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Monthly Newsletter of the ISWA
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ROSBOTTOM FAMILY INDUCTED INTO IHSWCA HALL OF FAME

The Rosbottom family was inducted into the IHSWCA Hall of Fame at their banquet held February 21st in Greenwood.

Louis Rosbottom is a 1974 graduate Jeffersonville High School where he wrestled for 3 years. He was co-founder of the Team Jeff Wrestling Club and served as President & Coach from 1992-2007. In addition, he coached middle school wrestling for 6 years.

Mr. Rosbottom holds a USWOA National rank of M1 and has worked over 15 National Tournaments. In 2004, he also became an IHSAA Wrestling Official and has officiated at 5 Sectionals, 2 Individual Regional's and 2 Team Regional's.

Louis has been a member of the Indiana State Wrestling Association's Board of Directors for 14 years, serving as ISWA State Chairman since 2008. In addition he is a member of USA Wrestling's Kids & Cadet Executive Committee, Junior Olympic Wrestling Committee, Central Regional Kids and Cadet Director and the USAW Senior Freestyle Coaches Selection Committee.

Sharon Rosbottom graduated as Valedictorian from Ahrens High School in 1975.

She is co-founder of the Team Jeff Wrestling club and served in many capacities from 1992 – 2007. Her responsibilities included: Secretary, Treasurer, Concession Stand Director, Team MOM, Director of Videoing, Tournament Coolers, Record Keeping, Counselor, High School Wrestling Booster Club President and Concession Stand Director.

Sharon has served as the Scholarship Director on the ISWA board from 2004 to present.

Robert Rosbottom is a 1999 Graduate of Jeffersonville High School where he compiled a record of 123 – 3. He is 2 x IHSAA State Champion at 135 lb / 145 lb, a 3 x ISWA National Team Member, a 1998 USA Wrestling All American and a member of ISWA Cultural Exchange team to Poland. He attended Cumberland College in Williamsburg KY on a wrestling scholarship.

Robert, a Carpenter Journeyman, serves as a youth coach in soccer and wrestling. He and his wife Rhonda have 2 sons.

Patty Rosbottom, winner of the 2000 ISWA "Rollie Hoover" Scholarship is a 2000 Graduate of Jeffersonville High School and attended the University of Sothern Indiana.

Patty, an ISWA Senior Pairing Official, has served as a USWOA Pairing Official from 1996 to present, where she holds the rank P2. For the last 7 years she has also been active at the high school level, pairing many high school tournaments.

She currently works as supervisor at Kohl's Department Store and is a both a youth leader and teacher at her church.

Daniel Rosbottom is a 2005 Jeffersonville High School Graduate where he compiled a record of 164 – 33. He is a 3 x Semi State Qualifier, a 2 x State Qualifier and a 2 x JHS Most Valuable Wrestler.

Daniel, a 13 year member of ISWA, graduated with Honors (3.86 GPA) and was a 2004 IHSWCA Scholastic Duals Team Member, 2005 IHSWCA Academic All State Team, a 6 x ISWA National Team Member and a member of ISWA Cultural Exchange Teams to both Turkey and Australia and a recipient of a 2005 ISWA Founder's Scholarship

He graduated in 2009 from the University of Louisville with a degree in mathematics. He currently attends the University of Louisville working on his Master's Degree in Education.

JIM TONTE NAMED RECIPIENT OF THE 2010 JOHN HURRLE" MEMORIAL AWARD

The ISWA presented Jim Tonte, Indianapolis, IN with the John Hurrle Memorial Award at the Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association (IHSWCA) banquet held February 21st in Greenwood.

John Hurrle, one of the original founders of the Indiana State Wrestling Association, was devoted to wrestling and to the kids. John's motto was "DO IT FOR THE KIDS!" It is a motto the ISWA has adopted as their own.

Jim, a successful wrestler at Southport High School, earned a scholarship to University of Indianapolis, where he wrestled, graduating in 1985 with three majors: business, economics and education.

Tonte has been the head wrestling coach at Perry Meridian High School since 1996, during which time he has racked up a phenomenal number of victories. In 2007, he was inducted into the Indiana Wrestling Hall of Fame.

He also served on the ISWA Board of Directors as Junior Director for five years, is a Bronze Level coach and has been a member of the Junior National Team coaching staff for 15 + years.

Each year Perry Meridian Wrestling Club signs up over 150 members. Their feeder program of training wrestlers through middle school and into high school is second to none.

In addition, Jim has been instrumental in promoting the Regional Training Center in the Indianapolis area where he works to secure guest clinicians, including several college coaches, to attend the RTC's in order to better prepare our Cadet and Junior wrestlers.

"The most satisfying part of coaching," says Tonte, "is when wrestlers, now graduated and moving up in life, come back to see you. More than anything else," he said, "When these guys come back to the room and talk to the kids about what wrestling did for them....it's awe-inspiring.

