling USA Magazine All-American, and Amateur Wrestling News All-American. He attended Iowa State University and was a 4X NCAA Division 1 finalist and 4X NCAA All-American, winning two NCAA Championships. Jake's biggest moment was when he became the 2012 OLYMPIC FREESTYLE GOLD MEDALIST. He now serves as an assistant coach at Penn State University.

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DREW WILLIAMS

At Paradise HS he was a 4X varsity letterman and a 3X CIF Northern Section Champion. He attended Yuba College and Chico State where he was a 4X wrestling letterman. He became the head coach at Monache HS in 1972 and served for 25 years, winning 18 East Yosemite League titles, 3 Yosemite Division titles, 1 CIF Central Section championship, 4X runners-up. Drew coached 19 section champions, 15 state medalists and 64 state qualifiers including 2X Olympian Tim Vanni. Drew's career varsity coaching record was 402-76-4. He also served the wrestling community as a member of the CIF State Wrestling Advisory Committee.

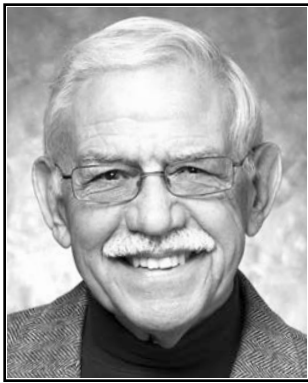


The 1978 USA Greco-Roman World Team had 13 Californian wrestlers including California Hall of Fame inductees

Coach Lee Allen, Dennis Bardsley (Cal Poly), Mark Fuller and David Nelson, plus David Ceja (SF State), Coach Joe DeMeo, Michael Flemming (UCLA)

Mark Grunseth (West Point), Coach Ed Haddad, James Howard (USMC via Clovis), John Monolakis (SF State), Craig Shoene and Floyd Winter (Army).

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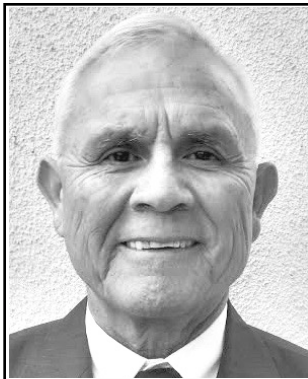
BEN FRANTICELLI

He was an outstanding wrestler at Hayward HS, winning numerous tournaments and on the first 1951 Northern California Invitational Championship Team. Ben wrestling at UC Berkeley until a life-threatening illness forced him to stop. He pursued an education in the ministry and embraced a new goal in life, becoming an advocate to help lower income people achieve a better life. He became the first wrestling coach at Dos Palos High School. He coached for two years and then returned to aiding the people of South Dos Palos. His efforts proved productive, including obtaining running water for the part of Dos Palos known as "Midway."



AMADOR GALVEZ

At South HS in Bakersfield he was 3rd as a junior and 2nd as a senior in the South Yosemite League before wrestling at Bakersfield Junior College. He officiated for over 40 years including league, division, section and 15 CIF State Tournaments. Amador served as an evaluator of officials at the state tournament and continues to volunteer his services as a timer and scorekeeper there. He has also been known for his "BBQ in a Barrel" ministry, serving various church groups, non-profit organizations, homeless centers, scholarship fund raising events and several end of the season parties for his fellow coaches.



VIC GONZALES

Vic won several league and division titles at Corcoran HS, then went to College Of the Sequoias and won league, regional and a State JC championship, selected the Most Outstanding Wrestler. He continued his education at Fresno State wrestling for coach Dick Francis. At the Pinedale Boys Club, he started a wrestling program that fed into Clovis schools. Many future state champion wrestlers started there. After graduating, Vic taught in the Fresno Unified School District and coached wrestling at McLane HS for six years. He was a wrestling official for the next 34 years at many high school and community college tournaments.



RHONDA MOORE

Rhonda has been an active volunteer with many wrestling organizations and schools within Kern County and a supporter of the Kern County Wrestling Association, their treasurer for 9 years. She volunteered at California USA Wrestling Tournaments for 9 years, and served as treasurer of the Kern County Wrestling Club for 11 years, and of Elite Force Wrestling Club for 11 years. She was the President of the Frontier Wrestling Boosters for 9 years, and she has volunteered at the CIF State Wrestling Tournament since 2006. In 2015 Rhonda was the recipient of the Irv Oliner Award for outstanding service to California Wrestling.

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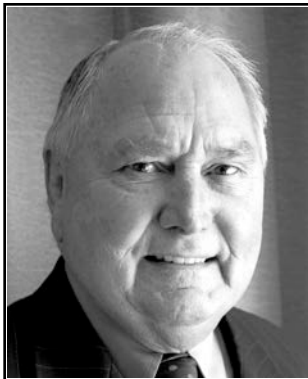
BILL NIXON

Dr. Buchanan hired Bill as a recreation coordinator for the Clovis Unified School District. He was given the responsibility to implement many programs for the past thirty years, some of which have grown into Clovis Unified icons. A few prominent programs developed by Bill are; Elementary Athletics, Clovis Swim Club, Clovis Academy of Gymnastics and Dance, Summer programs, Clovis Flag Football, Parent PE Night, Adult Softball, Basketball, and T-Ball. He has been instrumental in organizing the Y's Men's Wrestling Tournament, a thirty five year old tournament that is the oldest and longest running event in Clovis Unified.



RICK RIOFRIO

Rick has been involved with wrestling for 50 years. At Long Beach Jordan HS, he was a league champion and member of the All-City Wrestling Team. He wrestled at Long Beach City College and then at Fresno State, placing 3rd in both conferences. He coached at Kingsburg HS, Central HS and Bullard HS with a total record of 216-97. Many of his wrestlers placed in league, section and valley championships and he coached one CIF State Champion. Rick was on the coaching staff of the California National Wrestling Team and the Kids Western Regional Freestyle team as well as the Junior and Open Freestyle Championships.



JIM SEAY

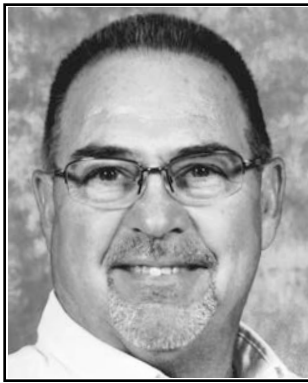
After attending Oklahoma State and the University of Oklahoma, he first coached at Northwest Classen HS in Oklahoma City and had a 18-1 record. In 1981 he moved west and became the Head Coach at Highland HS in Bakersfield, then at Bakersfield HS and later at San Luis Obispo HS for 14 years. In 2001 his team won the CIF Southern Section Championship, placing 2nd in 2002. Jim was a co-founder and board member of the Kern County Wrestling association and the founder and tournament director of the Paso Robles Invitational Tournament. He has also been a wrestling official at the high school, Junior College and college levels.



JOE TRIGGS

At San Lorenzo HS, Joe was a Hayward League Champion all 4 years and a 3-time placer in the CIF North Coast Section. He was a Section Champion and a CIF State Tournament Champion, selected as the Northern California Wrestling Athlete of the Year. At Chabot College, he was a 2-time placer at the JC State Championships. After graduating from Cal State Bakersfield he was an assistant coach at James Logan. He became the Head Coach at East Bakersfield HS and sent 41 wrestlers to the state tournament with 10 placers. Joe has also served as the tournament director of the section masters tournament for 12 years.

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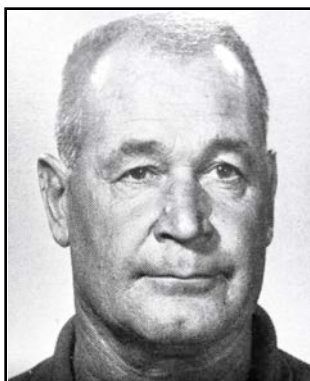
DENNIS WREN

He has officiated high school wrestling for 31 years, with 20 years as a community college and NCAA official. He has officiated 8 CACC state tournaments. He has officiated three sports since his military duty ended: football, wrestling and NCAA Division I softball. He was high school official's assigner and instructor for 14 years. He has officiated major tournaments in Fresno, Lemoore, Clovis, Morro Bay, Bakersfield and Southern California, and for Fresno State, Cal Poly, and CSU-Bakersfield. He has officiated numerous Central Section Championships. He is currently instructor of wrestling officials for Kern County.



Californians on past United States Olympic Wrestling teams include (from left above) Townsend Saunders, Tim Vanni, Dan Henderson, Bob Anderson, Heath Sims, Gary Bohay and Joe Gonzales.

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POSTHUMOUS HONOREES



OSCAR EDMINSTER

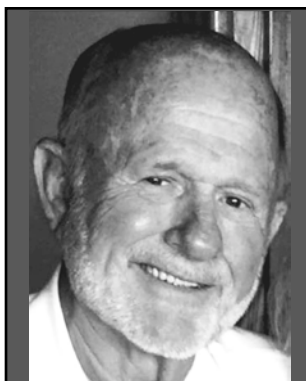
After serving in WW II as a captain in the military police, Oscar attended Cal Poly as a 36-year-old freshman, earning Bachelor of Science and Masters Degrees. He started teaching in 1948 at Tulare HS. During his tenure there, Oscar coached wrestling, football, swimming and diving. He never wrestled, but after watching some high school matches, he fell in love with the sport. As Head Coach, he had numerous league and Central Section champions plus many place winners in the Northern California Invitational Wrestling Championships. His 1962 team won the CIF Central Section Championship.

