

*Seneca Valley  
Sports Hall of Fame*



*Sixth Annual Induction Banquet  
September 14, 2013*

# ***Seneca Valley Sports Hall of Fame Annual Banquet and Induction Program***

September 14, 2013  
Seneca Valley Senior High, Harmony, PA

## ***Banquet***

Banquet Doors Open	Senior High	5:15 P.M.
Welcome to Banquet	Mr. Mickey Flood, SV '90	5:45 P.M.
Invocation	Mr. Larry Wendereusz, Jr., SV '92	
Dinner	Senior High Cafeteria	

## ***Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony***

Induction Ceremony	Senior High Auditorium	7:00 P.M.
Welcome	Mr. Wayne Roccia, SV '68	
Welcoming Remarks	Ms. Heather Lewis, Seneca Valley Athletic Director	

<b>Stacie Safritt Anderson</b> [SV '05]	Introduced by <i>Thomas Donati</i> [Stacie's Coach]
<b>Zach Jackson</b> (SV '01)	Introduced by <i>Tom Jackson</i> [Zach's father]
<b>Toni Riley Kisling</b> (SV '80)	Introduced by <i>John and Patricia Riley</i> [Toni's parents]
<b>Brian Buerkle</b> (SV '88)	Introduced by <i>Tom Marlowe</i> [Brian's uncle]
<b>Joan Sherman Trach</b> (SV '75)	Introduced by <i>Ed Sherman, Sr.</i> [Joan's father]
<b>1983 Boys' Cross Country Team</b>	Introduced by <i>Dennis Stewart</i> [Coach] Remarks by <i>Gus Nicoll</i> , SV '84 and <i>Glenn Rhines</i> , SV '85 Team members: <i>Mark Barron, Matt Barron, Tony Neibar, Terry Estes, Jeff Miller, and John Yates.</i>

*Congratulations to the 2013 Seneca Valley Sports Hall of Fame Inductees!*



# **Stacie Safritt Anderson**

## **Seneca Valley, Class of 2005**

### **Swimming**



Stacie, the wife of David Anderson, and the daughter of Myron and Melissa Safritt, graduated from Seneca Valley in 2005. She and David make their home in the South Hills of Pittsburgh and are eagerly awaiting the birth of their first child this fall. Stacie graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 2009 with a degree in marketing. She currently works for Chick-Fil-A as a marketing director.

During Stacie's senior season at Seneca Valley High School in 2005, she took home 4 WPIAL medals, 2 PIAA Bronze Medals and swam as part of the State Champion 200 Medley Relay team. Coached by Tom Donati, Stacie hit the ground running as a freshman with the Raiders as she qualified for both the WPIAL and PIAA Meets. By the time she was finished at Seneca Valley, she was decorated with 16 WPIAL Medals, 9 PIAA Medals, and was named both an All-State and All-American Swimmer.

Stacie set numerous school records throughout her career and is still the Seneca Valley record holder for three girls' swimming events: the 200 Medley Relay, the 50 Freestyle and the 100 Freestyle. She not only excelled in the pool but also in the classroom, being awarded the annual Bertha Murray Scholarship at Seneca

Valley. Full of Seneca Valley pride, Stacie was recognized by her classmates as "Most School Spirited" for the Class of 2005.

Stacie continued her swimming career at the University of Pittsburgh where she qualified for the NCAA meet as a freshman, competed in the 2008 Olympic Trials, earned All-Big East Honors, set several team records, and served as team captain her junior and senior seasons. She also was very active outside of the pool serving as Vice President of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, participating in the NCAA Division I Leadership Conference and helping to develop the Panther Leadership Academy.

After taking a break from the sport, Safritt joined her former Seneca Valley coach, Tom Donati, as an assistant for the Upper St. Clair Swim Team in 2011. Safritt served as sprint coach for the USC Panthers, helping coach the boys' team to a WPIAL Championship title. The 200 Freestyle relay team turned in the 4<sup>th</sup> fastest time in the country for high school boys that season. Stacie was recently recognized for her coaching abilities, being asked to speak at the PIAA Coaching Conference in 2012.

