

**MAINE**

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It was certainly a gala event that captured the true essence of the world's oldest sport at the 2002 Maine Amateur Wrestling Alliance Hall Of Fame banquet last spring.

Inductees included Steve Nokes, Domingo Cumpian, Steve Sabine, Skowhegan H.S. and Jayson 'Jake' Allain. The honor was three-fold for Nokes because in addition to his mat skills, he earned respect as a coach and contributor. It's the first time an individual was recognized in all three cate-

gories.

Nokes (Rumford) paid his dues early on, but stuck with the sport and eventually proved untouchable in Maine en route to winning Class A state championships in '76-77, also placed second and third respectively, in the New England championships.