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Press Release re: NHIAA Hall of Fame

November 15, 2009 - NHIAA HALL OF FAME INDUCTS NINE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS

The 9th Annual NHIAA Hall of Fame Induction will be held on Sunday, November 15, 2009. The event will be held at the Grappone Center in Concord beginning with a reception at 12:30 p.m. Cost of the event is \$45.00. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the NHIAA at 228-8671 or via email to: djobin@nhiaa.org. Please be sure to include a full name and return address in your message. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

The Class of 2009 includes nine individuals who have distinguished themselves serving high school athletics. The inductees include:



Judy Farr
Administrator

Judith G. Farr started her long and successful educational career as a 1968 graduate of Plymouth State College where she obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education. In 1982 she completed her Master's of Education in Physical Education from Plymouth State and returned in the mid-1990's to complete their certification program for principals. Up until her retirement in 2007, Judy spent her entire professional career working for the Winnisquam School District. Her career started in 1968 at Winnisquam High School as a grade 9 – 12 physical education teacher, a position she held until 1996. From 1974 until 1994 her duties also included teaching Health Education. In addition to her teaching duties, Judy assumed the position of athletic director for grades 6 – 12 at Winnisquam Regional Middle/High School. According to James W. Desmarais, this made Judy the first female in the State of New Hampshire to hold the position of athletic director. After her many years of service to Winnisquam, the school district recognized Judy's exceptional administrative and leadership skills by naming her principal of the high school in 1996. In this capacity Judy distinguished herself as one of the top high school principals in the state, being named as runner-up as state principal of the year in 2003. During this time she was very involved with the NH Principal's Association, the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, and the NHIAA.

During her tenure as a teacher and athletic director, Judy coached for over 18 years in the sports of field hockey, girl's basketball, softball, and girls and boys track. As a coach, athletic director, and principal she has been inducted into the Walter Smith Coaches Hall of Fame, NH Coaches Hall of Fame, and was named "Athletic Director of the Year" for Class M in 2004. Currently Judy serves as adjunct faculty at Plymouth State University and continues to serve in numerous capacities with the NHIAA. She has served on many key committees including the NHIAA Council. Judy is currently serving as Chair of the Outdoor Track Committee, a position she has held since 1992.



Patricia Hood
Coach

Patti graduated from Berlin High School where she lettered in three sports. Following a successful high school career, she went on to complete her degree in Physical Education from Plymouth State College (PSC) where she continued her competitive athletic career. A captain on the 1979 Woman's Lacrosse Team, Patti helped them win the New England Regional Division II Championship as the Most Valuable Defensive Player of the Game. Following graduation from PSC, Patti married Robert "Bin" Hood, a well know and still active, high school soccer and basketball official. They have two children, Erik, a graduate of Bates College and Kelly, a sophomore at Dartmouth College. Patti also continued her education completing her Master's Degree from Plymouth State University in 2009. She and Bin currently reside in Berlin, NH. Beginning in 1979, Patti started a long and distinguished teaching career in the elementary and middle schools of Berlin and spending most of her time at Berlin High School. Although a successful Physical Education and Health Instructor for most of her career, Patti spent several years as the athletic director for Berlin High School. During this time she was an active member of the NHIAA, NHADA, and the recipient of the prestigious Clyde Meyerhoefer Memorial Award. In addition to raising a family and teaching,

she successfully coached field hockey at Berlin High School from 1979 – 2000. With an astounding varsity coaching record of 234-86-41, her teams captured four Class I State Championships, three Runner-Up Plaques and appeared in 21 straight NHIAA Field Hockey Tournaments. Some of her many honors include membership in the Berlin High School and Plymouth State College Athletic Hall of Fame. She has coached numerous all star teams and was named the New Hampshire "Field Hockey Coach of the Year" in 1999. A recipient of the Walter A. Smith Coaches Award, she was also named one of the top 50 high school field hockey coaches in the United States by the NFHS in 2000.



