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## **OHSBCA ANNOUNCES HALL OF FAME FOR 2017**

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association (OHSBCA) is proud to announce the coaches and the date for the Hall of Fame Induction of the Class of 2017. This year, the association is inducting 5 individuals into our Hall of Fame – four coaches and one honorary inductee. The four high school coaches being inducted are: Scott Bardall of Garaway, Dan Hegemier of Fort Loramie and New Knoxville, Joe Lynch of Strongsville and Bob Miller of Thomas Worthington. The Honorary Inductee is John Joseph, a long-time supporter of the OHSBCA and the owner of Shoot-A-Way. The Induction Ceremony of the 31<sup>st</sup> Class will take place at the Columbus Airport Marriott at 1375 N Cassady Ave in Columbus, OH on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 5:30 PM.

Tickets may be obtained by calling Paul Wayne, Hall of Fame Director, at 419-264-2547 or [wayno14@embarqmail.com](mailto:wayno14@embarqmail.com). Tickets are \$35 per person.

Below are the biographies of each of the inductees.

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## **Scott Bardall**

Scott Bardall is one of six children raised on a dairy farm by their parents, Richard and Marlene Bardall. Growing up on a dairy farm instilled in him a work ethic and sense of teamwork, which was ideally suited to the sport of basketball and a career in coaching. His high school coach, Dave Mast (District 5 Hall of Fame), had a tremendous impact on both his playing and coaching career. Scott is a 1981 graduate of Lakeland High School and 1985 graduate of Otterbein College. He has a Master's Degree in Classroom Instruction from Ashland University. Scott currently teaches American History at Garaway High School.

Coach Bardall started his coaching career at Orrville High School in 1985, under legendary Hall of Famer Steve Smith. After four years as Coach Smith's assistant/JV coach, he moved to the varsity girls' program. In 1993, his team advanced to the state 'Final Four' before losing to West Holmes in the semi-finals. His 1998 team won another district title and advanced to the Regionals.

In 1999, Sugarcreek Garaway and the boys' program became home for Coach Bardall and his young family. Over the next five years, the boys went 94-28 and advanced to the Districts four times. In 2002, his Pirate team lost in the Regional final to Eastern Brown and finished the season with a 24-2 record. His 2003 team went 26-2, finishing the season ranked #1 in the AP poll, before losing in the State final to Cincinnati Reading.

In 2005 he was hired to take over the Garaway girls' program. In the next seven years his teams amassed a record of 145-30, with four district titles and two more trips to the 'Final Four'. In 2006, his team went 25-3 on the way to Columbus, losing to Youngstown Ursuline in the semi-finals. His 2008 team lost in the State Final to Versailles. In his final two seasons as a head coach at Garaway (2010, 2011) his teams advanced to the Regionals before losing to Ironton and Eastern Brown, respectively. After two years out of active coaching, spent watching his daughters play collegiate basketball (University of Findlay and Malone University) and his son start his basketball career, Coach Bardall joined the Dover staff and Hall of Famer Bob VonKaenel at Dover.

In over 30 years as an active coach, Coach Bardall has won numerous coaching awards, including several league and district Coach of the Year honors. In 2008, he was selected as the AP Coach of the Year in Div III. He has served as Vice President and President of the District 5 Coaches Association and served the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association as Vice President and currently is the OHSBCA President.

Coach Bardall has shared his career and family with his beautiful wife and biggest supporter, Tricia. Tricia was Scott's assistant or junior high coach for several years with the girls' programs at both Orrville and Garaway. They have been married for 32 years and are the proud parents of Laura, Sarah and Tyler. The family welcomed son-in-law Bradley Piehl (husband of Laura) into the family in 2013. Family and basketball have been the centerpiece of Coach Bardall's life. He has been particularly blessed to have coached all three of his children (each has been selected as an All-Ohioan, which is a testament to his wife's genetics). He also has had the wonderful opportunity to coach with several tremendous assistants over the years. Coach Bardall would also like to acknowledge and genuinely thank the many outstanding players and teams that have sacrificed greatly in the pursuit of excellence.

## **Dan Hegemier**

Coach Dan Hegemier grew up on a family farm in New Knoxville, Ohio, with 6 brothers and sisters. He graduated from New Knoxville High School in 1970. In 1974, he graduated from The University of Findlay with a Bachelor of Science. He then received his Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling from The University of Dayton in 1982.

Coach Hegemier began his career at Waynesfield-Goshen High School and was the head basketball coach for 2 years. He then went on to coach at Spencerville High School where he spent 4 years and won their first Northwest Conference league title. Following that, he went to Fort Loramie High School and coached there for 16 years winning the Division IV state championship in 1987 and in 1993. In 2000, Coach Hegemier then went on to coach small college basketball at Wright State University Lake Campus where he had two 20-plus winning seasons. In 2005 Dan returned to his home town of New Knoxville to coach the Rangers to 101 wins in 5 seasons and win the state championship in 2008. In 2010, Dan finished his coaching career at Memorial High School in St. Marys, the town in which he resides.