# **Zach Jackson**

## **Seneca Valley, Class of 2001**

### **Baseball**



Zach, the son of Tom and Sue Jackson, graduated from Seneca Valley in 2001. His older sister, Becca, and younger sister, Rachel, were both varsity letter winners in softball at SV. Born May 13, 1983 in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, Zach grew up in Cranberry Township. He attended the University of Louisville, and then transferred to Texas A& M. He returned to classes at A & M in 2011 and is now completing his college degree online through the University of Louisville.

Four years ago, Zach married his wife, Ashley (Kingsbery) who is originally from Lima, Ohio. They are blessed with their son, Tyson Thomas, born September 3, 2010 and their baby girl Cambrynn Rose, born March 27, 2012. Currently, Zach and his family reside in Austin, Texas, but don't worry – he is still a “diehard fan of the Steelers and a Pittsburgher at heart.”

A four-year varsity letter winner in baseball for the Raiders, Zach took the opportunity that Coach Dave Florie gave him to play varsity as a freshman and

turned that chance into an impressive athletic career with the SV Baseball team. At SV, Zach – a pitcher - compiled a record of 25-4. During his senior year, his ERA was 1.25, leading to his record of 6-1 for the Raiders. The baseball team earned playoff spots in the WPIAL during three of his years on the team - in 1999, 2000, and 2001. Zach was also a remarkably strong hitter; at the time that he graduated in 2001, he was the career home run leader for the Seneca Valley baseball team.

During Zach's junior year, he received and accepted a scholarship offer to play Division I baseball for the University of Louisville. During his senior year at SV, Zach was drafted in the 50<sup>th</sup> round of the 2001 Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft by the Chicago White Sox, but he did not sign a professional contract at that time, opting instead to first attend college. After two years at Louisville, Zach transferred to Texas A & M for his junior year. In his first start at Texas A & M, Zach Jackson threw a no-hitter. Soon, the majors came calling again.

In 2004, Zach was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays in the 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the First Year Player Draft as the 32<sup>nd</sup> overall pick. He finished up playing Triple A ball that first year in the pros, and led all of minor league baseball in wins. He was traded to the Milwaukee Brewers in December, 2005 in the Lyle Overbay deal. On June 4, 2006, Zach made his Major League debut vs. the San Diego Padres. One of his favorite memories with the Brewers was in 2008 when he pitched in relief at PNC Park in a game against the Pirates.

As his pro baseball career continued, Zach was traded in 2008 to the Cleveland Indians in the CC Sabathia deal and in 2010 back to the Toronto Blue Jays. In 2011-12, Zach signed as a free agent with the Texas Rangers, and then this year he signed with the Kansas City Royals. Zach reinvented his pitching style to throwing side-armed this year, which has invigorated his stats. Playing for the Royals' Double A team, Northwest Arkansas, Zach set a record for the most single season saves with 18; his ERA was 1.38. A few weeks ago, Zach was moved up to the Triple A team, the Omaha Stormchasers, who are 2-0 this week vs. Salt Lake City in the championship series.

# **Toni Riley Kisling**

## **Seneca Valley, Class of 1980**

### **Swimming**



Toni, the daughter of John and Patricia Riley who came to every swim meet to support her, grew up her whole life just outside Zelienople, Pennsylvania with her four swimmer siblings and graduated from Seneca Valley in 1980. The swimming coaches during Toni's years as a Raider were first, Bill Miller, and then Jim Cupp and John Vrana, all outstanding coaches of winning teams. Toni's accomplishments as a Raider have rarely been matched in the pool since her graduation. Toni married her husband Tom Kisling in the mid-80s, and they currently reside in Morgantown, West Virginia, where they are raising their three sons: Zach, 24; Justin, 17; and Tyler, 15.

Following her older siblings Sherri, Brenda, and John, Toni began her swimming career as a child with the Zelienople South West Aquatic Club, where she competed until her high school graduation. In 1976 after 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Toni started to swim year-round, staying with the Aquatic Club and also joining with the Butler YMCA. Her success in the pool happened in part because of her



dedication to swimming year round. When she entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade, she was strong and ready to swim for the Seneca Valley Girls' Swimming Team. Toni would swim on the Butler YMCA team for the next four years, following each season with the Raiders. Due to the known success of her older siblings, Toni was a welcome addition to the team, and for the next four years, she earned championships and set records, becoming one of the best girls swimmers in SV history.

