



2002 State Man-of-the-Year Award



Charles Jones
Arizona

Official - Over the past 26 years Charles has been a member of the Arizona Wrestling Officials Association and has helped to train and develop many officials. He has served as president, a board member, and head official for USA Arizona Wrestling. He has worked over 20 divisional and 15 state tournaments, Jr. National and the US Open. The two biggest events of his career, was being selected to officiate the PAC 10's and in Russia.



Larry Weigel
Homestead, Florida

Larry started the Homestead Middle School program while donating his time to the South Dade wrestling community. For more than 20 years Larry has been an intricate part of Florida Wrestling. He and his wife Marge have helped many young men to be successful through their energy and donation of their time to the sport of wrestling in Florida.



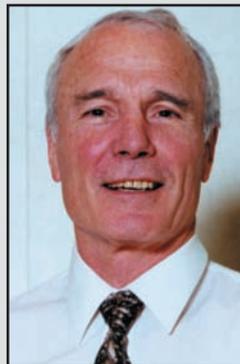
Dickey Wright
Homewood, Alabama

Teacher/Coach - Coach Wright's team overcame several obstacles to repeat as state champions again this year, sickness, injuries, a late start because of being in the state football finals, defeating a tough Gardendale team who the week before beat them for the section title. It is because of his great leadership and coaching skills they won the state title, and he is being awarded WUSA Magazine's State Man of the Year for Alabama.



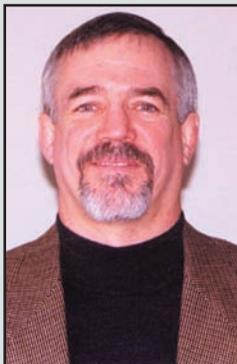
William Morris
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Teacher/Coach - William started the wrestling program at McKinley High school over 20 years ago. He is very active in youth and USA Wrestling. Coach Morris capped a distinguished career when his team won the Louisiana State Championship this year in Division II.



Jim Root
Saratoga, California

Coach - 39 years of high school (Westmont) and community college (West Valley) coaching. Active promoter of wrestling, president elect of the California Wrestling Hall of Fame. Jim has a 32 team tournament named after him as a result of his efforts in the wrestling community, "The Jim Root Wrestling Classic".



Ed Hanley
Brighton, Massachusetts

Engineer - The amateur wrestling community of Massachusetts is proud to recognize Ed Hanley as "Man of the Year." Ed was a two-time New England Intercollegiate champion and All-American at MIT. Ed has quietly and unselfishly given of his wrestling talent over the past 25 years. He has organized, coached and officiated hundreds of Freestyle and Greco-Roman tournaments around the world. Thank you for your tireless commitment to wrestling.



Steve Sentes
Cape Coral, Florida

Project manager, So. Florida Water Management District - Florida NHSCA State Director, started Pinnacle Tourney, led 300+ wrestlers to 1st place state team finish in 2001 NHSCA National Open; Built series of folkstyle tourneys in spring and fall where 1,800 wrestlers compete in 20 events. Developed team Florida Foundation awarded nearly \$10,000 in scholarship money in 2001 to get Florida wrestlers to "national" events; 25 years coaching in wrestling.



Jeff Swenson
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Coach/Assistant/Athletic Director - Jeff was a NAIA All-American three-times from 1977-79. He has coached 118 All-Americans and 27 individual national champions. Under his leadership at Augsburg he earned 19 MIAC team championships and 8 national team titles. He is currently coaching at Rosemount High School. His collegiate coaching record of 268-32 is among the best of active coaches in the nation.



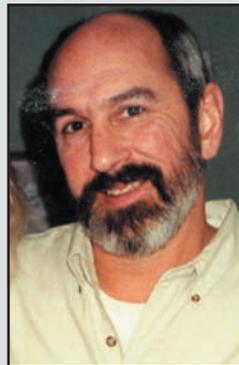
Mike Carnes Gretna, Nebraska

Sports Editor - Mike Carnes created Nebraska Wrestling Illustrated two years ago to give the wrestling community an in-depth alternative to traditional media coverage of our sport. The magazine is a free publication found at www.nwimag.com and has been downloaded over 100,000 times this year alone. A Gretna resident, Carnes has been covering wrestling in Nebraska for over 15 years and has received several state and national awards.



Kenny Walker Summerville, So Carolina

Teacher/Coach - Kenny as a coach for Summerville High School has won 3 state championships in five years; and has an overall record of 103-6. Last year he was the NHSCA Coach-of-the Year for South Carolina and had a 43 unbeaten match streak.



