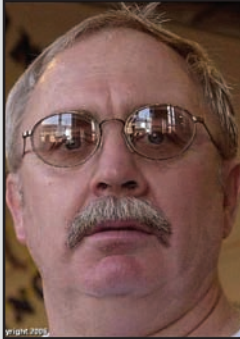




2006 State Person-of-the-Year Awards



Phil Shultie
Georgetown, Delaware

Phil Shultie is a former wrestler under Head Coach Herm Bastianelli at Sussex Central High School. He graduated from Sussex Central in 1971, and was a Henlopen Conference Champion along with a 3rd place finisher in the 1971 state wrestling tournament. He then wrestled at Upper Chian State. He took over as head wrestling coach in 1977. Phil made history along with Jack Holloway, coach of Tower Hill School on Wednesday, January 4, 2006, when they achieved their 360th career win in Delaware wrestling.



Judy Rider
Hollister, California

Judy Rider has been involved in California wrestling since 1980. She has been a Pairing Master at state and national tournaments for California USA wrestling, and has been the Pairing Master for all of the Matur Cusaw Tournaments. She is also the president of the San Bernito School District Board.



William Archer
Huntington, West Virginia

Coach William Archer is retiring after 35 years at Huntington High School. He has a 465-83 record with 25 Regional Championships and 25 State Champions. He was National High School Wrestling Coach of the Year in 1999.



Bill Sutter
Goodhue, Minnesota

Bill Sutter became the third high school wrestling coach in the nation to earn 700 career varsity wins this season. Bill's Wildcats have won two Minnesota Class A State titles, and he has been honored by his peers by a record three times as State Coach of the Year.



Dr. John Hosage
Mountaintop, PA

Dr. Hosage has served the PIAA as the head official for over 25 years. He is the Pennsylvania Rules Interpreter and serves on the NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee. John is highly respected for his knowledge of the rules and for his willingness to provide leadership at each and every PIAA Wrestling Championship.



Greg Grater
Green, Kansas

The late Greg Grater held the offices of State Director Elect (1984), State Kids Director (1985) and State Tournament Director (1987-88).

"Greg was totally committed to providing the best opportunities possible for the youth interested in wrestling," said USA Wrestling's State Chairperson for Kansas, Mike Juby. "I learned fairly quickly that he was a highly focused man who would not accept less than the best for the wrestlers of our state."



Homer King
Salisbury, Maryland

Homer King has been instrumental in the growth and development of the sport in a remote and underdeveloped area of Maryland. He was a driving force behind the funding of a local youth wrestling organization. Through his efforts and funding the Eastern Shore of Maryland is finding success in events in the three state areas of Maryland, Delaware and Virginia.

The past two years Homer hosted in-season clinics featuring Lloyd Keaser and Wade Schalles.



Bob Preusse
Cleveland, Ohio

Bob Preusse has been director of the elite IRONMAN tournament in Ohio for the last six years. Previously, he was a director for the Reno Tournament of Champions in Nevada for four years. For the last decade he has been the high school columnist for *Amateur Wrestling News*. He has also been a regular contributor to *Wrestling USA Magazine*. Bob works year round for the benefit of wrestlers and our sport.



Brad Macha Lafayette, Louisiana

Brad Macha is a four-time Louisiana State Champion and 1995 USRW First Team All-American, and has dedicated himself to furthering wrestling in Louisiana. He is an assistant high school coach, Team Louisiana Coach, Cajun Wrestling Club President/Coach, and is involved with the positive promotion of wrestling throughout Louisiana.



Eric Van Kley Great Falls, Montana

Coach Van Kley entered his 2nd season in 2005-06 as head coach of the University of Great Falls' Wrestling Program. His inaugural squad in 2004-05 rolled to a 7-3 dual record with memorable wins over national contenders Simon Fraser, the University of Mary, and Western Wyoming. The wrestling program's motto of "The Sky Is the Limit" couldn't have been more accurate as the Argos capped off a phenomenal first season with five All-Americans and a "Top Ten" finish at the NAIA National Tournament. They currently are ranked fourth in the NAIA and finished the dual season 9-6.



Mark Uyl Lansing, Michigan

Mark Uyl's leadership and dedication as a director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association is greatly appreciated by the Michigan coaches.



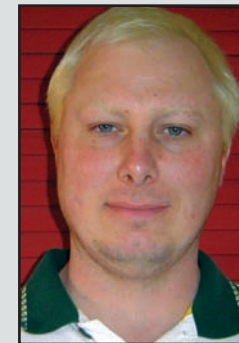
Ken Mara Tennessee

After 35 years officiating, Ken Mara will leave the ranks of active officials and a legacy hard to equal. He refereed in 20 Division I national tournaments including 19 finals and 28 state high school tournaments. Whether it was winning a state championship in high school or competing in college, Mara has been on the mats for over 40 years. Known for his knowledge of the sport, his unbiased calls, his ability to react to action, and his stability in times of crisis, Mara has demonstrated a commitment of professionalism to the sport. Already a mentor of others and fortunately for Tennessee, he has also committed to share his expertise by helping to train and maintain the next generation of officials. Our state thanks Ken for his service and his wife Kathy Mara and their three daughters: Kristy, Kary, and Mandy for sharing him with us.



Brian Urquhart Methuen, Massachusetts

Brian Urquhart's association with Massachusetts wrestling began as a college wrestler at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in 1968. His 38 years in the sport include coaching, officiating and administration at both the high school and college levels. With his retirement, his tireless dedication to wrestling will be missed.



Mitch Domagala Battle Mountain, NV

Mitch has been the head coach at Battle Mountain High School for the past 12 years, compiling an overall dual record of 232-84-3. His team was 15-3 in duals this year and won its 6th straight team title at the State Championships where he had four individual champions and 10 place winners. Throughout his career he has coached 32 state champions and three high school All-Americans.



Tim Ostrye New England

Fiercely competitive, Tim has served as a terrific role model for wrestlers. Fellow coaches dreaded having to face Brunswick boys because they are so tenacious and focused. His teams have always been among the best coached squads in the association. Brunswick's outstanding success, year in and year out, has served as a tribute to the quality of his coaching. The constant challenging of his wrestlers to do their best on the mat has allowed them to go beyond what they ever thought possible. With seven Western New England Championships, he leaves little doubt as to who has mastered the sport.



Kevin Whelan Homestead, Florida

Kevin Whelan is one of the hardest workers Florida wrestling has had in years. He is on the Florida Amateur Wrestling Board of Directors, he can be seen pairing as he continually donates his time to all Local and State events. Kevin is the assistant Coach at South Dade High School and Head Coach at Homestead Middle School. He is a true wrestling person that can always be found giving his time to the sport of Wrestling.



Scott Doodale Jackson, New Jersey

Scott has coached Jackson to the number nine ranking team in the USA, and is 2x New Jersey Coach of the Year in 2005 and 2006.



Gerry deSImas Connecticut

Gerry provides the state of Connecticut with credible information through his Web site, Connecticut Wrestling Online, where readers can get the latest scores, statistics and articles on Connecticut wrestling. Gerry has also compiled historical data and created the Connecticut state high school wrestling record book. He has been covering high school wrestling in the state for daily and weekly newspapers for 24 years. Connecticut Wrestling Online can be found at homestead.com/CTwrestling7/index1.html.