Toni had many accomplishments during her four years as a varsity swimmer. As a freshman at Seneca Valley, Toni qualified for the WPIAL championship meet, and then earned a spot at States in the 50 Freestyle. She was the first female swimmer at SV to individually qualify for the state finals. As Coach Jim Cupp mentioned, "Remember, Toni's (and the girls') season ended in the fall at that time, so her accomplishment is even more impressive, because she had to stay in top shape without dual meet competition until the following March when the state meet was held at Penn State."

Throughout the next four seasons, Toni continued to accomplish and exceed her goals, returning to WPIAL and PIAA competition each year. At the time of Toni's graduation from Seneca Valley, she held all of the individual event records except for the 100 Breaststroke. Each year she re-broke these records as she improved and bettered her times. These records remained in place for many years after her senior season in 1980. Toni was honored to swim for Seneca Valley at a time when the girls' and the boys' swimming and diving teams were dominant. Her younger brother Joe swam for the Raiders after Toni, completing the positive impact of the five Riley siblings on the Seneca Valley Swimming program.

Toni is personally gratified by her experiences at Seneca Valley when she swam with a great group of women and coaches. Toni's teammates on the SV Girls' Swimming Team encouraged and supported each other, a very close-knit group. Swimming at Seneca Valley High School is a lifetime memory that Toni Riley Kisling will always cherish.

**Brian Buerkle**  
**Seneca Valley, Class of 1988**  
**Football, Track and Field**



Brian grew up close to the Seneca Valley stadium where his athletic talents were later displayed. His mother, Kathy Buerkle, was an enthusiastic supporter of all that he accomplished during his years as a Raider. He also has a supportive sister, Sherri, five years younger. His uncle, Tom Marlowe, was like a father to him as well as his football coaches at Seneca Valley, including Robert Magerko, Jeff Wilhelm, Clair Altemus, and Terry Henry. Brian also jumped, sprinted, and threw javelin for the Raiders' Track and Field team, coached by Wayne Roccia whom he also admired and respected. Brian enlisted and proudly served in the U.S. Army for 5 years after graduating in 1988 from Seneca Valley.

In 2005 in Jamaica, Brian married his wife, Pam, and they have formed a dynamic team, joining together their seven children into one loving family. Their children include Brian, 20; Jessica 19; Gradon, 18; Ashley, 16; Jocelyn, 16; Zachery, 13; and Brenna, 13. Brian is currently employed as a driver for UPS and resides with his family in Worthington, Pennsylvania.

During his service in the U.S. Army, Brian earned the Army Achievement Award Medal and several Army Commendation Medals for his expertise and leadership. He graduated from jump school and drove for a 3-Star U.S. General as he travelled around the world. Upon completion of his service, Brian had attained the enlisted rank of E-4, Corporal, in the U. S. Army and lived for a time in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. His career continued as a driver for Fed Ex and later he started to drive for UPS, where he is currently employed.

The theme of driving in his life started during his athletic career at Seneca Valley where Brian was known for working until he got the job done and bursting through the line to gain yardage for his team. His talent, quickness, and strength were combined into first, blocking for upperclassmen teammates on the Raiders' football team, and then, into becoming a record setting running back who dominated the SV offense. During his three years of varsity football at Seneca Valley, he amassed several rushing records for the Raiders, records which lasted 25 years until recent graduate Forrest Barnes set new marks.

Brian was the first SV player to rush for 1,000 yards in a single season in 1986 as a junior and ended that year with 1,134 yards. In his first start as a junior, Brian rushed for 160 yards on 18 carries in a 24-7 win for Seneca Valley. His style was to drive through the line and accelerate quickly for extra yards, sometimes dragging opposing defenders with him to gain that yardage. His junior year he also set a record of 220 yards in one game, including a record 85-yard touchdown run, the longest in school history. Success continued his senior year, as he helped to lead the Raiders to their third consecutive winning record for the first time in SV history. Despite missing the last game and a half during his senior season with an ongoing back injury, Brian still finished his football career as the leading rusher in SV history with over 2,300 yards. After the 1987 season, Brian was named the team's co-MVP.