DARRELL FLETCHER

He began coaching at Shafter HS as the assistant wrestling coach in 1967, and he was head coach from 1970 for 10 years. He started the Shafter Cotton Classic Invitational Wrestling Tournament, now named after him. His teams won the South Sequoia League 4 times, the Sierra Sequoia Divisional Champions in 1969. His teams placed in this tournament 10 years in a row including two 2nd place finishes and as tournament champions in 1969. Darrell coached at West Bakersfield HS for 12 years, and he helped organize and served as a board member of the Kern County Wrestling Association and of the Coyote Club.



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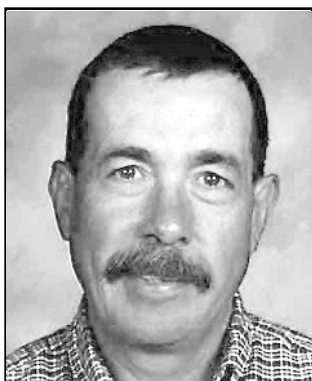
BILL GRIFFIN

The first wrestling coach at Washington Union HS in 1967, he quickly developed a powerhouse. His team won the Central Sequoia League 7 years in a row and won the Sierra/Sequoia Division championship 3 times. His 1974 team placed 2nd in the CIF Valley Championships. In 1975 Bill moved to Clovis HS to assist Dennis Deliddo, and they won the 1976 CIF State Championship. Bill became Athletics Director there, and he organized and directed the first Clovis Invitational Tournament which became the Doc Buchanan Invitational, the most outstanding tournament in the state because of the quality of competition.

BILL KINNETT

He was honored and proud to be a member of the U.S. Marine Corps, and he also served his community for 34 years as a California Highway Patrolman. He was a traffic school instructor for STEPS and later became the Executive Director. He was an avid fan of all sports, especially high school wrestling for which he served as an official for over 30 years. He served as arena floor supervisor at Bakersfield's Rabobank Arena for the annual CIF State Wrestling Tournament. Bill passed away in December, 2016, and he was pleased to learn of his selection for this honor prior to his death. Bill's motto: "live well, love much, laugh often."

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DENNIS KNIGHT

After attending Foothill HS in Bakersfield, he graduated from Cal State Bakersfield. Dennis was hired at Kern Valley HS as the Special Education Coordinator, and he began a wrestling program in 1979. He served as Head Coach there for 29 years. He started a youth wrestling program for the mountain communities, doing most of his coaching without an assistant. Dennis could always be identified while coaching at tournaments and duals by his blue jeans and navy blue Stetson. He is the winningest coach in the Desert Inyo League winning 14 league titles with one state champion. He died doing what he loved, deer hunting.

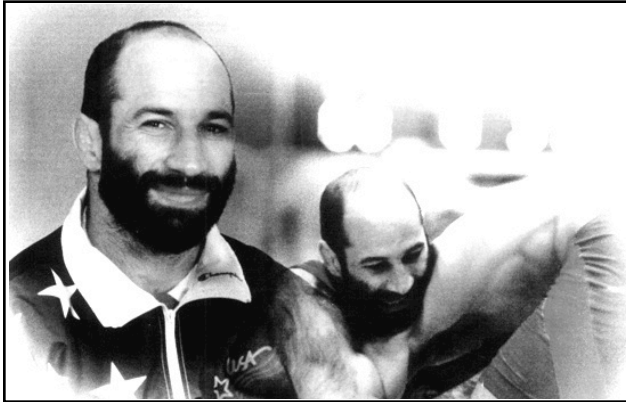
ANDY OLSON

He was one of the top wrestlers graduating from Madera HS in 1973 before wrestling at Fresno City College under Hall of Fame Coach Bill Musick. He was a member of the 1975 State Championship team. When Andy convinced his son to wrestle in 7th grade, he became the head coach at Tenaya Middle School. In Andy's second year as the coach, Tenaya won the city championship with six finalists and 3 champions. He later assisted Rod Balch at Clovis HS and Coach Bill Musick at Fresno City College. It seems fitting that the day of his death he just finished officiating a wrestling match at Baird Elementary School.



This photo of the 1958 Cal Poly team that won the Pacific Coast Inter-collegiate Championship has California Hall of Fame honorees Howard Bryant, Al DeFerrari, Lynn Dyche, Tom Hall and Pat Lovell. The front row (l-r) is Howard Bryant, Hal Simonek, Bill Corluran, and Jerry Canfield. The back row is Bob Machado, Del Scales, Tom Hall, Lynn Dyche, Pat Lovell, Freddie Ford, Dr. Al DeFerrari and Coach Sheldon Harden.

CALIFORNIA WRESTLING HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



1997 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

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



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 in 1959, Dave was the only coach to win three consecutive State Championships with a record of 216-45-10 at El Camino. He was a 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 teams 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 in 1980 and Antioch in 1988. His teams won a combined 8 CIF Section titles.

MARK SCHULTZ - California CIF HS Champion, 3x NCAA D I National Champion, won a Gold Medal at the 1984 Olympics, 2x World Champion, 4x U.S. Open titles. Former Head Coach of wrestling at BYU.

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, and he was Head Coach of the U.S. Goodwill Games team, the World Championships, and the U.S. 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 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.

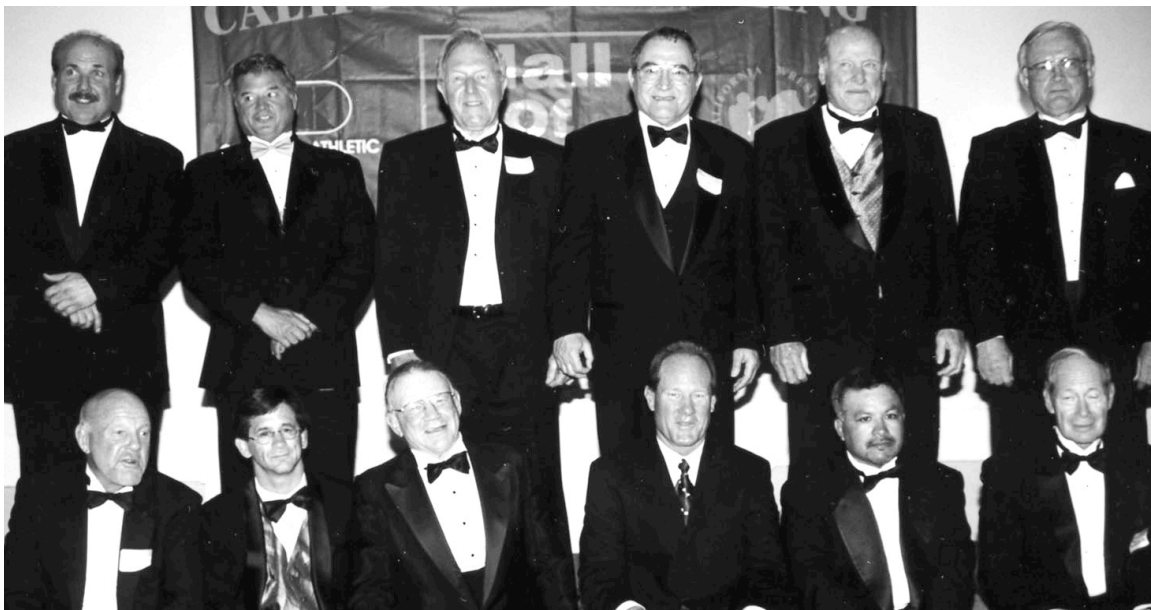
HUGH MUMBY - PCI Wrestling Champion, guided San Jose to a continually prominent West Coast position for nearly 20 years, known as one of the finest mat technicians in collegiate history.

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 with a record of 98-9-1, including 38-0 his senior year, 4x Conference Champion, 4x NCAA Division 2 All-American, 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 CIF Championships. His team won the first California State High School 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 All-American, 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, with 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 and 2nd in the California State CIF Championships, 5x World Championships placer, Tim was 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, NCAA D1 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 and 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 and 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 and coach.



2004 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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

BRUCE BURNETT - Central Section Champion. 2x JC State, Big Sky Conference, and 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 Pam 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, and 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 ---

Lee Allen
Vern Baxter
Fred Bohna
Sam Boyd
Dan Brand
Vern Brooks
“Doc” Buchanan
Jim Burke
Buck Deadrich

Ed DeFerrari
Dennis Downing
Bob Ericson
Rene Errotabere
Ed de Ferrari
Robert Fischer
Karen Foley
Dave Foster
Dan Gonzalves

Nori Gosse
Ray Haas
Tom Hall
Sheldon Hardon
Dave Hengsteller
Frank Horpel
Briggs Hunt
Ed Jalli
Morris Johnson

T.J. Kerr
Al Kiddy
Bill Kinnett
Sam Lawson
Weber Lawson
Charlie Lee
Bentley Lyon
Jerry Matsumoto
Mac McCready



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. At Fresno State 1998-2002, he was a 3x NCAA and 4x All-American, undefeated his last two seasons. He was U.S. Nationals Champion, 5th in World Championships, Pan American Games, World Cup Champion and 2nd in 2004 Olympic Games.

ARMAND BRETT - As Head Coach at Chico State, his teams won 7 Far Western Conference and NCAC Championships, and NCAA D II Western Region Team Championship. He was named Coach of the Year 6x and a member of the NCAA rules committee.

DALE DEFFNER— State JC, PCI Champ and 4th in NCAA at Long Beach State. He coached 9 state JC Champions, 2 Outstanding Wrestlers, 25 All-Americans 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 and 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, then a 3x NCAA D1 Champ and 4x NCAA All-American at 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 with 330 wins.

BENTLY LYON – at UC Berkeley, a 2x PCI Champion (Outstanding Wrestler and Team Captain in 1952), placed 4th and 1st in the NCAA D1 Championships. He was the first NCAA D1 Champion 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 Company, sponsor of the State Tournament.

