

*Seneca Valley
Sports Hall of Fame*



*Seventh Annual Induction Banquet
September 13, 2014*

Seneca Valley Sports Hall of Fame Annual Banquet and Induction Program

September 13, 2014
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	Dr. Sean McCarty, Seneca Valley School District, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education	

Terry Henry

Introduced by *Erv Weischedel*, [Terry's friend]

Jim Harshaw, Jr. (SV '94)

Introduced by *Shel Harshaw* and *Dawn Harshaw Nicotra* [Jim's sisters]

Kristen Cheman (SV '00)

Introduced by *Leigh Edleman* [Kristen's friend]

Peet Poillon (SV '05)

Introduced by *Wayne Jaeckle* [Peet's coach]

1995 Baseball Team

Introduced by *Bill Allen* [Assistant Coach]

Remarks by *Dave Florie*, Head Coach

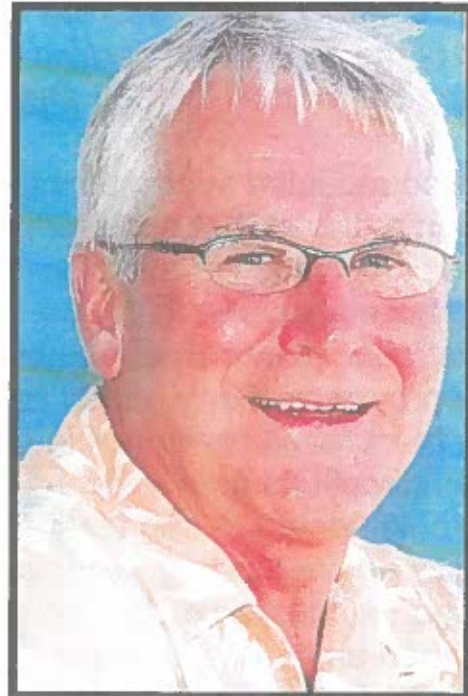
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Assistant coaches: *Bob Rectenwald, Tom Magill, Eric Semega*
Managers and Trainer: *Katie Driscoll Andrews, Kara Dally Patton, and Stacey Heidrich Niggel.*

Congratulations to the 2014 Seneca Valley Sports Hall of Fame Inductees!

Terry Henry

Seneca Valley Head Football Coach and Athletic Director



Terry Henry came to Seneca Valley in 1984 as the new head football coach; the next year he added the title of Seneca Valley Athletic Director. When he retired, he left a legacy of success and innovation with football and the entire Raiders' athletic program from his years at Seneca Valley.

Terry Henry was a three-sport athlete at East Brady (PA) High School, where he received 6 varsity letters in football, basketball, and golf, graduating in 1967. He played football at Slippery Rock College for two years at quarterback and graduated in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Physical Education. The next year, Terry returned to his alma mater to teach elementary physical education classes and coach football and basketball. He became the East Brady Athletic Director in 1978 while maintaining his teaching and coaching duties.

In 1984, Terry Henry was recruited by the Superintendent of Schools in the Southwest Butler County School District for the head football coaching position at Seneca Valley High School. The next year, Terry was appointed

Athletic Director while continuing as head football coach. Prior to his arrival, the football team's record was 4-36.

Over the years as the Raiders' head football coach, Terry's teams amassed a win-loss record of 74-48-2. In 1989, 1991, and 1995, the Seneca Valley football teams made the W.P.I.A.L. playoffs and advanced in 1989 to the W.P.I.A.L. finals. Terry received coaching accolades when he was selected Coach of the Year in the section in 1989 and again in 1995. He retired from coaching SV football in 1995 after 12 years but continued as Athletic Director.

Terry also modeled success as the Seneca Valley Athletic Director. He served in a district that experienced quick population growth with increased student participation in athletics and renovations to buildings and grounds. Among his achievements for the good of Seneca Valley, he worked with the administration to implement a new grade point requirement for all athletic and activity programs. Terry added reserved seating and parking for football games to increase revenue. He created the coaching manual, student athletic manual, directions booklet for parents, and pre-season coaches meetings. Terry implemented a drug testing policy for activities and athletics, developed the policy against hazing, established the conflict resolution policy for parents, and began a concussion testing program for football players with UPMC. He established an events calendar for each of the secondary buildings during his tenure, and later a district-wide calendar of events.