Brian also participated in varsity track and field, lettering three years. He was a great all-around athlete, competing in sprints, relays, long jump, and throwing events. When he graduated from Seneca Valley in 1988, Brian Buerkle left a legacy of setting records, competing with drive and determination until the job was finished, and unassuming leadership that set an outstanding example for future student-athletes. He appreciates his proud past and the excellent coaching that taught him successful skills and techniques to allow him and his teammates to achieve some of the first winning seasons for the Seneca Valley Raiders football program

**Joan Sherman Trach**  
**Seneca Valley, Class of 1975**  
**Swimming, Basketball, Track and Field**



Joan, the daughter of Ed, Sr. and Audrey Sherman of Zelienople, graduated from Seneca Valley in 1975. A tenacious competitor in swimming, basketball, and track and field, Joan was also a student-athlete well-known for her leadership and sportsmanship. Joan has been married to her husband Bob Trach for almost 30 years; they have three grown children: Tim, 26; Steve, 24; and Sarah, 18.

By the time Joan graduated from high school, she had earned 11 varsity letters: 4 in track and field, 4 in swimming, and 3 in basketball. This is impressive, especially considering there were only three sports for females at SV during her high school years. She played softball in the summers in a league started by her parents, and also with a championship travel team. Her dominating local team,

the Petticoats, won the Zelenople-Harmony Girls' Softball League title for 6 of the 7 years that Joan played, coached by her mother.

As a Raider, Joan was one of the first female athletes to excel. As the starting point guard for three years for the SV girls' basketball team, Joan led the team in scoring, assists, and steals for two of those years. In the 1973-74 season as a junior, Joan led the team to a section championship, was named MVP, and was awarded the Most Valuable Defensive Player at the Seneca Valley Holiday Tournament. That year's squad advanced far into the regional playoffs. During her senior year, the basketball team posted another winning record, and Joan was again named Most Valuable Defensive Player at the SV Holiday Tournament. She was an intelligent and talented basketball player for the Raiders.

More success came in the pool and on the track. As a 4-year letter winner for the SV swimming team, Joan contributed her strength and talent in all of the freestyle events and relays. Joan also earned 4 varsity letters in track and field, displaying talent and versatility in the 100, 220, 440, 880, and mile races. She was a member of the 800 meter medley relay team that placed 5<sup>th</sup> at the PIAA meet in 1974 and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the PIAA meet in 1975. All four years that Joan was on the track and field team, the girls won the section title. She ended her senior year at SV by being voted and awarded the Most Athletic Female.

Joan played four years of college basketball, first at Edinboro, and then at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She was a three-year starter at point guard at IUP, also leading the team in assists and steals each of the three years. She transferred to IUP initially because they offered an outstanding accounting program, but was gratified to continue her athletic career there. In 1979, Joan graduated from IUP with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. She began her career in public accounting, and in November, 1980, Joan passed the C.P.A. exam.

Currently, Joan works as a Senior Vice President of In Home Repair Services for the Sears Holdings Corporation in Chicago, Illinois where she and her family make their home. This is her 11<sup>th</sup> year with Sears. Prior to that, Joan held various leadership positions at TruValue Hardware and Servistar hardware.

# 1983 Boys' Cross County Team

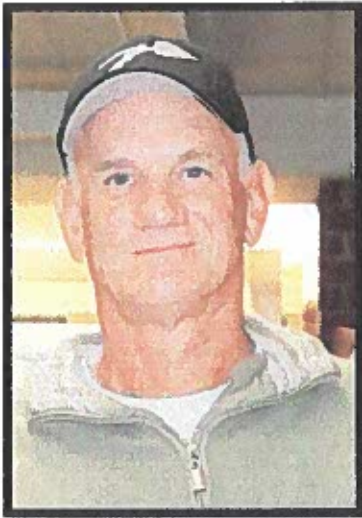


**[Jeff A. Miller, Matt Barron, Glenn Rhines, Coach Denny Stewart, Gus Nicoll, Tony Neibar, Terry Estes, and Mark Barron.]**

