

2013 MHSIBCA Hall of Fame

Will Kowalski – Sports Writer for the Battle Creek Enquirer

Will Kowalski is in his 25th year as a sports staff member of the Battle Creek Enquirer, and during that period I have covered the full spectrum of sports, been sports editor, sports copy editor and also a news editor for the paper. Also worked at USA Today in Washington, D.C., in 1995-96. The Battle Creek Enquirer and USA Today are both Gannett newspapers. Prior to Battle Creek Enquirer, worked at Lansing State Journal, another Gannett newspaper, from 1979 to 1988, when I came to Battle Creek. Began as a sportswriter in the mid-1970s with the Dearborn Times Herald. Among the sports I have covered at the Enquirer is bowling. Have been doing a weekly bowling page for the Enquirer for about the past 20 years, still doing it today, and started covering high school bowling when it began as a club sport in the late 1990s and have continued to cover high school bowling since it became an MHSAA sport. Have been a bowler myself since I was a youngster growing up in the Downriver Detroit area (Riverview/Wyandotte). Now 56 years old, will be 57 in June. Have previously been honored as bowling writer of the year by the state association (in 2009 I believe), and have covered numerous state and regional amateur and professional bowling events. Fully understand that bowling is one of the sports that a person can do for a lifetime, from young age to senior age, and was very happy to see the growth of high school bowling through the years. It helps kids grow as an athlete and as a person, and helps kids understand what teamwork is really about. Have done my best and continue to do my best to make sure that high school bowling gets its due coverage in the Enquirer, the same as other MHSAA sports.

Tim Bauer – Bay City All Saints High School Coach

Tim Bauer is the current boys coach at Bay City All Saints High School. His responsibilities also include Athletic Director of Bay City All Saints. Tim is the MHSAA Regional Tournament Manager for Region 24, and he is the Tri City High School Conference Commissioner. Tim is one of the finest and most respected coaches in our sport. His demeanor and actions with the kids shows how much patience a coach can express under the most trying of times. Tim is an accomplished teacher, and a great coach (recognized as the 2005 Detroit Free Press Coach of the Year). Over 13 years as a Varsity Coach he has compiled a record of 96 wins against 36 losses, one of the strongest records in Division 4 Boys in the State of Michigan. Bay City All Saints: 2005 Class C/D team was the boys MHSAA Division State Team Runner-Up, 2006 Class C/D team was the boys MHSAA Division State Team Champion, 2006 Nate Bauer Detroit Free Press Dream Team Member, 2008 Tri City High School Conference Champions, 2008 Division 4 team was the boys MHSAA Division State Team Champion, and 2008 Andrew Bauer Detroit Free Press Dream Team and Mr. Bowler.

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George Bogden – Coach, Sterling Heights Stevenson High School

I started out helping the Stevenson High School girl's varsity team in 1998 when my daughter started bowling for the team. At that time high school bowling was a club. As the Stevenson program grew I became the girl's varsity coach, and continued to coach after my youngest daughter graduated in 2003. Both of my daughters were on the team in 2001 when we finished first in our division, first in our region and won our first state championship. Since then I have coached the team to a 2009 state title as well as other numerous division and regional championships. Since I have been coaching the Stevenson girl's varsity team has qualified for the state finals twelve out of fourteen years. It has been a joy working with the kids. I hope that I have touched some their hearts because they have all touched mine. Five years ago I was asked to help coach the Saturday morning youth leagues at Sunnybrook and still do. I work with the elementary and junior high school kids to prepare them for high school bowling. Because high school bowling is totally different than bowling in youth leagues. I started bowling as a youth when my brother introduced me to the sport. I have several 300 games and an 800 series. I currently bowl with my wife and youngest daughter on a mixed league.

Patrick (Skip) Kelley – Coach, Sterling Heights Stevenson High School

It was my son John who got me started coaching high school bowling. John started bowling for high school in his freshman year. In John's sophomore year, Coach Tom Stockton was looking for some help coaching. John volunteered me and Tom asked me to help coach the JV boys which I did for two years. I really enjoyed being with the kids and coaching. In 2005, Tom asked me to coach the Varsity boys; John was a senior that year. As it turned out we won our 1st State Championship that year and that is something I will always cherish. John was also runner up State Champ and was named to the Detroit Free Press Dream Team and won the Detroit Free Press Mr. Bowling award. We also won State Championships in 2009, both our boys & girls teams – 1st school to accomplish that achievement. I had so much fun with the kids and saw what high school bowling did for my son and that I wanted to give something back, so I have been with the program ever since. Helping the kids and watch them grow into young adults is very satisfying to me. It also helps that my loving wife Claudette is very active with the program, especially with all of the time I spend in the bowling centers either coaching or bowling myself. One of my most memorial nights was when my son John and I both shot a "300" same game on the same team.

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Fred Ringrose – South Lyon High School Coach

Fred is the current boys coach at South Lyon High School in South Lyon, and has served as a member of the Rules Committee for 2 seasons. His accomplishments make him a most deserving candidate for this honored award. Over 12 seasons Fred has accumulated 124 wins (68 in Division One, 56 in Division Two) against 38 losses with 3 ties. Fred received the Detroit Free Press Coach of the Year in 2008 and again was selected Detroit Free Press Coach of the Year in 2011. South Lyon: Kensington Valley Conference Champions 2004 2007 2008, KLAA Conference Champions 2009, KLAA West Division Champions 2010, Girls Division 1 Regional Champions 2004, 2006, 2007, Boys Division 2 Regional Champions 2009, Division 1 team was the Girls MHSAA State Team Champions 2008, Division 2 Team Boys MHSAA State Team Champions 2011. ALL STATE Selections: Jackie Yurkunas 2004, Michelle Turnbull 2005, Rachel Ringrose 2006 2007, Chelsea Allen 2008, Josh Harper 2008, Brittany Henry 2008 2009, Kenny Vanbuskirk 2009, Freddie Ringrose 2010, Gordon Galorneau 2010 2011, Jon Bandy 2010 2011, Jarod Choiniere 2011. Detroit Free Press Dream Team 2005 Michelle Turnbull, Detroit Free Press Dream Team 2007 Rachel Ringrose.

Larry Boyer – Athletic Director Pennfield High School

Larry Boyer has been a teacher, a counselor, a coach, and an Athletic Director at Pennfield Schools in Battle Creek for the past 36 years. He spent 18 years as a High School and Middle School Industrial Arts Teacher, and 5 years as a Middle School Counselor, and the past 13 years as the Middle School and High School Athletic Director. Larry will be retiring at the end of this school year. During this time he coached middle school and high school track for 15 years. Coached wrestling for 20 years (16 as head coach) during that time they had 23 athletes recognized as all state wrestlers. In 1992 they won the state wrestling championships, and Larry was named coach of the year. As an assistant on the varsity football staff for 12 years he was the defensive coordinator in which they won a state championship in 1991. Larry was named varsity assistant coach of the year in 1992. When he took over as Athletic Director one of his goals was to work hand-in-hand with all the sports that they sponsored at Pennfield. Try to treat all of them with the same respect. Ten years ago Bowling was brought on by Pennfield Board of Education as a varsity sport under the direction of Mike Roach. Mike brought Larry along and taught him the game and what was needed from the athletic department. Larry volunteered to work as the tournament manager in seven regional finals and worked as supervisor in two state championships.