

MEDFORD SPORTS HALL OF FAME



INDUCTION BANQUET

SEPTEMBER 23, 2017
ROGUE VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB
MEDFORD, OREGON

Proclamation

WHEREAS, sports mirror our society and culture. They celebrate our most joyful events and help carry us through our most difficult times. They are windows into current events and records of our history; and

WHEREAS, athletic contests of all kinds have played an important role in Medford's history, improving the health and fitness of the participants as well as instilling a great sense of pride in us all; and

WHEREAS, the people of Medford have a tradition of demonstrated energy, enthusiasm in the dedicated support of its athletes who are facing great challenges; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Medford Sports Hall of Fame awards honor individuals whose contributions to their sport helped to define generations and will forever be a part of our memory. This year's inductees will join other outstanding athletes who have participated in their respective sports in Medford or who have gained fame in their sport in Medford; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary H. Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Medford, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2017 as

MEDFORD SPORTS HALL OF FAME DAY

in the City of Medford and urge all citizens to join us in the recognition of the achievements of players, coaches, and contributors who have represented the City of Medford in the athletic arena.



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
I hereunto set my hand this
21st day of September, 2017.*

Gary H. Wheeler
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Mayor of Medford

PROGRAM

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INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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2017 INDUCTEES

ATHLETES

Steph Adams - Softball
Jeff Barry - Baseball
Missy Coe - Softball
Ryan Fiegi - Basketball
Rob Folsom - Multi-Sport
Craig Johnson - Basketball
Sam Pecktol - Power Lifting
Bryn Ritchie - Soccer

COACHES

Bill Rowan - Track

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HISTORY OF MEDFORD LINEBACKERS AND MEDFORD SPORTS HALL OF FAME

MEDFORD LINEBACKERS:

In 1961, then Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield and Medford High Principal Les Harris, along with representatives of St. Mary's High School and approximately 20 business people were invited to the first meeting. Bud Parsons was elected temporary Chairperson. Ground rules were discussed, and it was agreed that the purpose of the organization was to support and back the school district's admission's programs and policies, and in no way attempt to interfere with such programs and policies.

The first meetings were held at 7 a.m. at North's Chuck Wagon, but as interest grew and attendance increased, meetings were scheduled at noon for lunch. The Linebacker Club is now defunct due to lack of interest.

The high school coaches of the sport in season were the weekly guests of the Linebackers Club. Coaches discussed past and future games and usually illustrated their presentation with films of the previous week's game. Today Medford Linebackers still meet each Thursday at noon in the board room of Central High School to hear from the football coaches of North and South Medford, St. Mary's, and Cascade Christian High Schools. Current membership is around 80 members.

The central purpose of the organization in the early days was to support the district's athletic facilities' needs. The focus on facilities still remains the number one priority for the Medford Linebackers. The initial project of the Linebackers Club was to raise funds to build a grandstand for the football games. That grandstand is what is known today as the West Grand Stands in Spiegelberg Stadium. Other recent projects spearheaded by the Linebackers include: installation of a new artificial playing surface called, "field turf" in Spiegelburg Stadium; resurfacing of an all-weather, 6-lane track surface in Spiegelburg Stadium; installation of all-weather track surfaces at both Hedrick and McLaughlin Middle Schools and lighting at Bowerman Field at North Medford High.

MEDFORD SPORTS HALL OF FAME:

In 1985 the city of Medford celebrated its 100th birthday. One of the last big events of the Centennial year was the establishment of the Medford Sports Hall of Fame, a befitting way the city of Medford felt to commemorate Medford's rich sports history. Tommie Smith, community member and sports enthusiast, really was the visionary of the Medford Sports Hall of Fame and was the driving force behind the first Hall of Fame induction in 1985.

After the Centennial, the Medford Linebackers Organization adopted the Hall of Fame to ensure that the rich and storied history of Medford athletes, coaches, and contributors continues to be recognized and to find their rightful place in Medford history. To date there have been four inductions: 1985 -- 100 inductees; 1990 --- 20 inductees; 2007 --- 10 inductees; and 2012 -- 16 inductees -- 2017 -- 11 inductees, making a total of 157 in the Medford Sports Hall of Fame.

The goal of the Hall of Fame Committee is to continue with inductions every five years, now being part of the Medford Park and Recreation Foundation.