The 1983 Seneca Valley Boys' Cross Country team consisted of talented, hard-working athletes who achieved a championship season of greatness under the guidance of Coach Denny Stewart and the leadership of senior Gus Nicoll. The entire '83 Boys' Cross Country team finished the season undefeated. Next, they won the WPIAL team championship. The season culminated with a decisive, historic team victory in the PIAA AAA State Championship, and the '83 Boys' Cross Country team became the first-ever Seneca Valley team to capture the state title. This cohesive squad worked as a unit to achieve their goal of a PIAA Title for SV.

Eight members of the '83 squad headed to the state championships at Lehigh University and finished with 150 team points vs. second place State College's 326 points. Gus Nicoll '84 was state champion, finishing first with a time of 15:20. Matt Barron '85 finished 20<sup>th</sup> at 16:14.2. Tony Neibar '86 was 36<sup>th</sup> at 16:30. Mark Barron '84 was 45<sup>th</sup> at 16:36. Glenn Rhines '85 was 48<sup>th</sup> at 16:37. Jeff Miller finished 63, and Terry Estes and John Yates finished in the top 200. Even if one were to ignore Nicoll's 1<sup>st</sup> place finish, the remaining team members would have still combined to be the #1 team at States that year!

Coach Stewart, Nicoll and the Barron brothers have already been inducted individually in the SV Sports Hall of Fame. Thirty years after the State Championship season, the 1983 Seneca Valley Boys' Cross Country Team is honored to be the first team to enter the Hall of Fame.



**Coach Denny Stewart, SV '68**

Denny Stewart is a lifelong resident of Harmony, Pennsylvania. His life and career reflect a love for and dedication to sports and to the Seneca Valley community. A graduate of the first class to attend Seneca Valley High School all four years, Denny also taught math in the district for more than three decades.

Denny lettered in three sports at SV: cross country, basketball, and track and field. He later coached varsity cross country, varsity track and field, and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball throughout his years as a math teacher at SV. He graduated in 1972 from Geneva College with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and secondary education. During college, Denny ran track and played basketball. After graduation, Denny served two years in the U.S. Army, stationed in Korea for 14 months of his tour.

The highlights of his Seneca Valley coaching career included the 1983 Boys' Cross Country State Championship Team, and working with the 1984 State Champion in the 3200 meters, Gus Nicoll. Denny Stewart was inducted individually into the Seneca Valley Sports Hall of Fame in 2010.

Denny has also been active in the community, including coaching baseball for 20 years. Currently, Denny is residing in Harmony with his wife, Cindy, and enjoying retirement and his growing family, including his two grown children and four grandchildren.



**Gus Nicoll SV '84**

At Seneca Valley, Gus Nicoll lettered four times each in cross country and track and field. He was the individual state champion twice during his senior year: in cross country, and in track in the 3200 meter. After graduating from SV in 1984, Gus was a student-athlete at Yale, running cross country, and indoor and outdoor track and field. He was the 3000 m champ for the Harvard-Yale-Princeton meet. Gus graduated in 1988 with a BA in Economics and Political Science.

He joined the U.S. Navy, where Gus spent 15 years as a naval officer and Navy fighter pilot, flying the F-14 Tomcat. He graduated in '94 from Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) and is a decorated combat veteran with over 60 strike missions.

For the past 10 years, Gus has been with JetBlue Airways. He still flies as Captain on Airbus A320, but is also serving as Director of Flight Operations Plans and Programs at JetBlue headquarters in New York. He runs a strategy planning and execution team.

Currently, Gus is also a full time MBA student from the University of Virginia, Darden School of business and will graduate in May, 2014. He lives in Virginia Beach, VA with his wife Shannon and their two children, John (13) and Holly (11). Gus still trains modestly and competes for fun in triathlons, including the Half Ironman and Escape from Alcatraz triathlons and the Boston Marathon.



