

Seneca Valley
Sports Hall of Fame



Inaugural Induction Banquet
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Program

Banquet Doors Open6:00 PM
Welcome Mr. Mickey Flood6:30 PM
Invocation Mr. Larry Wendereusz6:30 PM
Adjourn to the Auditorium7:45 PM
Induction Ceremony8:00 PM

Acknowledgements and Appreciations

Hall of Fame Executive Committee

Mr. Ken Lockey Mr. Wayne Roccia
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Ken Lockey

A graduate of Philipsburg-Oscoela High School. He earned his undergraduate degree from Clarion University and his Masters Degree from Westminster College

Upon graduation for college he accepted a teacher and coaching position at Seneca Valley. He retired in 1999 after 34 years of teaching and coaching.

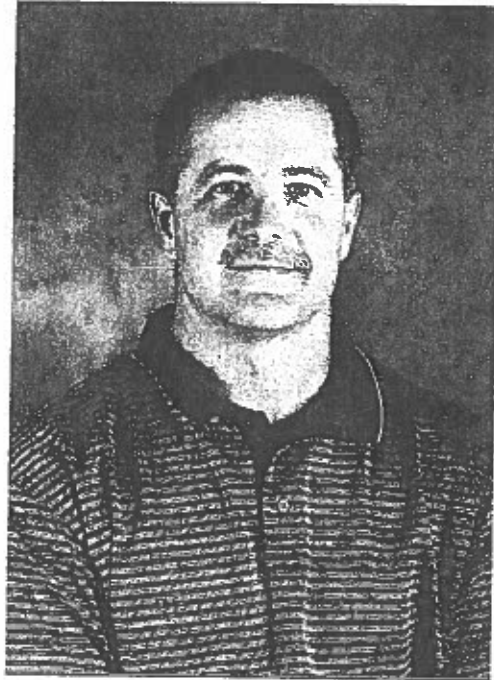
Coach Lockey initiated the wrestling program at Seneca Valley becoming the first school in Butler County to sponsor a Wrestling Program.

His 392 victories ranks him second all-time in the WPIAL and 11th on the all-time career list of victories in PA. History.

He is a member of the Butler County Hall of Fame, the Western Pennsylvania Hall of Fame, and the Pennsylvania Hall of Fame.

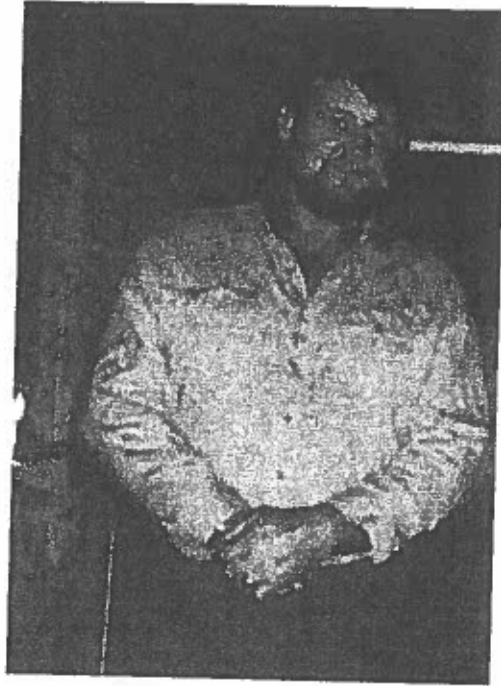
He presently resides in Harmony with his wife, Mary. They have three daughters and five grand children.

Coach Lockey's hobbies include Fly-Fishing, Hunting, Wood Working and Gardening.



