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CLAYTON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

HALL OF FAME 2008 INDUCTEES

Dan Della: Principal, 1958 - 1981

Bruce Iversen: Coach, Athletic Director, 1960 - 1991

Karen Johnson: Coach, Athletic Director, 1966 - 1976

Bill Smith: Coach, 1976 - 1983

Bud Beemer: Football, Basketball, Baseball, 1962

Ron Coccimiglio: Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track, 1976

Ron Dadami: Swimming, 1966

Austin Deaton: Football, Basketball, Baseball, 1961

Jack Duncan: Football, Wrestling, Baseball 1971

Greg Ford: Football, Basketball, Track, 1962

Sonya Satre Goodman: Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, 1976

Mike Haluchak: Football, Track, 1967

Lynn Harrison: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, 1977

Kim Lackey: Tennis, 1978

Pete Laurence: Wrestling, 1963

Gary Loveridge: Football, Basketball, Track, 1961

Sheryl Smiarowski Lawrentz: Swimming, 1979

Clyde Mashore: Football, Basketball, Track, 1964

Starry Suttich: Volleyball, Softball, 1978

Bob Thomason: Basketball, Golf, 1967

The 1959 Boys Cross Country Team : Coach Floyd Strain

The 1976 Girls Volleyball Team: Coach Gary Gardner

The 1976 - 1977 Wrestling Team: Coach Bill Smith



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

On October 17, 2008 we celebrated the 50th anniversary of Clayton Valley High School and the Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The alumni and entire community were entertained with a victorious homecoming game against Mt Diablo High School, the first ever football alumni game, the nostalgic 50th Anniversary Dinner, and the inspirational Hall of Fame Brunch at Oakhurst Country Club.

We welcome you to the second Clayton Valley High School Athletic Induction Ceremony, brought to you by the CVHS Hall of Fame Committee. The CVHS Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding athletic performance of all athletes and their dedication to upholding the high standards of the Clayton Valley High School Athletic Department.

Today we honor athletes who exemplify excellence in athletics and who have used the skills acquired on the field to excel in their professions and communities as well. We also honor the coaches who instilled in these athletes the skills of the game, the love of competition, and the character to go forth and inspire others. We also honor members of our community who dedicated their lives to making Clayton Valley Athletics unparalleled in excellence and integrity.

We wish to acknowledge the perseverance of former athletic directors Dee Billeter and Bill Nelson who have worked tirelessly to set up the criteria for selection, to locate the nominated athletes, and to bring this event together for the second time.

"ONCE AN EAGLE ALWAYS AN EAGLE"

Pat Middendorf
CVHS Athletic Director



TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Social

Buffet Dinner

Welcome – *Pat Middendorf*

Introductions – *Dick Ellis, Master of Ceremonies*

Presentation of Inductees

Photos taken by Home Team Photography
may be viewed and purchased on-line
at www.hometeamsportsphoto.com



PRESENTATIONS

Presenter

Dee Billeter, Pat Middendorf

Dee Billeter

Les Garaventa

Howard Marshall

Herc Pardi

Dan Colchico

Herc Pardi

Bill Martell

John Millar

Dennis Bledsoe

Peter Martinez

Dennis Bledsoe

Herc Pardi

Larry Fogelstrom

Dennis Bledsoe

Joe Santucci

George Smylie

Dennis Bledsoe

Bob Barrick

Anthony Villa

Pat Wharton

Bob Ewing

Karen Johnson

Howard Marshall

Herc Pardi

Inductee

MIKE AND LAURIE ROSE

HOWARD MARSHALL

ROGER ZINO

JENNY BADER BAKER

LISA BARBIERI HOBSON

KRIS COLCHICO

DAVE GÖTZ

TOM HOOK

BROOK KNIGHT CONSTABLE

CRAIG MARBLE

GILBERT MARTINEZ

COURTNEY NELSON MURRELL

JERI POURNARAS FEUER

KELLIE RUIZ LEFFLE

VERNON ROGERS

RAY SANTUCCI

KAREY SHEEHAN VENEGAS

TODD SKOW

FRANK SNYDER

STEVE VILLA

MICKY WHARTON

1960 BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

1969-1972 THE PIONEERS

1988 GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

1974 FOOTBALL TEAM

L AURIE & M IKE ROSE

COMMUNITY/LEADERSHIP



Many great teams have emerged from Clayton Valley High School over the past fifty-two years. Tonight we are honoring a very special team as we induct Laurie and Mike Rose into the Hall of Fame.

Mike graduated from Clayton Valley in 1970 and Laurie graduated in 1971. Their school spirit was evident in their enthusiastic participation in school activities. Mike was a dedicated student in Bob Harvey's auto shop program and credits Harvey for giving him a solid foundation for his future career. Laurie's athletic accomplishments will be recognized tonight as she will also be inducted into the Hall of Fame as a member of the Pioneers. In the years following their graduations, Mike and Laurie married, welcomed daughter Ragen and son Brennan to their family, and built a thriving business.

For decades, Laurie and Mike have given their time, talent and financial support to their alma mater. In 1990 they organized the first Clayton Valley Golf Tournament, which continues today as a major fundraiser. Mike and Laurie were inspired by the late Linda Lewandowski to join the Boosters Club, and played a major role as the club established the fifty/fifty fund to increase membership, brought back Homecoming parades, painted and purchased floor covers for the gym, and installed a new scoreboard on the football field. Even after helping to crack three hundred pounds of crab for their first Clayton Valley Crab Feed, they have continued as generous annual donors. For many years the Roses organized and held Fall Fests at their home as a fund raiser for CV sports, and hosted annual Coaches Appreciation barbecues.

In recent years, Mike and Laurie have made substantial donations to Gonsalves stadium, on-site security cameras, a new gym scoreboard, and the United Mount Diablo Athletic Foundation. In addition to their athletic activities, Mike and Laurie gave support to the auto shop program, chaired Grad Nite in 1998 and in 2008 Laurie and Ragen organized C.V.'s 50th Anniversary on-campus dinner.

Mike and Laurie continue to give back to the community through their business, Mike's Auto Body. This year is the tenth anniversary of their Benevolence Program which has provided thirty refurbished vehicles to deserving individuals and organizations. They also established the Community Gives Back program which benefits high school sports and other local non-profit organizations.

Throughout the years, Laurie and Mike's generosity, innovation, and hard work have benefited CVHS in countless ways. They are modest, unassuming, and quick to give credit to others. Mike and Laurie say that they will always have a special place in their hearts for Clayton Valley. Their induction into the Hall of Fame is a testament to the special place they merit in the hearts of past, present and future Eagles.

HOWARD MARSHALL

COACH, 1980-1993



Howard Marshall coached girls basketball at Clayton Valley for 13 years; 11 years at the varsity level. He has the longest tenure for a head varsity girls basketball coach in CV history. He also has the distinction of being the first Clayton Valley basketball coach to take his team to the North Coast Championship game and the first to go on to the Northern California Championships. He coached his Clayton Valley teams to a total of 195 wins, for a career 63.5 winning percentage.

Howard grew up playing basketball in Napa, CA. He earned a basketball scholarship to Regis College in Denver, CO where he played guard for 3 years in the 1950s under former Kentucky Coach Joe B. Hall. When his playing career ended, Howard knew he wanted to give something back to the sport and its athletes. He coached over 300 games as an assistant under Hall. Howard came back to California in 1963 and began his teaching and coaching career at Pacifica High School in West Pittsburg. He was the head varsity boy's basketball coach at Pacifica from 1963 to 1972. Before Pacifica closed, he transferred to Mt. Diablo High School and then to Clayton Valley in 1978.