Bob Lobel
Contributor

Bob Lobel is being inducted into the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's Hall of Fame as a contributor. Although best remembered for his role as a sportscaster for his many years on the evening news at WBZ-TV in Boston, his ties to the NHIAA and New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletes run deep starting back in the 1970's. Although currently a resident of Massachusetts, Bob called Goffstown his home for many years where he was always seen at sports events supporting his daughter Wynn, an outstanding high school and collegiate athlete. His involvement spanned a variety of sports where he could always be counted on to do a play-by-play or offer commentary for football, basketball, ice hockey, and the state amateur golf tournament. With an undergraduate degree from Kent State University, Bob attended the University of Vermont where he obtained a master's degree. It was there that he started his broadcasting career serving as the Director of Student Activities for the University and working for WJOY in Burlington, Vermont. After moving to New Hampshire Bob went to work for WGIR in Manchester for over five years. During this time he not only had an evening sports talk program, but he spent countless hours providing play-by-play coverage of high school, club, and collegiate sports in a variety of areas. In 1975 WBZ radio in Boston recognized Bob's talent and invited him to do color for the Boston Celtics and to fill in play-by-play for Jonny Most. He also did home color for the Boston Bruins and eventually hosted his own sports talk show. From a start doing weekend shows for WBZ-TV, he was moved to their daily weekday news coverage in 1981. The WBZ sports staff won several Emmy Awards during Bob's tenure with the station. He was even given an Iris Broadcasting Award for his show known as "The Great 80's." Although a co-host with celebrities like Larry Bird, Bobby Orr, and Ted Williams, Bob could often be found hosting the entire Evening News program. Named "Sportscaster of the Year" seven times in Massachusetts, and twice each in New Hampshire and Vermont, Bob has also recently been inducted into the Massachusetts Broadcasters Hall of Fame and the New England Sports Museum Hall of Fame. In spite of his fame and popularity in the Boston media market, Bob will always be remembered for his tireless efforts on behalf of the student-athletes participating in high school programs in New Hampshire.



Jeanne O'Brien
Official

Jeanne O'Brien is a long time resident of Nashua, New Hampshire where she resides with her husband of 28 years Bob. Jeanne and Bob have a daughter who is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and a son who is currently a sophomore at UMass Lowell. Jeanne received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education from Boston University and a Master of Science in Sport Sociology from UNH. Although a resident of Nashua, Jeanne taught in Milford for most of her career before taking a position at Nashua High School North when the city divided into two high schools. Although being inducted for her years of successful achievement as an official, Jeanne attained quite a legacy as a teacher and coach. Her excellence in the classroom was recognized in 1999 when she was named the National Physical Education Teacher of the Year. During her career, she coached both varsity gymnastics and varsity field hockey for 26 years. She has also been a long time contributor to the NHIAA having chaired the Field Hockey Committee for 22 years and served as the assistant chair of the Gymnastics Committee for 25 years. In 2009, Jeanne was selected to represent Section I as a member of the Nation Federation of High School State Associations National Field Hockey Rules Committee. In her capacity as an official, Jeanne has been a USFHA Umpire for 39 years and has worked as a USFHA Level III National Umpire. During her tenure as a high school and collegiate official Jeanne has umpired a Division II and Division III

NCAA Final. Additionally, she has served as the NHFHUA Rules Interpreter, technical umpire for the Junior Olympics, and Umpire Manager for the USFHA National Futures Tournament. In 2009 she managed and trained 318 ball chasers for the BDO Junior World Cup. In spite of her national notoriety, Jeanne is fondly remembered by many field hockey parents in high schools across New Hampshire as the official who conducted a mini-course in field hockey rules for spectators and parents. Prior to most games Jeanne could be found covering the basic, and to most, very confusing rules of the game to make the viewing experience more meaningful. A highly capable and successful official to be sure, but always a master teacher!