Overall, his teams have won 14 league titles, 16 sectionals, 11 districts, 4 regionals, and 3 state championships – 1987, 1993, and 2008. Dan has been voted District 8 Coach of the Year four times, District 9 Coach of the Year three times, AP Southwest District Coach of the Year in 1993, and AP Northwest District Coach of the Year in 2007 and 2008. He was also voted AP Ohio Coach of the year in 1993, 2007, and 2008 and Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year in 2007. Coach Hegemier has coached the 1989 North-South all-star game and the Ohio-Indiana all-star game in 2008 and 2009. In all, Dan's teams have compiled a record of 524-248.

Dan has been married to his wife Joann for 40 years and they have 3 children, Mark, 36, (married to Amanda), Joe, 34, and Maggie, 29, (married to Brad), and 5 grandchildren – Avrie, Everett, Cameron, Mara, and Ashton. He and his wife belong to Zion Lutheran Church where he has served as a deacon and is currently a trustee. Dan has been a member of the Ohio Basketball Coaches Association for 33 years. He is also a member of the St. Marys Idlewild Outing Club.

Coach Hegemier's teams have always been noted for their unselfish basketball, great team defense, and fundamentally sound play on the offensive end of the floor. He took great pride in his players playing hard all the time and their willingness to prepare for the season and games.

## **Joe Lynch**

Coach Joe Lynch grew up in northwest Ohio before moving and attending high school at Maple Heights High School. In high school he played baseball and basketball where he was a three-year starter and letterman, earning all-conference honors during his high school athletic career. Upon graduation in 1961, he attended Baldwin-Wallace University where he played for four years earning all-conference recognition his junior and senior years. Coach Lynch attended the Ohio State University for one year of graduate work before beginning his teaching and coaching career at Medina Highland High School in 1966.

While at Highland for two years, he was an assistant coach for both varsity football and basketball. In 1968, Coach Lynch was hired as only the second basketball coach at St. Peter Chanel High School. Chanel played a regular season schedule as a member of the North Coast League that included, St. Joe's, St. Ed's, Cathedral Latin, Padua, Holy Name, Elyria Catholic and Lorain Catholic while also playing an independent schedule that included many teams from the Cleveland East and West Senates. Under Coach Lynch and his up-tempo style, the Firebirds would compile a 323-167 record that included; thirteen conference championships, numerous district and regional appearance and a Final Four trip in 1991.

During his twenty-three years at Chanel he also served as head football coach for four years with three winning seasons. Coach Lynch began the baseball program in 1970 serving as the head coach for six years. During this time he took on duties as athletic director. During his tenure as Chanel's head basketball coach, Coach Lynch would be named the Greater Cleveland Coach of the Year three times.

In 1991, Coach Lynch moved to Strongsville High School as its Athletic Director where he served until retirement in 2013. While at Strongsville, the Mustangs added programs for both hockey and swimming to the

existing fourteen other athletic programs, and worked on the building of Pat Catan Stadium. Under his supervision as athletic director, Mustang teams won four State Championships along with eleven Pioneer Conference All-Sports Awards. In 1998, Coach Lynch added the duties of varsity boys basketball coach to his athletic director duties which he would continue until his coaching retirement in 2014. Coach Lynch was also able to achieve his dream of coaching his son Owen during this time. Coach Lynch's Strongsville teams would compile a 210-116 record, bringing Coach Lynch's overall record during his head coaching career to 533-296.

Some combined honors from both schools include: four-time Greater Cleveland Coach of the Year, Greater Cleveland Basketball Coaches Golden Deeds Award; Hall of Fame honors at both Chanel and Strongsville, eighteen Coach of the Year awards at both schools, North-South All-Star Game Coach, Ohio All-Star Coach vs Pennsylvania All-Stars, Director at Borromeo, Brad Daugherty and Ron Harper basketball camps, Northeast District Board Member, and his two top awards of the Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award from both the Northeast District Board and the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association.

All this was possible for three important reasons. Coach was blessed to have the support and knowledge of tremendous assistant coaches, many who went on to be head coaches at both the high school and collegiate levels; players who loved to play in competitive situations; and most importantly a loving and supportive family of his late wife Marty; children Beth, Erin and her husband Dale, Kathy, and Owen; grandchildren Reily, Allie, and Ryan, brother Dave and his wife Peg, and wife Maureen.