In 1980 Roger Zino was in his first year as CV varsity girls basketball coach. He knew of Marshall's background and cajoled him into coaching the JV girls team. Before the 1982 season the coaches switched jobs. Marshall took over the varsity and Zino coached the J.V. and assisted the varsity. After 2 years, the program was in full stride. In 4 seasons, 1985 to 1988, the team won 3 DVAL Championships and was second once. The 1988 team placed second at the NCS and went on to the Northern California Championships, where they lost to the eventual State Champion, Fremont High School of Oakland. The team from 1988 will be inducted into the 2010 Hall of Fame with their coach.

Coach Marshall always had a great love for the game of basketball and was an excellent teacher. With his skill and knowledge he was able to inspire and motivate his athletes. Roger Zino categorized Marshall as "straight as an arrow, someone you could count on. He's total commitment." Howard asked his players to make that same commitment, on both the playing court and in the classroom. With his guidance, his players were able to hone their talents, reach their potential, and have fun doing it. With great integrity and a positive, confident coaching style, Marshall taught life lessons that helped to shape the athletes in his program as they went on to success in college, careers, and family life.

Currently Howard and his wife of 52 years, Jeanne, are enjoying retirement at their home on the Oregon Coast. Their 4 sons all attended Clayton Valley. Their son Steve was inducted into the CVHS Hall of Fame in 2008 as part of the 1977 State Champion Wrestling Team.

We now most heartily welcome the second Marshall into the Hall of Fame!

ROGER ZINO

COACH, 1963-1993



Roger Zino's teaching and coaching career at Clayton Valley High School spanned four decades. He coached wrestling in the 60's, football in the 70's and basketball in the 80's and early 90's. He is the only Clayton Valley coach to win championships in three different sports.

Roger was raised in a small town in New Jersey and participated in all the sports offered at his high school. He received a scholarship to a junior college for basketball but was unable to accept the offer. His family needed his financial help and Roger went to work. Toward the end of the Korean War, Roger was drafted into the United States Navy. As a member of the Navy, Roger had the opportunity to play football for the Pensacola Goshawks. That led to a football scholarship at Drake University in Iowa. After graduating from Drake, Roger accepted a teaching position in Tracy, California, and began his coaching career as an assistant in wrestling and football. When he came to teach at Clayton Valley in 1963, Roger continued as an assistant in both sports for the Eagles.

In 1965 Roger became the head varsity wrestling coach. That year the team won the Del Valle Tournament and placed second in the DVAL. In both 1966 and 1967, the Eagles were undefeated league champions, with a 30-dual match winning streak. In 1967 the team again won the Del Valle Tournament and went on to place second at the NorCal finals.

In 1969 Roger Zino and coach Glen Scrimger coined the infamous UGLY EAGLES as a tribute to their JV football team and Scrimger's appearance. UGLY EAGLES was used randomly from 1969-1973 in cheers at football and basketball games. It was reinvented during one of the first team meetings, when long hair was the style, the coaches mentioned that all team members must get their hair cut for a safe helmet fit. One of the players stated, "Coach THAT IS UGLY," and the UGLY EAGLES were named. The name became well-known throughout Northern California, in later years.

In his first year as head coach, the Eagles won the league championship and went on to represent the DVAL in the Turkey Bowl, the Thanksgiving weekend playoff game between the winners of the Diablo Valley and Foothill Athletic Leagues. The 1974 Eagles ended their season with an exciting 14-7 victory over Alhambra. This team is being inducted into the CVHS Hall of Fame along with their coach this evening.

After retiring from football, Roger was recruited by varsity girls basketball coach George Smylie to coach the J.V. girls. Thus began sixteen years of coaching girls basketball both at the J.V. and varsity level. Roger began coaching the varsity in 1980 with his recruit, Howard Marshall, taking the J.V.s. In 1982, the coaches switched jobs, and Roger coached the J.V. team and assisted Marshall on the varsity until 1993. The basketball program was outstanding and Roger's teams logged over 200 wins. One of his top J.V. teams went undefeated at 19-0 in 1986. Two years later this same group of athletes formed the 1988 varsity that will be inducted into this year's Hall of Fame.

Throughout his career Coach "Z" maintained high standards for his athletes both in the classroom and in athletics. He was outstanding in his organization, preparation, discipline, and concern for each team member. He is now enjoying retirement with his wife, Patty, in Los Osos, California. We are pleased to recognize his legacy of excellence to all Eagles, Ugly or not, and we welcome him to the CVHS Hall of Fame.

JENNY BADER BAKER

VOLLEYBALL-BASKETBALL, 1986



Jenny Bader holds three records listed on the basketball board in the Clayton Valley High School Gym. She set the record for most career rebounds at 831 and most rebounds in a game at 22. She also owns the record for career free-throws with 301.

Jenny began earning honors early in her athletic career at Clayton Valley. As a freshman, she was selected as the MVP on the JV basketball team. Her sophomore year, the first year Jenny played volleyball, she was named MVP on the JV team. She went on to play varsity volleyball her junior and senior years. Jenny played varsity basketball as a sophomore and received the CV Talon Athlete of the Week and the Most Improved Player award. Her junior year the basketball team won the league and went on to place sixth at the NCS championship. Jenny was named to the All-Tourney Team at the Tracy Lion's Club tournament, first team All-League and to the NCS All-Tournament Team. She also received the CV Talon, Big "C" and KVHS Athlete of the Week Awards.

During Jenny's senior year, the team won the Tracy Lion's Club Tournament and she was named All-Tourney MVP. The team repeated as DVAL Champions and sixth place in the NCS. Jenny was Co-Captain and voted team MVP. She received the CV Talon and Big "C" Athlete of the Week awards. Jenny was named to the DVAL All-League first team, NCS All-Tourney Team, and the All-East Bay first team. Jenny was also selected All Bay Area Honorable Mention and to the All-Lesher Girls Basketball Team. She received the Oakland Tribune DVAL Girls Basketball Player of the Year Award and San Francisco Examiner Bay Area All-Star Honorable Mention. She ended her high school career receiving the Clayton Valley Girls Athlete of the Year Award.

Jenny attended Los Medanos College and played basketball for 2 years. Her second year the team made it to the first round of the North State Playoffs. At LMC Jenny received the Seeno Athlete of the Week Award and was named to the T-Bird Classic and College of the Redwoods All-Tourney Teams. She also was named to the Coast Conference All-Conference Teams and voted LMC'S MVP.

Jenny lives in Clayton with her husband Keith, an '87 graduate of CV, and her sons Michael, 13, and Scott, 11. She works in Clayton for Diablo View Floors, their family business. Jenny and her family enjoy fishing, camping and the outdoors.

LISA BARBIERI HOBSON

VOLLEYBALL-BASKETBALL-TRACK, 1989



Lisa Barbieri had never played organized volleyball before she joined the Clayton Valley JV Team as a freshman. She moved up to the varsity for the playoffs and went on to play middle blocker on the varsity volleyball team for the next 3 years. Lisa also played 2 years of JV basketball, 1 year of varsity basketball, and competed 4 years on the varsity track team.

Her freshman year Lisa played on the JV basketball team which had an undefeated season going 14-0 in the DVAL and 19-0 overall. Lisa was voted Most Improved Player and set a new school record for most JV rebounds with 159. As a freshman in track, she placed 4th in the DVAL in the high jump and was 7th at the NCS meet.

During Lisa's sophomore year, the varsity volleyball team won the league championship with a 25-1 record and went on to the first round of the NCS championships. Lisa was voted Most Improved, and was named the Seeno Athlete of the Week, and to the All-DVAL Team. Lisa played JV basketball and the team finished as co-champions with a 13-1 league record and 17-2 overall. She was chosen MVP and broke her own rebounding record with a new season total of 184 rebounds. Lisa also participated in track finishing 2nd in the league in the high jump.

