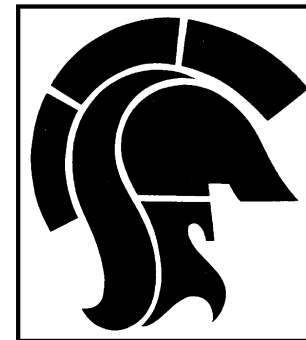


Shaler Area Athletic

Hall of Fame

CLASS OF 2012



**Shaler Area High School
September 22, 2012**

*Athletes-Coaches-Officials
Contributors-Teams*

Mission Statement

To recognize those individuals who have brought prestige and pride to the Shaler Area School district athletic program and to the community either as a player, coach, administrator, or supporter

Selection Committee

Don Bender, Retired Teacher-Coach

Amy Bodenlos, Administrative Assistant

Marna Bodnar, Community Member

James DiNucci, 2001 Hall of Fame Inductee

Richard T. Dixon, 2001 Hall of Fame Inductee

David Fortun, 2007 Hall of Fame Inductee/Retired Teacher-Coach

Lynn Handza, Community Member

Paul Holzshu, Athletic Director

Joseph Laslovic, Community Member

Carol Martin, 2008 Hall of Fame Inductee/Retired Teacher-Coach

Melissa McConville, Teacher

Bill Reinheimer, Student Representative

Timothy Royall, High School Principal

David Shutter, Community Member

William Suit, 2009 Hall of Fame Inductee

Mark Weidner, Community Member

PROGRAM

Welcome-----Dr. Wesley Shipley
Superintendent

Invocation-----Dave Fortun
2007 Hall of Fame Inductee/Retired Teacher/Coach

Dinner

Master of Ceremonies-----David Shutter

Presentations

Inductees

Presenter

Ray Ballantine-----	Sandy Biles
Amy Bielski Hoffield-----	Andrew Bielski
Steven Francis-----	Mike McDermott
Brenda Larrimer Miller-----	Carol Martin
Nick Nelson-----	Eric Fulmer
Robert "Popeye" Stout-----	Diane Stout
1979/80 S.A. Boys Soccer Team-----	Ray Ballantine

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Pam Robinson for all her hard work

Amy Bodenlos for making this banquet what it is today

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Nick Nelson
Robert "Popeye" Stout
1979-80 SA Boys
Varsity Soccer Team

Class of 2011

Donald Bender
Karen Hosek Kreuzer
Taylor Letters
Frank Merigliano
2006 SA Softball Team

Class of 2010

Nicholas Christy
Yuri Dememtris
Leo Elter
Joseph Miller
Michael Moran
Milo Orsini
Howard Ruppert

Class of 2009

2004 SA Softball Team
Curtis Hetz
Hannah Joyce
Doug Maggio
Clarence Metzger
William Suit

Class 2008

1945 Etna Basketball
Team
Scott Alexander
Sam Bair
Dan Kite
Carol Martin
Glenn Meyer
Harris Price

Class 2007

Michael Bacasa
Dave Fortun
Thomas-Whitey-
Gralewski
Michael Handza
Richard LaFerriere
Kevin Nellis
Kraig Nellis
47/48 Shaler Football
Team

Class of 2006

Colleen Geyer
Troy Letters
John Kuzniewski
Rich Massucci
'41 Millvale Football Team

Class of 2005

Alan Alt
Ralph DeStefano
Alan Gray
David Longwell
Clarence "Ben" Martin
Tricia Miller
Jason Rakers

Class of 2004

Scott Bronowicz
Dr. Richard Brown
Earl Ceh
Donald Geyer
Robert Siar, Jr.
Matt Stennett
Jeff Trew
James Wirth
80 SA Girls Basketball
Team

Class 2003

Robert Bestwick
Gene Biles
Lauren Colaizzi
Henzler
Clifford "Lefty" Fair
Keith Nellis
Paul Schweiger
Gary M. Siriano
77-78-79 Boys Swim Team

Class 2002

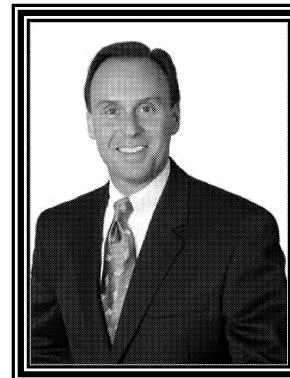
Mary Bukovac
Julie Deer Keenan
Leo "Ducky" Elter
Forrest Ford
Jan Kepple
Robert Kopnisky
Jerry Matulevic
Michael McDermott
Kenneth Nellis
80 SA Baseball Team

