



GREATER CLEVELAND WRESTLING COACHES & OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

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Business Items:

- Our first meeting “State of NEO Wrestling” is about a month away. It will be held at Lutheran West High School on October 16th at 7PM. Can’t wait to see you all there.
- I also ask that if you are looking for teams, events, and coaches you email them to me at gcwcoa@gmail.com. **Once filled, please notify me so I may remove the postings.** The posting will stay up for one month unless otherwise notified.
 - In addition, please provide me with contact information if applicable.
- The website is currently being updated, I have set up the following site <https://gcwcoa.weebly.com> for all GCWCOA information. It is a skeleton right now, but I plan on adding more information in the near future. I have updated the scheduling information as well as the job posting information.
- If you have any additional items to bring up in regards to fundraising for scholarships, points of interest, etc. Please email gcwcoa@gmail.com

New Coaches:

There have been some coaching changes in Northeast Ohio. I just wanted to let everyone know of some of the current coaches that will be starting at different programs (or changing roles) this upcoming season. Sorry in advance if I missed anyone off my list. Congrats on the new positions!

Eric Lokia, NDCL

Dan Juliani, Rocky River

Vinnie Curiale, Amherst

John Heffernan, St. Edward

Dominic McEwen, Black River

Tim Maxworthy, Highland

Scott Hivnor, Lake Catholic

Nate Skonieczny, Rootstown

Mark Mole, Cloverleaf

Ben Stehura, West Geauga

Bill Watters, Wellington

Clay Wenger, Wadsworth

Jeff Breese, Lake Erie College

Josh Moore, Cleveland State

Scheduling (older postings can still be found at <https://gcwcoa.weebly.com/scheduling.html>):

- **Orange High School** is interested in hosting a 2 point event on a Saturday morning. Also looking for an away 2 point event. Open date is January 19th. Please contact Al DiGiovanni at adigiovanni@orangecsd.org
- **Amherst High School** is hosting a MLK Day 9/JV tournament on January 21, 2019. Cost is \$175 per team. it will be a double elimination tournament (not everyone has full 9/JV teams so please send what you can). Contact Vinnie Curiale via phone or text at 216-509-7322 or email at vin2236@yahoo.com.
- **Amherst High School** will also be hosting Wednesday night 9/JV matches ups. These evenings will consist of teams sending Coach Curiale a line up and matches will be determined from the line ups sent. Cost is \$25 per team (bring as many kids as you want). There will be at least 2 other teams besides Amherst at each Wednesday night. Start time will be 6 PM. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to come either or both events. Please send a backup date in case the date you want is filled.
 - Dates available:
 - DECEMBER 5, 12, 19
 - JANUARY 9, 16, 23

Coaches Needed (older postings can still be found at <https://gcwcoa.weebly.com/coaching-positions.html>):

- **Highland Middle School** is looking for an assistant junior high coach. All inquiries should be sent to Coach Maxworthy at tmaxworthy@highlandschools.org

Other Events (more information can be found here <https://gcwcoa.weebly.com/non-gcwcoa-events.html>):

- Wrestlers in Business Network will be hosting their 6th Annual Golf Outing on 9.24.18.
- CSU WRestling Alumni will be hosting their Golf Outing on 9.23.18.
- Ohio State will hold their annual coaching clinic on October 18th & 19th.

Miscellaneous Information:

- **National Wrestling Hall of Fame Dinner (Ohio Chapter)**
 - **Gary Sorace** forwarded the following documents regarding the Ohio Chapter National Wrestling Hall of Fame Dinner Sunday October 14th. See the attached documents for more details.
 - There are some notable names with NEO ties (Jon Borszcz, Tom Ehlert, & Bill McGrain).
 - Tickets can be purchased online at <https://oh-nwhof.ticketleap.com>
- **Jim Behrens** brought it to my attention of the following email sent from the OHSAA. He will keep us up to speed if it will be rectified by the winter:

August 31, 2018

TO: Fall Sport Head Coaches

FR: Jerry Snodgrass, OHSAA Executive Director

RE: OHSAA Game Ratings in *myOHSAA* Update

As many of you have experienced, there has been an issue with inaccurate and inconsistent data being sent from ArbiterSports to the system developed for you to rate the officials on your games. As

a result, it is my decision that until the situation is 100 percent rectified, we are temporarily removing the current system utilized by you to rate your game officials. However, and this is **important**, we still need and value the input of head coaches to ensure officials assigned to OHSAA tournament pools have your input. So, all ratings previously submitted so far this fall by coaches (or by athletic administrators who often do this for the coach) have been stored, and that data will be applied in the calculation used for the tournament officials' selection process. To move forward, we are currently re-designing the rating system that will continue to provide the opportunity for coach input. This new system will be ready midway through the fall season. We will email all athletic department staff and coaches as soon as this system is ready.