**Mark Barron '85**

Matt Barron was born July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1966, in Pittsburgh and raised in Cranberry Township with four brothers and one sister. His father, Tom Barron, was the founder of the Seneca Valley Youth Wrestling program and its head coach for over 20 years. Anna Barron, his mother, is an avid sports enthusiast. She never missed a match, race, or meet throughout Matt's athletic career.

Athletics was one of Matt's favorite hobbies during high school. He was Seneca Valley's first 12-time varsity letter winner. In track and field, Matt was awarded four varsity letters for running the mile and two mile. He was a two time regional qualifier in track and field for the Raiders. In wrestling Matt earned another four varsity letters. He took three sectional championships, qualified for states twice, and won both Freestyle and Greco-Roman (club wrestling) state championships. Matt along with his brothers Rich and Mark, were the first trio of brothers in Pennsylvania history to win 100 varsity wrestling matches each.

Cross country yielded Matt another four Varsity letters. He was a two-time PIAA qualifier and three-time WPIAL qualifier. In 1983, Matt and his team were undefeated and captured the WPIAL team championship. His team continued its unparalleled success that year by winning the PIAA state team championship. The 1983 team was given the honor of being listed as one of America's Top 20 cross country teams. Matt qualified twice as an individual for the state meet, and during his junior year, earned 20<sup>th</sup> place.

After graduating from SV in 1985, Matt continued his education at Clarion; he graduated with honors with a B.S.E. in Earth and Space Science. He works as a firefighter and hazardous materials technician for the Colorado Springs Fire Department. In his spare time he, with other dedicated individuals, founded the Falcon youth wrestling program where he coached for eight years and was vice-president for two years. The athletic achievements he received during his high school years have carried over into his adult life and continue to give him pride in both himself and his Alma Mater, Seneca Valley.



**Jeff Miller '85**

Since graduating from Seneca Valley in 1985, Jeff has continued to train off and on to compete in local running races. In 1998, Jeff enrolled at Grove City College to complete his teaching degree. That fall, at age 31, he tried out and made the Wolverine Cross Country team. During his time at GCC, Jeff also competed in Track and Field, primarily running the 5K and 10K and earning two varsity letters. Jeff also wrote several sports articles for *The Collegian*, Grove City College's student newspaper.

Jeff earned his BA in Secondary Education-English in May 2001 and upon graduation, he got a teaching job in Polk County, Florida. He was an assistant coach for Cross Country and Track and Field at George Jenkins High School in Lakeland, and often ran alongside his student athletes.

He met his future wife, Marci, in April of 2003, and the two married on February 29, 2004. He has two daughters, Brooke and Cordelia, and a son, Dalton. Jeff is currently teaching middle school Language Arts at Bill Duncan Opportunity Center, an alternative education school in Lakeland.

Jeff almost did not even go out for Cross Country in 1983 (his first year), but he had began running with some of the Cross Country members during the previous Track season. His big break came at the first meet of the season when the coaches decided to run the junior varsity alongside the varsity runners. Coach Stewart was surprised by his talent, and Jeff ended up running varsity the remainder of his high school career.

Jeff was a columnist for *The Seneca Scout* (82-83 through 84-85) and was Literary Editor for the *Raider Review* (85).



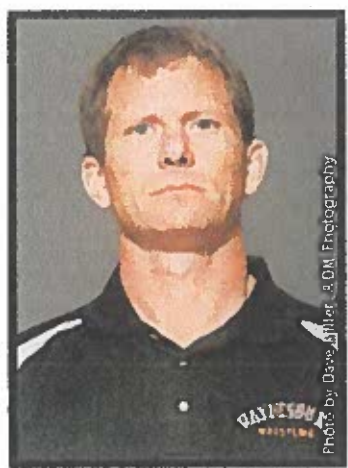
**Terry Estes '85**

Terry Estes graduated from Seneca Valley in 1985 and is the son of Bob and Sue Estes of Renfrew, PA. As a member of the 1983 Seneca Valley Boys' Cross County team, Terry was one of the top seven key runners for the Raider squad during their undefeated and State Championship season.

