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RE: NHIAA Hall of Fame Class of 2016

The 16th Annual NHIAA Hall of Fame Induction will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2016. The event will be held at the Grappone Conference Center Courtyard Marriott in Concord, NH beginning with a reception at 11:45am. Cost of the event is \$55.00. Tickets can only be purchased by contacting the NHIAA at 228-8671 or via email (nchaput@nhiaa.org). Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.

The Class of 2016 includes eight individuals who have distinguished themselves serving high school athletics. The inductees are:

Charlie Burch, Coach, Exeter, NH



Under the category of Coach, the NHIAA is honored to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Charles Burch Jr. While Charlie passed away in 1978, his impact upon the lives of his student athletes over his 39 years in education is still felt today.

Charlie was born in Windsor, Vermont in 1930. He attended the Windsor schools throughout his young life and graduated from Windsor High School in 1947, where he was a three-sport athlete. Charlie went on to attend Northern State Teachers College in Aberdeen, South Dakota, where he graduated with his BS in 1954 after serving his country in the Korean War. In 1951, Charlie married Marcia True and together they had four children: Charles, Daniel, Kristen, and Jason

Charlie's career in education started at Towle High School, where he served the student athletes of Newport, New Hampshire as the Athletic Director and coach of the football, basketball, and baseball teams. In 1959, Charlie relocated to Exeter, where he certainly left a lasting impression. During the 1960's, Charlie's Exeter High School football teams won three straight state championships. Over this period of time, Exeter amassed a 23-game winning streak and Coach Burch was named Division III Coach of the Year three years in a row. In addition, Charlie's baseball teams earned runner-up honors twice during his career as the Blue Hawks baseball coach. In 1969, Charlie left Exeter High School and became the Athletic Director at the New Hampton School. There his teams won various Lakes Region titles. In 1974, Charlie decided to move closer to his roots and became a coach and Athletic Director at Stevens High School. Charlie passed away suddenly at the age of 47 after officiating a basketball game. Aside from the championships and the accolades bestowed upon successful coaches, what makes a coach and mentor like Charlie truly special are the connections that they make with their student athletes. He has been characterized as a father figure to those who did not necessarily have one at home. He understood the importance of school and family, and the virtues inherent in school based athletics, and always took a keen interest in his players study habits. Finally, Charlie Burch did not just coach football or baseball. Charlie coached young boys to become responsible and hard-working young men. Coach taught his players to

win and lose with respect and dignity. He taught his players the importance of every aspect of a team from the starters to the first year players. So strong were these life lessons and the impression that Coach Burch left upon the lives of his players that some fifty years after their championship seasons, 15 former Exeter High School football players signed onto Coach Burch's nomination for induction tonight.

It is for all the life lessons that Coach Burch imparted upon his players over the course of his 20 year career in the state of New Hampshire that we are honored to include him into the NHIAA Hall of Fame Class of 2016.

Harry Hallsey, Administrator, Portsmouth NH



Under the category of Administrator, we are proud to honor the legacy of Portsmouth High School's Athletic Director and outstanding contributor to sports in the state of New Hampshire for over 20 years, Harry Hallsey. A graduate of Thornton Academy in 1939, where he lettered in football, basketball, and baseball, Harry went on to the University of Maine, where he earned his BS degree in physical education in 1950 and his master's degree in 1954. Harry served his country during World War II from 1942 to 1946 and again in Korea from 1952 until 1954. Harry ended his service to the United States with the Maine National Guard, where he served from 1959 and retired with the rank of major in 1970.

Harry began his teaching career at Morse High School in Bath, Maine in 1954. He was a teacher, coach, and athletic director at Morse High School until 1964 when he moved to Dover and took over the Athletic Director duties at Portsmouth High School. For the next 19 years, Harry was a mainstay at Portsmouth High School athletic contests. His no nonsense and straight forward demeanor, as well as his genuine concern for his student athletes was admired by his coaches and peers. While his tough demeanor, honed as some have suggested by Harry's military service, may have been at times gruff, there was no question as to who was in charge of athletics at PHS. Some of his former coaches cited having disagreements with Harry, yet they all commented on how much they admired him for his straight forward style of leadership and his disregard for making decisions based on politics. He demanded the best out of his coaches, teachers, and athletes, and modeled his expectations.