Her junior year the varsity volleyball team finished 2nd in the DVAL with a 19-6 record. The team qualified for the NCS playoffs and finished 5th. Lisa was named to the All-DVAL Team as well as being named Contra Costa Times Athlete of the Week and Seeno Athlete of the Week. Lisa played center/forward on the varsity basketball team which finished in the DVAL with 14-2 league record and 23-9 overall. The team finished 2nd in the NCS championship game, and went on to the NOR-CAL playoffs. Lisa was again chosen MIP and 1st team All-League. She still holds the varsity school record for most rebounds, 376, in a single season. Lisa competed in track finishing 2nd in the high jump at the DVAL meet and 3rd in the high jump at the NCS meet.

As a senior, Lisa was captain of the volleyball team which finished 2nd in the new Bay Valley Athletic League. The team went on to the NCS and finished 5th. Lisa was named MVP and also selected 1st team All-BVAL. She was a Contra Costa Times Athlete of the Week and selected to the All-Lesher Volleyball Team. She did not participate in basketball this year as she played club volleyball for Golden Bear Juniors. Lisa was the league champion in the high jump at the BVAL meet and finished her career at Clayton Valley winning the Athlete of the Year Award.

Lisa received a full scholarship for volleyball at the University of Pacific. The team finished 2nd in the nation her first year. The next year she was named MIP and the team tied for 9th in the nation. Her third year Lisa was again named MIP and was 2nd team All-Big West as the team finished 5th in the nation. Lisa was named team captain her final year but was injured for 6 weeks. She returned for the playoffs and the team finished 9th in the nation.

Lisa is an engineer and lives in Concord with her husband and two daughters. She is currently the Girl's Head Varsity Volleyball Coach at CVHS.

KRIS COLCHICO

VOLLEYBALL-SOCCER-SOFTBALL, 1988



When Kris Colchico arrived at Clayton Valley High School her name was recognized because of the achievements of her father, Dan Colchico, an N.F.L. football player who played for the 49ers. Kris lived up to her father's legacy of excellence.

During her high school career at CVHS, Kris earned 7 varsity letters playing volleyball, soccer and softball. Her freshman year she played JV softball and was team captain and MVP. Her sophomore year she was selected team captain and MVP on the JV volleyball team. She played varsity softball and made second team All-League DVAL. As a junior, Kris played varsity volleyball, soccer and softball and made first team All-League in all 3 sports. She was team captain and MVP in soccer as well as first team All-East Bay and All-Northern California. Kris was second team All-East Bay in softball. In her senior year, Kris played varsity volleyball, soccer, and softball and made first team All-DVAL in all 3 sports. Kris was named to the first team All-East Bay and second team All-Northern California in softball, as well as first team All-East Bay and first team All-Northern California in soccer. She was also team captain in all 3 sports and MVP in volleyball and soccer. Kris was chosen CVHS and Contra Costa Times Athlete of the Week every year in every season in all 3 sports.

Kris attended CSU Hayward where she played on the women's soccer team. Her freshman year the team was Division II National Champions and Kris made Honorable Mention All-Northern California. Her sophomore and junior years, she was team captain and MVP and made first team All-Conference. As a senior Kris was again team captain and MVP and selected first team All-Northern California. In her senior year of college and the following year, she played on the California State Women's soccer team and the Regional and Olympic Development teams. Kris played professional soccer for 2 years in Japan for the Shiroki Corporation.

Kris came back to the United States and received a Masters Degree from Indiana State University and a Doctorate Degree from Columbia University. She currently teaches in the Health Science Department at Diablo Valley College. Kris has 3 children all of whom are actively involved in various sports.

DAVE GÖTZ

FOOTBALL-BASKETBALL-BASEBALL, 1981



When Dave Götz entered Clayton Valley High, the coaches knew they had a good athlete, but they didn't know how good. Dave turned into one of the best all-around athletes in Clayton Valley's history.

As a sophomore, he played varsity basketball and varsity baseball. In his junior year, he was a second team All-League defensive back and quarterback and receiver in football. In basketball, as a junior, he was All-DVAL first team and led the team to the DVAL championship.

In Dave's senior year in football, he was team captain and MVP first team All-DVAL on both offense and defense, and All-East Bay defense second team. In basketball in his senior year, he was team captain and MVP, first team All-DVAL and second team All-East Bay. Dave also led the basketball team to a repeat DVAL championship and trip to North Coast. He led the Eagles to championships in the Gridley and Mid Valley tournaments and was All Tourney in both. Dave was a three-year letterman in baseball.

Dave was the 1981 Athlete of the Year with eight varsity letters. He played in the Contra Costa-Alameda County All-Star football game. He went on to Los Medanos College and made second team All-League as a defensive back. Dave then transferred to Sacramento State and played football there.

Coach Tom DiMercurio considered Dave to be one of the two best defensive backs in Clayton Valley history, not only in talent but also in work ethic.

TOM HOOK

WRESTLING, 1964



Tom Hook began wrestling in 1960 as a freshman at Clayton Valley High School. He would go to the gym during lunch hour and instead of eating he would spend the time on the mats. When wrestling season began, Tom went out for the team then coached by Don Gercich. Under Gercich he learned sportsmanship, basic moves, physical conditioning, and the team concept. Tom recalls that it was a great program with a great coach and dedicated fellow wrestlers like Pete Lawrence, Dick Vaughn, and Lou Wade.

As a freshman, Tom wrestled at the 112-pound weight class. He finished the year with eleven wins and three losses. He also took third place in the league's Novice tournament. As a sophomore, Tom started varsity at 120 pounds. He won three, lost three and tied one in an abbreviated season.

In his junior year with a new and dedicated coach, Bill Martell, Clayton Valley was undefeated in their league and placed fourth in the CIF state tournament. Tom's record was twenty-five wins, two losses. He won the DVAL Tournament, North Coast, and took second in the State Tournament.

Tom had a stellar undefeated senior year. He was team captain, Most Valuable Wrestler, champion of the Hayward Invitational, Most Valuable Wrestler at the DVAL Tournament, North Coast champion, and CIF State champion. Tom was also East Bay Prep of the Week and was chosen Tri-City Writers Wrestler of the Year.

Tom went on to wrestle at Diablo Valley College where at 137 pounds his record was twenty-three wins, one loss and two draws. At the Junior College State Championship, Tom took first place, and led the DVC team to second place in the state. At the prestigious Cal-Poly Invitational Tournament Tom took first place. He was voted DVC's Most Valuable Wrestler and Wrestler of the Year.

On DVC's 1966 team, Tom was Co-Captain with fellow CVHS alum Gene Montori. Tom wrestled at 145 pounds and again won the Cal-Poly Invitational, the San Mateo Invitational and he took first at the North Coast Tournament. He won more than thirty matches with only four points scored against him the entire season.

In 1966 Tom received recruiting letters from UCLA and Cal, but with Vietnam raging, Tom joined the U.S. Air Force, serving in Alaska and elsewhere stateside. He continued wrestling in the Air Force and took third place at the Worldwide Armed Forces Tournament in 1970. That same year he was honorably discharged, and returned to Concord where he has raised his family and been a successful businessman for over thirty years.

BROOK KNIGHT CONSTABLE

TENNIS-SOCCER-TRACK, 1988



Brook started high school in 1984 and by the end of her freshman year had established herself as an athletic force. She was involved in many facets of high school life (drama, leadership, school mascot!), but none more deeply than athletics.