After graduation, Terry went to Saint Bonaventure University and ran on their cross country team for four years with strong success. He graduated in 1989 from St. Bonaventure with degrees in computer science and mathematics.

Since 1990, Terry has lived outside Washington, DC in Centreville, VA. He and his wife of 21 years, Christa, have two children: Michaela, 16, a high school junior, and Hannah, 13, a freshman. Both girls are soccer players like their mom and the soccer schedule consumes most of the family's schedule. They also have a retired greyhound, Desi.

Terry works for CACI as a financial system implementation project manager in DC. He has been running regularly again for the past 7 years and has participated in some marine Corps Marathons in 2009 and 2012 and numerous half marathons, ten milers, and 5Ks.



**John Yates '84**

John Yates graduated from Seneca Valley in 1984 and was not only a member of the 1983 PIAA Team Champions Cross Country Team, but also an excellent wrestler. John is married to Dawn (Cartwright SV '84) and they have a son Jake, who graduated in 2010 from the Rochester Institute of Technology as a mechanical engineer.

During his years at SV, John wrestled mostly, and has been inducted into the Seneca Valley Wrestling Hall of Fame. He was a Greco-Roman state champion. He placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the WPIAL championships one year, and ended up achieving a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish that same year at the PIAA State Championship Meet.

During his time on the Seneca Valley Cross Country Team, John was a dedicated and talented athlete who added depth to the high achieving team. He attended the 1983 State Championship meet and ran with the team as its 8<sup>th</sup> man, or alternate.

After graduation, John continued his education at the University of Pittsburgh, where he was a four-year team member and varsity letterman from 1984-1988. From there, John started teaching and coaching at Waynesburg (PA) High School, where he was the head wrestling coach for 10 years with a career record of 140-43. Yates has coached 15 WPIAL champions, 20 PIAA State Place Winners, 6 PIAA State Champions, and 2 NCAA Division I National Champions, including Olympic Bronze Medalist Coleman Scott (London 2012) and UFC Welterweight star Josh Koscheck.

Currently John is in his 6<sup>th</sup> year as the Assistant Wrestling Coach for Waynesburg University. His teams have achieved three PAC Conference Team Titles with 11 NCAA qualifiers, and 3 NCAA Division III All-Americans.





**Mark J. Barron '84**

Mark J. Barron was born July 4, 1966 to Thomas and Anna Barron. He and his four brothers and one sister grew up in Cranberry Township, PA, where Mark was a 1984 graduate of Seneca Valley. During his years as an S.V. Raider, Mark participated in three sports: cross country, wrestling, and track and field. He earned 11 varsity letters and numerous awards as a top student-athlete throughout his high school career.

A four-year varsity letter winner in cross country, Mark qualified two times for individual state competition at the PIAA meet and ranked high each year in the WPIAL. He was co-captain of the 1983 undefeated and PIAA Championship Cross Country team from Seneca Valley. He enjoyed running so much that he also joined the track and field team in the spring season after wrestling competition ended. During his middle and long distance running career for Seneca Valley Track and Field, Mark earned three varsity letters.

Mark is the youngest of the three brothers, including Matt and Rich, who combined to become the first three brothers in Pennsylvania history to ever win 100 wrestling matches each during interscholastic competition. After more than 25 years, Mark still holds two prominent school records: the Seneca Valley wrestling record for most wins at 125 and the record for the most team points at 415 in wrestling. In 2011, he was inducted into the Seneca Valley Hall of Fame for his individual accomplishments in wrestling, cross country, and track and field.

Mark is married to Angela Hollingshead Barron and they reside in Huntingdon, PA. They have four children: Asia(23), Rayna(21), Adam(12), and Taylor(10). Mark is employed at Geisinger Medical Group in State College, PA as a Medical Technologist.