Harry became involved in athletics on a statewide level through his participation on various committees at the NHIAA, as well as through the New Hampshire Athletic Director's Association. Former NHIAA Executive Director Jim Desmarais said at the time of Harry's passing that "Harry was really the founding father of the New Hampshire Athletic Director's Association." He served as the first president of the Athletic Director's Association, as well as served a term as the president of the New Hampshire Coach's Association. In 1973, Harry Hallsey became the first Athletic Administrator to be elected president of the NHIAA, a position up until that time reserved for principals or superintendents. He served on the NHIAA Council for 10 years and volunteered his services at many a state championship game. In addition to his service to the NHIAA, Harry was a basketball official for 42 years. He received the NHIAA Service Award in 1993 and served in various capacities on the Basketball Official's Board both in New Hampshire and Maine.

While unfortunately Harry Hallsey passed away at the age of 76 in 1998, his hard work and dedication to athletics is a legacy which has lived on. While the honor of his induction to the NHIAA Hall of Fame may be long overdue, his accomplishments, drive, and determination on behalf of student athletes in the state of New Hampshire is certainly worthy of induction and celebration.

Carol Hamilton, Official, Henniker, NH



Under the category of Official, the NHIAA is proud to include Carol Butler Hamilton in the NHIAA Hall of Fame. A 1954 graduate of Abington High School in Massachusetts, where she played field hockey, six person basketball, and softball, Carol was named outstanding female athlete of the year her senior year. From high school, Carol went on to attend Springfield College where she earned her degree in physical education in 1958. During her collegiate years, Carol was an assistant dance instructor, started a cheerleading program for football, played on an experimental five person women's basketball team, and participated on the first gymnastics team at Springfield College. Carol married George and together they raised five children: Robert, Bonni, Natalie, Richard, and Jerry.

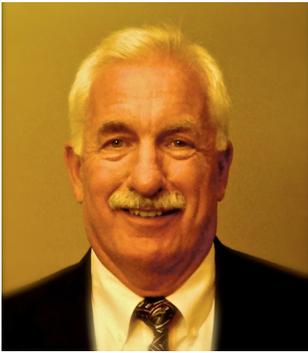
Carol's coaching career spanned two decades from the mid 1970's through the mid 1980's at Henniker High School. There, Carol coached softball for six years and basketball for eight years. Over her basketball coaching career, Carol led her teams to four Class S State Championships. In 1985, Carol was named National High School Coach of the Year for Girls Basketball. Throughout her coaching career, Carol instilled an attitude into her athletes that despite whatever happened on the court or the field, it was the way in which they played the game that was most important.

While her coaching resume is impressive, Carol's dedication to the craft of refereeing stands up to anyone across the Granite State. Carol's 30-plus years roaming the sidelines as a field hockey official, 20-plus years on the basketball court, and 15-plus years on the lacrosse field have earned her many accolades at both the high school and college level.

During the 1970's, Carol was one of the first presidents of the New Hampshire Women's Basketball Officiating Boards and her skill as an official landed her on the court and on the field for many a state tournament game over her officiating career. Carol has also lent her expertise, knowledge, and passion for the sports she officiated to various NHIAA sports specific committees. Her consistent and passionate promotion of girls' sports and Title IX directly led to the expansions of girls' sports in the state of New Hampshire. Her willingness to support the NHIAA's efforts in this area were most appreciated and led to countless female athletes enjoying the same benefits of school based athletics that their male counterparts did. For her dedication and devotion to girls' sports, Carol was inducted into the New Agenda Northeast advancing the roles of girls and women in sports Hall of Fame in 2013.

Her mantra "the game is for the kids" reflected the attitude which drove Carol to the successes she has achieved both as a coach and as an official. Carol's dedication to her athletes and her commitment to female athletes across the state of New Hampshire are certainly worthy of induction into the NHIAA Hall of Fame.

Michael A. Jackson, Administrator, Hanover, NH



Under the category of Administrator, the NHIAA is pleased to induct Michael Jackson into the Hall of Fame. For the past 42 years, Mike has worked either as a teacher, coach, athletic administrator, or any combination of the three in schools both in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. His dedication to his student athletes continues to this very day at Hanover High School, where he has been the athletic director since 1989.