Brook played tennis, soccer, and ran track for Clayton Valley. She fondly remembers former coaches, Kim Lackey, Phil Hanson, and the legendary John Millar. In tennis, she earned a spot on varsity by her sophomore year, and a second place in the DVAL qualifiers. Ultimately, Brook earned the number 2 singles spot and became Team Captain her senior year.

In Soccer, a sport that only arrived at Clayton Valley Brook's junior year, she excelled in the role of forward on the varsity team, earning All DVAL and DVAL leading scorer titles, as well as that of team captain her senior year. Brook was instrumental in securing the team's 1st place DVAL ranking both her junior and senior years.

When it came to track and field in the spring, Brook really shined. Here, she made her mark as a freshman varsity high jumper. That particular season culminated in a showdown between Clayton Valley and Northgate where the winning team would be determined in the girls' high jump: Brook's jump of 5'0" secured the win and she was hooked on the event from that day. She would go on to three more varsity seasons of high jump and rack up accolades such as Most Improved, 1st in DVAL, 1st in N.C.S., 1st at the Meet of Champions, and finally from 16th to 5th place at the State Meet. By the end of high school, Brook had been honored as the Female Athlete of the Year for 1988 and had lettered 9 times.

Upon graduating from CV in 1988, Brook received a partial scholarship to play soccer at St. Mary's in Moraga but she turned it down. Instead, she attended DVC where, as she searched for a major, she also competed in the heptathlon on the track team, finishing one year in 5th place in the state. Though she enjoyed track in the spring, Brook longed for an activity in the fall, so she picked up volleyball, and fell in love with yet another sport. Soon, she transferred with a partial scholarship in volleyball to Fresno Pacific College and another partial for track. Brook excelled at the college level in both sports, and finished with an NAIA National Track and Field qualification in the high jump and, as starting setter, led the Sunbirds to an NAIA National Tournament 4th place in volleyball.

Sports were for Brook the springboard for many adult years of coaching as well, and upon returning to good old Clayton Valley to teach English and leadership for 12 years, she also coached soccer and track for many seasons. Brook credits the wonderful mentors and coaches from Clayton Valley for always encouraging and pushing her. She will forever advocate and support youth athletics and is grateful to be enjoying them nowadays vicariously through her own three children!

CRAIG MARBLE

WATER POLO, SWIMMING, 1983



Craig graduated from Clayton Valley High School in 1983 and was on the water polo and swimming teams all four years. Craig lettered two years in water polo and four years on the Clayton Valley swimming team. His freshman year he was voted Most Improved on the swimming team. His junior year he lettered on the water polo team and was co-Most Valuable on the swimming team. The Contra Costa Times honored him with a Big "C" award. Craig earned All-American honors in two individual events this year and had the fifth fastest time in the nation in the 100 yard butterfly, and the thirtieth fastest time in the nation in the 200 yard Individual Medley.

When Craig was a senior, he again lettered on the water polo team and was outstanding on the swimming team. In North Coast competition he won the 200-yard individual medley and posted the third fastest time in the nation that year. He won the 100-yard butterfly, and his time was the fastest in the nation up to that time. He finished the season with the second fastest time in the nation that year. Craig was extremely versatile and was able to swim any event that the team needed him to swim. Craig again earned All-American honors in his individual events. He finished his high school career by receiving co-Athlete of the Year honors. Craig's grade point average throughout high school was 3.97, and he graduated fourth in his class. Craig was awarded Student Athlete of the Week by the Contra Costa Times during each of his four years at Clayton Valley.

Craig received a scholarship to Cal and swam on the team all four years. While at Cal he earned three All-American awards.

In 1984 Craig placed sixth in the finals of the Olympic Trials. The first two places make our Olympic team. That year Craig represented the United States in an International meet hosted by France.

GILBERT MARTINEZ

WRESTLING-TENNIS, 1973



Like many freshman in high school, Gilbert started out on the wrestling team as a novice. Since there were not many youth programs at that time for learning wrestling skills, he really took advantage of what he could learn on the team, and he quickly moved up to the varsity team. Gilbert had a respectable record and placed in three invitational tournaments. He was selected as the teams Most Improved wrestler.

Over the next three years Gilbert dominated the lower weight classes 95 lbs, 102 lbs, and 112 lbs in which he wrestled. He was the champion of his weight class in eight out of the nine invitational tournaments, with sixteen teams entered in each tournament. In his sophomore year he placed 2nd in the DVAL league championships and he was league champion in his junior and senior year. In his junior and senior years he was 1st place in the North Coast Section Division II tournament and in the North Coast Championships he took two 2nd places and one 3rd place. In his sophomore year he placed 3rd in the Northern California Invitational (State).

His teammates admired his talent, dedication and commitment to wrestling and voted him team captain three years in a row. Gilbert also won the team trophy for the most pins in a season those same three years. He was selected Athlete of the Week four times.

The honors for Gilbert continued to accumulate during and after his wrestling season: Honor Supersport of the Week (22 straight wins); the Fitzpatrick Chevrolet Supersport Award, 1973 Athlete of the Year voted by the Mount Diablo Coaches' Association, and Clayton Valley's Athlete of the Year.

His wrestling coaches will always remember Gilbert as being small in stature, with a big smile and a big heart. Since he usually wrestled first at a meet, it was a good feeling to know we had the lead after the first match. They also remember the tremendous support from his family. They never missed a dual match or tournament.

Gilbert also competed on the tennis team his senior year. He lettered and was selected as the Most Improved player.

Currently, Gilbert lives in Cobb, California, and enjoys the peace of the woods and mountains. He credits wrestling coaches Glenn Scrimger and Bill Nelson for giving him the encouragement and skills he needed for success in his years at Clayton Valley.

COURTNEY NELSON MURRELL

DIVING, 1987



Courtney entered Clayton Valley High School in the fall of 1983 and by the end of her freshman year she was a known athletic force. Her freshman year she was the Most Valuable Diver and the captain of the diving team. She earned these honors all four years of her high school career. Courtney won most of her competitions and ended her first high school season setting a new school record and placing 2nd in the North Coast Competition. During the summer she competed in the Junior Olympic Nationals and placed 2nd. Her sophomore and junior years, Courtney was the League Champion, placed in the North Coast meet, placed third in the National Junior Olympics, and did well enough to qualify and compete in the Senior Nationals. Courtney earned All-America honors as a Junior and Senior. Her senior year she won the League and North Coast Championships, and represented the United States in the Jr. World Championships. Courtney finished her high school career as the Clayton Valley 1987 Athlete of the year.

In the fall of 1987 Courtney began her collegiate career under a full scholarship at BYU. While at BYU Courtney competed on the 10 meter platform, and the 3 meter and 1 meter spring boards. She won 11 All-America honors, was the BYU Diving Team Captain in 1990 and '91, and was an Honors Student Athlete all four years. Courtney was inducted into the BYU Hall of Fame in 2001.

While competing in three venues, (10-meter, 3-meter & 1-meter) Courtney won multiple conference championships. On the 10-meter platform, Courtney was the Division I National Champion her junior and senior years. In 1991, she was named the Female Performance Champion of the year. Ty Detmer, the Heisman Trophy winner from BYU, was the male winner of the Performance award that year.

Courtney was a member of the United States National Team in 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992. She competed in numerous national and international meets, generally placing between first and third. In 1989 she competed in the US Diving Nationals and was, through a vote of coaches and peers, voted the "Phillips 66" Performance Award. This is an award for the most outstanding performance of the meet. In 1992 Courtney competed in the Olympic Trials on the 10-meter platform and the 3-meter spring board. She placed 6th and 5th in these events.

Courtney is an exercise physiologist and teaches Jazzercise and Zumba. She lives in Truckee with her husband, Mark, and children Gavin 7, and Megan, 3. Both children love skiing and gymnastics.

