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CIF SOUTHERN SECTION ANNOUNCES 34TH-HALL OF FAME CLASS

LOS ALAMITOS, CA – The CIF Southern Section is proud to announce the 34th class of inductees into the section Hall of Fame.

Thirteen impressive and deserving educators will be honored at a luncheon at The Grand Conference Center in Long Beach on Wednesday, October 18 starting at 11:30 a.m.

Additionally, six outstanding individuals will be honored with a CIF Southern Section Distinguished Service Award for years of dedicated contributions toward the student-athletes of the CIF-SS.

“We are looking forward to honoring the 2017 CIF Southern Section Hall of Fame inductees and Distinguished Service Award winners at our upcoming luncheon,” stated Commissioner of Athletics Rob Wigod. “They represent excellence in every way and their many accomplishments have made a major contribution to the history and tradition of our section. We are very proud of the Class of 2017 and congratulate them on a job well done.”

Media members interested in attending must RSVP by Tuesday, October 17 to Anita Fopma (anitaf@cifss.org).

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS – 2017

Terry Conley – 36 Years in Education

- Coached at El Dorado High School for 36 years
- Head Boys Basketball Coach – 4 Years
- Coached lower level Football, Basketball, Soccer and Wrestling
- Could have been a Head Coach in several sports, but always felt he could make more of an impact and it was more important to help develop younger players for the future

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Terry Conley (Cont.):

- Was Physical Education Department Head – 28 years
- President of the El Dorado High School Faculty – 8 years
- Served as an Event Supervisor at the CIF Southern Section Football and Baseball Championships for 25 years as a valuable member of our management team
- Also worked for several years as an Event Supervisor at the CIF State Football Championship Bowl Games from their inception in 2006
- Terry passed away in 2009

Steve Fryer

- In 1979, began his career covering high school sports for the Orange County Register
- Steve is known by everyone as the expert on high school sports in the OC
- For the past 38 years, Steve has covered a countless number of games, in a wide variety of sports, done feature articles on players, teams, coaches, fans, virtually every stakeholder involved in high school sports in Orange County
- Also, every Wednesday and Friday, he writes a column on the Orange County high school sports scene, including predictions
- Has written a weekly column on professional and college sports and has actually done concert reviews for the paper when time permits
- In 2006, received a Champion for Character Award from the CIF Southern Section
- In 2010, the first journalist to receive the Contribution to Education Award from the Orange County Department of Education
- In 2015, inducted into the Santa Ana Unified School District Hall of Fame
- In 2015, inducted into the Southern California Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame

Mel Gatson

- A high school baseball umpire and basketball official – 44 years
- Refereed 2 CIF State Basketball Championship Finals and 5 CIF Southern Section Basketball Championship Finals
- Umpired 6 CIF Southern Section Baseball Championship Finals, 4 as the Plate Umpire
- Served on the California Basketball Officials Association Executive Board – 10 Years
- Served as President of the Northern Channel Coast Basketball Officials Association – 12 Years
- Served on the California Baseball Umpires Association Executive Board – 36 Years
- Served as Instructional Chairman for Northern Channel Coast/ Los Padres Baseball Umpires Association– 36 Years
- A Division I Baseball Umpire in the Pac12 and Big West Conferences
- Currently serves as CIF Southern Section Officials Liaison for the Los Padres Area – 20 Years
- In 2004 – Received the CIF Southern Section Champions for Character Award

Bruce McIntosh

- The consummate California High School Sports Historian
- Born in Hawaii, moved to California and graduated from South Pasadena High School
- As a young man, he began to keep stats on local high school games
- Worked for the Helms Sports Foundation, under legendary historian William Schroeder, doing research on high school sports
- Has written a history of the California State High School Track and Field Championships and has

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Bruce McIntosh (Cont.): compiled the results of every CIF State Track and Field Championship and CIF State Cross-Country Championship since 1913