It is important to understand this move is being made to better serve everyone, make the process as smooth as possible **but continue to provide for the important data input from coaches.**

Fines will not be levied for failure to rate officials. However, we will continue to stress the importance of head coaches to provide the input when it becomes available, it is YOUR method to provide input.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this time of transition to serve our coaches better.

REGISTRATION FORM
2018 Ohio Chapter "HALL OF FAME DAY" CELEBRATION

Crowne Plaza, 600 Metro Place North, Dublin, OH 43017
614-760-7925

BANQUET REGISTRATION

Please make check (\$50.00 per person) payable to "National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Ohio Chapter and return to address below by October 8, 2018 for dinner reservations.

NAME _____ Number Attending _____

NAME(S) OF GUESTS: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

ATTENDING TO HONOR: _____

HONOREES' SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

Deadline for name to appear in dinner program as a donor is October 1st.

Yes, I (We) want to honor (Honorees' Name(s)) _____
And support the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum by sending a special contribution in the name of the above mentioned Honoree.

___ \$25.00 ___ \$50.00 ___ \$100.00 ___ Other Amount

The N.W.H.O.F. IS A 501 (C) 3 CORPORATION ANY SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS MADE ON BEHALF OF AN HONOREE IS TAX DEDUCTABLE. YOUR NAME WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION PAGE IN THE BANQUET PROGRAM. PLEASE WRITE BELOW HOW YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR NAME LISTED.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO: National Wrestling Hall of Fame
Ohio Chapter
Gordie Longshaw
308 Main Street
Bridgeport, OH 43912

OR

Purchase online at: oh-nwhof.ticketleap.com

Please note if you purchase a ticket through Ticket Leap or make a donation in honor of an inductee via Ticket Leap there is not a place to put who you are honoring or attending for.

Dinner Reservation Deadline – October 8, 2018
Program Donor Deadline – October 1, 2018

Your tickets will be at the registration table day of banquet

Ohio Chapter of National Wrestling Hall of Fame Set to Induct 2018 Class

ATHENS, Ohio -- The Ohio Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame is set to induct the Class of 2018 on Oct. 14, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 600 Metro Place, Dublin, Ohio. The 2018 class of seven individuals includes Ken Ash, John Borszcz, Stephen E. Chappellear, Tom Ehlert, Chuck Forward, William (Bill) McCrain and Marion Stolz. This event will begin with a social at 2 p.m. with dinner to follow at 3 p.m. and the awards presentation taking place after dinner. Tickets are available until Oct. 10 and can be purchased online at oh-nwhof.ticketleap.com.

Lifetime Service Award Honorees for 2018

Marion Stolz

Nominated for a lifetime of service to wrestling, a graduate of Kent State University, with a master's from West Liberty University, Marion Stolz, was an art educator for 41 years. She was the director of a State award winning dance team at Bellaire High School, the Red Line, and was the creator and original director of the O.V.A.C. Dance Team, which performs with the All-Star Band for the annual Ohio vs. West Virginia football game. She has been involved with Community Theater for many years, participating in over 50 musical productions, appearing on stage and directing. Marion was named the Ohio Art Education Association East Region Outstanding Art Teacher for 2006 and 2013 and was also selected as the American Legion District 11 Educator of the Year for 2006. Her interest in wrestling began in the '70s; her husband Jeff coached, and she assisted with tournaments, coordinating brackets and hand-printing results. It was a natural move to the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's large January tournament. She started out helping with brackets, recording winners, running off and collating results, and assisting where needed. Marion also created and prints awards for the 25-year returning champions. Her husband gave up coaching, but she continues working the tournament to this day. When computers took over many of the jobs originally done by the volunteers, she became an announcer for the event, focusing on match results, team recognitions, and awards. "It is truly an honor to receive this award, and I consider it a tribute to all those people behind the scenes who help, support, and encourage this outstanding sport."

Kenneth W. Ash Jr.

