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Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association Newsletter

UPOCOMING EVENTS

Deadline for Membership 12/31



MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE

Have you joined the OHSBCA? The DEADLINE for membership in the OHSBCA ends on DECEMBER 31ST of each year. If you have not joined at this time, please remember that any application for membership must be post-marked by the deadline date or your application is not valid, no exceptions are made on this. Don't deny your players, your assistant, or yourself the opportunity to be honored by the OHSBCA. Join everyone on your staff. Membership application can be found on the website at www.ohiobkcoaches.com JOIN NOW!

OHSBCA 2014 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The Twenty-Eighth OHSBCA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony for the Class of 2014 will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2014. The banquet will be conducted at the Columbus Airport Marriott with the Social Hour beginning at 5:30 PM. We are pleased to announce this years coaches to be inducted.

Jim Staley is a 1969 graduate of Chaminade High School and also graduated from The Ohio State University in 1974. He began his coaching career at Wilmington High School in 1974 serving 2 years as freshman basketball coach and 5 years as varsity basketball coach. He also coached football for 2 years and varsity baseball for 5 years. His basketball teams at Wilmington compiled a record of 66-33 along with 2 undefeated League Championships. Jim became head basketball coach at Trotwood-Madison High School in 1981 where he was varsity basketball coach for ten years and had a record of 148-79. His teams won 5 league championships, 5 sectional championships and one district championship. Jim also coached varsity softball for two seasons.

In 1991 Jim took on the challenge of building a basketball program at Centerville High School. Centerville had dominated the Dayton area in nearly every sport with the exception of basketball. Jim's Centerville teams over the next 21 years won 326 games and had 158 losses. They won 9 sectional titles, 4 district titles and were regional finalists on 2 occasions. His teams also won 6 league titles including the school's first. The Elks were in the district finals 8 straight years and 9 times in 10 years.

Gene Ammirante is a Wheeling Central Catholic High School, Class of 1969. Gene received his bachelor's degree from West Liberty State College in 1973 and his master's from West Virginia University in 1976.

When you think of Ammirante, you think of two things - passion and success. During his 30 year career as head boys' basketball coach at Bellaire High, "Coach A" displayed plenty of the former and achieved plenty of the latter.

Ammirante began his coaching career in 1976 as an assistant to Mark Matz at Bellaire before beginning a successful run as head coach of the Big Reds.

He compiled an impressive 471-205 career record at Bellaire, the all-time best coaching record in boys' basketball at the school. That included a 189-41 mark during the 1990s, an average of 19 wins per season during that 10 year span.

Bellaire High achieved Top 20 rankings in Ohio 15 times under Ammirante; won 14 Ohio Valley Athletic Conference championships; 14 sectional crowns, six district titles and one regional championship as Bellaire earned its first ever trip to the OHSAA Division III State Tournament "Final Four" in 2003-04, tying the school record for wins (22) before losing to Versailles in double-overtime in the semifinals.

His teams posted two undefeated regular seasons, going 20-0 in 1993-94 and 2005-06, 7 - 20 win seasons and two 19-1 records; and the 2005-06 team broke the school record with 23 victories.

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James Robinson is a graduate of Toledo Woodward High School, The Ohio State University and University of Toledo. Coach Robinson's first job was while he was still a student at OSU at the Ohio State School for the Deaf. At the age of 22, he was named the head boys basketball coach at Port Clinton in 1966. In the 70's, he coached at Cincinnati Western Hills, Toledo St. Francis DeSales, Lima Senior, and again at Toledo Libbey High School. In 1980, Jim accepted a coaching position at The University of Akron. In 1983, he returned to the high school level coaching Maumee High School near Toledo for the next 14 seasons. After retiring from Maumee, Jim also coached at Lake High School and Maumee Valley Country Day School where he made his final regional appearance going 22-2.

Jim Osbourne is a graduate of Geneva High School and Wittenberg University. He spent 41 seasons at Gallia Academy Gallipolis. During his time at Gallia Academy, his teams compiled a 531-374 record, including 310 league wins and 11 SEOAL league titles. He has been named SEOAL and district coach of the year 12 times. Besides coaching basketball, Jim also coached tennis, baseball, golf, and track and field. In addition to being a 2014 OHSBCA Hall of Fame Inductee, Jim also won the 2009 Paul Walker Award.



Jim Staley, Centerville



Jim Osbourne, Gallia Acadamey



Gene Ammirante, Bellaire



Jim Robinson, MVCD

PLAY 4 CANCER SHOOTOUT

The 2nd Annual Play 4 Cancer is Sunday, December 28th at Massillon Jackson High School. This year's line-up features recent State Champions and perennial powerhouse teams. The Play 4 Cancer event is being held in the honor of Michael "Bygz" Bessler, with proceeds going to the Michael Bessler Scholarship Fund and the Jackson Youth Basketball Association.

2:30 PM Warrensville Heights (2013 D2 Elite 8) vs. Dublin Coffman (2013 D1 Districts)

4:15 PM LaBrae (2013 D3 Final Four) vs. Cleveland CC (2009 D3 Champions)

6:00 PM Cleveland VASJ (2013 D4 Champions) vs. Bishop Watterson (2013 D2 Champions)

7:45 PM Massillon Jackson (2010 D1 Champions) vs. Pickerington Central (2012 D1 Champions)

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, which guarantees admission to all games.

OHSBCA and Rawlings Continue Partnership

The OHSBCA is proud to announce a new 5-year contract with Rawlings as the official basketball of the OHSBCA and OHSAA. This new contract will continue a long-standing partnership with Rawlings. Over the past 15 years, Rawlings has been an important part of both organizations and one of the leading supporters of Ohio basketball. Not only has Rawlings been a supporter of the OHSAA, they have made a tremendous commitment to the OHSBCA.

Rawlings is currently the lead sponsor for the following events:

Boys Top 100 Showcase

Girls Top 100 Showcase

Ohio North/South All-Star Game (Boys & Girls)

NHSBCA Rising Senior Event (Boys & Girls)

They also provide support for the OHSBCA clinic and clinic speakers.

During the recently completed negotiations, Rawlings executives expressed their support for the OHSBCA as well as their appreciation for the partnership. Former OHSBCA president, Tom Barrick had this to say about the new contract. "The OHSBCA is excited to continue our partnership with Rawlings. Rawlings has been a great partner and a great supporter of high school basketball. They have always gone the extra mile for our association and the student-athletes in Ohio. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial partnership with Rawlings."

Lutheran West 71, Lakewood 67 in Foundation Game, M.A.D.D. Wins!!!

On November 30th, Lakewood hosted the Longhorns of Lutheran West as a dress rehearsal for the regular season but more importantly to raise money for M.A.D.D. Lakewood used its long range shooting to keep them in most of the game hitting nine 3 pointers. But the star of the night was Max Quinn of Lutheran West who led all scorers with 22 points. Lakewood was paced by Gebhardt and McDonald with 15 points a piece. But the real winner was M.A.D.D. At halftime, a representative from the organization was presented with a check for \$2000 from proceeds raised by both schools. M.A.D.D.'s mission is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of drunk driving incidents and prevent underage drinking.