- The Bruce McIntosh Collection, which he donated to the CIF Southern Section Office, includes the season records of every high school football team in the Southern Section since 1982
- That information is contained on 3x5 cards that he typed with the result of every high school football game ever played in the State of California from 1892 through 2007
- During our 100th Anniversary Celebration, he served as a member of our Selection Committee for our 100 Athletes for 100 Years
- Accepting the award for Bruce McIntosh is CIF Southern Section Historian, Dr. John Dahlem

Bill Neessen

- In 1966, began officiating Basketball in Orange County and did so for 36 years
- Officiated several CIF Southern Section Basketball Championship Finals for both Boys and Girls
- Served as President of the California Basketball Officials Association – 3 years
- Served as President of the Orange County Basketball Officials Association – 3 Years
- After retiring from officiating in 2002, continues to help instruct new officials and evaluate officials for the Orange County Basketball Officials Association
- Officiated Junior College Basketball – 25 Years
- Officiated College Basketball in Divisions 2 and 3 – 20 Years
- Officiated International Basketball for the FIBA organization – 15 years
- Received a Life Membership Pass for Distinguished Service from the Orange County Basketball Officials Association
- In 2017, inducted into the Yorba Linda Athletic Achievement Wall of Fame

Sally Reclusado

- Began her teaching and coaching career at La Puente High School, where she coached Swimming, Softball and Tennis
- In 1989, moved to El Dorado High School, where she served as Girls Athletic Director – 19 Years
- Wanted to increase opportunities for female athletes at El Dorado and did so by adding the sports of Water Polo, Golf and Lacrosse, while also adding additional levels of Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball and Softball
- First person to compile and archive all of the records, statistics and accomplishments of the Girls sports at El Dorado
- In 2005, named CIF Southern Section Athletic Director of the Year by the California State Athletic Directors Association
- Was honored with an Orange County Athletic Directors Association Distinguished Service Award
- Founder and Chair of the Orange County Athletic Directors Association Women in Sports Conference, which has approximately 1,200 girls attend every year
- The Women in Sports Conference model she created has now grown into two other conferences just like it in the Inland Empire and Foothill/Citrus areas of our section
- The Orange County Athletic Directors Association Women in Sports Conference is now forever been named the Sally Reclusado Women in Sports Conference

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HALL OF FAME AWARDS – 2017

Robert Bonning

- In 1976, began his career as a Head Boys Tennis Coach at Cate High School – 39 years
- Overall Record – 527-190
- 3 CIF Southern Section Championships, 5 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- Reached Semifinals – 20 years
- 30 League Championships, including 16 in a row (1984-1999)
- Head Girls Tennis Coach – 5 years
- 2 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- Member, CIF Southern Section Tennis Advisory Committee – 5 years
- Served as Tournament Director for the CIF Southern Section Boys Individual Tennis Northern Regional
- In his 40 years at Cate High School, he has served as Department Chair, Dean of Students, Dean of Faculty and Assistant Headmaster, before retiring in 2015

Gary Bowden

- In 1973, began his career at Canyon High School in Anaheim
- 19 Years – Head Wrestling Coach
- Overall record – 212-41-1
- 6 CIF Southern Section Team Championships, 2 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- 14 League Championships
- Won 87 consecutive dual matches
- 3 State Individual Champions, 12 Individual State Placers, 5 Masters Meet Champions
- 96 Individual League Champions
- In 1989, Selected as California Wrestling Coach of the Year
- Hall of Fame – National Wrestling Hall of Fame, California Wrestling Hall of Fame, Orange County Wrestling Hall of Fame
- In 1992, moved to Thurston High School in Springfield, Oregon
- Won State Championship in Oregon and was chosen as Coach of the Year
- Inducted into the Oregon Wrestling Hall of Fame