FLOYD “DOC” BUCHANAN – As Superintendent of Clovis Unified School District, he purchased regulation mats for each of its elementary schools. Doc's support led to Clovis High's 7, Clovis West's 3 and 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 years (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 and were used by "CA Wrestling News" for state rankings. He received the first award from CIF for a citizen's support of high school 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 All-American (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 Fresno State University 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 and medaled 9x in the National Open. He coached the U.S. Freestyle Team and Dave Schultz WC.

LENNIS COWELL - Placed 3rd, 2nd and 1st at Nor Cal. He was regional champion (OW) and placed 3rd at JC State. At Cal Poly, 2x CCAA, 2x NCAA Regional Champion, 2x NCAA DII All-American, placed 3rd and 4th at NCAA DII Championships. Coached Clovis West HS to 2 State Championships with an 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, and 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 and coaching for two years but 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 and 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 and advisor to the National High School Federation Wrestling Rules Committee.

CHRIS FEDER – Placed 2nd in the NCAA DII Championships for C.W. Post University and 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, and his leadership was both appreciated and respected. He has given countless hours to support youth.

NANCY SCHULTZ – Founder of the Dave Schultz Wrestling Club 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 and 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 Junior College Coach of the Year (1974) and in the El Camino College HOF, Orange Coast HOF, Long Beach State HOF, and 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 Orange County 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 Hall of Fame and is a member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

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 Community College 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 NAAs 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 Los Angeles 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 and was the AD for 9 years. He went to the CIF-SS office and 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 and 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 and USA Wrestling. He has participated in cultural exchanges, World Meets, Olympic Trials, and the 1984 Olympic Games.

KEITH SMITH - He wrestled at Brawley HS and placed 2nd in the Southern Section. At Imperial Valley JC, he 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 and in the Western States Olympic Trials. He had seven undefeated league dual seasons, won the San Antonio League at Upland HS, and 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 and 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 and 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 and 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 and 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 10 Championships.

DON CAWTHON - He began officiating Wrestling in 1960. Helped form SCWOA and SCCWOA, develop the Officials Rating System, Instructional Chairman and volunteer Security at 1984 Olympics. Wrestling officiating experiences include CIF Masters, HS State, JC State, Five Counties, Pac-10, NCAA DII, NAIA, and 1972 Olympics Qualifying Tournament.

BOB COMBS - He was a J.C. Champion, coaching record of 340-119 with 10 League Championships. Coach of the Southland Wrestling Club and was 2X YMCA, Greco-Roman, 4X Sambo National Champions and Coach of the Year. He coached U.S.A Pan Am Sambo Team, published wrestling newsletter for California Colleges and won first state Girls CIF. 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.

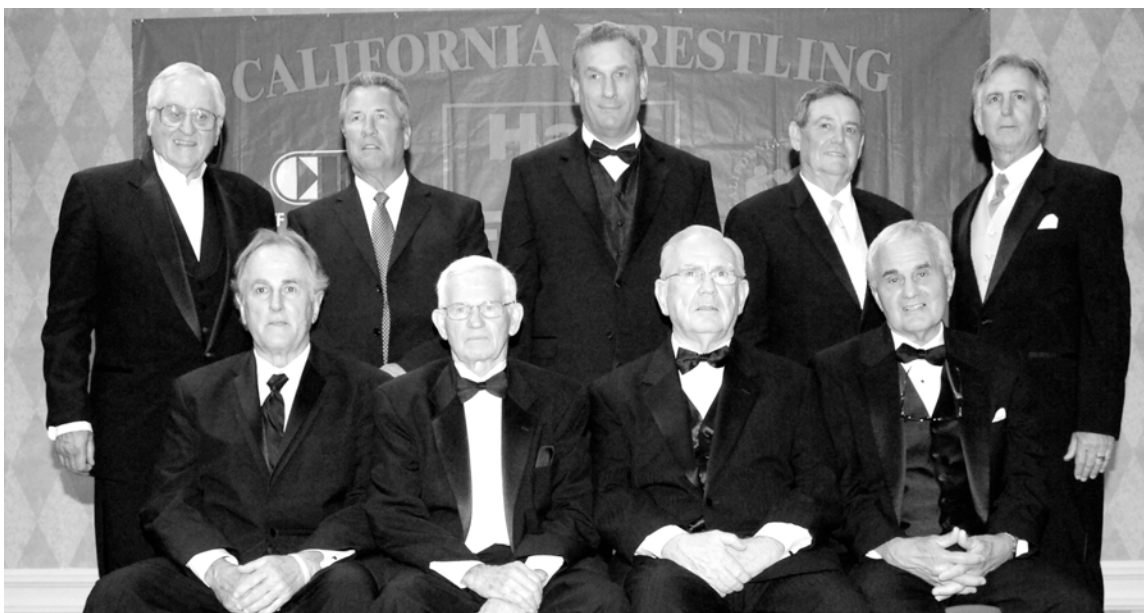
PAUL LA BLANC - He was a National Jr. Freestyle and JC State placer, NAIA AA, YMCA, 2x Sombo, and 3x Veterans National Champion, Pan Am Games Silver Medal and World Bronze medalist. Coached for 29 years and received Coach of the Year awards in the Sunset, Seaview, and Western States Conference. He is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

ART MICHALIK - He was Athlete of the Year 1948 and 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 and State finals. He was OC Referee of the Year, CA Wrestling Coaches Association and in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

IVAN OLSEN - He was the head wrestling coach for many San Diego high schools 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 a National Wrestling Hall of Fame 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 and 3rd at CCAA, DII qualifier, team captain, MVP and 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 and JC wrestling for the past 28 years. While at Shasta he coached 22 Northern Section Champions, 43 section finalists and 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 and 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 Association.

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, then at San Francisco State where he was a Conference Champion, NCAA D2 All-American, and assistant coach. David was a 4x member of the U.S. Greco-Roman team and placed 3rd in the Greco-Roman World Cup. In 1985, he became head coach at Vacaville HS, and his teams won the Section Dual Meet and the Section Championships.

--- IN MEMORY ---

Ted Mumby
Bill Musick
David Nelson
Doc Northrup
Irv Oliner
Ivan Olson

Fred Owens
Kirby Page
Hal "Doc" Peterson
Olan Polite
Judy Rider
Jim Root

Dave Schultz
Don Scrimger
Dean Sensenbaugh
Shirley Spencer
Roy Spomer
Henry Stone

Jim Sylvia
Glen Takahashi
Leon Tedder
Charlie Tribble
Hans Wiedenhoefer
G.W. Wingo



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 and was selected to the Pairing Director position on the California USA Wrestling Board of Directors. She worked as a Head Paired at many of the local, state, national and international tournaments. She conducted many state and 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

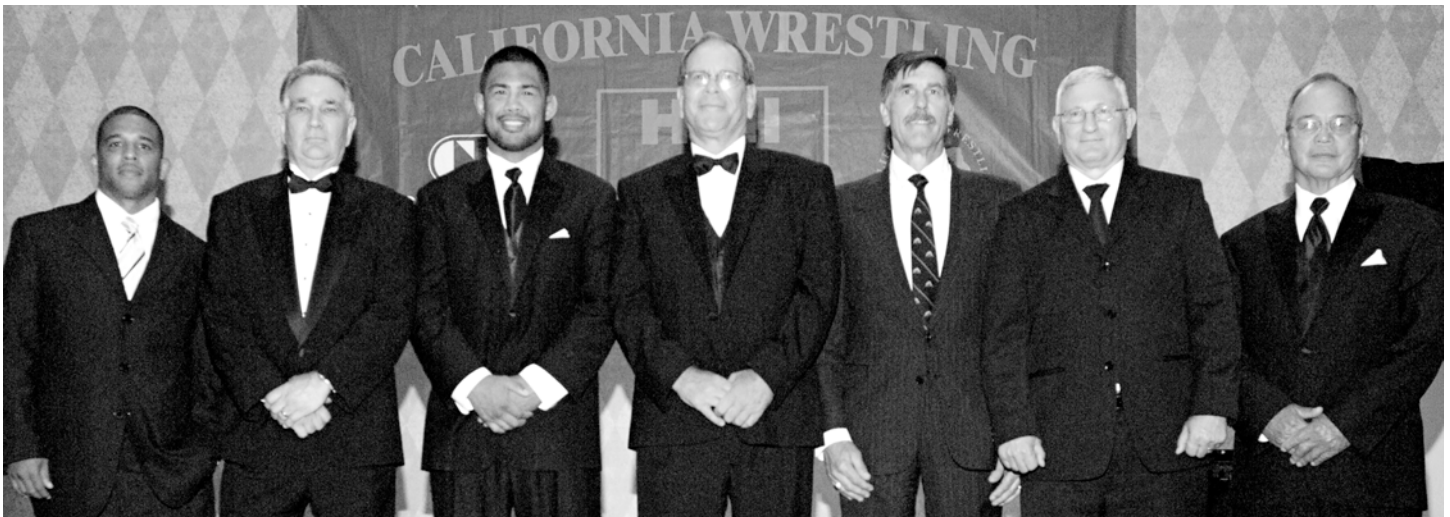
JUDY RIDER (deceased) - Judy Rider was a wrestling mother, supporter and the best ambassador the sport of wrestling could ever have. Judy was a pairing master at most of the major California USA Wrestling Tournaments for over fifteen years. She also served as a pairing official at the Western Kids Regional 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 All-Americans, 5 Golden Valley Conference and 4 Small College State Community College Championships. He was a wrestling official at all levels.



2010 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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

DAN ECKLEY - In HS, he was a 3-time State qualifier, and 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 and 5 Section Championships.