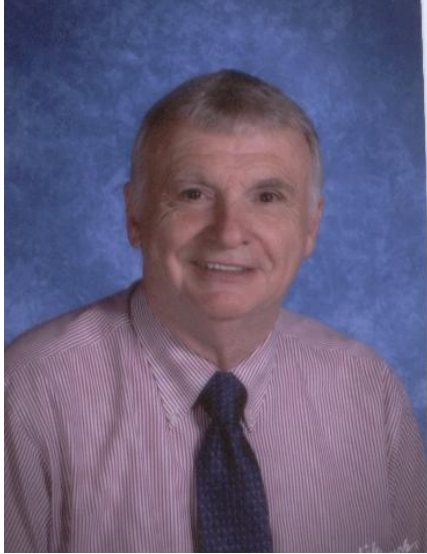
Steve Schubert
Athlete

Steve Schubert is recognized today as one of the unusual success stories in New Hampshire Athletics in that he went on to play professional sports. A student-athlete at Manchester Central High School from 1965 – 1969, Steve excelled in football yet was a four sport athlete in his junior and senior year. As a high school player he was selected as “All State” in football, was the scoring champion for the state, and culminated his high school career by being named the MVP in the N.H./V.T. Shrine Bowl Game. Following high school Steve attended UMass Amherst on a full scholarship. After being named Kodiak All American he graduated with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management. In 1974 he played with the New England Patriots and prior to his retirement in 1979, he played four years with the Chicago Bears. Since leaving football Steve has been inducted into the Manchester Central Hall of Fame, The City of Manchester Hall of Fame, and in 2007 he was inducted into the UMass Amherst Hall of Fame. After his successful athletic career Steve turned to the private sector and has been involved with many charitable organizations. One of his greatest achievements has been conducting a successful Golf Tournament for over thirty years for the benefit of various local youth groups. His efforts and contributions to this event have made over \$800,000 for local youth groups. He and his brother Jim successfully started and Jim continues to operate the Schubert Football Camp. A long time investment broker for Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney in Manchester, Steve has established himself as a successful business man involved in redevelopment of the greater Manchester area, and is the managing partner for the Manchester Wolves Arena Football Team. Most important to Steve however, is his family starting with his wife and high school sweetheart Sandy. Their three children, Stacie, Stephanie, and Scott have given them four wonderful grandchildren. Steve also greatly appreciates the support and efforts of his mother who raised the family after his Dad’s untimely death in 1962. She recently celebrated her 90th birthday.



Eugene Seaver
Official

A lifelong resident of Keene, New Hampshire, Eugene Seaver attended Keene State College for both his undergraduate and graduate degrees. Upon graduating, Gene married and raised two children in the same home in which he and his wife currently reside. They have a son, Michael who is an engineer living on Long Island while their daughter, Stacey, works for a medical company out of Atlanta. Gene began his teaching career at Troy High School where, aside from teaching, he was instructed to coach varsity and junior varsity boy’s and girl’s basketball. With the impending closing of Troy High School, his principal offered him a full complement of baseball officiating equipment to see if he would agree to officiate baseball in the spring. With such a lucrative offer, including a broom and counter, he jumped at the opportunity with the knowledge that he could keep the equipment and take it with him to the new Monadnock Regional High School. Thus started his career in officiating. After a brief stint as an assistant principal in Turner’s Falls, Vermont, Gene was enticed to return to Keene High School where he subsequently took a job as assistant principal. As if that was not enough along with officiating, he also served as the athletic director for Keene High School spanning a period of seven years. Although he technically retired in 1990, he has continued to teach driver’s education at Keene High School while his wife, a retired teacher, has stayed involved in SAT preparation instruction. We honor Gene for his many years of service as an official in the State of New Hampshire. He began officiating basketball and baseball in 1964 affording him a career spanning 45 years. In 1966, Gene also became a certified official in the sport of football. Even after 45 and 43 successive years respectively, Gene continues to actively officiate these sports at the high school level.



Dave Smith
Coach

David Smith, although being inducted as a coach, could easily be inducted into the NHIAA Hall of Fame as an administrator or contributor. With 42 years of coaching various sports, the coaching category is certainly appropriate. Aside from coaching multiple sports Dave has served as a teacher, athletic director, assistant principal, guidance counselor and guidance director, and finally as the Headmaster of Coe-Brown Northwood Academy since 1980. A graduate of Plymouth State College, David has a Master's Degree from the University of Southern Maine and a CAGS from the University of New Hampshire. He has worked at Laconia High School, Alton High and Central Schools, and Austin Cate Academy. Since taking the job of Headmaster at Coe-Brown Northwood in 1980, he has worked there continuously as both an administrator and a coach. During his 42 years of coaching, Dave has coached at the elementary, junior high, and high school level. He has also coached AAU girls basketball and men's softball. At the high school level Dave coached junior varsity and varsity boys basketball and both varsity baseball and soccer. To this day, Dave continues to coach the varsity boy's basketball team at Coe-Brown, a dual responsibility that is rarely, if ever seen in today's world of unrealistic and unrelenting expectations on coaches and especially high school principals. In his spare time, Dave has served on numerous professional committees and organizations, often in a leadership role. He has also served on the Official's Association for both men and women in New Hampshire. A former member of the NHIAA Volleyball Committee, Dave served over 20 years on the NHIAA Basketball Committee, one of the most demanding Committees in the Association. As is typical for Dave, he never once mentioned his success as a coach from the standpoint of wins and losses. One need only look over the records in Class M and S to see how successful Coe-Brown Academy has been in basketball for example. True to form and to his philosophy, Dave is most proud of the many green NHIAA Sportsmanship Banners that hang in his gymnasium. Dave Smith has always been known as someone who measures success by how one plays the game and not by who won.