While Terry Henry was the SV Athletic Director, he created opportunities for women's sports, adding golf and lacrosse. The first lacrosse, ice hockey, and inline hockey teams were added. He negotiated a contract with Pepsi that brought \$280,000 into the Seneca Valley athletics and activities programs. Terry was also involved in planning stadium expansion by adding visitor bleachers, new stadium lights, indoor batting cage, an improved baseball stadium, and the first all-weather track in Raider Stadium. In each instance, Terry collaborated with booster clubs, coaches, and administration.

After his coaching career, Terry served two years on the W.P.I.A.L. Board for wrestling and nine years for football until he retired in 2007. He was inducted into the Butler County Hall of Fame in 2014. He credits his friend and secretary Dolly Bowman for his ability to serve as the head football coach at Seneca Valley while also the Athletic Director.

Jim Harshaw, Jr.

Seneca Valley, Class of 1994

Wrestling



Jim Harshaw, Jr., Seneca Valley Class of 1994, started wrestling at age 6 under the tutelage of Tom Barron, the founder of Seneca Valley Youth Wrestling and its coach for over 20 years. Twelve years later, he ended his high school career under Coach Ken Lockey after accomplishing many standout achievements.

During his four years wrestling for Seneca Valley on talented teams, Jim Harshaw won three section titles and a 1994 W.P.I.A.L. championship in the 130-lb. weight class during his senior year, after placing third as a junior. He also earned two trips to the P.I.A.A. state tournament, and achieved a Top 8 finish at the P.I.A.A. Championships in Hershey. Jim's individual career record in varsity matches was an impressive 96-19!

Outside of competing for Seneca Valley, Jim was competing year round. He placed at the USA Wrestling National Championships twice, competed overseas on a USA team after winning the Northeast Regionals, and trained at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. His dedication to

improving as a wrestler greatly enhanced his scholastic success at Seneca Valley.

While he had a successful scholastic career, Jim found his footing in college. Recruited to the University of Virginia, he went on to win three consecutive Atlantic Coast Conference championships and finished his career as an NCAA Division I All American after placing 8th nationally.

After completing a degree in environmental science and a Masters of Teaching, he launched into collegiate coaching. Jim became the youngest Division I head coach in the country at the time when he took over the reigns of the Slippery Rock University program in 2002. He also served as an assistant coach with the University of Virginia from 2000-2002 and again from 2004-2007.

Jim has since moved into athletic administration for his alma mater and is currently the assistant director of the Virginia Athletics Foundation, responsible in part for raising \$30 million annually to help fund the University of Virginia athletics program, one of the top Division I athletics departments in the country.

Jim credits his success in large part to his supportive family. His father, also Jim, logged tens of thousands of miles across the country providing him the opportunities to train and compete with the best they could find. His mother, Peg, was the secretary of the Seneca Valley Wrestling Association and has always provided unconditional love and support. Sisters Shel Harshaw and Dawn Nicotra were always Jim's biggest fans as well as practice partners on the living room floor at the Harshaw home in Cranberry Township.

Jim Harshaw has been married to Allison for 11 years, and they are the parents of four children: Jesse, 9, Wyatt, 7, Elliana, 4, and Isla, 1. He is honored with his induction this year into the Seneca Valley Sports Hall of Fame, following in the footsteps of the SV wrestlers whom he looked up to in his youth.

Kristen Cheman

Seneca Valley, Class of 2000

Cross Country, Swimming, Track and Field



Kristen Cheman, Seneca Valley Class of 2000, was born on December 13, 1982, in Pittsburgh and spent most of her childhood in Harmony, PA, with her parents and sister, Jessica. Her athletics career began early when Kristen asked to join the swim team at age five. She remembers watching videos of Olympic swimmers with her father, Edward Cheman, to learn how the pros swam. She ran her first road race at age nine, following in the footsteps of her mother, Ann Cheman. Her mother was a Seneca Valley teacher for over 30 years and continues to substitute in the middle and intermediate high schools. Ann has been an assistant cross country coach for the high school team since 1996 and a former track and field assistant. Needless to say, athletics were always a family activity.

As an avid runner and swimmer, tri-sport athlete Kristen Cheman joined the cross country, swimming, and track and field teams when she entered high school. After her four years in high school, she became the first female at Seneca Valley to earn twelve varsity letters.