ROD HEDLUND - He was 2nd in Far Western Conference and DII National qualifier. His teams won 11 League Championships and were Section Dual Meet Champions. Rod was League Coach of the Year – 9x. He served as Tournament Director for the Northern California Tournament of Champions for 36 years.

DENNIS HELMS - He coached wrestling for 31 years at Paradise HS, and 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 and 1999 U.S. World Championships teams, was a U.S. Greco-Roman champion (4x).

MARK MUNOZ - NCAA Division I Champion at Oklahoma State, 2X NCAA All-American, 2X NWCA Academic All-American, 2X Big 12 Conference Champion, Junior World Silver Medalist, 3x Jr World Team Member, Junior National Runner-up, High School National and 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 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 and 3rd place at Nor Cal Championships. He was selected as the NCS Honor Coach and received the 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 and became Head Coach (1986-1990). During those years, UCD had 10-15 DI All-Americans. 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 Nor Cal H.S. Wrestling Coaches Association, he Co-Directed the Nor Cal HS Tournament in 1966 and served as Head Scorekeeper of the 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 and Olympic trials. He also announces and is a tournament director at many high school and college tournaments.

GARY ROVIG - He coached wrestling for 16 years, officiated wrestling for 30 years, was South Modesto Official of the Year, Head Official of San Joaquin Sections 16x, Subsections 18x and 4x State Wrestling Official. Also, part of the only father and son to officiate a State tournament at same time.

BERT VAN DUZER - HS (3 year), JC (2 years), Humbolt (2 years). Letterman and JC Academic All-American. Founder/Director of the Redwood Empire Wrestling Association and 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 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

JOE GOMES - At Fremont HS in Oakland, he was a 2x Northern California Championship. At San Francisco 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 and State JC Champion at Modesto JC and a CCAA Conference Champion, 2x PCI runner up and NCAA Regional Champion at Cal Poly. At San Jose City, his teams were 2nd in the state 2x, and Sam coached 5 State Champions.

MORRIS JOHNSON - He wrestled for San Francisco State and was a 2x NCAA Division II All-American, 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 Tblisi & 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 and Cupertino High Schools. He was a wrestling referee, an original member of the BACWA and was awarded the Martin Olavarri Award.

MACK McCREADY - He was a league and CIF Section Champion. At San Francisco 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 San Francisco State and was the Far Western Conference Wrestling Champion and Outstanding Wrestler, placed in the NCAA Division II Nationals and was an All-American, 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 HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD

MATT ALVARADO - Matt wrestled at Salinas HS, formed and coached the Salinas Valley Wrestling Club for over 25 years. Many of his wrestlers and 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 they were 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 club 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 and 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. He is recognized for his wrestling achievements and 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 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

David East - He was an undefeated Central Section Champion (1972) and 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 and California State Wrestling Champions -- ranked eighth in the Nation.

Bill Kalivas - He was a CA State JC AA and NCAA DII AA. He coached Bakersfield College (194-48-2) to a CA State JC State Championship and 2nd place. He was the 2003 and 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 1 Championship and placed 5th. Coaching at the JC level, his teams have collectively won 6 State Titles, and he was CA State Coach of the Year 6 times.

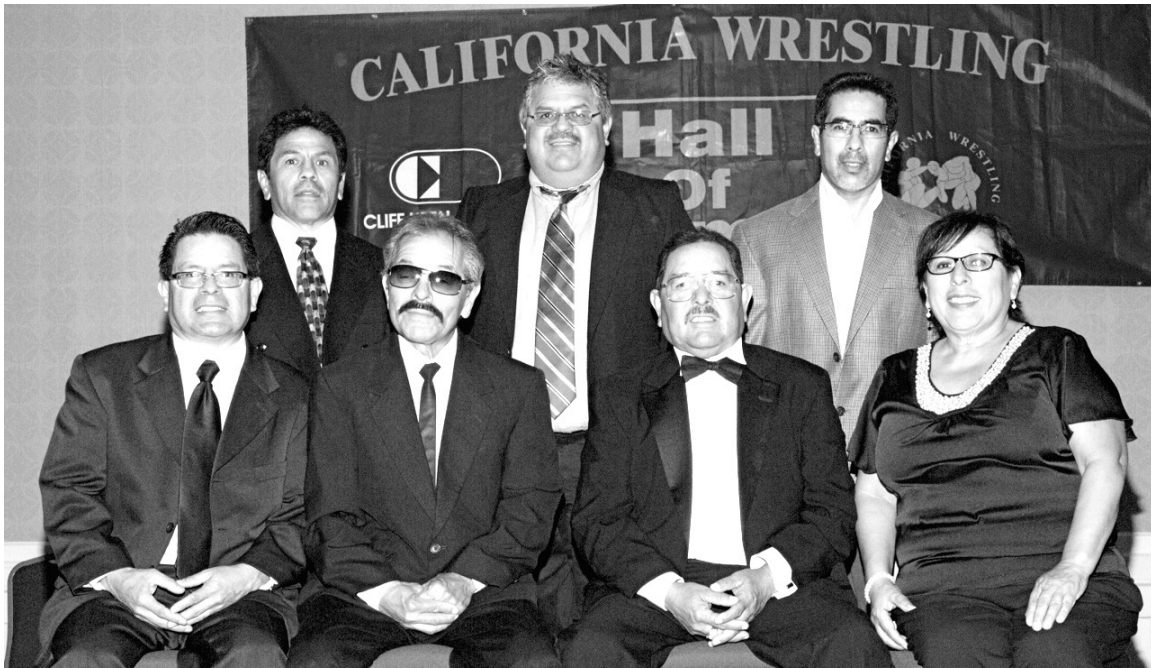
Lou Montano - He was 3rd in the CA High School State Championship (1978). At Cal Poly, he compiled a record of 112-16-1, 2x NCAA Division I AA, placing 2nd his senior year. As a head coach at Columbia University (1991-2000), Columbia had some of its most successful seasons.

Stephen Neal - He was 4th in the Ca State Championships, High School National Champion (Freestyle and Greco-Roman), 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 All-American, placed 2nd in the NCAA Tournament, 2x NCAA DII Champion, was named the Outstanding Wrestler 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 Outstanding Wrestler, 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 school's 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 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 years. He has helped run the Coyote, League, Valley, Master's and the CA State Tournament. One of the founders of the Kern County Junior Wrestling Association.

Ray Juhl - He started program at West and won the SYL League and Dual Meet Championships. Ray 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, in the USA Wrestling medical pools, a tournament physician for the PAC 10 and NCAA National Championships.

Ed Levenson - He had a 2 year record of 66-3, became a High School AA Honorable Mention and 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 and 6 state qualifiers.

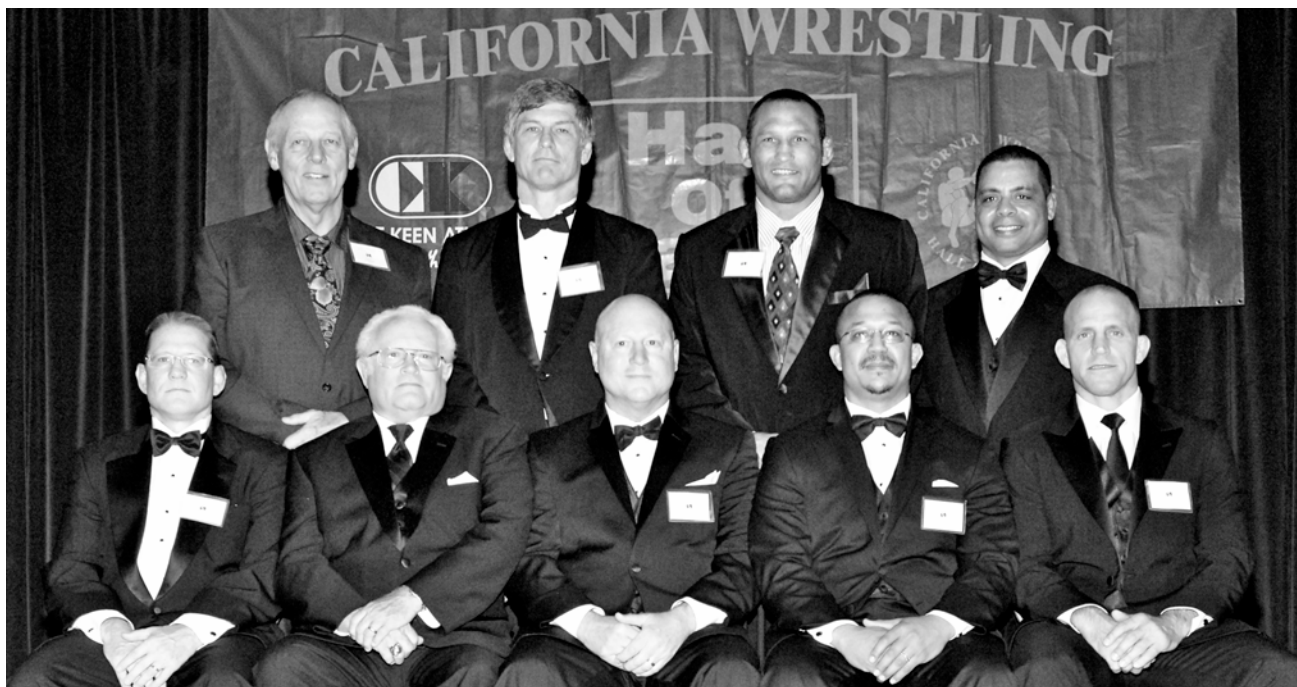
Gary Pederson - Coached Yuba College to 2 Conference Titles. At Shafter (157-38-2), they won 8 SSL Titles and 10x 2nd, 2002 Valley Runner-up and 2003 Valley Champions. He was the 2003 Bakersfield Californian Wrestling Coach of the Year and 26 years as CIF Sectional League Rep.