MEDFORD SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

AUTO RACING

Art Pollard

BASEBALL

Brad Arnsberg
Jeff Barry
Joe M. Chez
Rob Folsom
George N. Gitzen
Paul Joseph Hoffer
Kenneth "Buck" Jensen
Richard N. Lewis
Scott Lewis
Monte Richard McAbee
Kevin Towers
Clare "Tully" Williams
Robert Wolcot

BASKETBALL

Jerry Lloyd Anderson
Brad Arnsberg
Bruce Wayne Bertrand
Mervyn Ralph Chastain
Edwin Russel Durno
Eric Fiegi
Ryan Fiegi
Whitney Grant
Craig Johnson
William F. MacDonald
Robert Sonne Quinney
Mike Vanderhoff

BOAT RACING

William Henry Fluhrer
Adam Edward Skinner

BOWLING

Cheryl Eilenberger
Marshall David Holman
Robert E. Korth
Jerome Lee
Audrey Wallace Swoape

COACHES

Duke Anderson
Larry Binney
Darwin k. Burgher
William J. Bowerman
Prince "Prink" Callison
Edwin Malls Kirtley
John Kovenz
Santee Kensingler
Jim McAbee
Bill McKibbin
Clifford G. McLean
Patricia Ann Mounts
Robert Warren Newland
Dave Potter
Barney Riggs
Frank Roelandt
Bill Rowan
Rob Rumrey
Dennis Murphy
Fred Spiegelberg
Lawrence Neil Walker

FOOTBALL

Harold "Swede" Anderson
Woodward "Woody" Archer
Fitz Brewer
Jimmy Calhoun
Norman Chapman
Dick Copple
George Francis Dames
Lowell Dean
Harley V. Dressler
Scott Eaton
Tracy Eaton
William Donald Enyart
Jeffrey Allen Hardrath
Bernard Hughes
Al Melvin
Danny Miles
Elmer "Bill" Morgan
Jack D. Morris
Francis Neff
Ira "Ike" Orr
Robert Palouse
Ted Pappas
Don Pinkham
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Richard A. Ragsdale
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Chuck "Arthur" Romine
Rudy Singler
William David Singler
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Lee "Dub" Watson
Robert Stuart Watson

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Trina Rasmussen Jones
Angie Leroy Miller
Ed Singler
Dane Smith

POWERLIFTING

Sam Pecktol

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Bryn Ritchie

SOFTBALL

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Missy Coe
Vern N. Collins
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Harley Dickerson
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ATHLETE

- SOFTBALL -

STEPH ADAMS



BACKGROUND:

Stephanie started playing softball with the Medford Little League at the age of 9, and by age 11 she was playing with the Tornado Tuff youth ASA travel ball program. Making the varsity team as a freshman gave her the experience to help win state championships in '97 and '98. Steph graduated from North Medford in 99 and received a scholarship to play softball for Oregon State University. While at OSU the team reached post season play every year with a national ranking, never dropping below the top 20. Their best finish ranked 9th in the nation. Stephanie became the graduate assistant coach after her senior year and graduated from OSU in 2004 with a Bachelors of Science.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 1996, Freshman 1st team All-Conference North Medford Designated Player; 1st team All-State Designated Player
- 1997, sophomore 1st Team All-State Designated Player; First Team All-Conference Designated Player
- * 1998, junior 1st team All-State Infielder
- 1999, senior 1st team All-State Infielder; senior 1st team All-State
- School Records career games, 122; RBIs, 124
- School Records Season Games, 31; times on base, 77; hits, 54; BA, .568; slugging% .968
- North Medford Softball Stats still ranked in 13 of 19 categories
- 1999, National Fastpitch Coaches Association 1st team All-Region; National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-America Scholar Athlete
- 2000-2001, starting rightfielder Oregon State University
- 2002-2003, starting first baseman Oregon State University
- Ranks in the top 10 in 8 different offensive categories

CURRENTLY:

Stephanie is a firefighter for Portland Fire & Rescue, and lives in Beaverton with her wife Sarah and 5 year-old daughter Addison. In her free time she enjoys many outdoor activities, such as camping, hiking, biking, traveling and just about anything involving watching sporting events. She continues a strong family tradition of hunting and fishing with loved ones year around.