A graduate of Baumholder American High School in Baumholder, Germany, Mike attended Springfield College, where he was a member of the school's football and baseball teams. He graduated with a BS degree in physical education in 1973 and became the part time athletic administrator at Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School in Hamilton, MA. There, Mike was responsible for the 18 sports the school offered at the time and was an assistant football coach for 11 years, as well as the school's head varsity baseball coach of 14 years.

In 1986, Mike left Massachusetts to become the part-time Athletic Director at Dover High School. After a short stint with the Green Wave, Mike finally landed in Hanover, where he has been the athletic director and physical education coordinator for the Marauders for the past 27 years. Over his long tenure at Hanover High School, he has overseen the expansion of school based athletics for both male and female student athletes. Due to his dedication and passion for athletics, student athletes wishing to compete in girls ice hockey, indoor track, swimming, unified sports, and crew all can wear the maroon and white while they compete for their high school. Realizing the need for sub-varsity sports for development and sustainability of varsity programs, and to satisfy the growing demand for competition, Mike was able to add many junior varsity, freshman, and 4th levels of sports in Hanover. In addition to all of this, Mike found the time to coach the varsity baseball team of 27 years.

Throughout Mike's tenure in the state of New Hampshire, he has been a tireless advocate for student athletes, as well as a strong proponent for coaching certification and the elevation of the role of athletic administrators within the schools. Mike was an early advocate of the American Sport Education Program and was responsible for bringing this important program to the state of New Hampshire. Mike's contributions extend beyond the state's borders due to his many years of service on numerous National Committees, both with the National Federation for High Schools (NFHS) and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA). At the NFHS, Mike served on the Coach's Education Committee and at the NIAAA, he served for many years on the Certification Committee.

Mike's service and contributions to the world of athletic administration have not gone unnoticed. The New Hampshire Athletic Director's Association has recognized Mike's dedication with multiple awards over his career: State Award of Recognition and Class I Athletic Director of the Year. At the National level, the NIAAA recognized Mike with the State Award of Merit in 2007, and the Distinguished Service Award in 2011-2012. That same year, Mike received the NHIAA James W. Desmarais Service Award. Please join me in recognizing Michael Jackson for his dedication and devotion to his students and to the craft of coaching and Athletic Administration.

Katie King-Crowley, Athlete, Salem, NH



Under the category of Athlete, the NHIAA is pleased to welcome Mrs. Katie King-Crowley to the Hall of Fame. Katie's athletic career began at a very young age in the town of Salem, New Hampshire. Katie was a three-sport athlete for the Blue Devils, lettering multiple times in field hockey, basketball, and softball. As the captain of both her softball team and field hockey team, Katie earned All-State honors. Her ice hockey career began before she entered Salem High School, however, there was no ice hockey program offered at Salem during this time.

Upon her graduation from Salem High School in 1993, Katie attended Brown University, where she competed on the women's ice hockey team, as well as the women's softball team. Over her ice hockey career at Brown, Katie was named Ivy League Player of the Year three times and named ECAC Player of the Year her senior year. In addition, Katie was named First Team All-Ivy and All-ECAC her sophomore, junior, and senior seasons. Her dedication to her team and her school led to her nomination as captain of the women's ice hockey team both her junior and senior seasons. Her teams finished first in the Ivy League twice during her time at Brown and finished first in the ECAC three times. Katie is still the all-time leading scorer at Brown with 206 points. Over her time on the ice for the Bears, Katie collected many additional honors for her leadership and dedication to her team.

On the softball field, Katie was elected captain of the Brown Women's Softball team three years in a row. She received All-Ivy League Player of the Year honors as a junior and was named Ivy League Pitcher of the Year as a senior. She was selected to the First Team All-Ivy team in 1996 and 1997, and led her team to the Ivy League Championship in 1997.

Upon her graduation from Brown University in 1997, Katie joined the United States Women's Ice Hockey team, where she and her team won a gold medal at the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan. Four years later, her team won silver at the Salt Lake City Olympics in 2001 and bronze at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy. During her time on the United States Women's Ice Hockey team, Katie competed in multiple IIHF World Championships, winning a silver medal six times and gold in 2005. When Katie finally stepped away from the US National team, she was the team's all-time leading scorer with 14 goals and 9 assists.