Joe Smart - He was 4th in the Valley, Junior College State Champion and 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, plus youth and club coach.

California Wrestling Hall of Fame Nominations

Submit a profile (75-100 words) about the person you would like to nominate. You can go to the nomination page at www.californiawrestlinghalloffame.com/pages/nomination.html to submit a profile, or you can email the profile with a picture and the address of the nominee to Dennis Bardsley at cawrestlinghof@gmail.com. Nominations will only be accepted electronically in one of these ways. No written or typed nominations will be accepted.



2013 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

GARY BOHAY - was CIF So. Section Champion and a two-time State CIF Place winner. Gary wrestled at ASU and was NCAA Div. I All-American. He won the Canada Cup, represented Canada in the Olympic Games in Seoul, and was a Silver Medalist at the 1989 World Championships. He was Canadian Wrestler of the Year in 1989 and won the Canadian National Championship six times.

DAN HENDERSON - led Victor Valley HS to a CIF State Championship. He won the Freestyle and Greco-Roman Championships at Junior Nationals. Dan was a National Open Division Champion and a two-time Olympic team member in Atlanta and Barcelona. He was a World Cup Champion and represented the U.S. in two World Championships. He became a mixed martial arts and UFC legend.

LAURENCE JACKSON - was a 3-time CIF State Champion -- undefeated all three years, a 3-time High School National Champion, and an Asics High School All-American. He wrestled at Oklahoma State & Cal State Bakersfield, was U.S. Sports Festival Freestyle Champion, 2-time Armed Forces Champion in both Freestyle & Greco-Roman, and a 2-time National Team member in Greco-Roman.

CLIFF JARMIE - the wrestling coach at Laguna Hill HS has developed that program into an Orange County dynasty with a state record 27 consecutive league titles, plus 9 CIF Division Championships & 3 CIF Dual Meet Championships, and a dual meet record of 462-77 and O.C. Team of the year 9 times. He was O.C. Coach of the Year 6 times & California Wrestling Coach of the Year in 2010.

JOHN RICE - was 3rd in CIF State in 1964. A league champion at Mt. San Antonio JC, he then wrestled at Humboldt State and was 3rd in the Far Western Conference. A 3-time Armed Forces Champion in Freestyle & Greco Roman and a bronze medalist in the 1968 National AAU Tournament, he coached 17 years at Indio HS with a record of 185-8-1. His teams won 17 League and 8 Riverside County Championships, 5 CIF Dual & Division Championships with a 98 straight dual meet win streak.

TOWNSEND SAUNDERS - was a CIF Southern Section Champion and CIF State runner-up. At Cal State Bakersfield he was a NCAA Div. II Champion. At Arizona State he was a 2-time NCAA All American and 2-time PAC 10 Champion. He was a 2-time U.S. National Open Champion, won gold medals in Freestyle at 1994 Goodwill Games and 1991 & 1995 Pan American Games. A Silver Medalist in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, he served as Head Coach of 2003 U.S. World Team & 2004 U.S. Olympic Team.

JIM SHIELDS - was 3rd in the CIF Southern Championships. At Cypress College he was a J.C. State Champion and Outstanding Wrestler of the State Tournament. At Oklahoma State University he was Big 8 Conference Champion, placing 3rd at the NCAA Div. I Tournament, helping OSU win the NCAA Div. I Championship that year. He coached 6 high school teams to State Championships.

DON SHULER - at Santa Ana HS he placed second in the CIF Championships. At Santa Ana College he had a record of 83-6 and won a J.C. State Championship and was the Outstanding Wrestler. At Arizona State he was 2-time WAC Champion, NCAA All-American, and a U.S. National Freestyle Champion. He was an alternate on the 1984 U.S. Olympic Team.

HEATH SIMS - was a two-time CIF State Champion from Woodbridge HS in Irvine. He wrestled at Cerritos J.C. and won a State Championship in 1998. Heath excelled in Greco-Roman wrestling and won the National Open Greco-Roman Championship and wrestled in the Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. He now resides in Singapore where he trains martial arts fighters for UFC.

CHARLES TRIBBLE - wrestled at Pacific HS, San Bernardino and was a two-time CIF Southern Section Champion. He was a two-time J.C. State Champion at San Bernardino Valley College before transferring to ASU. He was a National Open Freestyle Champion and competed in the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo. Charlie ran a program for troubled youth in Phoenix. He passed away in 2009.



2013 HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD

JAY BRACCINI - wrestled at Mankato State U., Minn. and began 47 years of officiating. As head coach at Loyola HS in Mankato he won 2 Private School Championships and coached 8 individual State Champions. He moved to Orange County and continued high school & college officiating. He was President of OCWOA twice, was instructional chairman, treasurer, and assignment chairman.

FRED BURRI - he earned a wrestling scholarship to Oregon State where 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.

BOB JANKO - at San Bernardino Valley College on two State Championship teams, Bob was 3rd at JC State in 1962 and 2nd in 1963. Then at UCLA, he was 4th in the NCAA tournament, named to the All-American team. He coached wrestling for 10 years at North Torrance HS and for 9 years at Capistrano Valley HS. He has officiated in the South Bay, in Orange County, and in the Pac-10.

FRED OWENS - wrestled at Orange Coast College and returned as assistant wrestling and football coach from 1960-65. Fred was Athletic Director at Golden West College and became their first wrestling coach. He was a founding member of the Orange County Wrestling Officials Association and was a member for 20 years. He received an award from the 1984 Olympic Committee.

DALE SISCON - was a 3-time San Diego CIF Section Champion with a record of 107-4. He wrestled at UCLA but transferred to Cal Western/USIU, coached by Buddy Wilkerson, and was on a NAIA National Championship Team. He was an assistant to coach Bill Leep at Mt. Miguel HS. As a member of the SDCOA he officiated three State CIF Tournaments. In the 80's he formed the San Diego Mighty Mights youth wrestling program, with many going on to distinguished careers in the high school and college ranks.

CHUCK SMITH - coached at El Dorado HS starting in 1970. At the first CIF State Wrestling Tournament in 1973, one of his wrestlers, Mike Fleming, won a State Championship and was Most Outstanding Wrestler. His teams won 4 league titles, and in 1976 they won the CIF Southern Section Championship. He was involved in international wrestling exchanges, hosting a team from Japan.

CHRIS SONES - was a CIF Champion, undefeated in his Senior year at Fountain Valley HS. At University of Iowa he was a 4-time varsity letterman and Big Ten Champion. Chris won 4 national titles and was on 4 National teams. He competed in 5 international tournaments, earning 4 medals. His high school wrestlers won 16 individual CIF titles, two team CIF titles, and 38 placed at State.

AL TORRETTO - began coaching at Morse HS in San Diego. He went to Poway HS in 1973 and is still there today. Serving under Tom Middleton, Al Dorris, and Wayne Branstetter as assistant varsity coach, the program won over 30 League Championships, 30 CIF championships, 30 Masters Championships, and 3 State Championships.

LARRY WATANABE - at Mt. San Antonio Community College he was a J.C. State Champion, All-American and 1970 Athlete of the Year. A runner-up in the Western Regional U.S. Olympic Trials in 1972, he placed 3rd in the U.S. National Greco-Roman Championships. In 1973, he was the CCAA Champion. Larry was Head Coach at Nogales HS from 1974-91, winning 5 league titles and a CIF State Championship. As Head Coach at Mt. SAC he developed many state placers, 15 All-Americans and 10 State Champions.

ED WILEY - began teaching and coaching football for San Dieguito Union HS. Without experience, Ed became the first wrestling coach. He became successful and his teams were Avocado League Champions in 1963, 1964 & 1970 and Coast League Champions in 1973 & 1974. Ed was the Palomar College Coach of the Year in 1967, and San Diego County Coach of the Year in 1974 & 1987.



2014 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

RODNEY BALCH - was a CIF Central Section and State CIF Champion while wrestling at Clovis HS. At Fresno City College he was a Community College State Champion. He won 3 conference championships at Cal State Bakersfield. At Clovis HS from 1982-1995, his teams won 7 Central Section and 6 State Championships. He coached 29 state placers.

DENNIS BARDSLEY - was a NCS Champion and 4th at Northern CA Championships at Petaluma HS. At Santa Rosa Junior College, he won JC State, was Outstanding Wrestler, a JC All-American and SRJC Athlete of the year. He was 2nd for Cal Poly in the NCAA Western Region. He won or placed in National Championships in Freestyle, GrecoRoman & Sombo and was an alternate on the 1978 USA GrecoRoman World team. Dennis coached 35 years (19 as head coach).

FRED BOHNA - was a Clovis HS league champion and CIF Central Section Champion. Fred was 2nd at State CIF Championships as a junior, and was State Champion as a senior. At UCLA he was a PAC-10 Conference Champion, and he won the NCAA Division I Heavyweight Championship. He placed 2nd in the World Cup and he won the Pan American Wrestling Championship.

VERN BROOKS - coached at Springs, Wyoming where his 1953 team won the State HS Championship. At Madera HS until 1965, his teams won 2 Northern California Championships and 5 Central Section Championships with 27 Section Champions. His 1957 Madera team had 5 Northern California champions. Vern has received a California Wrestling Hall of Fame Lifetime Service Award.

AL KIDDY - was an outstanding three-sport athlete in high school and at the University of Oklahoma. He wrestled for coaches Port Robinson and Bud Wilkerson. As coach at Hughson HS he won the Tri-Valley Championship 3 times. At Madera HS, Al's teams won 6 league titles, 2 divisional and 2 CIF Central Section Championships. He was an assistant coach at Fresno City College for 9 years.

