

FRIENDS OF SECTION 5 WRESTLING

WRESTLING HALL OF FAME INDUCTION - 2016

The Section 5 Friends of Wrestling is proud to announce the Wrestling Hall of Fame 2016 inductees. They will be honored at our twelfth annual banquet at Red Fedele's Brook House on February 10, 2016 and their names will be added to the Hall of Fame Plaque located in the lobby of the Brook House. Since the Section 5 Wrestling Hall of Fame was started in 1994, 131 people have been inducted.

The inductees for 2016 are:

Trevor Chinn wrestled at Canandaigua Academy and was a 5 time Sectional Champion (1999, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004). He was NY State champion in 2003 and 2004 and NY State runner up in 1999 and 2002. He later wrestled at Lehigh University where he was a NCCA qualifier. He currently is assistant wrestling coach at Campbell University.

Casey Lamb wrestled at Victor High School. He was a 3 time Sectional Champion (1991, 1992 and 1993). In the NY State Tournament he place 4th in 1992 and 2nd in 1992. He was also NY State Jr. Freestyle champion and Jr. World Team member.

Ray LeChase wrestled at Spencerport High School where he was Bernabi Tournament and Monroe County Champion. He was Sectional Champion in 1989 and 1987. He finished 3rd in the 1987 NY State Tournament. He later was a member of 2 National Championship teams at Ithaca College where he was also team captain.

Neal Pipe wrestled for Corning, which was once part of Section 5. He was a 3 time 180 lb. Sectional Champion (1962, 1963, 1964).

Tom Polsinelli was a long time wrestling official. He started as a wrestler along with his brothers at Eastridge High. Tom officiated wrestling for 30 years. During that time, he refereed many high level local tournaments, Sectional and State Qualifier Tournaments and the NY State Tournament. For many years he worked as a volunteer scorer and timer at the NY State Tournament. He served as President and Executive Council member of the WOA of Section 5 and is a Life Member.

Dr. Morris Shapiro is 102 years old and still vividly recalls his wrestling career at East High School. He was City Interscholastic Champion in 1929 and 1930 in the 105 lb. class. Wrestling was very different in that no points were scored. Only pins would terminate the 10 minute match and overtime would be an additional 6 minutes or another overtime, if needed. Dr. Shapiro was a military surgeon during World War II and later was a surgeon and URM and professor of Emergency Medicine.

Nate Turner wrestled at Benjamin Franklin High School. He was a 3 time Interscholastic League Champion and 3 time Sectional Champion (1960, 1961, and 1962). He is also a member of the City Catholic Wrestling Hall of Fame.

The Induction Banquet will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at Red Fedele's Brook House Restaurant, Elmridge Center Plaza (near 3590 Ridge Road West and across from Ridgemont 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.