Katie has not quite hung up her skates yet, as she is currently the women's ice hockey coach at Boston College. Since becoming the head coach for the Eagles in 2007-2008, her teams have amassed a record of 220-73-39. Katie's accomplishments on and off the ice have been honored by Brown University with her induction into their Hall of Fame in 2004. The state of New Hampshire is proud to welcome Katie King-Crowley; coach, Olympic Gold Medalist, Brown University, and Salem High School scholar athlete to the NHIAA Hall of Fame.

Curtis Martin, Coach, Hopkinton, NH



Under the category of Coach, the NHIAA is pleased to recognize the outstanding contributions of Curtis “Curt” Martin. Curt graduated from Hopkinton High School in 1967. While at Hopkinton, Curt played golf and basketball. Curt earned individual golf honors, as he was crowned the State Champion in 1965. In addition to his golf accolades, Curt also competed on the Class M Basketball State Championship team in 1966. Upon his graduation from Hopkinton High School, Curt went on to Cortland State College in New York. After graduation, Curt returned to New Hampshire to take a physical education teaching position with the Hopkinton School District and began his long coaching career with the district.

For over 25 years, Curt was a mainstay on the sidelines at Hopkinton High School, earning him the nickname from some as “the face of Hopkinton athletics”. Curt coached the girls basketball team for 19 years, the girls soccer team to 14 years, the boys soccer team for 10 years, and the girls lacrosse team for 5 years. His accomplishments include winning hundreds of games, five state championships, and three Coach of the Year selections in two different sports: girls basketball in 2003 and girls soccer in 1996 and 1998. Moreover, Hopkinton High School teams under his guidance demonstrated impeccable sportsmanship both on and off the field. Curt is an outstanding motivator, a top-notch education, and an incredible mentor for young student athletes. As such, Curt was instrumental in bringing about a culture shift into the programs that he coached. Taking over two fledging programs over his career at Hopkinton High School, Curt slowly grew the girls soccer and girls lacrosse programs into perennial contenders in the state of New Hampshire. While his teams were always teams to be respected due to their skill, they were respected due to their sportsmanship and the way in which they competed.

Curt lent his expertise to the world beyond the borders of his beloved Hopkinton. His professional affiliations extended to both state and national levels. During his coaching career, Curt was an active member of the New Hampshire Basketball Coaches’ Association and the New Hampshire Soccer Coaches’ Association, serving as their president for a term. He was also a member of the NHIAA Soccer Committee and an active member of the New Hampshire Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. On the National stage, Curt was a member of the National Soccer Coaches’ Association of America.

While his coaching career at Hopkinton has come to a close, you can still see him at games throughout the year at Hopkinton High School. Together with his wife Tracy, they still live in Contoocook where they raised two daughters Chelsea and Dayna. Though he no longer coaches high school sports, Curt still has a whistle in his hand throughout the winter months as an assistant to the women’s basketball team at New Hampshire Technical Institute. After a long and most illustrious career at Hopkinton where he earned the William Loeb Award and the NHIAA Coaches Recognition Award, it is fitting that we welcome Curtis Martin into the NHIAA Hall of Fame.

Lindsey Prichard, Athlete, Moultonborough, NH



Under the category of Athlete, we are proud to honor the legacy of Lindsey C. (Blood) Prichard. Born in Laconia to Anita and Harry Blood, Lindsay attended Moultonborough Central School and Moultonborough Academy where she graduated in 1995. The daughter of a longtime Athletic Director and the niece of another NHIAA Hall of Fame member, Dick Farmer, one could say athletics were in her DNA.

From the outset, Lindsay seemed to thrive on the field of competition. Rather than relying solely on her talents, Lindsay put in the time and effort in the off season to become a celebrated three sport athlete at Moultonborough Academy. Lindsay was so dominate in the sport of softball; some have said she changed the face of that sport in Class S. She pushed others in the division to work hard and to “up their game” due to Lindsay’s dominance as a pitcher. Over her career Lindsay earned a winning percentage of .781, struck out 509 batters and had an ERA of 2.18. Lindsay also recorded seven no-hitters including one thrown in the 1994 Class S State Championship Game. She pitched one perfect game, batted over .400 for her career and pitched Moultonborough to two State Titles. Her high school career in softball provided Lindsay with numerous awards and recognitions to include: being named team MVP three years in a row, First Team All-State Honors two years in a row, being named a high school All-American by Fastpitch Magazine for two years, and winning the Moultonborough Academy Coaches Award her senior year. While she dominated in softball, Lindsay was an outstanding volleyball and basketball player as well. In volleyball, Lindsay was a three year starter and was named team captain her senior year. During her four years on the volleyball team Moultonborough made it to the Final 4. In basketball, Lindsay was a four-year starter and captain of the team her junior and senior seasons. She holds the school record in steals, assists, 3-pointers made, and 3-pointers. Earning various honors such as All-State, All Conference, and All-American Lindsay was truly a transcendent student athlete at Moultonborough Academy.