ATHLETE

- BASEBALL -

JEFF BARRY



BACKGROUND:

Jeff was raised in Medford where he excelled as a three sport athlete at Medford Senior High School and South Medford High School. Jeff went on to play baseball at San Diego State University. His professional baseball career began in 1990 when he was drafted by the Montreal Expos.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 1985 - All-State quarterback Medford Black Tornado
- 1986 - basketball, defensive Player of the Year, Medford Black Tornado
- 1986 - State runner-up, All-State outfielder, Medford Black Tornado
- 1986 - All-State quarterback South Medford
- 1987 - All-State DH, South Medford
- Played in Oregon All-Star baseball in Australia
- Played on West Junior Olympics baseball team in Houston, Texas tournament
- 1988-1990 - San Diego State baseball, ALL-WAC outfielder, freshman of the year; freshman All-Region; freshman All-American; sophomore All-WAC; sophomore All-American, 2nd team; junior All-WAC; junior pre-season Player of the Year; junior All-Region; junior All-American 2nd team
- 1990 - Drafted in 4th round by Montreal Expos
- Played four seasons in Mets Organizaton and got called up to Majors in 1995
- Traded to San Diego Padres
- 1997 - Traded as free agent with the Colorado Rockies; called to Majors in 1998-99
- Played for the Chiba Lotte Marines of the Japan league
- Played a total of 13 years pro baseball with 3 years in Majors
- The only position player from Medford to make it to the Major Leagues

CURRENTLY:

Jeff lives in Medford with his wife Rhonda and works for CMG Financial. His daughter, Morgan, and son Tucker, are currently attending college. Jeff has contributed to youth baseball in the Rogue Valley. He has held clinics, coached travel teams, and operates a baseball hitting cage facility in the Rogue Valley teaching kids the fundamentals of the game.

ATHLETE

- SOFTBALL -

MISSY COE



BACKGROUND:

Missy grew up in Medford, raised by her parents, Dave and Debbie Coe. She was blessed to have an incredible sister, Stephanie Coe. Growing up in Medford and playing softball, Missy had the priceless opportunity to have so many incredible coaches throughout her career to teach her how not only to play softball at a high level, but also to coach it as well. She then went to the University of Oregon to play softball.

SOFTBALL:

- 1995 North Medford 1st team All-Conference, 1st team All-State
- 1996 North Medford 2nd team All-Conference
- 1997 1st team All-Conference, 1st team All-State, high school All-American, team defensive POY, team MVP
- 1998 North Medford 1st team All-Conference, 1st team All-State, high school All-American, team defensive POY, team MVP
- Career school record: 24 triples, top 10 career offensive records in 13 of 19 categories
- 1999 University of Oregon starting catcher, 1st team All-Pac 10, Pac-10 Rookie of the Year, team leader in BA (.362), runs (68, hits (79), total bases (178), set or tied 4 school records as a freshman at U of O
- 2nd team All-Pac 10 in sophomore and junior years
- Holds career doubles record, tied single game record with 3 home runs

CURRENTLY:

Missy and her family live on 350 beautiful acres in Eugene, Or. She and her husband Kurtis, have been married for 16 years and have 4 beautiful athletic daughters. The oldest Abby (15) is following Kurtis and her footsteps by committing to play softball at the University of Oregon. The rest of the girls, Paige (12), Parker (10) and Zoey (5) are practicing hard to do the same. Missy currently coaches at Marist High, and she is the Vice-President for the Oregon Titans softball organization. She has been coaching for them for 8 years. Missy is paying it forward by coaching young ladies to fulfill their dreams.

ATHLETE

- BASKETBALL -

**RYAN
FIEGI**



BACKGROUND:

Ryan was born and raised in the same childhood home where his parents still live in Medford. Growing up he played and participated in any sport he could: flag football, gymnastics, downhill skiing, baseball, street hockey, Pop Warner football, cross country running. At South Medford, he played football in the fall, basketball in the winter and was on the golf and cross country team in the spring. As a senior, he broke his collarbone during the 3rd game of varsity football, that allowed him to focus on basketball where he eventually excelled. Following graduation he was offered a scholarship at Western Oregon. He then transferred to Oregon Institute of Technology as a sophomore, became an All-American, led his team to a national championship and was named National Player of the Year as a senior.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 2007 - NAIA D11 All-American 2nd team
- 2008 - NAIA D11 Player of the Year; NAIA D11 MVP Tournament; All-Tournament team; All-American 1st team; NAIA D11 Player of the Week
- 2008 CCC Player of the Year
- 2006-2008 CCC All-Conference 1st Team
- 2007-2008 CCC All-Conference Player of the Week; CCC All-Conference Defensive Team
- 2008 NAIA Player of the Year
- 2008 NABC Player of the Year
- 2008 Collegiate Basketball Invitational Player All-Star Tournament; MNCAA 1, 11, and NAIA 1, 11
- 2007-2008 Scholar All-American
- 2008 ESPN The Magazine All-American 2nd Team
- 2008 Ad Rutschman Award; Oregon Small College Athlete of the Year