CORKY NAPIER - wrestled at Madera HS. At Fresno City College he was a 2-time Valley Conference Champion. At Fresno State he was PCAA Champion 2 times. He coached at University HS in San Diego and at Madera HS where he won 7 league championships and 2 Valley Championships. He coached 55 league, 32 Section and 7 State Champions. He officiated wrestling for many years.

KENT OLSON - wrestled at Mt. San Antonio College and Cal State Fullerton where he was a 2-time letterman. He coached high school wrestling for 31 years; at Lemoore HS he was 331-32-1 with 16 Valley and 13 Division Championships and 4 CIF State Champions. As head wrestling coach at West Hills College, his teams have won 3 Conference and 2 Regional Championships. He has been named the wrestling coach of the year 7 times. He now serves as the President of California Community College Wrestling.

NICK QUINTANA - poured the foundation for what was and still is one of the toughest small schools (Selma HS) in the state. He won 9 straight Division II Valley Championships and a CIF Section Championship between 1985-93 with 4 Top-10 finishes at the CIF State Tournament including a 2nd place -- with 3 champions. Started Selma Freestyle Wrestling Club & wrestling at Roosevelt School.

ADAM TIRAPELLE - was an outstanding high school wrestler, winning 4 league and CIF Section Championships, 3 at Hiram Johnson and 1 at Buchanan HS. Adam was a 3-time finalist at the State CIF Championships, winner of 2. He attended the University of Illinois where he is career record holder for falls and runner-up for wins with 127. Adam was a 3-time All-American, a Big-10 Conference Champion and NCAA Division I Champion. He has coached with his Dad, Steve, for the past 10 years at Clovis HS.

STEVE TIRAPELLE - wrestled at Ponderosa HS and at American River College and Humboldt State University where he became a NCAA Division II All-American. He started his coaching career at Hiram Johnson HS in Sacramento and is now in his 17th year at Clovis High School. His coaching record includes 23 league championships, 23 State Champions and over 30 state finalists. His teams have won six State CIF Championships. Steve is very proud of his three sons who have won eight State Championships.



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JEFF BARKSDALE - was a standout wrestler at Chaffey High School where he won both the CIF Southern Section and State Championship his senior year. Jeff attended Cal Poly where he became an NCAA Division II All-American. Jeff coached at San Luis Obispo High School and also coached the Gold Medal Wrestling Club for 20 years. He also founded the Meathead Wrestling Club and has been a coach and program director for the past 10 years. During this time the Meathead Wrestling Club has raised over \$200,000 to support wrestling in the Central Coast area and introduced wrestling for the first time to over 600 kids.

RAYMOND HERNANDEZ - wrestled at Corcoran High School and was a two-time league champion, team captain, and CIF Division Champion. He was a conference champion at College of the Sequoias and continued his wrestling at San Francisco State University where he was a Far Western Conference Champion and team captain. Raymond coached at Mt. Whitney HS for 13 years and his team won a league championship. He coached many individuals to league titles, and section or divisional titles. He became the coach at Buchanan HS and then Wilson Middle School in Exeter. He was a club coach many years with California USA Wrestling.

HOWARD MCCARLEY - wrestled at Fremont High School in Sunnyvale and continued at Foothill College. After serving our country in the Air Force for four years, he began a 40-year career officiating wrestling. He officiated all of the major tournaments in the Fresno area including the Doc Buchanan and Zinkin Tournaments. He also officiated 13 State CIF Championships and was a CIF Evaluator of Officials for five years. He moved to Idaho where he continued officiating wrestling and has officiated their regional tournaments and the Idaho State Tournament. Howard also officiated football in the Fresno area for 34 years.

GARY MEISSNER - At Whittier College he received a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education and Master's Degree in Education. He began coaching there as freshman football coach and head wrestling coach. After 6 years at Bolsa Grande High School, Gary became the head wrestling coach at Cuesta College and had a very successful career with the Cougars in an outstanding program as evidenced by the performance of the wrestlers on the mat and as students. His teams won 7 league titles and he coached over 60 state community college placers. In 1980 his team won the California Community College Small College Division Championship.

DOUG PERRIN - wrestled at Highland High School in North Bakersfield and won the CIF Central Section Championship. Doug was assistant coach at Cuesta College and Atascadero High. In 1980 he started the Arroyo Grande Youth Wrestling Program which has involved over 1000 kids. His 40-year career as a wrestling official since 1975 includes 30 CIF-SS Division Tournaments, 20 CIF-SS Masters Meets and 3 CIF State Meets. He officiated community college and Cal Poly matches for several years and was evaluator of officials at the State Meet for the past 5 years. He was President of the Southern California Wrestling Officials Association.

DAN PRY - was a Southern Section CIF Champion in 1985, then wrestled for Cal Poly's National Championship team. He coached for 9 years at Newberry Park HS and earned the Distinguished Service Award at the 1984 Olympics. When Dan came to Atascadero HS in 1983, they had not won recognition in wrestling for many years. Since his arrival they have won the league championship almost every year and won 7 CIF individual and dual meet championships and been runners-up 6 times. He coached 148 CIF-SS medalists and 7 CIF State Placers. He has built, established and nurtured a framework for wrestling in the Atascadero community.

HOWARD ZINK - wrestled at North Salinas HS and Hartnell Junior College where he was conference champion and Outstanding Wrestler, and Cal Poly. He coached at Washington Union HS with a career record of 328-113-2. He developed a small school into a wrestling powerhouse, winning 6 CIF Sequoia-Sierra Section Championships. He has coached 13 league championship teams, 53 individual CIF Central Section Sequoia-Sierra Championships and 13 CS Masters Champions. Howard was on the CIF State Wrestling Advisory Committee for 6 years, was a league representative to the CIF for 18 years, and was an assistant football coach for 17 years.



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ALAN ALBRIGHT - was a two-time CIF Southern Section Champion and a high school All-American at Norwalk HS. He was 72-0 in his junior-senior seasons and was a high school National Freestyle Champion. In 1971 he was 3rd in the World Freestyle Championships. Alan was a Big-8 Conference Champion and NCAA D1 All-American. He coached BYU to WAC league championships.

QUINCY CLARK - was 7th in the CIF State Championships at Lincoln HS in San Diego. At San Diego State he was a NCAA All-American in 1992. He transferred to Univ. of Oklahoma and placed 2nd in the NCAA D1 Championships. Quincy was 8th. at the 1998 World Greco-Roman Championships, was Silver Medalist at the Pan Am Games, and was in the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

MARK GERARDI - won the San Diego Section championship all four years at Valhalla HS. He won the CIF State Championship three times (1985-87) and was San Diego's Wrestler of the Year those three years. Mark set a high school record by winning 128 matches in a row and was a First Team HS All-American. He won All-American status at Notre Dame University as a freshman.

SCOTT GLABB - wrestled at Pacific University in Oregon, and then at Eastern Washington University. He began coaching at Marina HS and has been at Santa Ana HS since. His teams won their first league title in 1993, 19 undefeated league championships, a CIF Div. III Dual Meet Championship in 1996, and a total of 12 CIF Dual and Division Championships. His record is currently 357-63.

RAY HAAS - wrestled at Ohio State University. He was the 1964 Freestyle and Greco-Roman Olympic Trials Champion. Ray coached at Kennedy HS for five years, winning three league championships. He became head coach at Cypress College in 1967, with a record of 73-3-1, 11 Conference and Regional championships, and five-time runners-up at CA Community College Championships.

TOM HAZELL - wrestled at Inglewood HS and was a CA Community College Champion at El Camino College. At Oklahoma State he was the Big-8 Conference Champion in the heavyweight division and a two-time All-American. Tom was a Pan American Games Champion and placed second in the 1976 Olympic Trials. He was a Silver Medalist at the Tbilisi Tournament in Russia. After serving as an assistant coach at Oklahoma State, he coached at West Torrance HS and at El Camino College for a total of 23 years.

SCOTT HEATON - was a high school All-American at San Luis Obispo HS with a record of 113-8. He placed second in the 1975 CIF State Championships, and he was Champion in 1976. At Cal Poly, his career record was 136-19-1, and he still has the record for most career wins and pins (55). He placed third in the NCAA Div. 1 Championships, and he was the nation's top-ranked 167-pounder in his senior year. Scott won four NCAA Western Regional Championships, and he was a NCAA First Team All-American.

VINCE SILVA -wrestled at Santa Maria HS and was a CIF-Southern Section Champion, placing fourth in the State Championships. At Oklahoma State, he was a "walk-on" who became a three-year starter and a team captain. He was an assistant coach at Nebraska and at Minnesota before coaching at Santa Ana College where he won the 2005 CACC Championship and was Coach of the Year.

SHANE VALDEZ - was in the CIF State Championship finals three times at Calvary Chapel in Santa Ana, winning a State Championship in 1994. He was a Senior National HS Champion and a First Team HS All-American. At the University of Oklahoma, he was a Big-12 Conference Champion and a three-time NCAA Div. 1 All-American. He coached high schools and at University of Nebraska.

BOB WALKER - at Fountain Valley HS, he was a 3-time League Champion, a CIF Division Champion and 3rd in CIF-SS Masters Meet. He was a two-time Junior National Greco-Roman Champion and a Junior World Champion. At Alabama, Bob was Southeastern Conference Champion 3 times. He was 2nd in the 1976 Olympic Trials, was the National Open Champion and 2nd in Pan Am Games.



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JOSE (JOE) BERRIOS - was a standout wrestler at Montclair HS, placing 2nd in the SAL League twice. At Chaffey College he was 3rd twice in the Mission Conference. After wrestling at Humboldt State, he began 30+ years of coaching at Victor Valley HS where they won the State Championships in 1987 and the Southern Section in 1990. He worked in Victorville's freestyle club for many years.