JERI POURNARAS FEUER

TENNIS-BASKETBALL-TRACK, 1985



The 3 Pournaras siblings, Jeri, Dean and Shawn, were born very close together which enabled them to play tennis together at Clayton Valley. They all started at a young age and were outstanding on the courts. In a tribute to her sister Shawn wrote the following:

When Jeri was young, we noticed she had amazing athleticism playing outside with the neighborhood children. She was not only the best at every sport, she was the fastest child you ever saw. She was never caught in tag, beat every other kid on the block during races, and she was always the first pick to be on any team. She went to a St. Bonaventure track meet to try it out and came back with four blue ribbons. Under Coach Herc Pardi' training, she set records in the 100, 200, and the 400 meter relay, long and triple jump. She went on to compete in a few national meets.

Jeri lettered 10 times at Clayton Valley and won Athlete of the Year her senior year. She played varsity tennis all four years, competed in varsity track her freshman year through junior years, and was varsity basketball her last three years.

Tennis: Jeri was the DVAL runner-up in the number one-doubles position for two years, number three singles runner-up her junior year, and the league champion as the number three singles player her senior year.

Basketball: Jeri was MVP on the J.V. team as a freshman and varsity MVP as a sophomore and a senior. Her junior year she was awarded the Big "C" Athletic Award, and as a senior she won the Oakland Tribune Athlete of the Year award and All-Bay-Area Honorable Mention. Jeri was All-League two years. She led CVHS to the DVAL Championship her senior year and still holds the record for most assists in a game at 14. She averaged 15.7 points, 5.6 rebounds, 3.8 assists, and 5 steals per game her senior year. She was so much fun to watch on the court. You had to see her quickness, finesse, agility and determination to believe it.

Track & Field: As a freshman, Jeri was fourth-place in the North Coast Section Triple Jump. She was first place at the DVAL meet in the mile relay, 100 meters, and triple jump. She took second in the long jump. In 1983 she was the MVP in Track & Field. platform and the 3-meter spring board. She placed 6th and 5th in these events.

CVHS Sports—especially her time learning and training under the amazing teachers and coaches—allowed Jeri to blossom and excel in all areas in high school, college and her personal life. Her teammates really respected her and she became a role model for others. Jeri has had an extremely successful career at Levi-Strauss for fifteen years and has a beautiful family with two boys who are starting their own careers in sports.

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Sports in addition to being fun, tend to bring out the best in people. They tend to teach physical, mental and character qualities that are helpful and relevant to life, family, and the work world. Athletes experience "pushing the envelope" of physical and mental stamina, meet challenges in character, judgment and sportsmanship, and generally build a foundation that can be very helpful to success as they proceed through life. - Some Quotes that help athletes and wrestlers to succeed include:

"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand." – **Vince Lombardi**

"The principle is competing against yourself. It's about self-improvement, about being better than you were before." – **Steve Young**

"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." – **John Wooden**

"Adversity causes some men to break; others to break records." – **William A. Ward**

"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack knowledge, but rather a lack of will." - **Vince Lombardi**

"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime." – **Babe Ruth**

"Other people may not have had high expectations for me... but I had high expectations for myself." – **Shannon Miller**

"You learn you can do your best even when it's hard, even when you're tired and hurting. It feels good to show some courage." – **Joe Namath**

"It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog." – **Archie Griffen**

"I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it." – **Thomas Jefferson**

"It's a little like wrestling a gorilla. You don't quit when you're tired you quit when the gorilla gets tired". – **Robert Strauss**

"Gold medals aren't really made of gold. They're made of sweat, determination, and a hard to find alloy called guts." – **Dan Gable**

"The 1st period is won by the best technician. The 2nd period is won by the kid in the best shape. The 3rd period is won by the kid with the biggest heart." - **Dan Gable**

CVHS Wrestling Team: League Championships: 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982. North Coast Championships: 1967, 1972, 1977, 1078. State Championship 1977.

CVHS Individual State Champions: 1963- Pete Laurence, 1964- Tom Hook, 1977- Bruce Kopitar, 1977- Brian Strock, 1978- Warren Turnage.

KELLIE RUIZ LEFFLE

VOLLEYBALL-SOFTBALL, 1980



Kellie Ruiz entered Clayton Valley High School in the fall of 1976 and began her athletic career as a freshman on the varsity volleyball team. That team won the DVAL League Championship and the North Coast Section IIIA Championship. Kellie was named to the All-League Team and the North Coast Section All-Tournament Team. The 1976 Volleyball Team and coach Gary Gardner were inducted into the CVHS Hall of Fame in 2008.

That first volleyball season was just the beginning of many honors and achievements for Kellie. She played 4 years of varsity volleyball and 4 years of varsity softball. Those teams won 4 league championships in volleyball and 3 league championships in softball. The volleyball team went on to repeat as North Coast Section Champions in her sophomore and senior years. In her senior year the team went to the first round of the state tournament.

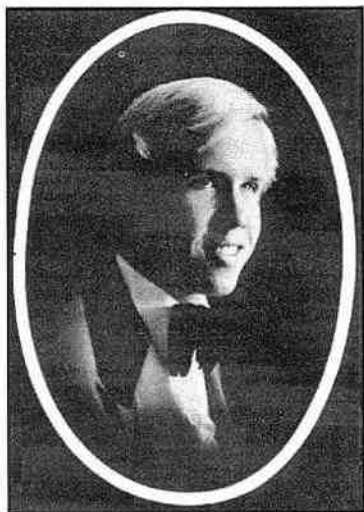
In her sophomore year, Kellie was first team All-League in volleyball. She was also All-League on the softball team coached by Larry Fogelstrom that went on to place second in the NCS Championships. Kellie was named first team All-League in both volleyball and softball in her junior and senior years. As a junior, she won the Big "C" Athletic Award and was named the Concord Transcript Athlete of the Week. In her senior year, Kellie won the CVHS Most Valuable Player award in softball and was selected to the All-East Bay Softball Team.

Kellie received a scholarship for softball to California State University Fresno where she played catcher and center field. She also played semi-pro softball for the Hayward Hustle and Coors Light teams.

Kellie and her husband Ken live in Antioch. They have a son who graduated from CSU Chico this year and a daughter who is a goalie on the varsity soccer team at Deer Valley High School.

VERNON ROGERS

WATER POLO-SWIMMING, 1979



Vernon Rogers graduated in 1979. While at Clayton Valley High School he was on the water polo and swimming teams. He lettered all four years on both teams, earning honors in both sports. As a freshman he placed 2nd in the league Championships and 2nd in two events in the North Coast Championships.

His sophomore year he again lettered in water polo and set a new school record in the fifty free on the swimming team. He was 2nd in the North Coast fifty and hundred freestyle events.

As a junior Vernon was Water Polo Athlete of the week, high point in the league, and Co-Captain and Most Valuable player. He earned All-Nor Cal honors and was All-American that year. On the swimming team he was Co-Captain, Most Valuable on the team, set team records in the 50 and 100 yard free style events, set a North Coast record in one event and was second in two events.

Vernon's senior year he was again captain of the water polo team, set a scoring school record and was the Most Valuable Player. He was the league Most Valuable Player and league high scorer. Vernon was voted the player that other teams "Most Didn't Want to Face". He finished the season earning All-American honors. On the swim team he was captain and set two individual records and two relay records. He earned All-American honors in swimming. He was the Athlete of the Year in 1979 and earned 8 varsity letters.