CURRENTLY:

Ryan obtained his CPA License in 2010 and is currently studying to become a Certified Financial Planner. He's working as an Associate Financial Planner at Practice Financial Group in Jacksonville and loving every minute! He lives in Jacksonville with his beautiful wife Jackie and three amazing kids: Lexi (7), Emily (5) & Ty (3). Ryan still enjoys playing basketball in the Medford City League on Sunday nights.

ATHLETE

- MULTI-SPORT-

ROB FOLSOM



BACKGROUND:

Rob was raised in Medford. He attended North Medford High School where he was a multi-sport athlete in wrestling, football, and baseball. Rob moved on to Oregon State where he played baseball. He met his wife Ashley, a soccer player for the Beavers.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 4 year letterman in 3 sports: football, baseball, wrestling
- District champion as sophomore, junior, senior in wrestling
- State finalist as junior and senior
- All-conference linebacker and running back
- Second team All-State offense
- First team All-State defense
- Baseball 4 year letterman
- 1st team All-Conference catcher 2001-2004
- 2nd team All-State as sophomore
- 1st team All-State as junior and senior
- SOC Player of the Year as a junior and senior
- Nominated for Oregon sports award in 2004
- Played in American Legion World Series
- Oregon State baseball 2005 freshman
- Played in college World Series in 2005
- Oregon State baseball in 2008-2010
- 1st team All-Pac1-academic list 2010
- 2nd team All-Pac 10

CURRENTLY:

Rob lives in Southern Oregon with his wife Ashley and two children, Mack and Lucy. Rob sells medical equipment for Medtronic Spine.

ATHLETE

- BASKETBALL -

CRAIG JOHNSON



BACKGROUND:

Craig Johnson was born in Huntington Beach, CA and moved to Medford when he was 6 years-old. After graduating from South Medford High School, he moved to New London, CT to attend the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. During this time, he helped lead the men's basketball team to the Elite 8 of the Division III NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history. After graduation in 2009, Craig has continued service in various roles and locations within the Coast Guard. During this time, he has been a member of the All-Armed Forces Basketball Team three years. In 2010 he played a key role in helping the U.S. team capture their first gold medal in the 47th Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) Men's international basketball tournament since 2004 by beating Lithuania 78-71 in the championship game.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- South Medford senior year 1st team All- State, 1st team All-Tournament at the 4A Boys' OSAA state tournament; SO conference Player of the Year both junior and senior years; 1st team All-Conference
- Selected as member of 2013 and 2015 U.S. Armed Forces basketball team during International basketball tournament in Mons, Belgium
- 2013 member of All-Navy team during annual tournament
- Selected as All-Navy basketball team
- Selected as member of All-Armed Forces team, played key role in helping U.S. capture their 1st gold medal in the 47th Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe men's international tournament since 2004 by beating Lithuania 78-71 in championship game
- 1st team all NEWMAC Conference sophomore, junior, senior year
- Johnson and the Bears won the NEWMAC Tournament championship Elite 8 of the Division 111 NCAA tournament

CURRENTLY:

Craig recently reported to Coast Guard Sector San Francisco to serve as the Deputy Law Enforcement Officer for the Port of San Francisco. His most recent assignment was at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. He is happy to be back on the West Coast and closer to family and friends.

