

PRESS RELEASE
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WRESTLING HALL OF FAME INDUCTION - 2014

The Section 5 Friends of Wrestling is proud to announce the Wrestling Hall of Fame 2014 inductees. They will be honored at our eleventh annual banquet at Red Fedele's Brook House on February 12, 2014 and their names will be added to the Hall of Fame Plaque located in the lobby of the Brook House. One Hundred and nineteen people have been inducted since the Section 5 Wrestling Hall of Fame was started in 1994.

The inductees for 2014 are:

- **Bob Gately** was head wrestling coach at LeRoy for 33 years. His record was 365 wins and 82 losses. His teams won 17 Livingston County championships, 10 of which were consecutive starting in 1980. His teams won 4 Section 5 Class Championships and he coached 33 individual Sectional Champions, 4 of whom qualified for the NY State Tournament.
- **Doug Henrickson** wrestled at York Central School under Hall of Fame coach Marv Shimmel. He was one of many outstanding York wrestlers who won Livingston County championships and Sectional championships. Doug was a 4 time Sectional Champion, 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981.
- **Butch Hibbard** was an outstanding wrestler at Canandaigua Academy. He was a 4-time Sectional Champion and placed in the NY State Wrestling Tournament 3 times, finishing 4th in 1982, and runner up in 1983 and 1984. One coach described him as one of the most outstanding lightweights in Section 5 history.
- **Tommie Smith** was a Section 5 Champion from Madison High in 1959 and 1960 where he wrestled under Hall of Fame coach John Spencer. Smith was undefeated during both of those years. He was a skilled technician and his wrestling skills stood out during his era where many wrestlers had only basic fundamentals and a lot of strength. He was highly respected by team mates and opponents who learned from him and many gave Tommie credit for their success.
- **Paul Wager** will be inducted posthumously. He wrestled at Gates Chili where he was a Monroe County champion and Section 5 champion in 1967, completing his senior year undefeated, with all but one of his victories by pin. He was a 2-time Region III champ and place winner while at Fulton-Montgomery CC and was inducted into the Region III Hall of Fame. While competing at the University of Arizona, he placed twice in the Western Athletic Conference Championships. For many years he was a successful wrestling coach at Mill River High in Vermont and at Whitehall in Section 2.
- **Bob Zoeke** wrestled at McQuaid under Hall of Fame coach, John Roselli. He was a Section 5 champion in 1983 and 1984 and was runner up in the NY State Tournament in 1983. He wrestled collegiately at St. Lawrence where he was NCAA Division III runner up in 1988.

The Induction Banquet will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at Red Fedele's Brook House Restaurant, Elmridge Center Plaza (near 3590 Ridge Road West and across from Ridgmont Country Club), Rochester, N.Y. 14626. There will be a social hour at 6 P.M. and a dinner buffet at 7 P.M. followed by the induction program. Tickets are \$27 per person and must be purchased by January 30. For information and tickets contact Friends of Wrestling at 585-225-2021 or fmarotta@rochester.rr.com. Information is also available on www.armdrag.com.