Kristen qualified for W.P.I.A.L. competition every year in all three sports. In cross country, she was twice a P.I.A.A. finalist and team MVP. In swimming, Kristen was a member of the Seneca Valley team that won the Section Championship in 1999. In track and field, she won the Top Athletic Freshman and Top Athletic Junior awards, set a school record in the 3200 meter relay, and made the All-Time Top 10 list for two events: the 1600 meters and 3200 meters. Kristen's athletic achievements were mirrored in the classroom as she was ranked fourth in her graduating class of 2000. She was also an academic award recipient every year in all three sports, and inducted into the Seneca Valley National Honor Society.

In addition to Kristen's athletic achievements, her academic accomplishments were also widely recognized. She received a number of local, state, and national scholar-athlete honors, including the Wendy's High School Heisman Award for the Top Female in the state of Pennsylvania, the Coca-Cola Scholars Award, the Northern Area Athletic Directors Female of the Year Award, the Rudy Milasincic Memorial Scholarship for the Top Female in Butler County through the Butler County Road Race, and a number of local scholarships.

Upon graduating with the Class of 2000, Kristen attended Allegheny College, where she participated on the cross country, swimming, and track and field teams; she received her B.S. in Mathematics and won the Allegheny Cornerstone Award for her dedication to service and outstanding contributions to the Allegheny College community.

Kristen also holds an M.S. in Applied Mathematics from North Carolina State University and an M.E. in Systems Engineering from the University of Virginia. She currently resides in Arlington, Virginia, where she works as a consultant at the Logistics Management Institute and teaches as an adjunct faculty at Northern Virginia Community College.

Now a competitive marathon runner, she completed the Boston Marathon two times and placed 2nd at Grandfather Mountain Marathon and 10th at the Vermont City Marathon. Kristen Cheman credits athletics for her perseverance, focus, good health, positive outlook, and many lasting friendships. She is grateful for her family, coaches, teammates, and the incredible honor of being inducted into the Seneca Valley Sports Hall of Fame.

Peet Poillon

Seneca Valley, Class of 2005

Lacrosse



Peet Poillon, Seneca Valley Class of 2005, started playing lacrosse during his freshman year of high school in 2001 when his dad, Neil Poillon, started the program at Seneca Valley. Lacrosse was new to Western Pennsylvania at that time but had captured Peet's attention a few years earlier. Peet had spent his youth playing soccer and hockey, and he credits the skills from those sports as being the springboard to his quick success when he switched to lacrosse. Since then, Peet has played collegiate and professional lacrosse and has coached at the college level and back at his alma mater, Seneca Valley. He has achieved lacrosse success at the highest levels.

During high school Peet led the Raiders in lacrosse and capped his scholastic career by setting a W.P.I.A.L. record with 410 career goals. Poillon was named Western Pa Player of the Year and a U.S. Lacrosse All-American in 2005.

After not getting recruited to play lacrosse at the Division I level, Peet decided on the junior college route and attended Howard Community College in Maryland, where lacrosse was well established. At Howard he was a two-time team captain, a two-time First Team All-American, and the two-time Conference Player of the Year. These standout achievements led to him being recruited to play at Ohio State University. While at Ohio State, Peet was named All-Conference and Honorable Mention All-American.

After one season, Peet returned to Maryland and played for the University of Maryland - Baltimore County. There he was named a USILA Second Team All-American and was a First Team All-America East Performer. He was then picked 20th overall in the Major League Lacrosse Draft and signed to the Boston Cannons. After not getting a chance to play in Boston, he got his release and was picked up by the Chesapeake Bayhawks.

With the Chesapeake Bayhawks, Peet's MLL career has taken off. He has been honored four times as a Major League Lacrosse All-Star and an All-Pro Midfielder. He has won the 2010 MLL Championship with the Bayhawks and has competed in the MLL championship or semi finals four out of five years. He was also voted the Most Improved Player during the Bayhawks 2010 championship season.

Peet began coaching lacrosse while playing professionally. He was honored to return to Seneca Valley in 2011 and lead the Raiders to their first W.P.I.A.L. Championship as the team's head coach. After two seasons with the Raiders, Peet then moved on to coach at the Division I level with a position first with the University of Delaware. Currently Peet is the offensive coordinator at Hobart College.

