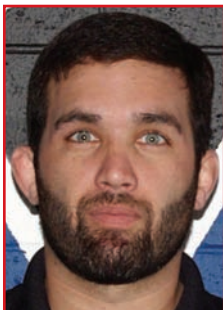


2010 STATE Person-of-the-Year AWARDS



Clif Bakish
Middletown, Delaware

Clif Bakish has been involved with the Middletown Wrestling Club for 16 years since his junior year in high school (1994). He uses the practices for weight cutting time along with going over the technique aspects because he enjoys wrestling and has been the President of the MWC for 9 years. While with MWC, to add to Clif's credentials, he has had 28 individual state champions, 77 state placewinners, 10 district champions, 21 regional qualifiers, 6 national qualifiers, 4 national placewinners and 1 national champion.

In 1997 Clif began coaching at Middletown High School and in 2006 was named the head wrestling coach. Clif has dedicated his time with University of Delaware Wrestling Club where the team was ranked as high as 13th in the nation. Team Delaware has compiled a Team Delaware record of 40-5 with two 3rd place finishes and one 2nd place finish at the AAU Junior Olympic Games.



Rick Tribit
Kissimmee, Florida

Coach Tribit has been Team Leader for Florida at Fargo for the past three years where Florida took second in Greco and its wrestlers won six National titles and 51 All-American honors.

He was inducted into the Florida Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2008 and now sits on its Board of Directors

where he serves as Nominations Chairman and Committee Chair for the Dave Schultz Award for Florida.

He is also an assistant coach at Osceola High in Kissimmee, where the team won the 2009 Class 3A team title and placed second in 2008 & 2010. The Kowboys have had eight individual champions and 24 place winners during his four years there.



Arvid Cullenberg
Farmington, Maine

Arvid has worn numerous hats in the sport since being a competitor in high school and the University of Maine. He also coached at all levels, middle school, HS and Plymouth State College (now PS University) in NH. He is currently an official at all levels. Females were granted approval to wrestle on boy's teams, however, there was little incentive to go on. He felt the time was right and established the Maine Girls HS Invitational Wrestling Championship, which allows participants to compete against the same gender. The consensus thought the idea was a good one and he had experience in putting on tournaments from when having coached and decided to go for it. The event has been well attended, drawn publicity from newspapers and television and he hopes the Maine Principals Association will sponsor it.



Alberto Nieves
Springfield, Massachusetts

Alberto Nieves brings national and international wrestling and coaching experience to the Springfield and Western Massachusetts region.

Alberto, a Pan American Games Place winner is currently the Head Wrestling Coach at Springfield Technical Community College. Alberto has coached 4 All-Americans and 6 Academic All-Americans at Springfield Tech. Two of his teams have earned National NJCAA top-10 finishes.

During the off-season, Alberto and his brother Anibal coach the New England All-Star Wrestling Club where youth, high school, college and open men and women train for folkstyle, freestyle and Greco-Roman completion at local, national and international tournaments.



Anibal Nieves
Springfield, Massachusetts

Anibal Nieves brings national and international wrestling and coaching experience to the Springfield and Western Massachusetts region.

Anibal is a Division I All-American as well as Pan American Games and 1992 and 1996 Olympic participant. Anibal is presently the Head Wrestling Coach at Western New England College. Previously he was Head

Coach at American International College where he coached 5 All-Americans and 16 Academic All-Americans.

During the off-season, Anibal and his brother Alberto coach the New England All-Star Wrestling Club where youth, high school, college and open men and women train for folkstyle, freestyle and Greco-Roman completion at local, national and international tournaments.

The contributions of these up-state New Yorkers to the wrestling scene in Massachusetts is considerable.