Nominated for a lifetime of service to wrestling, Kenneth W. Ash Jr. had an astonishing overall coaching record of 290 wins and 27 losses during his 27-year career. Accomplishments during this time included two State of Ohio Championship teams in 1976 and 1977, entered into the Ohio Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame in 1991, two-time State of Ohio Coach of the year as well as voted one of the top six coaches in the nation by Scholastic Wrestling News in 1979-1980 season and four-time District Coach of the Year. Additionally, Ash Jr. accumulated 15 undefeated seasons, 88 team championships, 95 state qualifiers and eight district championships. Throughout his coaching career, Ash Jr. coached a total of eleven individual State Champions. These eleven athletes include: Billy Joe Lewis ('74) recording a record of 32-0, Tony Adrian ('76) recording a record of 27-1, John Starr ('76) recording a record of 30-0, Mark Lowe ('76 and '77) recording a record of 28-1 in his 1976 season and 27-0 in his 1977 season, Rex

Henderson ('78) recording a record of 30-0, Gary Weisenstein ('78) recording a record of 30-0, Jamie Kassen ('79) recording a record of 62-0, Eric Poehler ('91) recording a record of 37-1, Josh Bryant ('95) recording a record of 38-3 and Steve Doerrer ('95) recording a record of 37-1. In his own wrestling career, Ash Jr. was a member of Columbus Central High School wrestling team where he placed in the City League Championships. He then wrestled for two years for Otterbein College, named the vice president of his class, followed by four years of competing in freestyle and open tournaments. Alongside wrestling, Ash Jr., was a four-year letterman in Football at Otterbein College and a member of the Varsity "O" Club. Currently Ash Jr. is a retired principal, teacher and coach from Hilliard City Schools holding the Vice President position with the Central District Wrestling Coaches Association. He is also a supporter of the Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association, the National Wrestling Coaches Association and the AAU Wrestling Association.

John Borszcz

Nominated for a lifetime of service to wrestling, John Borszcz has set Team Dual Record's at every establishment he coached at throughout his 17-year coaching career. Beginning at Davis County High School, as the Head Wrestling Coach and Science Teacher, a Team Dual Record of 50-1 was achieved by Borszcz in just two years. Borszcz continued his coaching career at Eastern Iowa Community College where he held positions as the head wrestling coach and athletic director setting a Team Dual Record of 39-8. A final shift in location landed Borszcz at Cuyahoga Community College where he set his third Team Dual record, this time 176-13-1. Alongside setting a Team Dual Record, Borszcz was also served as a Professor of Physical Education, Program Coordinator of the PE Department, spent two terms as PE Director, 19 years as Program Coordinator and two terms as the interim athletic director. Throughout his time at Cuyahoga Community College, Borszcz also held positions as the Assistant Coach of the National Junior College during the Champions Olympic Trials and Head Freestyle Coach, Team Leader and Chief of Mission for US Junior Pan American Wrestling tallying a total of four National Place Winning teams, two first-place teams and two first-runner up teams. He also held positions as Secretary Treasurer, Vice President, and President of the National Junior College Wrestling Coaches Association and was the Tournament Director, Consultant to Head Wrestling Coach, Ricky Schade, Advisor on Wrestling Eligibility and Student Affairs and Athletic Director for Tri-C Wrestling. During Borszcz coaching career he received multiple awards and incredible achievements including: United States Congressional Recognition Hour of Representatives Tribute to the Cuyahoga Community College, Western Campus, Wrestling Team, Lake Erie AAU District Junior World Wrestling Chairman, induction into the National Junior College Hall of Fame, recognition for outstanding collegiate coaching and dedication, support and encouragement of High School Wrestling, 10 National Team Standings with one national Championship finish and two National Runner-Up finishes, and a total of 51 Team Tournament Victories. As a wrestler himself, Borszcz wrestled for nine years compiling six varsity letters, was a two-time Sectional Champ, a two-time District Champ, 145-pound State Champ at Maple Heights High School and had an undefeated senior year prior to injury at the University of Wyoming. John lives by the following sentiment, "Winning is important- but it is not the most important thing. Getting 100 percent of someone's ability, whether it is a wrestler, student, friend or my own; is what really counts." This is spoken through his mentoring, philanthropic, business and family extra-curricular activities, starting "Fitness Body by Borsz helping a stroke client and young boy with cerebral palsy attain a physical fitness routine, opening batting cages name