Al Kinerson Kennebunk, Maine

Store Manager/Coach - Al is passionate about wrestling and the student-athletes. He has vowed to see Maine wrestlers represented as a team and his "labor of love" has included transporting/coaching over 150 athletes at the tournaments. Kinerson helped establish the Down East Stormers Wrestling Club. A proud moment was watching his son Ben win a 2002 Class A state championship.



Tom Lehman Middleville, Michigan

Teacher/Coach - Tom is a coach, athletic director, and vice president of the Michigan Coaches Association. His dual meet record is 524-167-7 and his 1996 team won the Division II state title. Tom was named the Coach-of-the Year in 1995 and 1996. Tom also served as director at the Michigan Wrestling Federation for 18 years.



Tom Ryan New York

Coach - Ryan is the head coach at Hofstra University and has guided "The Pride" to a record of 10-6 this season and second place finish in both the NYS Collegiate Championships and the Virginia Duals Wrestling Championships. He is the director of the Elite Wrestling Club on Long Island and has served as head counselor for the past 8 years. He hosts a weekly informational webcast that offers wrestling fans up-to-date information, and is an excellent clinician.



Rob Sherrill Tennessee

Editor - Rob is the editor of a weekly publication which reports details of dual meets and tournaments of high school wrestling. He also ranks the top 35 teams in the state and the top 6 to ten wrestlers in each weight class. He produced and broadcasted, over the internet, 8 tournaments including the state championships. A lover and promoter of the sport, Rob has dedicated countless hours and resources to fans across the state and the south.



Lelan Clark Midwest City, Oklahoma

Coach/Athletic Director - Lelan has had a 32 year coaching career. Teaching at John Marshall and US Grant High Schools. He organized the Little League Program, and directed the Northside YMCA team from 1972 to 1981. His teams won the YMCA Championships and twice captured the title at the Tulsa National Championships. He organized and developed the first Jr. High All-State Wrestling Tournament and has been the director since 1975.



Cael Sanderson Ames, Iowa

Student/Wrestler - Cael has completed his collegiate career at Iowa State University as the only undefeated wrestler in NCAA history. His accomplishments include a 159-0 record, 4 NCAA titles, and 4 outstanding wrestler awards. Cael has been an extremely profound influence on wrestlers of all ages, fans and citizens of the state of Iowa.



John Purnell Reading, Pennsylvania

CEO Brute Wrestling Company - When the PWCA decided to change the format of the Challenge of Champions and introduce a round-robin dual meet format among PA, New York, New Jersey, and Ohio, John, contacted by Tony Iasiello, stepped forward and offered his full resources and assistance to make the event happen. His company is also providing clinicians Brandon Slay and Kendall Cross for the coaches' clinic. Mr. Purnell has been a big supporter of the PA Wrestling Coaches Assoc.



Jude Roth Sandusky, Ohio

Business Manager/Coach - Coached St Mary's Central Catholic High School, for 17 years, 3 team state championships, 4 runner-ups, 5 dual meet state championships, 14 individual state champions, 2001-02 dual meet record 37-2, Ohio state record. He has the most wins in a season. 1995 Division III Coach of the Year.



Michael Bolduc Salem, New Hampshire

Army Reserve/Postal Worker - A great man who loves the sport, led his team Salem, to second place in New Englands and produced two New England champs. An Army Reservist, he was ready to serve his country following the September 11 attacks, even willing to give up coaching for his country.



C.T. Campbell Weatherford, Texas

Coach - Coach Campbell has coached at Weatherford High School for one year, coming from Iowa, and turning the fledging team into a force to be reckoned with, taking second in districts, qualifying 10 wrestlers for regionals and 2 for state. The change in the competitive level of the Weatherford team was truly remarkable. He has been a force in Texas.



Wally C. Devoe Rumford, Maine

Technology Coordinator - Wally has volunteered to be the state finals Meet Director in 2001-2002. The first two years Maine has held state finals for all classes at one venue. Devoe oversees the meet from weigh-ins to the awards ceremony. Since 1990 he has been the northern assignor of wrestling officials. He currently serves as sec./treas. for the Maine Amateur Wrestling Alliance.



Robert Gonzales Topeka, Kansas

Coach - Robert has coached for 17 years at Shawnee Heights High School. He also coaches the Thunderbirds Wrestling Club which he started. He sits on the board with the KWCA, Kansas Coaches Assoc. and NWCA. Coach Gonzales has become the voice of the Kansas Kids State Tournament and KWCA East/West Sr Wrestling Classic, by being the MC. He gives his best to Kansas wrestling.