## **Bob Miller**

In 1965, the New York Jets signed Alabama quarterback Joe Namath to a professional football league contract, Cassius Clay changed his name to Mohammed Ali and the academy award winning movie, "*The Sound of Music*" premiered. This was the year that Bob Miller began his coaching career.

Bob started as the freshman coach at Groveport High School in the Southeast Columbus area. At Groveport Bob delved into many different aspects of coaching – Varsity Golf Coach, Varsity Baseball Coach, and of course, as an assistant football coach. Then in 1973 Bob was also named the Head Basketball Coach at Groveport. Juggling multiple coaching responsibilities is never easy but Bob had a knack for doing so. Some would say that he was too young to know better. He also kept his hand in the football program and in 1983 (as the Head Coach) this culminated in Groveport capturing a Co-Championship in the OCC.

By a mere flick of fate Bob could have remained a football coach – he was and still is an ardent fan of the great Woody Hayes. While a student at Ohio State, Bob immersed himself in the iconic coach's classes where he studied the coaching philosophies of the successful Coach Hayes. But Bob had achieved success on the hardwood as well and he was recognized as an outstanding coach. Early in his career he was named the Associated Press Central District Basketball Coach of the year for 1978-79.

In 1983 Worthington High School came calling – they needed a basketball coach. Bob accepted the position. Bob remained the Thomas Worthington Cardinals Head Coach for the next 31 years until he retired in 2014 – ending a magnificent 49-year coaching career.

Over his career, the wins (573) and the OCC Championships (13) mounted. Bob's success led to 3 District Championships, 4 District Runner-up, he was named OCC Coach of the year 11 times, 4 times the Central District Coach of the year and in 2003, the State of Ohio Coach of the year.

Coach Miller was a defense first coach. He liked to say, "Everyone likes to score, but not everyone likes to play defense" and "if you can play defense, you'll get floor time on my team". Bob was sought after for many coaching venues including 3 times for the District 10 All-Star Game; the Ohio North-South All-Star Game; and

4 times for the Wendy's Classic in Ohio. Coach Miller was selected many times to coach (along with fellow Hall of Fame Coach, Jack Greathouse) Team Ohio – a state wide all-star team that would compete internationally in Europe. He did this for many years, even after his formal retirement.

Bob is a beloved in Groveport and in Worthington. His was a reputation for integrity, dedication and hard-work. He gave back to the community and the game he so loved. Likewise, the communities reciprocated - in 2008 Thomas Worthington named the basketball court in honor of Bob and his 500<sup>th</sup> win. In 2012 Groveport-Madison inducted Coach Miller in its first inaugural class for their Hall of Fame.

The accolades and honors Bob received are far too numerous to list. Being recognized by your peers is perhaps the greatest honor of all.

In addition to being the initial inductee in the Groveport-Madison Hall of Fame, Bob was named in 2013 to the Ohio Capital Conference Hall of Fame and in 2014 the Greater Columbus Basketball Legends Hall of Fame.

Bob has been married to Judy for 45 years – they have two children, Scott and Carey (Louisville) and Lori (Dayton) and two grandchildren, Weston and Ellie. Bob and Judy still reside in their Worthington home of many years.

## **John Joseph**

John graduated from Oak Harbor High School in 1977 and went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Education in 1981. John is the owner of Shoot-A-Way, located in rural Upper Sandusky, and the inventor of products that coaches throughout the world are using to improve the skills of their basketball players.

In Jr. High School, John designed a basketball return system to help him get up more shots in a shorter period of time. While at Ohio State University, John re-designed the system and offered it to coaches as a tool for improved shooting. Most coaches were skeptical of the machine, but in 1982, a very successful basketball coach purchased the first one. John knew that if one successful coach liked it, thousands more would as well! Currently, over 10,000 Shoot-A-Ways have been sold across the country! But, that was just the tip of the iceberg. In 1998, John wanted to come up with a way for the ball to be passed back to shooters, and that was when the "Gun" was created. Now, over 21,000 "Guns" are being used by schools to help kids work harder and get better faster. And that is the goal of Shoot-A-Way!

John says the greatest rewards are the letters and pictures from coaches and players thanking him for giving them a way to reach their goals and achieve success. That is what keeps his passion going for developing new products. The success of Shoot-A-Way is only for the blessings of God, and John wants to honor God in all that he does.

John has been married to his wife Kris for 35 years. They are the proud parents of four girls: Jenny, Sarah, Emily and Becky. They have four son-in-laws: David Edwards, Andrew Hutson, Brad Niley and Scott Fraker. And, they also have nine grandchildren: Ethan, Ava, Audrey, John, Kaleb, Hope, Aaron, Noah and Daniel.

John has dedicated his life to helping coaches develop better players and is humbled and honored to be an inductee into the OHSBCA Hall of Fame.