Rich Barron

Rich is a 1982 graduate of Seneca Valley High School and a 1987 graduate of Clarion University. He holds bachelor degrees in Biology, Medical Technology and Elementary Education. In high school, he compiled a record of 118-10-2 in route to becoming Seneca Valley's first state champion. He was a two-time Section champ, a two-time Regional runner-up, and a Regional champ. He placed third in the state in 1980 before claiming the State Title in 1982; finishing that season with a record of 40 wins and 0 losses. His brothers, Mark and Matt, joined him in an elite group – each winning more than 100 high school matches. Rich was also a two-time Freestyle State champion and a two-time Junior National All-American placing fourth in 1981 and third in 1982. At Clarion University, he had an overall record of 21-3. He was ranked as high as sixth in the nation. In 1992, he began his coaching career at DuBois Area High School. Over the next ten years, Rich coached more than 30 District champs, 13 Regional champs and 6 State place winners including a State runner-up and a 1999 PIAA State champion. Currently, he resides in Treasure Lake and is employed by the DuBois Area School District.



Tim Kearns

A 1970 graduate of Seneca Valley High School, Tim is the proud son of Elizabeth Kearns and the late Richard Kearns. During his high School wrestling career, Tim was recruited by Ohio University's assistant wrestling coach, the legendary Stan Abel, a three-time All-American and two-time National Championship wrestler, from Oklahoma University. Upon graduation, Tim wrestled for Coach Abel at Ohio University, and Cincinnati University respectively for one year at each and then followed his coach and mentor to Oklahoma University for the duration of his college-wrestling career. Tim is honored to have been a member of the 1974 Oklahoma Sooners National Championship Wrestling Team and the 1975 team that placed 2nd at Nationals. He is equally proud of his fellow friends and athletes that were a part of the 1974 and 1975 Sooners National Championship Football team.

During his college years at Oklahoma, Tim fell in love with the state of Oklahoma and made it his home until 1995, when he moved to Florida to assist with caring for his ailing Father. He is still an avid Sooner Sports Fan and proudly displays his affection for the "Crimson and Cream" of Oklahoma University.

Tim has been in the spray polyurethane foam business for over 30 years, and has worked on large projects throughout the United States and in Egypt, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, and Cuba.

Currently, Tim is the President of Emerald Isle Foam Insulation in Florida and is a founding partner of Sooner Foam Insulation of Oklahoma, a business he shares interest in with his former coach and lifelong friend, Stan Abel, his son, Casey, and Stan's son, Darren, another Oklahoma University, All American wrestler.

Tim presently resides in the Central Florida area with his long-time friend and partner, M.J. Wasson, and close-by his "favorite" son, Casey.



Martha Fox -Weygandt

Martha Fox Weygandt was born in Sewickley, Pennsylvania on August 13, 1959 to Villard and Marguerite Fox. She graduated in 1977 from Seneca Valley High School. Martha has three older brothers who are also Seneca Valley graduates: Keith, Neal, and Ron Fox. During her years at Seneca Valley, Martha ran on the very first girls Cross Country team under Coach Weimer. Coach Weimer called her in the summer of her freshman year and informed her that he was interested in adding girls to his roster for the fall season.

Martha ran with the boys all season and Coach Weimer entered her in Girl's Districts. She placed 4th in the State finals at Penn State. She also ran track for Coach Bob Harsh. The track 400 medley relay team which she anchored finished 3rd in the State finals. Martha then ran Cross Country at Grove City College and graduated in 1981 with a BA in Communications. Martha currently resides in Plano, Texas and is employed as a Flight Attendant by American Airlines. She is married to Robert Weygandt and has three children: Lindsey (19), Audrey (17), and Eric (15). Martha's latest running accomplishments include seven marathons including the Boston Marathon.



Van Walker

Van was a student athlete at Seneca Valley High School from 1964 to 1968. He participated in track, basketball, and football. He, his classmates, and team mates were the first class to attend Seneca Valley from freshman through senior years.

During his senior year, Van was the quarterback of the Raiders Football Team. That team deployed an unconventional "sprint and throw" offense designed by the excellent Seneca Valley coaching staff. With this imaginative offense and a group of very talented receivers, the team was very competitive and recorded exceptional passing statistics while throwing the ball typically on first, second and third downs. Through the recognition of that team's offensive performance, Van directly benefited.