Mike Curran

- In 1975, began his career at St. Paul High School, Head Baseball Coach – 5 years
- Overall Record at St. Paul – 100-32, 4 League Championships
- In 1981, moved to Esperanza High School, Head Baseball Coach – 36 years
- Overall record at Esperanza – 651-326-6, 15 League Championships
- Total Overall Record – 751-358-6 – 41 years
- 3 CIF Southern Section Championships, 4 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- CIF Southern Section Coach of the Year – 3 times
- In 1986 and 1987 – Orange County Coach of the Year
- In 1998 – California Coaches Association Honorary Service Award
- In 1998 – American Baseball Coaches Association National Coach of the Year
- In 2008 – Inducted into the St. Paul High School Hall of Fame
- In 2011 – Inducted into the National High School Baseball Hall of Fame

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Jeff Ehrlich

- In 1972, began his career at Pacifica High School in Garden Grove – 2 years, Head Water Polo and Swimming Coach
- Villa Park High School – 24 years, Head Water Polo and Swimming Coach
- Overall Record in Water Polo – 483-179
- 1 CIF Southern Section Championship, 4 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- 25 Consecutive CIF Southern Section Playoff appearances
- 9 League Water Polo Championships
- 7 League Swimming Championships
- CIF Southern Section Coach of the Year – 4 times
- In 1999, became Head Water Polo Coach at the United States Air Force Academy – 10 years
- During his career, he coached 59 High School All-Americans in Water Polo and Swimming, including members of the United States Olympic Teams in 1988, 1996, 2000 and 2004

Flo Frizioni

- La Quinta High School/ Westminster – Head Badminton Coach and Head Girls Tennis Coach
- Was a pioneer in advancing Title IX and CIF Girls Athletics from the very beginning
- Solidified the foundation for Girls Tennis and Girls Badminton as CIF sports teaching
- Transformed regular students from her Physical Education classes into championship athletes.
- Badminton – 2 CIF Southern Section Championships, back-to-back (1977 and 1978)
- CIF Southern Section Coach of the Year – 2 times
- 3 League Championships
- Girls Tennis – 2 CIF Southern Section Championships, 2 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- CIF Southern Section Coach of the Year – 2 times
- 10 League Championships overall, 8 Consecutive League Championships (1975-1982)

Steve Gullotti

- In 1981, began at El Dorado High School as Head Baseball Coach – 28 years
- Overall Record – 512-151
- 2 CIF Southern Section Championships, 4 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- 8 CIF Southern Semifinal appearances
- 7 League Championships
- 21 CIF Southern Section playoff appearances
- CIF Southern Section Coach of the Year – 2 times
- In 1999 – California District 8 Coach of the Year
- In 2004 – Orange County Coach of the Year
- Served on the CIF Southern Section Baseball Coaches Advisory Committee

Scott Hinman

- Began his coaching career at Don Bosco Tech High School as Head Boys Water Polo and Head Swimming Coach – 2 years
- In 1984, moved to Irvine High School as Head Girls Swim Coach and a lower level Boys Water Polo Coach – 33 years
- Girls Swimming – 8 Consecutive CIF Southern Section Swimming Championships (1997-2004)
- 10 League Championships
- In 1997 – National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association Coach of the Year

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Scott Hinman (Cont.):

- In 1998 – California Coaches Association Coach of the Year
- Orange County Coach of the Year – 5 times, LA Times Coach of the Year – 2 times
- In 1995, founded Girls Water Polo program at Irvine High School – 17 years
- 2 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- Long-time Member – CIF Southern Section Girls Water Polo Coaches Advisory Committee
- Event Manager – CIF Southern Section Boys and Girls Water Polo Championship Finals and Semifinals – 11 years

Dwan Hurt

- In 1981 – Graduated from Serra High School
- Moved on to El Camino College and then Gonzaga University
- Head Basketball Coach, Serra High School – 28 years
- Overall Record – 544-214, winning percentage of 71.8%
- 2 CIF State Championships, 1 CIF State Runner-Up
- 8 CIF Southern Section Championships, 4 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- 12 League Championships
- CIF State Coach of the Year – 2 times
- CIF Southern Section Coach of the Year – 8 times
- The gymnasium at Serra High School has been named in his honor

