

SIDNEY ALUMNI SPORTS HALL OF FAME CELEBRATES TEN YEARS

SIDNEY – The Sidney Central School Alumni Association is pleased to announce plans for the Tenth Annual Alumni Sports Hall of Fame “Induction Weekend” September 28-29.

The Class of 2012 and Legacy Award recipients will be honored for their accomplishments during the annual Induction Dinner and Ceremony Saturday, September 29 to be held at American Legion Post 183 starting at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 each and are available from any Sports Hall of Fame Committee member or through Glad Tidings and VEP in downtown Sidney.

In the spotlight this year are athletes spanning six decades. The Class of 2012 includes:

- **Gerald “Jerry” Curtis** – ('59) A four-year letterman in football, Jerry captained the undefeated 1956 Warriors squad and played in the 1958 Section IV East-West All-Star Football Game. Curtis also wrestled and was an All-Star baseball player.
- **Carole Redmond Stanbro** – ('76) was a truly versatile athlete upon the birth of Title IX. She earned 14 letters in six sports and still holds one track record and shares another in the sprints. In her junior year, Carole declined to do cheerleading so she could be part of the first girls winter track team at Sidney.
- **Coach Stephen “Spike” Paranya** – became a volunteer field events coach in 1986 and continues to this day. He has coached 6 NYS Champions in the high jump as well as numerous Section IV champions in the high jump as well as long and triple jump.
- **Lindsay Hinsch Drake** – ('01) – was also a versatile athlete whose real dominance came in the long and triple jump in both indoor and outdoor seasons. Drake won four NY State championships, highlighted by a final meet as a senior capturing both the long and triple jump titles. She went on to Lehigh University of a full track & field scholarship.

The 2012 Legacy Award will go to the **1991-92 Field Hockey** team which finished a 20-0-2 campaign by winning the New York State Class A Championship despite being a Class C school enrollment-wise. This group included many players who went on to successful college careers in several sports, some at the Division I level. It remains Sidney's only girls team to win a NYS title. The team was coached by Sidney and Section Four Hall of Fame coach Mary Morrison.

Induction Weekend begins with the annual Homecoming Football game Friday the 28th when Sidney hosts Greene at Sidney Alumni Field starting at 7:00 pm. Inductees and Legacy members will be honored at halftime. Following the game, a reception for them and all alumni takes place at the VFW on West Main St.

Saturday's Induction Dinner and Ceremony begins with a social hour at 5:00 pm before the dinner at 6:15. Once again, a sports memorabilia auction will be held prior to the ceremony for the Class of 2012.

Each year the Sports Hall of Fame committee uses proceeds from the dinner to help provide the Sidney Central School Athletic Department with much-needed equipment that is not available based on budget constraints. Over the ten years of the Sports Hall of Fame's existence, the school has received computerized field-lining equipment, custom chairs and a scorer's table for indoor sports, the illuminated "Sidney Alumni Field" signage, two portable scoreboards and two custom Sidney Warrior canopies for use in outdoor sports during inclement weather.

This year's proceeds will go toward putting plaques from each of the first ten induction classes in a designated area near the school gymnasium.

Sidney Alumni Sports Hall of Fame Committee members are: Greg Davie, chairman (643-2913), Dennis Porter, Tony Zieno, Bonnie Curtis, m Larry Halbert, Wayne King, Mike Mason, Doug Quinney, or Wendy Weidman.

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