Class 2001

James DiNucci
Richard T. Dixon
Arthur Howe
Kenneth Karcher
Joseph Kopnisky
James Laslevic
Louis Martig
Beverly Miller
Markwith
Edwin Peery
Robert Siar

RAY BALLANTINE

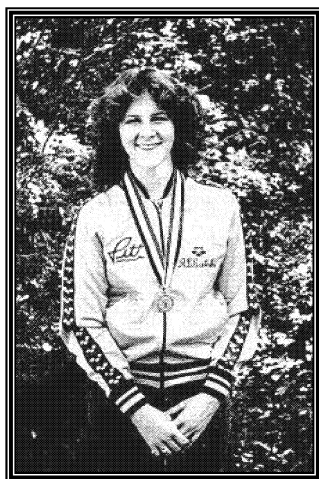
Shaler Area Class of 1980



Ray distinguished himself on the soccer field all 4 years of high school, earning 3 varsity letters and leading the Titans to the 1979 WPIAL Championship by scoring the game winning goal. His personal honors include being named twice to the WPIAL All-Star Team, being named to the *Pittsburgh Press* All-North All-Star Team, being named the *Free Press* 1979 MVP, and being named to the 1979 All-State Team. He also holds the all-time school record for his 25 assists in the 1979 season. After high school, Ray continued his soccer career at Penn State University. In the early 1990s, Ray returned to Shaler Area Soccer as a volunteer assistant to Gene Biles, and he later coached an undefeated under 11 youth team in Shaler. Ray still plays soccer in a top area adult league.

AMY BIELSKI HOFFFIELD

Shaler Area Class of 1985



Even at the young age of 5, Amy's ability to swim was clearly evident. She won 2 YWCA Championships, was the Shaler Sea Dog's Most Valuable Swimmer in 1978, and competed in the 1981 AAU- USA Junior Olympic National Championship. Her incredible success continued into high school where she lettered all 4 years and led the swim team to 4 WPIAL and 4 PIAA Qualifiers. Individually, Amy still holds school records in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle. She was also an integral part of the 400 freestyle relay team that held the school record for over 20 years. Amy's other honors include an NISCA Top Ten Award as well as numerous All-State honors in both the 200 and 500 freestyle races.

1979-1980 BOYS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM

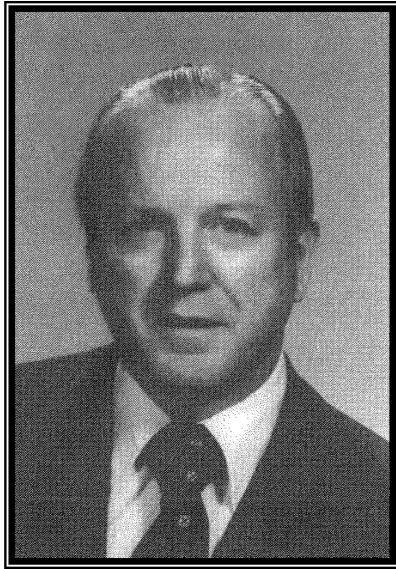


Third Row: Laura Kelly, Jim Pekins, Brian McHenry, Sandor Illes, Tom Claus, Dave Tissue and Mike Murray
Second Row: Bill Reed, Ray Ballantine, Pat Colabrese, Rick Domhoff, Tom Mauser and Dave Drzemiecki
First Row: Tim Fieldhouse, Shawn Bence, Dave Driver, Brian Bence and Frank Cerminara

This very special team, coached by Gene Biles and his assistant Paul Liberati, compiled an overall record of 21-3-2 which included a section championship as well as a WPIAL Championship. Players on this championship team included Raymond Ballantine, Shawn Bence, Frank Cerminara, Thomas Claus, Patrick Colabrese, Richard Domhoff, David Drzemiecki, Timothy Fieldhouse, Thomas Mauser, Brian McHenry, Michael Murray, Sandor Illes, James Pekins, David Tissue, Brian Bence, David Driver, William Reed, Gregory Simikas, Dave Murray and Jaime Kreber.