JOHN BERESFORD - started the wrestling program at Rim of the World HS where his teams won 16 league championships and 2 CIF Division championships. He coaches 2 CIF-SS Master champions, and his teams placed 8th in the CIF State Championships in 1990 and then 6th in 1991. John retired from coaching in 1993, but he was a wrestling coach advisor for 10 more years.

DENNIS DOWNING - at Bell Gardens HS, he was a 3-year letterman, team captain and most outstanding wrestler, 3rd in the CIF Southern Section. At Cerritos College, he was a 2-time State finalist. At Cal Poly he was league runner-up, NCAA D2 National Champion and All-American. He coached at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo HS, Merced HS and then Sierra HS for 27 years.

ROBERT FISCHER - coached at El Segundo HS and at Simi Valley HS where his football and wrestling teams won league titles. He was a wrestling coach and official for over 35 years, one of the founders of the Southern California Wrestling Officials Association. Bob officiated CIF State Championships, CIF-SS Masters, NCAA D1 dual matches and conference events. In the 1970's, he served as the state wrestling rules interpreter and was the state representative on the National Federation Rules Committee.

JOE FOX - was 3rd and 2nd in State HS Championships at Osage, Iowa. At the University of Northern Iowa, he wrestled in the NCAA Div.1 Championships. After coaching in Wisconsin, Joe won two league titles at Newport Harbor HS. He was a long-time official including CIF State Championships, and he was instructional chairman for OCWOA and for the CIF Southern Section.

JERRY MATSUMOTO - won 3 National AAU Masters Sambo Championships and was a Masters World Sambo Champion. Jerry coached at 5 San Diego area high schools and started the Chula Vista Badgers Wrestling Club which produced 10 State freestyle and greco-roman champions and 25 State placers. He officiated the Pan Am Games, 10 National Open Championships, AAU and FILA.

JIM McCRILLIS - was a State Placer on teams in New Hampton, Iowa, that finished 3rd, 2nd place twice and won the State HS Championship before wrestling at Iowa State and at the University of Northern Iowa. Jim coached at Bolsa Grande HS for 6 years, winning a league title and taking 5th in the inaugural CIF State Tournament in 1973 for which he was named Orange County Coach of the Year. He has officiated 43 years at the high school and collegiate level, serving 20 years as instructional chairman for SCWOA.

RALPH STANSBURY - was 2nd in the CIF Southern Section for Westminster HS. He was a team captain there and then at Golden West College and later at Long Beach State University where he was a NCAA Div. 1 coaches' honorable mention All-American. He was the first LBSU wrestler to win a NCAA D1 match. Ralph officiated in Orange County for 25 years, and officiated 18 consecutive CIF State Championships and 7 CA Community College State Tournaments. He is a past president of the OCW Officials Association.

KAREN TUFNELL - has been an extremely dedicated mother and since 1990 an avid wrestling supporter. She was president of the Wrestling Booster Club at Brethren Lutheran HS and later at Calvary Chapel HS where her son Andy was a CIF State Placer. Karen has been tournament director of many Orange County, CIF Masters and State Championships, CCCAA and Pac-10 events.

JIM WARREN - coached 14 years at Ganesha and Estancia High Schools with 125 wins. He has officiated for 42 years, beginning in Orange County in 1969. He officiated NCAA Division 1, 2 and 3 Championships and all major collegiate conference championships. Jim served as an evaluator of officials at four NCAA Div. 1 Championships, and he started collegiate dual meet tournaments where teams wrestled 8 matches on 2 days. He also organized cultural exchange teams to New Zealand and to Japan.



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JESSE BARAJAS - at Stagg HS and Delta College in Stockton, he was an outstanding wrestler and artist. He wrestled and graduated from San Francisco State, then became head wrestling coach at Overfelt HS in San Jose where they won league and section championships and the CIF State Championship in 1979. His outstanding wrestling art work has added greatly to the tradition and legacy of California high school wrestling. He has many murals on gymnasium and wrestling room walls.

GREG CHAPPEL - He has been head wrestling coach at Liberty HS in Brentwood for the past 36 years, winning 5 CIF North Coast Section team titles, 3 NCS Dual titles and 22 League Championships with a record of 407-77-4. He has coached 145 individual League Champions, 42 Section Champions, 26 State Medalists and 4 CIF State Champions. Greg has served as the Head Coach of the California National Teams the past 22 years, and was the Team Leader to the Cadet World Championships in 2013.

AFSOON (ROSHANZAMIR) JOHNSTON - a pioneer of women's wrestling in the U.S., she was the first and only girl wrestler on teams at Independence HS and at UC Davis. She made her first U.S. Senior National Team while still in high school. At the 1989 World Championships, she was the first American woman to win a world medal when she captured the bronze. She was on four U.S. World Teams, and she coached the U.S. Woman's Senior Team and the U.S. Woman's Team at the 2016 Olympic Games.

JAMILL KELLY - at Atwater HS he placed 4th at the CIF State Tournament. In 1996 he placed 2nd in the Espoir Nationals. Jamill attended Oklahoma State and was a 3-time letterman, team captain and Big-12 Conference finalist. In 2001 he was the University Champion and Pan Am Silver Medalist. In 2004 he was U.S. Open Champion, placed 1st in the U.S. Olympic Trials and was the Silver Medalist in the Olympic Games. Jamill was a national U.S. Team member and 2-time World Team member.

DEREK MOORE - in Redding at Shasta HS, he placed 7th as a junior and 5th as a senior at the CIF State Championships. At UC Davis, he was a 2-time PAC-10 Champion and the university's first NCAA Division 1 Champion in any sport. He was voted the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the 2007 NCAA Wrestling Tournament, and selected as PAC-10 Male Athlete of the Year.

ANTHONY PALOMINO - at Independence HS in San Jose, he was a league and Central Coast Section champion, placing 3 times at the CIF State Tournament: 5th as a sophomore, 3rd as a junior, and a Champion as a senior in 1993. He coached at Independence HS, one of only two to have won the state tournament as a wrestler and then coached that team to a State CIF Championship in 1995. He coached 28 CCS Section Champions, 26 state medalists and 10 State CIF Champions. His family has won 7 state championships.

MARCO SANCHEZ - a 1988 graduate of Independence HS and CIF State Wrestling Champion, he was a 3X Junior National All-American and a Greco-Roman National Champion. Marco was a 2X NCAA All-American and PAC-10 Champion at Arizona State University. He won 3 U.S. Olympic Festival gold medals, placed at the U.S. National Open Tournament 4 times, and was a Freestyle and Greco Roman University National Champion. Marco represented Puerto Rico in the Atlanta Olympic Games.

STEVE SIROY - at Arroyo HS, he was a league, NCS Section and Northern California Invitational Champion. At Chabot College he was a 1973 Community College State Champion and 2X All-American. At UCLA he was team captain and a PAC-8 finalist. Steve was a National Judo Champion, a 3X Sambo Pan American Champion, and Bronze Medalist in the Sambo World Games. Undeclared for 7 years in Sambo, he was a Sports Festival Champion. He has been the head wrestling coach at Chabot for the past 33 years.

CASEY STRAND - He was a 4X League Champion, a 3X NCS Section Champion at College Park HS, a 3X finalist and 2X CIF State Champion and in 1994, 68-0 as a senior. At the state tournament he was also named the Champion of Champions. He set a national record for high school wins with 228. He was the ASICS, AWW, USA Today, WUSA and USAW All-American. Casey wrestled for Arizona State University and was a 2X PAC-10 Champion and a NCAA Division I All-American with 126 college wins.

DON WILLIAMS - In 1981-82 he was a 2X Far Western Conference Champion and a 2X NCAA Division II All-American at Chico State. He earned 1982 All-American honors in both wrestling and diving within 2 weeks. Don coached wrestling plus swimming and diving for 28 years at Anderson HS with 20 league titles, 6 Northern Section Championships, 32 CIF Northern Section Masters Champions, 15 state medalists, 6 state finalists, and 2 State Champions. In 2002 he was California State Coach of the year.



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VIC ANASTASIO - at San Francisco's Archbishop Riordan HS, Vic was a League Champion, and he became head wrestling coach there at age 20, coaching 26 years with 52 league champions, 38 CCS Section placers, and 4 CIF State medalists. He was President of Bay Area Wrestling Association for 13 years, a board member for 13 more. He led Cultural Exchanges trips to Japan, USSR, Canada.

HOWARD BRYANT - has been involved in wrestling for 60 years as a wrestler, matchmaker, scorekeeper, and official. He wrestled at Santa Cruz HS and Cal Poly, placing 2nd in the Western Regional Olympic Qualifying Tournament. He was a Far-Western Freestyle Champion. Howard officiated for 40 years for high schools and colleges, and was head scorekeeper at many CIF tournaments.

KERMIT BANKSON - Albany HS coach for 39 years starting in 1970, with a dual meet record of 458-124 and 50 placers in Section Tournaments, including 20 CIF State medalists. His teams won 20 championships in 7 different leagues and placed 2nd in the CIF North Coast Section. He started the Albany Invitational Tournament and hosted it for 25 years, with his team winning 8 times.

AL FONTES - State Editor of the California Wrestler Newsletter the past 22 years. Selected as the Wrestling Editor of the Year for Wrestling USA Magazine. Al coached 25 years at Livermore HS, Antioch HS, Liberty HS and for Tri-Valley Wrestling Club and Delta Wrestling Club. He was CA Team Leader at NHSCA Senior Nationals; received the Irv Olinder Award for contributions to California.

