

District IX

Chapter of the Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Association (PWCA)

Wrestling Hall of Fame

2010 District IX Hall of Fame Inductees

JACK SULLIVAN (Wrestler)

Jack was an 1941 Graduate from DuBois Area High School and a 1941 State Champion at 125lbs. He wrestled for Navy and had a move named after him-"The Sullivan". He is also listed on the Dubois Wrestling Dream Team.

DUANE BLANKENSHIP (Wrestler)

Duane was a 1986 graduate from Kane Area High School. While competing for the Kane Wolves Duane amassed an overall record of 108 wins, 12 loses and 1 draw. He was a 3x District Champion 1984-1986. A 2x Regional Champion in 1985, '86 and a 3rd place State finish in 1985, a State Champion in 1986 and received the PIAA 1986 Outstanding Wrestler Award. Duane attended Shippensburg University where he competed for 1 year and held a 7-4 record. Duane currently resides in Kane, is a father of 5 and enjoys coaching the Kane Jr. Wrestling program.

MAYLON KIRKWOOD (Wrestler)

Maylon was an 1942 Graduate from DuBois Area High School. He was a 1942 State Champion. After graduation Maylon enlisted in the United States Navy and rose to the rank of Ferry Pilot in his last year of service.

R. BRUCE BOGLE (Wrestler)

Bruce was a 1946 graduate from DuBois Area High School. He was a 2x District Champion in 1945 and '46 and a State Champion in 1946 at the 138lb weight class. Bruce continued to support the sport of wrestling being an official over the span of 3 decades.

JIM BEERS (Wrestler)

Jim was a state champ for Clearfield his junior year in 1943. He was a three year letterman going undefeated his junior and senior year. During all three years, Jim's teams were undefeated and Clearfield won the "unofficial" state team championship. He was a two time district champ but suffered an injury to his wrist while wrestling in districts his senior year had had to default ending his career. Jim was 21-3 in dual meets and 31-6 over all. When he won the state title in 1943, Jim was one of three state champs for Clearfield that year. This marked the second time in school history that this had occurred. Jim also wrestled for the Clearfield YMCA in the 1940's and 50's

DICK BEERS (Wrestler)

Dick was a two year letterman for Clearfield having a dual meet record of 15-2 and an over all record of 23-2. Both years he competed on varsity his teams were undefeated. Dick's senior year 1947 he won a district title, and then like his brother Jim, won the state title. And, like his brother was one of three Clearfield state champs that year with one exception. The other two state champs with Dick that year were Don and Jerry Maurey, Dick's cousins. This was the third time that Clearfield had three state champs in one year. The 1947 team also won the "unofficial" team championship. Dick also wrestled for the Clearfield YMCA in the 1940's and 50's.

REV. ROBERT E. SHAFFER (Wrestler)

Bob was a three year letterman for Clearfield from 1942-1944 where he had a 13-3-3 dual meet record and a career record of 18-4-3. His senior year he was undefeated, giving up only 4 points in a dual meets, was a district champ and state champ. In his three years of varsity wrestling his teams went undefeated, won the district title and two teams were named the "unofficial" state team champion. In 1944 winning the district title he was one of six Clearfield wrestlers to do so. This marked the first time that one school would have six champs. He also had the school's first 0-0 tie in a dual meet. Bob also wrestled for the Clearfield YMCA during the 40's and 50's.

KYLE CATHCART (Wrestler)

Kyle was a 2002 graduate from Clarion High School. While competing for the Clarion Bobcats Kyle amassed an overall record of 134 wins and 5 loses. He was a 4x District Champion 1999-2002 and a 3x Regional Champion in 2000-2002. A 3x State Finalist and a 2x State Champion in 2000 & 2001. Kyle attended Penn State University for 1 year and Clarion University for 3 years where he competed for the golden eagles both in football, 2 year letterman (co-captain senior year) and a 1 year letterman for the wrestling team. Kyle joins his father/coach Randy (class of 2002) as our second father and son inductees. Kyle currently resides in Clarion, Pa.