Randy Zimmer
Milaca, Minnesota

Randy Zimmer began his wrestling career in Wabasso under Coach Gary Hindt. He continued wrestling at Worthington and SCSU. In 1980, he moved to Milaca and began teaching (30 years) and coaching junior high. In 1987, he became head wrestling coach. Over his 22 year career, he has posted a 500-113 record with nine trips to State as a team. Milaca has sent 77 state entrants, including 42 place winners and four State Champions. More impressively is the tight knit wrestling community which has evolved through the years. He is involved with the wrestlers when they begin as kindergarteners and continues to welcome alumni to practices. During the off season he organizes and runs camps for the wrestlers. Wrestling is part of the family for the Zimmers. His wife, Kris has helped endlessly through the years, he coached his son Zach, and his two daughters, Ali and Jenna were managers.



Jerry Winterton Cary, North Carolina

Jerry Winterton has accomplished legendary records during his tenure as a high school coach. His Cary teams won 19 North Carolina state championships (8 Dual Team and 11 Individual). 26 regular seasons undefeated and a career record of 620-16 at Cary High. Has served on the NC Coaches Board of Wrestling, the NC Coaches Advisory Committee, was named 2008-09 NWCA National Coach of the Year, and 2007-08 NHSCA National Coach of the Year. Selected the 4A NC MAT NEWS Coach of the Year ten times. Served as National Coach of the 2006 Wrestling USA Dream Team. 2004 Inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, NC Chapter. After 32 successful seasons, Winterton has announced that he is stepping down from a joy of his life, working with and guiding young men to success.



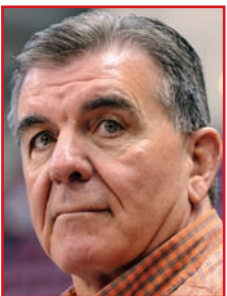
Todd Wickoff Allen, Texas

Texas State Man of the Year is Allen High School's Todd Wyckoff. Wyckoff, a varsity assistant, also heads up the Middle School program, coaching ninety wrestlers from Allen's three middle schools.

Wyckoff not only coaches Allen's middle school wrestlers, but works diligently with middle schools throughout Texas to begin programs. "If Texas wrestling is to continue to grow and eventually compete successfully on a national level, middle school programs must be added", according to Wyckoff. "Great programs have great feeder systems."

Todd served as tournament director for the three largest public middle school tournaments in the state.

Congratulations, Todd.....you are a great pioneer in Texas wrestling.



Randy Umberger Lower Dauphin, Pennsylvania

Randy Umberger is a man who has worn many hats in the wrestling community. He was a very successful wrestler in high school at Lower Dauphin and at the University of Maryland. He has coached in high school and college. He has received numerous awards for his accomplishments.

Randy has also been the athletic director at Lower Dauphin and served as District THREE and SC Regional Tournament for years. He also holds a position on the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee. He is an honored member of the District THREE Wrestling Hall of Fame and serves as a part time PA announcer at these PIAA Championships. His contributions to wrestling in Pennsylvania are exceptional.



Larry Shaw Glen Oak, West Virginia

Coach Larry Shaw Oak Glen "Golden Bears" have won 13 consecutive State Wrestling Championships, a record for all sports in WV. It also ranks Oak Glen tied for 5th nationally for consecutive state team titles as printed in Wrestling USA Magazine. He was also named the "WV A-AA Coach of the Year" seven times.

Over the last 32 years, Larry Shaw has coached 51 state champions, and has compiled a dual record of 330-96-4.

But Coach Shaw's legacy goes far beyond the confines of his practice room or team championships. He cares deeply about the growth of wrestling in West Virginia. Larry has spoken at many wrestling and all-sports functions, emphasizing the many benefits of the mat sport.

In sum, Coach Larry Shaw has always been willing to share his knowledge and coaching expertise with his fellow wrestling coaches throughout the state. Larry Shaw is a "giver," not a taker when it comes to the WV athletes and the sport he loves - WRESTLING.

wrestlingusa.com

- Online Issues
- Back Issues
- Free Trial Issue
- Wrestling Strength Books
- Wrestling News
- High School Rankings

Wrestlers Store
Links to all the top advertisers

Wrestling Camps
Links to wrestling camps
around the country

PLUS A WHOLE LOT MORE!