Van attended the School of Engineering at North Carolina State on a football scholarship where he lettered and started as a defensive back during his sophomore, junior, and senior years. He led the team in tackles and interceptions in 1970. He made 11 interceptions during his playing time and with an interception made in a game against Penn State in 1969, for many years held the school record for the longest interception return for a touchdown. He was a graduate assistant coach at NC State under legendary coach Lou Holtz, before leaving athletics and beginning a long business career in engineering and management.

Currently, Van is the CEO of a high-tech engineering firm that employs several Seneca Valley alumni and has offices in Pittsburgh, North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, and Washington State. He and his wife of 33 years, Frances, reside in Valencia, Pennsylvania and are the proud parents of three grown daughters and three granddaughters.



Dan Swingle

Seneca Valley Track & Field -

- ◆ 4 Year Varsity Letterman, and 4 Year Team Captain
- ◆ Events: 100m, 200m, 400m, 400m relay and 1600m relay
- ◆ Undefeated in all conference track meets both Junior and Senior years
- ◆ Awarded MVP at the Fort Pitt Invitational and Butler Invitational in 1982 and 1983
- ◆ WPIAL State track meet junior year for the 100m and 400m
- ◆ PIAA State track meet senior year for the 400m.
- ◆ Currently hold the school records for the 100yd, 100m, 400m, and 400m relay. (Held the 200m record until 2007).

Seneca Valley Football -

- ◆ 3 Year Varsity Letterman playing quarterback, running back, and defensive back.
- ◆ Awarded All Conference Running Back in Junior and Senior years.
- ◆ Awarded All State Defensive Back Senior year.

College -

- ◆ Awarded a full athletic scholarship to the University of Maryland to play football as Strong Safety.
- ◆ Participated in the Citrus Bowl in 1983 and the Sun Bowl in 1984; ACC champions in 1983, 1984 and 1985.

Present -

- ◆ Currently residing in Orlando, Florida (20 years) with wife Lisa.
- ◆ Four children; Ryan 21, Taylor 19, Conner 17, and Hayden 4.
- ◆ Work as a General Contractor specializing in site development, commercial and residential construction in the central Florida area.



Mark Van Dyke

Seneca Valley High School
Graduated in 1975

WPIAL 200 yard Freestyle Champion 1973
PLAA 100 yard Backstroke Runner up 1975
Co-Captain of WPIAL Team Champion 1975
Team Dual Meet Record 1972-75 57-3

College

Attended Clarion University Graduated 1980
Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Champion 12 Times (3 individual & 9 relays)
NCAA Division II All American 12 times

Mark is currently the Head Men's and Women's Swimming Coach at Clarion University.
He has been selected PSAC Women's Coach of the Year two times in 2004 and 2006.
Mark, wife Cindy, and their two children, Melissa and David reside in Shippenville, PA.



Gus Nicoll

In his senior year at Seneca Valley High School, Gus won two individual state championships in cross country and track (3200m). He was twice selected as a High School All-American for being ranked in the top 50 athletes nationwide. Additionally, Gus captained the 1983 undefeated, state champion, All-American cross country team.

Following graduation in 1984, Gus attended Yale University in New Haven, CT. He continued to compete successfully in both Cross Country and Track, becoming the Harvard/Yale/Princeton champion at 3000m in 1986.

After graduating from Yale in 1988, Gus earned a very competitive Naval Aviator training position, and attended the Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida. In July, 1989, Gus graduated with honors and became a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy. After completing Navy jet strike training (with honors) and carrier qualification in May 1991, Gus received his coveted "Wings of Gold", and was assigned to the world famous F-14 Tomcat.

For the next 13 years, Gus flew all the versions of the F-14 from the decks of our nation's aircraft carriers. In 1994, he graduated from the prestigious Navy Fighter Weapons School (Topgun) at NAS Miramar, CA, and returned to his fleet squadron to train other pilots in air-to-air and air-to-ground tactics. In 1999, Gus was a finalist for the Navy's Flight Demonstration Team, the Blue Angels.