After graduation, Lindsay went on to Keene State where she continued her softball career and her dominance on the mound for the Owls. During her college career, Lindsay was named Conference Rookie of the Year in 1996 and earned All-Conference Honors multiple times. In 1998 she led all NCAA Division III pitchers in saves, and in 1999 led all pitchers in strikeouts per seven innings at 11.35. During the 1999 season Lindsay recorded 193 strikeouts, had a 1.41 ERA and a record of 15-4 earning her the title of ‘Little East Pitcher of the Year.’ Over her career at Keene State, Lindsay earned her name into the Owl’s record books: she is first in career saves, first in shutouts in a season, first in assists in a season, first in career assists, fifth all time in wins, and third in career strikeouts. Because of her career accomplishments at Keene State, Lindsey was inducted into the Keene State Hall of Fame in 2009.

Having earned her BS in Secondary Education upon graduation, Lindsay became an elementary school teacher in Acworth NH. She married her husband Brian in 2002 and moved to Kennebunkport where she is currently a full-time mother to her two sons Liam and Ethan. Please join me in congratulating Lindsey Blood Prichard on her induction into the NHIAA Hall of Fame.

Lawrence “Poody” Walsh, Contributor, Claremont, NH



Under the category of Contributor, the NHIAA is pleased to welcome Lawrence “Poody” Walsh into the Hall of Fame. As a journalist covering sports in the Upper Valley of New Hampshire and Vermont for over 50 years, Poody has seen and reported on everything from state championship events to recreational league softball. His working career has spanned changes in technology, from typewriters and 35 millimeter cameras to computers and digital cameras. While the tools of his craft have certainly changed, Poody’s approach to reporting has not. Developing excellent working relationships with the coaches and athletic directors in his expansive coverage area have been a hallmark of Poody’s career. From Rivendell Academy and Black River in Vermont to Fall Mountain Regional and Newport High School in New Hampshire, Poody’s integrity and honesty is well known and highly regarded by schools and athletes alike.

Poody attended North Walpole Elementary school on the New Hampshire side of the Connecticut River, and graduated across the river at Bellows Falls High School in Vermont. His position at the Eagle Times had him traversing both the state of New Hampshire and Vermont during his 34 years with the paper. Arriving early each morning Poody would work diligently to put out the afternoon edition of the paper before heading out to cover the afternoon events.

Poody’s reporting of sporting events has been an example for others to follow. He takes great pride in the detail in which he covers his schools highlighting individual and team accomplishments on the fields of competition. Be it girls or boys sports, varsity or sub-varsity, Shrine Game to a middle of the season basketball game, each event is covered with the same style and detail one has grown to expect from Poody Walsh. As one of his colleagues remarked, “Poody is known as one of the last, and finest, Job Trained reporters in the business.” Poody retired from the Eagle Times in 2000, yet he is still very much in the game. He continues to freelance for the Rutland Herald and the Valley News, covering his beloved Connecticut Upper Valley area.

Poody served in the Army National Guard, worked as a public relations person at the Hinsdale race track, and was the Chairman of the St. Joe’s Sports Night honoring the top scholar athletes and unsung hero recipients at Stevens High School for many years. He has coached little league and legion baseball. Together with his wife Shirley, they have two daughters, Hilary and Shauna, and four grandchildren; Matthew, Brendan, Andrew and Allison.

In 2015, Poody’s contributions to sports in the state of Vermont was recognized and honored with his induction into the Vermont Principal’s Association Hall of Fame. It is only fitting that the state of New Hampshire recognizes Poody’s efforts on behalf of the student athletes on our side of the Connecticut River.

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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, NH 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 Associations based in Indianapolis, IN.