Vernon attended UC Davis. He was the only freshman starting on the water polo team. During his freshman year he played more quarters than anyone on the team. On the swim team he made All-American. As a sophomore he again was a starter on the polo team, and on the swimming team his relay team set a national record, and he made All-American. His junior year Vernon was the team captain on the polo and swimming teams and was the National Champion in two individual events in swimming. As a senior Vernon captained both the swim and polo teams. He was the Most Valuable player on the water polo team. On the swimming team he set school records in three events and placed first in three events in the NCAA Championships. He was again All-American. Vernon received a Regional Award from the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce and was given the Sports Writers Athletic Accomplishment of Excellence Award.

Vernon has continued competing in Masters Water Polo and in Masters Swimming throughout his adult life.

RAY SANTUCCI

FOOTBALL-WRESTLING-
BASEBALL-TRACK, 1978



Ray Santucci enthusiastically participated in four sports at Clayton Valley High School: football, wrestling, baseball and track.

Ray started his career as an inside linebacker on the freshmen team and continued at that position for three years on the varsity. As a sophomore, he helped Clayton Valley Hall of Fame coach Roger Zino and the Ugly Eagles to a 1975 DVAL championship and a spot in the first North Coast Section Playoffs. Ray earned 1st team All-DVAL honors as a junior and senior, leading the Uglys to winning seasons. His senior year he was selected Team Captain, MVP and to the Contra Costa-Alameda All-Star game. Ray led the county to a 21-0 victory as team captain and was selected Defensive Player of the Game.

During the winter season Ray competed in wrestling for another CV Hall of Fame coach, Bill Smith. As a junior, Ray was the heavyweight DVAL champion, placed 4th at NCS and contributed to CV's 1977 NCS and State Championship season. His senior year, Ray repeated as heavy weight DVAL Champion leading the Eagles to a second DVAL title. Ray placed 3rd at NCS and the team won a repeat NCS title and he went on to place at State.

Ray played J.V. baseball his freshman year and in his senior year on the varsity under coach Tom DiMercurio he hit .378 as a DH to earn 1st team All-DVAL honors. Ray also competed in track his junior and senior years.

After a phenomenal four years, Ray was selected as the 1978 Clayton Valley Athlete of the Year and Fitzpatrick Super Sport of the Year.

Many colleges recognized Ray's talent, and Boise State was fortunate to sign him. Ray continued to compete in football and wrestling at Boise State. He wrestled his freshman year and took 3rd in the Big Sky Conference, helping his team become conference champions. He played four years of football and honors continued for Ray and his team. In his sophomore year he set the record for most tackles in a single season. In his junior year he helped his team become the 1980 National Champions and as a senior he was the Most Inspirational Player and set a record for most tackles in Boise State history.

Ray now lives in Eagle, Idaho with his wife, Gina, and their children, Dominic, Marco, Rocco and Sophia.

KAREY SHEEHAN VENEGAS

TENNIS-VOLLEYBALL-BASKETBALL-SOFTBALL, 1980



After 30 years, Karey Sheehan still has her name on the basketball record board in the Clayton Valley gym. Karey holds the record for most career points scored with 1236. She also is tops in career assists at 442. Karey was a versatile and talented athlete who played 4 different sports, always on the varsity level.

As a freshman, she played basketball and tennis and both teams won the league championships. The basketball team took third at the NCS championships. Her sophomore year, Karey played volleyball, basketball, and softball. The volleyball team won the league championship and the NCS championship. The softball team won the league and came in second at NCS. The basketball team won the Concord Classic Tournament and finished second in the league.

Karey's junior year the volleyball team won the league again. Karey was named to the San Ramon Valley All-Tournament team, the All-League team and the NCS All-Tournament team. Karey was the captain and MVP of the basketball team. She was an All-Tournament selection at the Concord Classic and Acalanes tournaments. She was first team All-League and was the league's leading scorer with a 22.1 average per game. Karey was named to the All-East-Bay second team, won the Flecto award and the Concord Transcript girls Athlete of the Year award. She was captain of the softball team that won the league for the third straight year under coach Larry Fogelstrom. Karey was named to her third All-League team that year with a batting average of .453.

The accolades continued in Karey's senior year. She was captain and MVP on the volleyball team, named to the San Ramon All-Tournament team and won the Big "C" award. The team won the league and the NCS Championship. Karey was again an NCS All-Tournament selection and the team went on to the first round of the state tournament. Basketball season brought another league championship under coach George Smylie. She was captain and MVP averaging 23 points per game. Karey was again selected to the Concord Classic and Acalanes All-Tournament teams. Her honors included All-League, All East Bay, Big "C" Athlete of the Year, Flecto award, CVHS Athlete of the Year, All Northern California team, and All-American by Scholastic Magazine.

After graduation, Karey went to UC Berkeley and red shirted in basketball as a freshman. She went on to play basketball for 3 years at Santa Clara. Her senior year she was Captain and MVP. She also played semi-pro softball for the Hayward Hustle.

Today Karey is a business owner who lives in Walnut Creek with her husband Ben and their seven-year-old daughter Bianca. Bianca is active as a swimmer and plays CYO basketball.

TODD SKOW

WATER POLO-SWIMMING, 1986



Todd entered Clayton Valley High School in the fall of 1983. While at Clayton Valley he played water polo, was on the swimming team and was very active in student government.

As a freshman Todd played on the JV water polo team and lettered on the swimming team. He set a school record in the 500 yard freestyle, and placed 1st in the league meet in the 200 and 500 yard freestyle events. Todd placed 5th and 7th in the North Coast as a freshman. He was voted Most Valuable on the swimming team that year.

As a sophomore Todd lettered on the varsity water polo team and on the swimming team. He was Most Valuable, team captain and set two school records. He placed 1st in the league championships in his two events and followed them up with a 1st and a 4th place in the North Coast Championships. Todd also made All-American in the 500 freestyle.

Todd again lettered on the water polo team as a junior and on the swimming team he was again the captain and Most Valuable. He improved the school records in the 200 and 500 freestyle events. He was 1st place in the League Championships in both events and set a North Coast record in the 500, placing 1st and then placed 3rd in the 200.

As a senior, Todd was the Most Valuable player on the water polo team, was voted team captain and was first team All-League. On the swim team he improved the 200 and 500 yard records, was elected team captain and Most Valuable and placed 1st in his two events in the league meet. In the North Coast Todd set a record in the 500, placed 2nd in the 200 and again earned All-American honors.

Todd was Clayton Valley Athlete of the Year in 1986, and was the Contra Costa Athlete of the Week in his sophomore, junior and senior years. The Oakland Tribune honored him as the Student Athlete of the year – 1986.

Todd accepted a full scholarship to Long Beach State where he played water polo and was on the swimming team. He was the team captain of both teams, earned Swimmer of the Year, and was named “49er of the Year” at Long Beach State University.

Since graduation Todd has competed in various events including the Escape from Alcatraz swim, The Tiburon mile and numerous other events.

FRANK SNYDER

FOOTBALL-BASKETBALL-BASEBALL, 1960



Frank Snyder is first among those who established a standard of excellence for all future athletic achievements at Clayton Valley High School. Coming into high school, Frank already had a local reputation as being a talented and “tough as nails” competitor. As early as the seventh grade at Loma Vista, Frank was already a force in basketball and baseball. Like most of his CVHS class and teammates, for two years Frank attended Mt. Diablo High School. He brought his reputation as an outstanding athlete to Diablo and in his two years there, began a remarkable high school sports career, becoming a noted three-sport athlete; then, fortunately for the “Eagles”, he reached the heights at the “new school”, Clayton Valley High”.

There at the CVHS beginning in the fall of 1958, Frank was to become a member of its first graduating class of 1960. For his two years there he was a dominant athlete on the field and on the court, while starring in three varsity sports: football, basketball and baseball (pitching a no-hitter vs. Pleasant Hill) leading both basketball and baseball teams to their first league championships. Each fall, winter and spring of those early years, Frank Snyder was a leader and an inspirational member of his new school and of those early teams.