“Strike Zone”, serving at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church on the Hospitality ministry and spear headed the food drive at Cuyahoga Community College benefiting the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

Tom Ehlert

Nominated for a lifetime of service to wrestling, Tom Ehlert impacted the Ohio wrestling world in many ways but one specific unique way. As a coach, Ehlert started the wrestling program at North Canton High School in 1956. Following the success of building a high school wrestling program, Ehlert was the head wrestling coach and football coach at Rhodes High School during which he started and built another wrestling program at Cuyahoga Community College in 1969. Ehlert also is a Founder of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials Association and mentored many new wrestling officials. He continued his coaching career coaching football at Solon High School for 10 years and at John Carroll University for five years. Ehlert also contributed heavily to wrestling through his 35 years as a Wrestling Official, officiating numerous State Tournaments as well as officiating Ohio Conference, EWOL, and an NCAA qualifier. As an athlete, Ehlert wrestled at West Tech High School where he graduated in three years with three state championship team titles. Ehlert continued his wrestling career at Ohio University, later inducted into the Ohio Wrestling Hall of Fame. Ehlert is a very humbled man who was never one to brag about his accomplishments therefore unsure of his own record from high school or college or the number of wrestlers he coached that qualifies for or placed at the state tournament.

Chuck Forward

Nominated for a lifetime of service to wrestling, Chuck Forward has a dense history with the sport of Wrestling. As an athlete, Forward was a four-time Michigan Center High School Cascade Conference Champion, a Class B State Champion and a member of the Adrian College Wrestling Team. Transferring over to his coaching career, Forward started as the Delta, Ohio Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach and then became the head wrestling coach at Archbold High School for the next 28 years holding a team dual meet record of 308-81 with 57 tournament championships, eight sectional championships, 10 sectional runner-up's, two District Championships and three District Runner-ups. Individual results consisted of 92 Northwest Ohio Athletic League Individual Champions, 82 Ohio State Tournament Qualifiers, 31 Ohio Top 6 State Placers, eight Individual State Runner-up's, six State Champions, and one National Champion. Throughout his wrestling and coaching career, he received multiple awards including Ohio Wrestling Coaches Association Division III Coach of the Year, induction into the Michigan Center High School Athletic Hall of Fame, Adrian College Athletic Hall of Fame as a member of the 1970 MIAA Wrestling Championship Team, and induction into the Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame. Forward was also a volunteer USA Ohio Wrestling Coach, Cadet and Junior levels, in both Freestyle and Greco Roman National Championships and various other USA Wrestling competitions. Continuing his coaching career, Forward held a Head Coach group Leader position for the USA Ohio Junior National Dual Team 1997 and 1998. Outside of Forward's coaching and athletic contributions and success's, he was a part of the District 5 Northwest Ohio Wrestling Officials Association for 15 years, was part of the Northwest Ohio Wrestling Coaches Association for 30 years, named a Northwest Ohio Rep for OHSWCA, started the Archbold Youth Wrestling Club and was the director of the Archbold Rotary Wrestling Club Tournament. Significantly impacting the Northwest Ohio wrestling atmosphere, he organized and directed the first “satellite” wrestling camps in Northwest Ohio,

organized, raised funds and solicited volunteers to help expand Archbold Wrestling weight room annex in 1975 and in 1993, and formed a committee to investigate building a new wrestling room and weight room complex which raised over \$300,000 dollars for the current, one of the best facilities in the state of Ohio.