ATHLETE

- POWER LIFTING -

SAM PECKTOL



BACKGROUND:

Sam was born in San Diego, California in 1954. He joined Boy's Club at the age of 8. It was there that he learned mini-basketball, flag football and track and field. He participated in Little League, Pony League, and flag football in junior high. In high school Sam concentrated on basketball, and it became his focus for those years. In his senior year at Castle Park High School he was All-Metro League 1st team and MVP in basketball. His parents retired to Medford in 1978, and Sam followed them to Oregon. He joined the YMCA, and it was there that he developed his passion for weight lifting. He taught an all women's weight lifting class. In 1981 he decided to enter the class in a bench press contest in Grants Pass. Even though he was the only one at that time not to place or get a trophy, he was hooked on the sport for life. Thirty-seven years, 5 operations and 18 World Championships later, Sam still competes and continues to set and break records.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Inducted into WABDL Hall of Fame in 2015
- Won 13 WABDL World Championships
- Won 8 ADFPA National Championships
- Won 2 WDFPF World Championships
- Won 1 AAU World Championship
- Set 9 world records in WABDL, AAU, and WDFPF
- Received the Bill Pearl Community award for working with kids in Southern Oregon
- Coached his team to 1st place at the 2000 WABDL World
- Coached daughter, Alex, to 6 world titles, 9 world records; coached Eric Thomas to 4 world titles, 5 world records; coached Nick Hepner to 6 world titles, 7 world records
- Oregon State chairman for US Power Lifting Association, 2016-17
- Certified international judge for world competitions
- SOU's softball strength coach, 2006
- In October 2017 Sam will be attempting to break 2 more American records in the bench press and dead lift

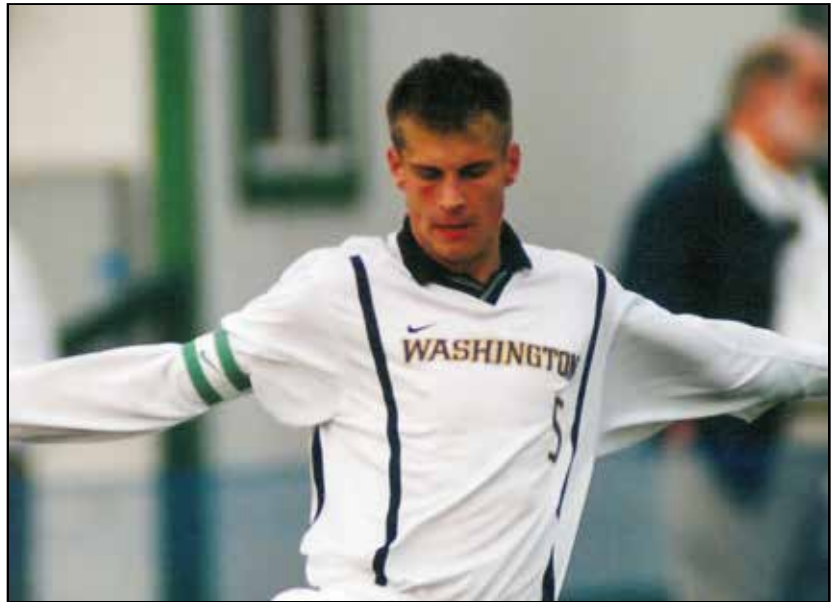
CURRENTLY:

Sam works at Amy's Natural Foods in Safety & Risk. He is the Oregon State Chairman for the United States Powerlifting Association (USPA) and is a national judge. He is on his way to becoming a World International judge by the end of this year. Sam continues to coach anyone who wants to learn powerlifting.

ATHLETE

- SOCCER -

BRYN RITCHIE



BACKGROUND:

Bryn was born in Medford in 1979 and began playing soccer and other sports at a young age. By the time he entered South Medford High School as a freshman, he had played on several traveling soccer teams and an AAU basketball team, competing all over the country. Bryn was a four-year varsity starter on the soccer team at South Medford, and for three years this team was nationally ranked. His senior year they won the State Championship in convincing fashion with a 5-0 victory, and Bryn was named Player of the Year in the state. Bryn then attended University of Washington on scholarship and became a starter in his second game. He achieved many Pac-10 and All-America awards throughout the rest of his career at Washington, which was a perennial top 10 nationally ranked program. In 2002, Bryn was drafted by the Colorado Rapids to play in the MLS. Hampered by multiple knee surgeries (beginning just before senior year at UW), he finished his soccer career by playing for the Portland Timbers for two years (2002 and 2003).