Gus has flown over 100 combat missions in Bosnia, Somalia, and Iraq, and received individual decorations for Valor during combat strike missions.

After leaving active duty in 2003, Gus joined JetBlue Airways and is currently a Captain on the Airbus A320. He lives in Colorado with his wife, Shannon, and their two children, John (7) and Holly (5).

Gus continues to participate in running and triathlon events, and completed the Boston Marathon last month.



Wayne Roccia

Seneca Valley High School (Class of 1968)

3-year letter winner Football, 2nd team MAC football 1967, Most Outstanding football award winner 1967,
3-year letter winner track

Edinboro State College (Class of 1972)

2-year letter winner Baseball

Post College:

-Baseball: Player Butler Eagle County League 1964 – 1991

President Butler Eagle County League: 1978 - 1991

-Butler Eagle County League Champions: Middle Lancaster

Coaching:

- ◆ Football Coach: Seneca Valley High School: 1975 - 1983
- ◆ Cross Country Coach: Seneca Valley Middle School: 1984 - 1996, 2001-2006
- ◆ Track and Field Coach: Seneca Valley High School: Assistant: 1973 - 1975
- ◆ Head Coach Boys: 1976 – 2007
- ◆ Head Coach Girls: 1980 - 2007
- ◆ Highlights:
 - Boys: 29 consecutive winning seasons Record: 221 & 104
 - 1 Team section championship, 3 WPIAL final four team playoffs, 52 individual section champions, 9 individual WPIAL champions, 51 individual PIAA competitors, 10 individual PIAA medalists, 1 PIAA State Champion
 - Girls: 24 Consecutive winning seasons Record: 223 & 76
 - 2 Team section championships, 4 WPIAL final four team playoffs, Twice Team Runner-up WPIAL team championships, 68 individual section champions, 11 individual WPIAL champions, 79 individual PIAA competitors, 21 individual PIAA medalists
- ◆ Combined record: 444 & 180



George "Doc" O'Shea

Let me give you a brief history of my father, George O'Shea. My Dad had three sons, my oldest brother George, myself and my little brother Dan. He worked for his entire career for the PRR and retired in 1967. In addition to his family, his work and his dabbling in ham radio, he was always an avid fan of football.

He was involved in coaching the game through the years including a stint with a semi-pro team in Pittsburgh during the late 40's and early 50's. Eventually he moved his family and built a home in a brand new housing plan called "Fernway" that was way, way out in the suburbs of Cranberry Township.

Well, after his retirement, and due to his continuing love for the game, he volunteered at the new Seneca Valley High School as the sports trainer for the football team, the first at the school. Besides football, he began to help in many of the different sporting teams at the high school and became to be known as "Doc". Those were, in many respects, the happiest years of his life.

One of the things he took a special interest in was seeing an athlete come back from some adversity even if he/she was not the best or most proficient at the sport. The athlete that had real heart and strove to overcome whatever held him back from succeeding was what he admired.

"Doc" O'Shea passed away in 1971, coincidentally on a trip to take some courses for sports trainers.

Perhaps the most enduring legacy to him in this school district are the children, grandchildren and what would now be great-grandchildren that have or are passing through the Seneca Valley schools and sports programs. His youngest son Dan played on the very first football team in the district. My Brother Dan's daughters and all of my own children and their children have either passed through the system or have children that are doing so right now. In all, there are 30 direct descendants of "Doc" O'Shea that have or will call Seneca Valley a home with nearly every one of them participating in some kind of sport. I think the "Doc" would have been proud to have been an original member of that sporting family at Seneca Valley.

The Seneca Valley Athletic Hall of Fame would like to extend our thanks to

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Wayne:

Thanks for another proud moment of many!

Mom & Dad
Don & Cynda
Tony, Denise & MB