Karen Wood
Athlete

Born in Tucson, Arizona, Karen and her family moved to New Hampshire where Karen distinguished herself as one of the all-time greatest female basketball players in the state. The daughter of Barbara and Raymond Wood, Karen has four brothers, a sister, and a pet Shitzuh named Tiger Wood. This is an appropriate name for the dog of an avid golfer who scored a hole-in-one as recently as May of 2007. As a standout basketball player for Henniker High School from 1980 – 1984 Karen received a varsity letter for all four years in which she played. Named the MVP in her junior and senior year, Karen scored an incredible 2,700 points during her career playing at Henniker. For her efforts she was named to the NH All Star Team three times and was the MVP in the Alhambra Classic in 1984. Her high school accomplishments also included lettering in softball for four years as a two year MVP, and playing soccer. Following her graduation from Henniker High School, Karen won a four year basketball scholarship to Boston University where she played. Her accomplishments at Boston University included being named to at least two "All Conference" teams and having the distinction of making the first three-point basket in the history of Boston University Women's Basketball. In 1989 Karen relocated to Florida where she has resided ever since. During her 20 year tenure in the Orlando area, she has taught physical education at the elementary school level in four different schools. Throughout her elementary teaching career she has worked extensively in after school programs teaching upper elementary students basketball, health, and track as a coach. Karen has also served as a high school basketball and softball coach at two different Florida high schools. Although having long ago left the cold New Hampshire winters and establishing a busy teaching career in Florida, Karen still remains active and engaged in sports. Aside from her achievement on the golf course she bowls, watches present and past student-athletes play sports, volunteers for the Special Olympics, and is involved in a landscaping business.



Martin "Marty" Zarli
Coach

Upon leaving Rhode Island after high school, Marty attended Plymouth State College where he obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education. Fortunately for the student athletes in New Hampshire, he remained and continues to reside here. During his initial four years of teaching, Marty worked at Nute High School. In 1986 he moved to Moultonborough Academy where he has taught physical education ever since. As a nominee under the category of coach, there are few people who have attained the milestones or gathered the respect that exists for Marty in the field of coaching. During his 27 year tenure as a coach, Marty has coached volleyball at all levels, varsity and junior varsity baseball, junior varsity boys' basketball, alpine skiing, and varsity softball. Today we recognize him primarily for his achievements as a softball coach. Described as being on the cutting edge of softball coaching, Marty has been published in national magazines and conducted coaching clinics and speaking appearances throughout New Hampshire and across the country. His technical expertise is credited with bringing high school softball in New Hampshire to the outstanding level it currently enjoys. Organization is one of his greatest strengths and nowhere was it more evident than during his trademark and highly exciting pre-game ritual. Aside from demonstrating a passion for the sport and his student-athletes Marty amassed an astounding 274 and 83 record between 1990 and 2007. This included seven state Championships, one runner-up plaque, and winning streaks of 52 and 78 (the fourth longest in national history) games. He also takes great pride, especially as a Class S coach, in the fact that he coached three High School All Americans between 1994 and 2002. Marty has held leadership positions in a variety of coaches' associations over the years. He has also received more recognitions than space and time would allow to list. Some of these awards include three "Softball Coach of The Year" Awards, "final four" appearances for 11 straight years out of 18, and recognition as the Class S "Athletic Director of the Year" for the 1989-90 season. In spite of these impressive statistics, Marty remains closely involved with his wife, Linda, their four children, and now grandchildren Emma and Isaiah. In fact, Marty retired from coaching in 2007 so as to have more time for his family.

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The New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association is a private not for profit organization that has served as the leader of high school athletics for its member schools in New Hampshire since 1947. The Mission of the NHIAA is to ensure fair play in competition and equal opportunity in interscholastic athletics. Located in Concord, N.H. the NHIAA joins 49 other state associations and the District of Columbia in statewide oversight of high school interscholastic athletics. The NHIAA follows the rules and regulations of the National Federation of High School State Associations based in Indianapolis, IN.