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- South Medford soccer team went to state all 4 years and won the state championship his senior year
- 4A Player of the Year
- Member of Olympic Development Program, training in San Diego 1997
- 4 year starter for University of Washington
- Selected as Rookie of the Year of Pac-10 freshmen team
- First team Pac-10 and 2nd team All-American his junior year
- Pac-10 first team, 3rd team All-American and National Scholar Athlete of the Year his senior year
- 2002 drafted by Colorado Avalanche MLS
- Played for Portland Timbers for 2 seasons 2002 and 2003
- 2003 career ending knee surgery

CURRENTLY:

Bryn is a pastor at Athey Creek Christian Fellowship in West Linn, Oregon. He is the son of Mike and Tracy Ritchie and is married to Jessica Ritchie. They have four children: Liam, Madison, Elijah and Benaiah.

COACH

- TRACK AND FIELD -

BILL ROWAN



BACKGROUND:

Bill was born in 1954 and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii where he attended Punahou School, graduating in 1973. After placing at the Hawaii Track and Field Championships his junior and senior year, he went on to the University of Oregon and participated on the 1974 track and field team. Bill is a nationally certified USA track and field coach. He has published 2 articles in a professional journal covering the motivation of athletes and timeline for periodization of training.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Mazama HS head track and field coach, 4 years
- South Medford HS head coach track and field, 19 years; head cross country coach, 13 years
- Track and field, SOC champions, boys 6 years, girls 4 years
- Oregon State champions, girls 1998, 2nd place 1997
- 1999 girls' 4A track and field Coach of the Year
- Cross country head coach 13 years, South Medford HS
- SOC district champions, boys 3 years, girls 3 years
- OSAA championship qualifiers, 7 boys' teams, 5 girls' teams
- 1991: South Medford won boys' first district championship

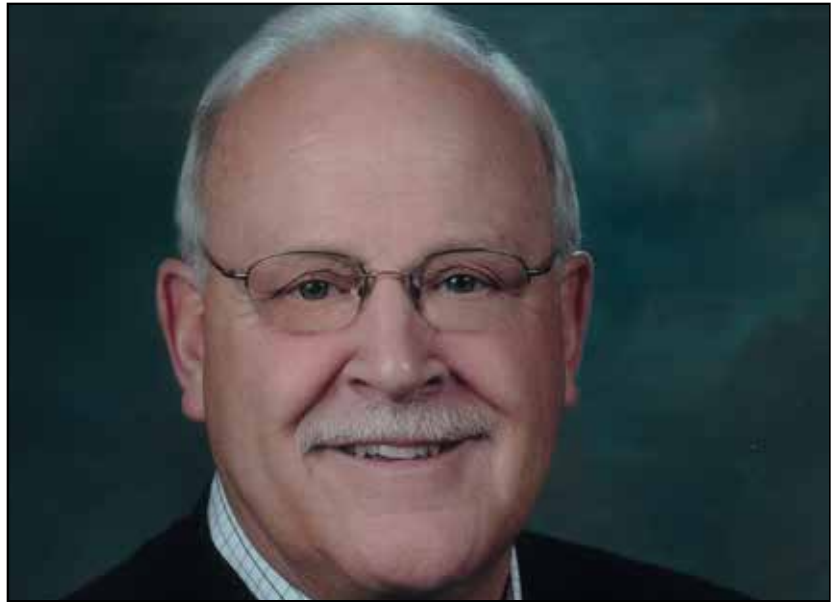
CURRENTLY:

Bill has retired from teaching and coaching and enjoys time with grandchildren, helping where needed as a coach for their many sport activities. He also serves as an official at South Medford HS track and field meets and was the Meet Director for the 2016 SWC District Championships. He and his family enjoy supporting the Oregon Ducks athletic teams and whenever possible, attending major track and field meets in Eugene during the Olympic trials in 2016. Yoga has become his hobby of choice.

CONTRIBUTOR

- CIVIC LEADER -

**GARY
MILLER**



BACKGROUND:

Gary is a long-time Medford resident. He retired from Qwest (now CenturyLink), the local phone company, in 2002 where he served as community affairs manager for the Southern Oregon area for the last 13 years of his 32-year career. He then held the position of Foundation Director for the Rogue Valley Manor Foundation until 2006 when he assumed the position of Executive Director of ACCESS, the Community Action Agency of Jackson County. He retired from that position in 2011.