ROBERT “POPEYE” STOUT

Millvale/Shaler Class of 1948



Robert earned an impressive 6 varsity letters in football and basketball at Millvale High School. In football, he played in every varsity game from 1946 through 1948 and helped to lead the Indians to a 21-6 overall record. Robert was named a senior co-captain in 1948, the year Millvale went undefeated and won the WPIAL Class B Championship. Robert was voted “Player of the Year” by 133 area football coaches. After high school, Robert continued playing football at Edinboro, earning a varsity letter. He also played semi-pro ball for the Stowe Rocks Cadets and coached football and baseball for Millvale’s Little League Sports Program.

STEVEN FRANCIS

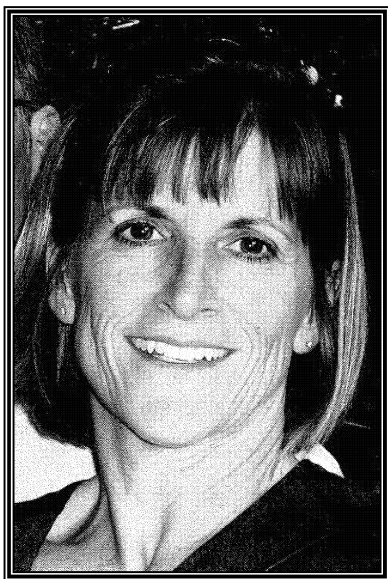
Shaler Area Class of 1983



Steve demonstrated his remarkable ability as a swimmer both at Shaler Area and later at Carnegie Mellon. At Shaler, he earned 4 varsity letters and was twice named team MVP. In the 1983 season as a senior, Steve won the WPIAL Championship in the 100 freestyle, was the PIAA Runner-Up in the 100 freestyle, received the Dapper Dan High School Swimming Award, and was named a High School All-American Honorable Mention. He still holds the Shaler Area record in the 100 freestyle. At Carnegie Mellon, Steve earned 4 varsity letters and was twice named team MVP. He set an amazing 7 CMU records as well as 3 PAC conference records. He was named an All-American twice and was a 3 time All-American Honorable Mention.

BRENDA LARRIMER MILLER

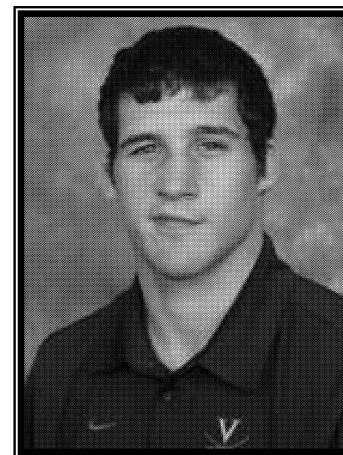
Shaler Area Class of 1980



Brenda's versatility as an athlete can easily be seen by her high school varsity letters in volleyball, basketball, and track. On the basketball court, she helped to lead the Lady Titans to the 1980 WPIAL and PIAA Championships. Brenda's individual honors that year included being named an All-State 2nd Team All-American by UPI and the WPIAL Player of the Week. She was also named to the *Pittsburgh Press* All-North Team. Brenda earned a volleyball scholarship at Penn State University, but ended up playing on the basketball team. She helped to lead the Lady Lions to the 1984 Atlantic 10 Championship. Brenda has also played USVBA indoor volleyball as well as beach and grass doubles volleyball.

NICK NELSON

Shaler Area Class of 2007



Nick was so dominant on the wrestling mat that his 165 wins are the most in the history of Shaler Area Wrestling. He was a 4 time PIAA Place Winner, a 4 time section champion, a 4 time Allegheny County Champion, a 3 time WPIAL Runner up, and a 4 time PIAA Champion. As a 3 year captain of the wrestling team, Nick helped to lead the Titans to 2nd and 3rd place section finishes as well as to an Allegheny County Team Championship. Nick's success continued at the University of Virginia where he was a 3 time NCAA Qualifier, a 4 year member of the All ACC Academic Wrestling Team, and a 2 time winner of Virginia Wrestling's Hardest Worker and Dedication Award. Nick's 91 collegiate wins rank him 10th on Virginia's all-time list. As a senior, he won an ACC Championship and was ranked 6th in the nation. Nick has also served on both the UVA and ACC Student Athlete Advisory Committees.