William McGrain

Nominated for a lifetime of service to wrestling, William McGrain holds a spot in one of three coaches in Ohio wrestling history to coach a state champion in all three divisions. McGrain was an English and Social Studies as well as the Head Wrestling Coach at Olmsted Falls High School for 27 years. Prior to his time at Olmsted Falls, McGrain was the Head Wrestling Coach at Waynedale High School, an assistant coach at Buckeye High School and an assistant coach at Miami (OH) University. Throughout his coaching career, McGrain accumulated a record of 350-58-3 coaching 15 state finalists, seven individual state championships, 45 state place winners, 80 individual state qualifiers and 73 Southwestern Conference Champions. He recorded twelve Top-10 team state finishes, 68 Tournament Team Championships and 13 South Western Conference Championship teams as well as appeared in 12 Sectional Championships and two District Championships. McGrain compiled multiple awards throughout his coaching career consisting of, election into the Ohio Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2006, the Olmsted Falls Athletic Hall of Fame and the Olmsted Falls High School Wrestling Hall of Fame, the Waynedale Hale School Hall of Fame in 2014 and was named the Ohio Division II Coach of the Year in 1997. He was also selected as the Cleveland Plain Dealer Coach-of-the-Year in 1999 and the Greater Cleveland Coach-of-the-Year on three occasions as well as selected 13 times as the South Western Conference Coach-of-the-Year. As an athlete, McGrain was an NCAA qualifier and team captain at Ashland University and a member of the Junior National team. During his time as an athlete, he was awarded the Ashland Iron Man Award twice and served as the team captain for two seasons at Southwestern Michigan Community College. McGrain has held an OHSAA Wrestling officials license for over 30 years, is an Ohio State certified wrestling official and has been actively officiating wrestling from youth levels to varsity levels in Northeast Ohio for the past 5 years. He is a member of the Ohio Wrestling Coaches Association NEO District, Greater Cleveland and Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association, National Wrestling Coaches Association, Greater Cleveland Officials Association, and National High School Wrestling Coaches Association. He earned his Master of Arts from Miami (OH) University, a Bachelor of Science from Ashland and an associate degree from Southwestern Michigan College.

Outstanding American From the State of Ohio

Stephen E. Chappellear

Nominated for outstanding American from the state of Ohio, Attorney Stephen Chappellear attended the Ohio State University receiving his bachelor's degree in Social Sciences and continued his education in the Ohio State University College of Law. While at the Ohio State, Chappellear received scholar-athlete recognition and the Varsity O Award as well as appeared on the President's and Dean's List all while being full-time employed as a circulation district manager for the "Columbus Citizen-Journal." He is also a recipient of the Outstanding Service to the College Award from the OSU Social and Behavioral Sciences College and the Distinguished Alumni Service Award from the OSU College of Arts and Sciences. Chappellear remains heavily

involved with and supports the Buckeye Wrestling Donor Club as well as serving as Board member and President of the Varsity O Alumni Society. He is also a member of the Ohio State University Sports & Society Initiative Board of Advisors. Attorney Chappellear is the senior litigator in Frost Brown Todd's Columbus office with 39 years of experience litigating and trying cases including jury trials, bench trials, appeals, arbitrations, mediations, injunction hearings, and settlement negotiations. He is active in both federal and state courts throughout Ohio. Alongside his extensive excellence in his experience, he has written five books, a law review analyzing local jury trials, he has published over 75 articles in legal publications and has lectured more than 200 times to lawyers around the country on topics of trial advocacy, trial techniques, professionalism in the courtroom and jury verdicts.

Chappellear is recognized as one of Ohio's leading business litigators being listed in The Best Lawyers in America for more than 20 years. He was Best Lawyer's Construction Lawyer of the Year in 2012 for Columbus and has been listed for many years by Best Lawyers in five categories. He has been named one of the Ohio Super Lawyers every year since 2004, one of the top 50 lawyers in Columbus in 2015-16 and was one of the Top 100 Lawyers in Ohio in both 2017 and 2009. He holds the highest level of excellence and ethics, AV-Pre-Eminent, from Martindale-Hubbell and was included in Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business rankings. He is a former President of the Ohio State Bar Association, where he now serves on Council of Delegates and the Council of the Litigation Section as well as remaining very active in the Columbus Bar Association, where he was former president, CBA Common Pleas Court, Federal Court, and Professionalism Committees. Receiving numerous, numerous awards, two of which are Columbus Bar Association's highest award, the Bar Service Medal and Ohio State Bar Foundation's highest award, the Ritter Award. Attorney Chappellear, according to former college teammate, David N. Camione, "Chappellear graduated with high academic honors and was cited as one of the finest student-athletes on campus. He served as a volunteer coach at three different high schools in the Columbus, OH area for over 20 years, helping develop seven individual state champions while also being a lifelong supporter of the OSU wrestling program significantly helping with fundraising activities." Camione also spoke to attorney Chappellear's "extensive and extraordinary contributions" to the Ohio State University. Attorney Chappellear stated himself that success in the courtroom, as on the wrestling mat, comes from preparation; hard work; discipline; focus; and sacrifice. In both places, success rarely comes easily when it counts. There is constant pressure, and there are setbacks. Great wrestlers, and great lawyers, know how to deal with pressure, and adversity, and fight through to get the right result."