

# District IX

## Chapter of the Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Association (PWCA)

### Wrestling Hall of Fame

#### 2002 District IX Hall of Fame Inductees

##### **WILLIAM BAILEY(Wrestler)**

Mr. Bailey is a 1974 graduate of Clearfield Area High School where he competed in wrestling for state Hall of Fame coaches Ron Park and Neil Turner. Bill earned honors as District IX and Northwest Regional Champion as well as PIAA state runner-up at 185 pounds. He was also voted honorable mention, All-state football his senior year. The University of Pittsburgh was the next stop for Bill where he was a four-year letter winner with a win-loss record of 67-14-1. During this time he served as co-captain two years, won two EWL titles, and qualified for the Division I Nationals four years. In his final year at Pitt, Bill placed in the top eight at nationals making him a modern day All-American. Bill also is a two time National Junior All-American in placing second in Grecco Roman and third in freestyle. Mr. Bailey has been inducted into the EWL Hall of Fame and the Clearfield County Hall of Fame. He has served as assistant coach at both West Virginia University and Clearfield High School. Bill is now employed at Clarion University as Dean of Enrollment Management.

##### **DALE BUDD(Wrestler)**

Dale is a 1988 graduate of Port Allegany High School where he was coached by John Kriner. A three-time District Nine finalist, Dale captured titles in both '86 and '88. He also twice competed in Northwest Regional Finals with a championship his senior year. Capping off his high school career, Dale became Port's first PIAA State Champion with a title at 167 pounds. He accepted a scholarship to Lock Haven University where he compiled a Division I collegiate career record of 90-41-2. At the Haven, Dale was voted EWL Freshman of the Year and in 1993 the EWL 190 pound tournament champion. He made two PSAC tournament finals appearances with a title in 1992. A three-time NCAA qualifier, Dale brought home All-American status in 1993 with an eight-place finish.

##### **JOHN CAPPIELLO(Wrestler)**

At Ridgway Area High School, John amassed a career record of 131-8 and four District Nine titles from 1978-1981. In 1981, upon winning his fourth District IX Championship, he became the first district wrestler since Walter Clark of Clearfield in 1964 to win four district titles. In 1979 Capiello placed third at the Central Northwestern Regional Tournament. He also won two consecutive regional titles in '80 and '81. In the PIAA State AA Tournament, John was a two-time place winner with a third and a 1981 runner-up finish. Also in the summer of '81, John placed second in the USWF National Freestyle Championships. John's career record of 133 wins was the District IX record until 1999, when fellow Elker wrestler, Bruno Iorfido won 135 matches in his four year career.

##### **RANDY CATHCART(Wrestler/Contributor)**

Randy is a 1977 graduate of Curwensville where he was a three time District IX Champion, Regional Champion, and in 1977 a PIAA State Champion. His career record at Curwensville was 82-13-2. In total, Randy earned 12 varsity letters while in high school with four each in wrestling, football, and baseball. Randy's love for football won out as he entered Clarion University and was a three-year letter winner for the Golden Eagles football team. Upon graduation, Mr. Cathcart began what is now his 22nd year in education and as a head wrestling coach, first at Curwensville and then Clarion High School. Randy has coached to date, 20 District IX Champions, two District IX Class AA Championship teams, three Regional Champions and 5 PIAA Class AA State Champions, including his son Kyle. Randy also serves as the District IX President of the PA Wrestling Coaches Association and member of the PWCA Executive Committee where he has been instrumental in developing the District IX wrestling rankings and the District IX Hall of Fame. He serves as Assistant Principal at Clarion High School. Randy will be inducted into the PWCA State Hall of Fame in Hershey this March.

## BILL RENSEL(Contributor)

Mr. Rensel has worn many hats in the wrestling world over the course of three plus decades culminating in his induction tonight as a District Nine Hall of Fame Contributor. Bill is a four-year letter winner at DuBois High School and a scholarship wrestler for Waynesburg College where he also lettered four seasons. Returning to his alma mater to teach, a 35-year career in social studies and guidance, Bill served as assistant wrestling coach to Hall of Famer Don Shobert for 15 years until he retired from coaching in 1974. Mr. Rensel continued his involvement in wrestling by announcing local matches on radio station WDBA for eight years. Rounding out his contribution to our sport, Bill officiated for twenty years as a district, regional, and state tournament levels. Mr. Rensel is now retires and resides in Rockton.