**Tony Neibar '86**

Travis "Tony" Neibar was born on Jan 27, 1967. He grew up in Evans City with his parents Clark and Darlene Neibar and his sister, Kim Neibar Dittmer. When he wasn't mowing grass or helping his neighbors with their farms, he could be found hanging out with his best friend John Creese. Tony's always loved sports. He played baseball and football as a child. He also ran track in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, but he found his real niche when he first ran for the SV boys cross country team in 10<sup>th</sup> grade. He credits Gus and Glenn with talking him out of playing football in 10<sup>th</sup> grade and into trying Cross Country. He received many medals and trophies as a Raider runner and even set a school record as a senior. The 1983 State Championship that Seneca Valley's team won has always been the highlight of his high school years. What made winning even better was that Seneca Valley had the first place runner at States -Gus. It seemed that in all the big cross country meets, Tony often came in third behind Gus and Matt. He credits Coach Stewart for always pushing them to be their best.

One fun memory of the cross country meets was Coach Stewart's mom (Millie) cheering for Tony and the rest of the team. She was very enthusiastic and was always yelling out to the boys as they ran past.

He is a 1986 graduate of Seneca Valley High School. Tony received his degree in Maintenance Electricity from Triangle Tech. He worked for Weyerhaeuser (aka Paragon) in Harmony until the plant closed in 2003. Now he works in the optics department at II-VI in Saxonburg.

Tony has been married to his wife Melissa for close to 22 years. They have a daughter, Ashtyn who is currently a senior at Freeport High School and the Neibars currently live in Freeport.



**Glenn Rhines '85**

Glenn Rhines was a 4-year letter winner in cross country and in track and field at Seneca Valley. He graduated in 1985. Not only was Glenn the MVP for the track and field team in 1984, but he also excelled at cross country. In his junior year, Glenn was a member of the '83 PIAA Team Champion Cross Country team. He also qualified individually for the 1984 PIAA State Cross Country Championship Meet. In 1985, he was an individual qualifier for the PIAA State Track Meet in the 3200 meters. In his senior year, Glenn was the Cross Country team's MVP.

Glenn first went to Pitt Johnstown, but after one year transferred to Pitt (Oakland). He was an All -Academic honoree for the Big East in 1989. While at Pitt he ran cross country, and indoor and outdoor track and field. He numerous honors include winning 4 varsity letters in each of the three sports for a total of 12 varsity letters at Pitt.

Currently, Glenn lives in New Providence, New Jersey with his wife Nancy. He and his wife are raising two children: Eric who is 12 and Nina who is 10.

For the past 18 years, Glenn has enjoyed working in his career at Imagine Software, where his current position is Director of Systems.

# ***SENECA VALLEY SPORTS HALL OF FAME***

2008	Rich Barron	SV '82
	Tim Kearns	SV '70
	Ken Lockey	SV Coach for 34 years
	Gus Nicoll	SV '84
	George "Doc" O'Shea	SV Trainer
	Wayne Roccia	SV '68 + SV Coach
	Dan Swingle	SV '83
	Mark Van Dyke	SV '75
	Van Walker	SV '68
Martha Fox Weygandt	SV '77	
2009	Beth Black	SV '77
	Wayne Bloom	SV '78
	Denny Britt	SV '67
	Dave Florie	SV Coach
	Richard Lane	SV Coach and Trainer
	Norman McMurray	SV Contributor
2010	Thomas Heckendorn	SV Coach and AD
	Lynnette K. McBride	SV '87
	Jose Raymundo	SV '89
	Amanda Smith	SV '2002
	Charles C. Stevens	SV '65
	Dennis Stewart	SV '68 + SV Coach

## ***SENECA VALLEY SPORTS HALL OF FAME***

2011	Matthew Barron	SV '85
	Mark J. Barron	SV '84
	Kari Bonomo Creehan	SV '94
	Jason Conti	SV '93
	Megan Gilliland	SV '01
	Bill Miller	SV Coach
	Sean O'Shea	SV '91
2012	David Cashdollar	SV '67
	David Ferianc	SV '68
	Marlesse Schlott Hames	SV '92
	John Paul Thiebaud	SV '72
	Raymond J. Thompson	Contributor
	Janet Wilk Swope	SV '77
	James Walsh	SV '85
2013	Stacie Safritt Anderson	SV' 05
	Brian Buerkle	SV '88
	Zach Jackson	SV '01
	Toni Riley Kisling	SV '80
	Joan Sherman Trach	SV '75
	1983 Boys' Cross Country Team	

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