Bill Mulligan

- Began his career as Head Basketball Coach at Long Beach Poly High School – 5 years
- Overall Record – 130-18-1
- 2 CIF Southern Section Championships, 1 CIF Southern Section Runner-Up
- In 1963 – Also served as Head Football Coach at Long Beach Poly
- Head Basketball Coach at Riverside City College – 9 years
- Head Basketball Coach at Saddleback College – 5 years
- Head Basketball Coach at UC Irvine – 11 years
- Founded program at Irvine Valley College – 3 years
- Coached and mentored so many successful high school and college coaches, including his own sons Shawn and Brian

Ken Sutch

- Began his career as a lower level football coach at Long Beach Wilson High School
- In 1975 – Moved to Paramount High School as an Assistant Football Coach and became Head Track Coach in 1977 – 2 years
- In 1980 – Moved to Workman High School as Head Football Coach – 2 years
- In 1982 – Returned to Paramount High School as Head Football Coach – 20 years
- Overall Record – 157-66-4
- 2 CIF Southern Section Championships, 1 CIF Southern Section Runner-Up
- 9 League Championships
- 16 CIF Southern Section Playoff appearances
- In 1988 and 1999 – Coach of the Year – Long Beach Press-Telegram
- In 1988 – Coach of the Year – LA Times
- Served on the CIF Southern Section Football Coaches Advisory Committee – 3 years

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Larry Welsh

- In 1966 – Began his career as Head Football Coach and Athletic Director at Gonzales High School – Record – 70-18-6
- In 1976 – Moved to Cal. State Fullerton as an Assistant Football Coach – 2 years
- In 1979 – Moved to Atascadero High School as Head Football Coach – 18 years
- Record at Atascadero – 192-37-1
- Overall Record as a Head Football Coach – 262-55-7
- 7 CIF Southern Section Championships, 1 CIF Southern Section Runner-Up
- 14 League Championships
- 16 CIF Southern Section Playoff appearances
- In 1995 – Cal-Hi Sports California Coach of the Year
- CIF Southern Section Coach of the Year – 7 times
- Hall of Fame – Gonzales High School, Atascadero High School, Salinas Valley Sports
- Served on the CIF Southern Section Football Coaches Advisory Committee – 3 years

Dave White

- In 1979 – Began his career at Edison High School as Head Freshman Football Coach, Girls JV Basketball Coach and Head Freshman Baseball Coach
- In 1986 – Became Head Football Coach at Edison High School – 31 years
- Overall Record – 238-119-3
- 2 CIF Southern Section Championships, 3 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- 14 League Championships
- CIF Southern Section Coach of the Year – 2 times
- Orange County Coach of the Year – 2 times
- In 2012 – CIF State Model Coach Award winner
- Head Girls Basketball Coach – 13 years, 1 CIF Southern Section Championship
- Orange County Girls Basketball Coach of the Year – 1 time
- Served as an Assistant Cross-Country Coach and an Assistant Track Coach as well

Mike Williams

- In 1972 – Began as Head Wrestling Coach at Alhambra High School – 45 years
- Overall Record – 572-224-4
- 1 CIF Southern Section Championships, 2 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- 18 League Championships
- 1 CIF State Individual Champion, 2 CIF State Runner-Ups
- 13 CIF State Placers
- 7 CIF Southern Section Masters Champions, 24 Masters Meet Placers
- 13 CIF Southern Section Individual Champions, 81 CIF Southern Section Placers
- Member – CIF Southern Section Wrestling Coaches Advisory Committee – 14 years
- Also coached Football – 40 years at Alhambra High School and La Canada High School
- Currently coaching JV Boys Golf and JV Girls Golf at San Marino High School

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