GARY GARCIA- A 4- time NCS Section medalist at James Logan HS, Gary was a 2- time Community College All-American at Chabot College. He coached at Watsonville HS 35 years and won 14 league titles, a CIF Central Coast Section Championship, placing 5th at the State Tournament. He coached 20 CCS champions, 2 State champions, 3 State finalists and 7 State medalists.

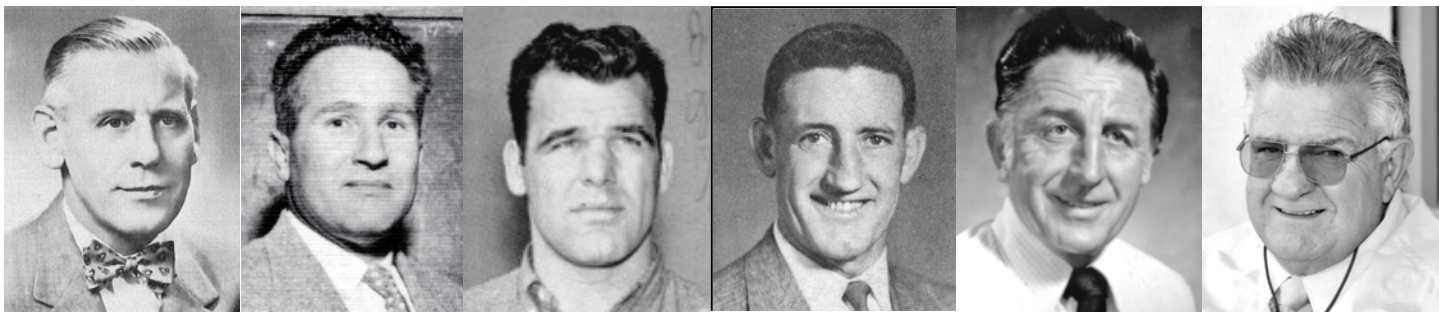
RAY JIMENEZ- A 4-year varsity starter and 2-time league champion and a CIF Section Champion at Andrew Hill HS in San Jose, with a record of 112-27. Ray coached wrestling at James Lick HS for 42 years, hosted California USA Wrestling tournaments for 29 years, and hosted the Lynn Dyche Classic for 24 years. He started the Comet Wrestling Club and was league representative 15 years.

LARRY KATZ - was a 3-year starter at Purdue University, a team captain, NCAA Qualifier and the team's Most Outstanding Wrestler. He was Director of the CIF North Coast Section Tournament for 22 years and for 25 years at the Mission San Jose Tournament. Larry's statistical expertise has improved the CIF Bracketing, seeding balance, and removing inequities at the State tournament. He also directed the Northern California Community College Regional Tournament 5 times, and the CC State Tournament 3 times.

STEVE PAGE - He coached at Granada HS and coached there for 9 years. Steve coached at Livermore HS for 11 more years, with a coaching record of 259-38-3, producing 98 league champions, 7 CIF Section champions and 6 State medalists. A founder of the Tri-Valley Wrestling Club in 1973, he was President of Bay Area Wrestling Association and involved with BAWA for 22 years.

BRUCE SHELTON - He wrestled at Oak Grove HS and returned to coach there for the past 35 years. Bruce has coached 107 league champions, 35 CIF Central Coast Section Champions and 22 State placers. He has been on the national coaching staff for 17 years and a Cadet World Team coach for 2 years. His Soaring Eagles Wrestling Club produced 407 Santa Clara Valley champions, 94 Kids State champions, 73 Cadet State champions, 59 Western Region champions, 8 Cadet National champions and 4 Junior National champions.

THOMAS THOMSEN - A 3-time league champion at Castro Valley HS, he was team captain and undefeated his junior and senior years. The 3-time State qualifier was 2nd as a junior and Champion as a senior at CIF North Coast Section. He has coached at Mission San Jose HS the past 29 years, with his teams winning 3 league titles and placing in the Top 10 of the North Coast Section tournament 10 times. He has hosted the Mission San Jose Tournament the past 26 years, and he served on the CIF Advisory Board for 4 years.



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DR. AL DeFERRARI - rose to the rank of Vice President of the international wrestling federation (FILA), where he led the fight for a visible scoring system and also for the "controlled fall" rule which recognized a pin only when the offensive wrestler had done something to cause it. Al made decisions and rules to improve the quality of international wrestling when countries tried for advantages.

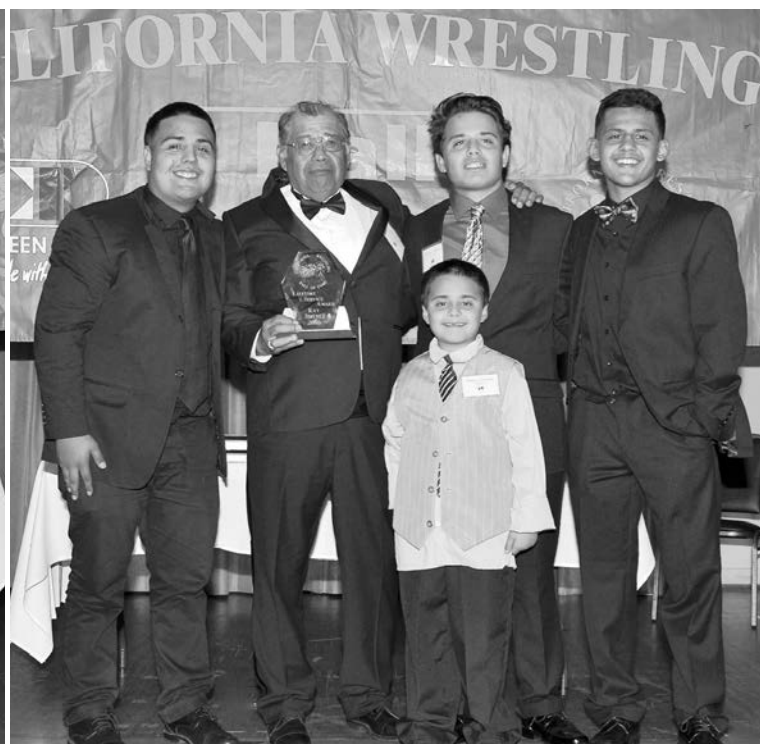
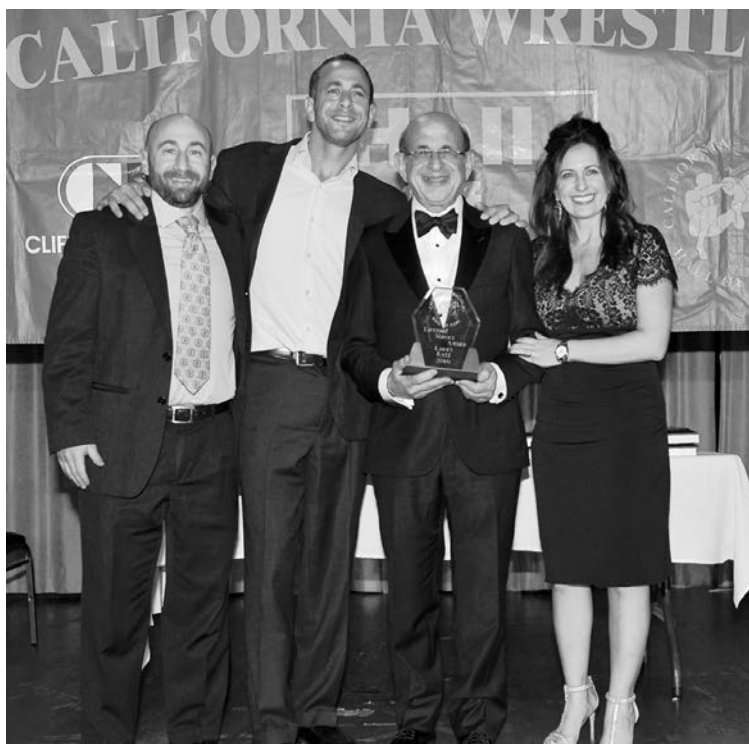
JACK FIEBIG - was an original member of the Northern California Wrestling Coaches Association, serving as treasurer for 20 years. Jack coached at Santa Cruz HS for 15 years before moving to Capachino HS in San Bruno where he coached for another 15 years. He had many league championship teams and individual champions at both schools, including 3 Northern California Invitational champs.

GEORGE GALLI - after lettering in football at USC for 3 years, George coached wrestling and football at Pleasant Hill HS where his teams won the Northern California Championships in 1960 and 1961. After coaching football at Miramonte HS, Utah State and St. Mary's, he coached wrestling at Pittsburg HS from 1971-75 when his team won another Northern California Championship.

MARTIN OLAVARRI - the top-ranked official in the 1950's and early 60's, Martin coordinated Bay Area officials and served as the head official. he was the original assigner of officials and President of the Northern California Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association for 20 years, conducting many clinics. An award named for him is now given to outstanding high school or college coaches.

JOHN PHILLIPS - started the wrestling program at Lincoln HS in 1954, then went to La Sierra HS in 1963 where he coached wrestling and JV football. He was Head Coach until the school closed in 1984. His teams won many CVC League Championships. He was honored by CIF Sac Joaquin Section for 20 years of service, and co-directed the CIF State Tournament at Amer. River College in 1977.

RICHARD SWIFT - was a league, CIF Section and 2-time Northern California Invitational Champion at Mission San Jose HS. He was Athletic Director at Newark HS which merged with Memorial HS for 20 plus years from 1978 until his untimely death, the longest tenured coach in the East Bay. He directed CIF North Coast Section Championships for 9 years, Ironman Invitational for 25 years.



Here are two of last year's Lifetime Service Award honorees with family members.



Here are some of last year's California Wrestling Hall of Fame honorees at the ceremony.



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