Frank earned All-DVAL honors at Mt. Diablo and at CVHS in baseball and basketball, and he was first among the select few to earn the honored white Clayton Valley letter sweater, for which he lettered five times! He is member of a Charlie Zeno’s “Dynamic Decade All-Star Team” was recognized by the National Baseball Congress of America, and was offered a signing bonus to play for the Baltimore Orioles as a pitcher. Frank decided to forego the pros and go to college first. He received a scholarship from Brigham Young University, playing for four years, graduating and then getting his teaching credential while coaching the BYU freshmen baseball team. During his college summers, Frank returned home to Concord and played summer ball with the Fitzpatrick Colts.

Frank Snyder came home to Concord for good and in 1965 began a middle-school teaching / coaching career that has spanned over 38 years! He has devoted decades to numerous after school and summer programs that have benefited our your people, inspiring them to love sports and develop a passion for them, a passion rivaled only by his own. Frank Snyder rightfully takes great pride in his having played a pivotal role in creating the foundation for and being central to the memorable sports history of Clayton Valley High School athletics.

STEVE VILLA

FOOTBALL-BASKETBALL-
BASEBALL, 1980



Steve was an outstanding three-sport athlete at Clayton Valley High School. As a freshman quarterback he led his team to a 9-0 record and a DVAL championship. In that year he also played J.V. basketball and J.V. baseball.

In his sophomore year as quarterback, Steve led his J.V. team to a very successful season. He played varsity basketball as a sophomore, and he began his sophomore year pitching J.V. baseball but was moved up to varsity during the season. In Steve's junior year, he became the varsity quarterback, played on the varsity basketball team, and pitched for the Eagles varsity baseball team.

Steve had an outstanding senior year. As co-captain in football, he was first team All-DVAL. Steve broke the school single-season passing yardage record set by Gary Loveridge in 1960. He also broke the punting average record set by Clyde Mashore in 1964. Both Gary and Clyde were inducted into the 2008 CVHS Hall of Fame. Steve was one of the best passing quarterbacks ever to play at Clayton Valley. His senior year in basketball, he was the co-captain of the team and made the All-Tourney team at the San Leandro tournament. In baseball, he was All-DVAL as utility-pitcher/first baseman and was the DVAL leader in strikeouts with an earned run average 0.97.

Steve earned seven varsity letters in his career at Clayton Valley and was the 1980 Athlete of the Year. He was selected to play in the Contra Costa-Alameda All Star football game. After graduation, Steve went to Santa Clara University where he played football. In 1981 he was voted the Most Improved player. In 1985 he signed with the San Francisco 49ers.

Steve Villa was not only one of Clayton Valley's greatest athletes, but one of the most coachable and well-liked kids who ever donned the red, white and blue.

MICKEY WHARTON

FOOTBALL-TRACK, 1965



Mickey Wharton started his football career at Clayton Valley as a freshman in 1961. He had not played Pop Warner, as he was too big, at 6 feet and 220 pounds. He played fullback and center under coaches Ralph Beluomini and Dick Ellis. He was voted team captain and Most Valuable Player. He also lettered in track as a shot putter, and played freshman basketball.

In his sophomore football season he played on the varsity team and made Honorable Mention All-CCD/DVAL. In track he took 1st place in the shot put at the CCD/DVAL League Championships. In league competition he always placed first or second, and placed 4th at the Hollister Relays.

In his junior football season he was named team captain and MVP and first team All-CCD/DVAL center. In track he again was All-CCD/DVAL Champion in the shot put and took 4th place at North Coast. He was undefeated in league competition and placed 5th at the Fresno Relays.

In 1964, his senior year, he again was team captain and first team All-CCD/DVAL in football. In track he was DVAL Champion in the shot put, setting a school record and the league record. Mickey still holds the school record in the shot put at 58 feet 5 1/4 inches. He placed second at North Coast and ninth at the California State Championships. At Clayton Valley Mickey earned seven athletic letters for football and track and field.

In 1965 he attended Diablo Valley College, played football and competed in track. He made All-Northern California in the shot put and set a record. As a sophomore he made All-Conference in football and was named captain and Most Valuable Lineman in the 1966 Empire Bowl Game. This Diablo Valley Team was inducted into the DVC Football Hall of Fame in 2008. Mickey was offered a football scholarship to the University of Hawaii but chose to take a scholarship at San Jose State University. In 1967 and 1968 he attended San Jose State and was the starting center both years. He was named team captain at the 100th Anniversary Game of College Football.

In 1973 Mickey started his teaching and coaching career at Ygnacio Valley High School and then went to Northgate when the school opened in 1974. He left teaching in 1984, but returned in 1989 to teach at Monte Vista High School. He continued to coach until 2003. He retired this year from Concord High School after teaching automotive technology and coaching young lineman for 33 years. He has been married for 42 years, has two daughters and lives in Pittsburg.

THE 1960 BASKETBALL TEAM



FIRST: Ken Olofson, Jim Henderson, Frank Snyder, Sam Birky, Dave Steele, Bob Ewing, Syd Smith, Danny Neufeld, Dennis Neufeld. SECOND: Rex Bankhead, Walt Boettcher, Dave Crenna, Dave Dougan, Perry Angle, Jim Roscoe, Gary Loveridge, Doug Dent, Austin Deaton.

The story of the 1960 championship team is a story of how one extraordinary coach took a collection of sophomores and juniors from Mt. Diablo B and C teams with Frank Snyder and Dave Dougan from the varsity and in less than 2 years molded them into champions. The story begins when principal Dan Della convinced Bob See to become CV's first head basketball coach. Dan knew Bob had created champions in his 2 prior jobs and believed he could do it again. It is also a story of how this collection of players worked continuously, during the summer and the season, to put into practice what Coach See taught. Coach opened the gym each day during the summer of 1959 and it became the place to be for the best players in the area to compete. It is the story of a team that had no gym at the start of the first year. The team practiced outdoors until the gym was finished.

It is a story of a team that beat mighty Pittsburg at Pittsburg in their first meeting. This was our 2nd league game against the unanimous pick to win the title. We had no senior class this '58-'59 season. With four juniors: Bob Ewing, Frank Snyder, Dave Dougan, and Jim Henderson, and sophomore Gary Loveridge. We stunned Pitt 48-42. Long time Concord Transcript sports reporter, Charlie Zeno, picked us to win the 1960 title. He was that impressed with coach See's ability. We did win it and played in the NorCal Tournament of Champions. We beat Monterey, "the best team ever from the Coast Counties League" per the Monterey Herald. We then played McClymonds, sporting the nation's longest win streak ever at 65. They had beaten teams like Castlemont and Oakland Tech by 40 points. Paul Silas and friends were shocked to score 5 points in the first quarter and trail 12-5. We succumbed in the 2nd half but played as well as we could possibly have played. We did not get to end with a win but few playoff teams do and we were proud to have put CV on the basketball map in California.

This was a team of players who liked and respected each other and it was a true team counting on contributions from everyone. We wore low-top black Converse All-Stars and used a full-court press like UCLA did in the early '60's. This was a life-changing experience for us and CV sports. We were champions! Thanks Coach See.