He graduated from Medford Senior High School where he played football and baseball. He attended Oregon State University and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Southern Oregon University and his MBA degree in marketing from the University of Oregon.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- President for 25 years of the Medford Youth Baseball Society, a local non-profit responsible for improvements to Miles Field and for development of Harry & David Field
- Raised over \$2,000,000 to make improvements to Miles Field which included a clubhouse, paving of the parking lot, and a masonry block perimeter fence
- Negotiated an agreement with the city of Medford in 2004 to build the facility in US Cellular Community Park. The first baseball game was played at Harry & David Field in March 2006
- Raised over \$200,000 in 2006-2007 to complete the press box building that housed concessions
- In 2007 negotiated a 10-year \$357,500 naming rights with Harry & David
- Raised over \$600,000 in 2012-2013 to complete seating for the stadium, built a grass berm seating area to construct a party deck
- Selected as 2010 First Citizen by the Medford Chamber of Medford/Jackson County
- Selected as 2015 Sports Advocate of the Year by the Southern Oregon Sports Commission
- Presented 2016 Southern Oregon University Distinguished Alumni Award

CURRENTLY:

Gary is very involved in a variety of community activities. He is a member of Medford Rotary, Southern Oregon Sports Commission, Jackson County Fair Board, Rogue Valley Manor Foundation and President of the Medford Youth Baseball Society. Gary and his wife Candy recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary and are the proud parents of two married children and have four grandchildren.

CONTRIBUTOR

- GOLF -

JIM WISE



BACKGROUND:

Jim was born in Redmond, OR in 1946 moving to Medford in 1954. Jim attended Roosevelt Grade School, Hedrick Junior High and Medford High School graduating in 1964. He then attended Southern Oregon College for two years before transferring to Oregon State University to complete his degree in 1968. Jim then entered the Naval Aviation Flight Program in 1968 and became a Radar Intercept Officer (RIO) in F-4 Phantoms. During his 5 1/2 years in the Navy, he accumulated 1000 hours of jet time, 365 carrier landings and 266 combat missions during the Vietnam war. After leaving the Navy, Jim became a Golf Professional at RVCC. He retired from RVCC in 2012 after 40 years of service to the members of Rogue Valley Country Club.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 2 year letterman 1963-64 Medford High
- 2 year letterman 65-66 SOC
- OSU letterman senior year
- Assistant golf professional Rogue Valley Country Club in April 1973
- Class A member of the Professional Golf Association in 1976
- Officiated as a rules official in many Pac NW section events as well as Web.com qualifiers and the Fred Meyer Challenge with top line PGA tour players
- Currently represents the Pac NW rules committee in Southern Oregon and Northern California
- Ran the Southern Oregon golf championships from 1973 through 2012 (40 years)
- Ran the entire golf operation at RVCC for 40 years, which included the lesson program, the driving range, golf cart rentals, tee time management, merchandising the golf shop, the tournament program, and the junior golf program

CURRENTLY:

Jim retired in 2012 and is enjoying playing more golf, woodworking and spending time with his grandchildren. He is happily married to his bride of 48 years Vickie and has 3 great kids, Paula in Portland, Scott (Medford), and Justin (Medford). Paula has two girls, Logan (9) and Tatum (5), and Justin and Heather have Caden (6) and Kenna (4).

SPORTS QUOTES

- “Some people are born on third base and go through life thinking they hit a triple.” -- *Barry Switzer*
- “Very simple. Nothing works unless you do.” -- *John Wooden*
- “If a lot of people gripped a knife and fork the way they do a golf club, they’d starve.”--*Sam Snead*
- “I knew when my career was over. In 1995 my baseball card came out without a picture.” -- *Bob Uecker*
- “It’s bad luck to be behind at the end of a game.” -- *Duffy Daugherty*
- “The difference between a rut and a groove is attitude.” -- *Larry Binney*
- “It’s a mere moment in a man’s life between an All-Star game and an Old Timer’s game.” -- *Vin Scully*
- “There are winners and losers in every game, but you can be a champion in the way you act and play.” -- *Danny Miles*
- “Never ever cheat the kids” -- *Rod Rumrey*
- “I quit school in the sixth grade because of pneumonia. Not because I had it, but because I couldn’t spell it.” -- *Rocky Graziano*
- A puck is a hard rubber disc that hockey players strike when they can’t hit each other.” -- *Jimmy Cannon*
- “Well boys, it’s a round ball and a round bat, and you got to hit the ball square.” -- *Joe Schultz*