The Hurrle Award is presented annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the sport of Amateur Wrestling in the State of Indiana. The winner is chosen from nominations submitted by ISWA member clubs and directors

2010 Cultural Exchange Trip to Voronezh Russia

Applications are being accepted for the 2010 trip to Russia. ISWA wrestlers ages 12-19 are invited to apply. This year's trip will be departing on or about June 14th and will return on about June 22nd. Dates may change a few days either way depending on flight availability, cost, and host request.

While on the trip you will be staying in the homes of and eating with our host team wrestler's families. We work to place a minimum of two wrestlers per family and ensure that wrestlers are never apart from all of their teammates. An ISWA Trip Leader and Coach are scheduled to travel with our wrestlers and depending on the number of wrestlers we may also have a referee in attendance. Wrestlers will travel with the host team members while in Russia and have a full cultural experience as well as being able to wrestle internationally.

The cost of the trip is estimated at approximately \$1,750. Since lodging and meals are covered by the host team, the cost of the trip is a great value. Also, the best way to travel is to stay with local residents who know the highpoints of their country. Because we will be living in the homes of the host team, our hosts have an upper limit on the number of wrestlers they can accommodate. This is our first trip to Voronezh Russia and it should be an exciting one. So, get your application in as soon as possible. Given the timing of this trip, we plan to stop taking applications sometime in April.

This is an exceptional opportunity to truly experience Russia and its modern culture and its place in world history. Anyone who has been on a cultural exchange trip realizes that a trip of this type is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity. You must be a Member of the ISWA to apply. Our counterparts in Russia take wrestling very seriously and we can expect good competition, strong training, and exceptional hospitality. Selection will be based on recommendations, wrestling ability, and working toward a balanced team. To obtain an application go to www.iswa.com and click on Cultural Exchange

Requirements:

A passport is mandatory! If you do not have a passport you must apply for one immediately. You must have passport within 1 week of acceptance. All participants must have a valid passport in order for us to gain Visa acceptance for this trip. Passport information is available at http://travel.state.gov/passport/ppt_card/ppt_card_3921.html - Many post offices and county clerks can assist you.

Essay: Complete a short essay describing what you expect to gain from this trip.

References: Provide contact information for a coach and at least one other community leader who can recommend you.

Wrestling Experience: Provide record, tournament participation & placement, years in wrestling and accomplishments

Other: Significant community services and involvement as well as personal interests should also be included

Please be aware that all team members are required to study the history and culture of Russia and participate in our team meetings where we will cover cultural expectations. Your attendance at team meetings is expected.

Upon acceptance, I will contact the parent listed to discuss the trip requirements. In addition, I will send trip details along with a request for additional information.

If you have questions please contact Ed Wojdyla: Email ewojdyla@hotmail.com or call 812.377.6989

News from the ISWA Office

ISWA FOLKSTYLE STATE FINALS PRE-REGISTRATION REMINDER

Pee-Wee/Bantam/Intermediate/Novice/Girls Folkstyle State Finals pre-registration Deadline is Wednesday, March 3rd.

Schoolboy/Cadet/Junior pre-registration deadline is Wednesday, March 10th.

Entries will not be accepted after midnight on these dates.

Girls...be sure to pre-register for Girl's Folkstyle State Finals. It is listed as separate events.

Links to all events have been provided on the ISWA home page. To pre-register go to: www.iswsa.com Payment is required when you register.

On-site weigh-ins will be held for all events. Wrestlers DO NOT have to make the weight stated when they pre-registered.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES AT FOLKSTYLE STATE

At Folkstyle State Finals, Championship Matches will be videotaped followed by a formal awards presentation.

Due to the taping, there may be some delays in order to allow those who are recording time to set-up and capture all final matches.

TO CLUBS HOSTING A FREE-STYLE OR GRECO TOURNNEY

A Beginning and Advanced Pairing Clinic and a Freestyle and Greco Mat Officials Rules clinic will be offered at 7:00 pm on Friday, March 6, 2010 at Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis.

If you are hosting a Freestyle or Greco tournament, don't rely on others to come work your event. Your club people need training as well.

IHSWCA MIDDLE SCHOOL STATE TEAM RESULTS

Congratulations to Perry Meridian on their performance at the IHSWCA Middle School State Championships on Sunday, February 14th.

The top six teams were as follows:

Perry Meridian—107 Points

Lowell—91 Points

CIA—88 Points

Portage—63 Points

Contenders—56 Points

Franklin Community —54 Points

ISWA BOARD MEETING

Due to Folkstyle State Final events, the ISWA Board will not meet in March.

The next scheduled meeting is Sunday, April 18th beginning at 12:00 pm at the ISWA office.

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