With his family's support, Peet Poillon brought boys and girls lacrosse to Seneca Valley. He returned a decade later to bolster the Raiders' lacrosse programs as a coach, winning a W.P.I.A.L. crown. Tonight, Peet Poillon is inducted into the Seneca Valley Sports Hall of Fame, the first ever lacrosse player to receive this honor.

1995 Baseball Team

PIAA Champions



[Row 1: Jon Maschak, Brent Ruby, Tony Felt, Shane Young, Steve Sarver, Jason Haefner, Mike Wendereusz, Katie Driscoll. Row 2: Aaron Gray, Scott Dohn, Mat Kohler, Chuck Hein, Tony Babusci, Josh Baron, Steve Grosick, Stacey Heidrich. Row 3: Head Coach Dave Florie, Nathan Ranalli, Matt Koger, Shon Norris, Tim Miskevich, Coach Bill Allen, Brian Mountain, Todd Raithel, Wayne Roccia, Kevin McCormick]

The 1995 Seneca Valley P.I.A.A. State Championship Baseball Team returned only two starters from the 1994 team, which won the W.P.I.A.L. Championship. Over 90% of the team's production from that team had graduated. Despite facing a potential rebuilding year, Coach Dave Florie and his staff rallied the determined and talented 10 seniors and 12 juniors for a winning season.

The '95 baseball team started section play that year with a 3-5 record, which almost eliminated them mathematically from the W.P.I.A.L. playoffs by mid-season. At that time, only two teams would qualify for the playoffs, so the '95 team had to win 6 of the next 7 games for a playoff spot. They amazingly accomplished that feat and started the playoffs with two wins. In the W.P.I.A.L.

baseball team still qualified for the upcoming P.I.A.A. state tournament playoffs. Their season continued.

In the P.I.A.A. playoffs, first Seneca Valley defeated Franklin, 4-2 in a 13-inning game, and in the second game, great pitching and hitting led the Raiders past Bethel Park by the score of 5-1. That victory set up a dramatic rematch for the semi-finals against North Catholic. The Raiders faced North Catholic's best pitcher and after two innings, the score was tied 2-2. But a five-run third inning by the strong hitting Raiders set the tone for an unexpected steamrolling of their opponent as Seneca Valley won the semis, 10-2!

The Seneca Valley Raiders (19-7) headed to Riverside Park in Harrisburg to face Williamsport (19-3). Although Williamsport jumped to a 1-0 lead in the first inning, the Raiders answered with 4 runs to take the lead. They never looked back, keeping their eyes on the gold. In the end, Williamsport was held to a total of 4 hits and the Raiders captured the P.I.A.A. championship with a 7-3 win!

The '95 Seneca Valley Baseball Team won all four games in the P.I.A.A. playoffs to win the State Championship. The team ended up ranked No. 1 in the state, No. 4 in the Eastern Division of the United States, and in the Top 25 in the nation according to the U.S.A Today newspaper. These accolades came from the season when it had been predicted that they would finish last in the section. They were also the first ever Butler County school to win baseball gold in the P.I.A.A. The '95 squad was the first baseball team in Seneca Valley's history to win the state title, and only the second S.V. team to ever win a P.I.A.A. championship.

1995 Seneca Valley Baseball Team

Dave Florie, Head Coach

Bill Allen, Assistant Varsity Coach

Bob Rectenwald, Junior Varsity Coach

Tom Magill and Eric Semega, Ninth Grade Coaches

Seniors, SV Class of '95

Josh Baron
Scott Dohn
Tony Felt
Chuck Hein
Matt Koger
Mat Kohler
Jon Maschak
Shon Norris
Brent Ruby
Shane Young

Juniors, SV Class of '96

Tony Babusci
Aaron Gray
Steve Grosick
Jason Haefner
Kevin McCormick
Tim Miskevich
Brian Mountain
Todd Raithel
Nathan Ranalli
Wayne Roccia
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Managers/Trainers

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SENECA VALLEY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Inductees Year-by-Year

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 Rocchia	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 '02
	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	

Nominations for future Hall of Fame inductees are accepted throughout the year, and the committee maintains a file of all submissions. Find the SV Sports Hall of Fame link on the Seneca Valley School District website: <http://www.svsd.net>. Click first on the Athletics tab, and then on the Hall of Fame link.

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