PIONEERS



*L to R Back Row: Vickie Williams, Cindy Whistler, Sue Scott, Karen Kaiser, Patt McElhare
Middle Row: Mary Merchat, Vickie Robinson, Laurie Anderson, Sue Hresko, Debbie Berry
Front Row: Debbie Crouch, Janet Handel. Not pictured Tasia Smith*

The women being inducted into the Clayton Valley Athletic Hall of fame in 2010 truly live up to their nickname, the "PIONEERS" of the girls athletic program at CVHS. They represent a time of change in our culture when girls moved from participating in a sports club (GAA), to competing in the newly birthed "DVGAL". The road was rocky, as the league struggled to provide a competitive experience for the athletes. Each school's program was fueled by private monies from bake sales, car washes and the like. These funds paid for officials, and equipment that could not be borrowed from the P.E. department. Parents provided the transportation for away games, and tournaments. It should be noted that these PIONEER parents also provided enthusiasm and encouragement for the girls' program which bouyed the spirits of the unpaid coaching staff as well as the athletes.

In the late 60's CVHS had already created a rich history in boys' athletics and a pride and swagger that was not lost in translation to the girls' program. With a willing coaching staff, and a thirst for success, the PIONEERS set out to make their mark:

1966- 1967: League championships: hockey, softball (2nd in basketball) with participation in tennis, swimming and track.

1968-1970: Three consecutive seasons producing THREE League Championships: volleyball, basketball, softball. Three years, NINE championships. Tennis and gymnastics made their debut into the league. Swimming and track suffered, as other league schools were unable to field teams.

1971: Programs suspended.....as the efforts to pay expenses became overwhelming to most of the participating schools. Although Clayton Valley could have continued we made the vote to suspend unanimous, pending an agreement with the district to monitarily support girls athletics.

1972: **Title IX passes and becomes U.S. law.

1972-1976 Before Title IX is actually passed the program is re-instated and the athletes return to once again dominate the DVGAL in basketball, volleyball, softball. They had winning seasons in gymnastics, and tennis, as well.

**Title IX of the U.S. Education code, passed in 1972, ensures that girls and women receive opportunities equal to those for boys and men in any government-funded institution. This includes use of facilities, transportation, and monies to support costs of equipment, officials and coaching staff in athletics.

PIONEERS

- 1969 Tasia Smith
DVGAL Champion: Basketball (2), Softball (2), Volleyball (1)
San Jose State Intercollegiate Basketball
- 1970 Debra Crouch Bowman
DVGAL Champion: Basketball (3), Softball (1)
- 1970 Karen Kaiser
DVGAL Champion: Basketball (3), Softball (3), Volleyball (3)
Most valuable player DVGAL basketball tournament 1970.
Swimming, Track.
- 1970 Patt McElhare Palmer
DVGAL Champion: Basketball (3), Softball (3), Fencing
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Fencing.
- 1970 Vicki Williams Roberts
DVGAL Champion: Basketball (3), Softball (3), Volleyball (2)
San Jose State University, Intercollegiate basketball
- 1971 Laurie Anderson Rose
DVGAL Champion: Basketball (2), Softball (2)
Diablo Valley College, Basketball
- 1972 Sue Hresko Guest
DVGAL Champion: Basketball (2), Volleyball (2) Tennis.
University California, Irvine, Basketball
- 1972 Sue Scott
DVGAL Champion: Basketball (2), Softball (2) Volleyball (2)
Most valuable player DVGAL basketball tournament 1972.
Diablo Valley College, Basketball. MVP Bay Area Assn. of
Women's Athletics 1972.

THE 1988 GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM



*Back Row: Courtney Kenworthy, Becky Vigil, Lisa Barbieri, Kricki Bader, Michelfe Jones
Bottom Row: Amy Rufenacht, Erin Schriefer, Bridget Billeter, Kristie Van Fleet, Amy Lunsford*

The 1988 Girls Basketball DVAL Champions enter the Hall of Fame as the first Clayton Valley basketball team, boys or girls, to play in the championship game of the North Coast Section. They are also the first team to go on to the Northern California Championships.

The team, under Head Coach Howard Marshall and Assistant Roger Zino, with seniors Kricki Bader, Michelle Jones, Amy Lunsford, Erin Schriefer, Kristie Van Fleet and Becky Vigil and juniors Lisa Barbieri, Bridget Billeter, Courtney Kenworthy and Amy Rufenacht were a cohesive, talented and dedicated group. The team won the DVAL with a 14-2 record and finished the season with an overall record of 23-9.

On their way to the NCS Championship game, the Eagles defeated Santa Rosa in the first round of the tournament and beat Moreau in the second round. James Logan High School (27-0) was their opponent in the NCS Championship Game. After a spirited battle, the Eagles took home the 2nd Place NCS Banner.

The season continued as the team received an at-large bid to the NorCal Tournament. The Eagles turned in a stellar performance in an exciting and evenly matched contest. In the end, they lost to eventual State Champions, Fremont High School of Oakland.

Lisa Barbieri, Kricki Bader, Michelle Jones and Kristi Van Fleet were named to the All-DVAL Team. Kristi Van Fleet was chosen the DVAL Player of the Year and selected to the All-East-Bay Team. Congratulations to the players and coaches for representing Clayton Valley with great skill, sportsmanship, and school spirit!

THE 1974 FOOTBALL TEAM



FRONT ROW-Randy Brown, Steve Nielsen, Jim Wirtz, Ed Moresi, Ken Matsumoto, Marty Hampton, Gene Wall, Ray Walker, Steve Aho, Kent Arnold. MIDDLE ROW-Dean Day, Dave Galloway, Joe Boatright, Mitch Buich, Bill Derham, Martin Harris, Fred Taylor, Les Garventa, Ron Elandt, Dave Boone, Mark Trapanese. BACK ROW-John Cooper, Carl Allen, Cam Wooldridge, Steve Wisman, Frank Culum, Todd Mingear, John Paoli, Ron Coccimiglio, Wayne Harrison, Paul Belluomini, Carl Gooderham, Dean Lange. Coaches: Mr. Zino, Mr. Smylie, Mr. DiMercurio. Not pictured-Marty Dudley, Terry Kary, Terry Leak, Tim Montero, Gerry Oranje, Dan Zamora.

The Clayton Valley Ugly Eagles shattered seven school records on its march to the school's first football title in sixteen years. They concluded their historic season with a 14-7 Turkey Bowl victory over FAL champion Alhambra. The champions finished 10-1, were ranked #1 in the East Bay Writers poll and tied for #1 with Alhambra in the Coaches poll. First year head coach Roger Zino and assistants Tom DiMercurio and George Smylie led a squad considered one of the best teams in California.

The Uglies were led by a rock solid defense that set a school record that still stands with 5 shut-outs. The team had 18 consecutive shut-out quarters and held opponents to a DVAL record 23 points in 7 games, a regular season DVAL record 35 points in 10 games and a school record 42 points in a full 11 game season. The defense was led by ALL-Northern California senior Wayne Harrison DL and junior 1st team All-East Bay Ron Coccimiglio DB, who set a school record with 7 interceptions. Seniors John Cooper DE, John Paoli DB, junior Carl Gooderham LB and sophomore Jim Wirtz LB were outstanding. All four landed All-DVAL honors.

A dominate offensive line was led by All-Northern California senior Paul Belluomini C, junior Cameron Wooldrige T and 2nd team All-East Bay senior John Cooper T. They allowed senior Martin Hampton RB to set school records: Most TDs in a season (16) and Most Points Scored in a Season (96) and enabled seniors Frank Culum QB, Joe Boatwright FB and 2nd team All-East Bay Paoli WR and Coccimiglio WR to establish a school scoring record with 289 points. Sophomore Dan Zamora, 2nd team All-East Bay kicker, broke the school record with a 38 yard field goal. Paul Belluomini and Wayne Harrison were selected to the Contra Costa All-Star team.

"Before the start of the 1974 season, coach Zino and a group of parents led by Mitch Buich formed Clayton Valley High School's first booster club, an organization that provided the school with financial assistance and a tremendous amount of spirit and pride!"

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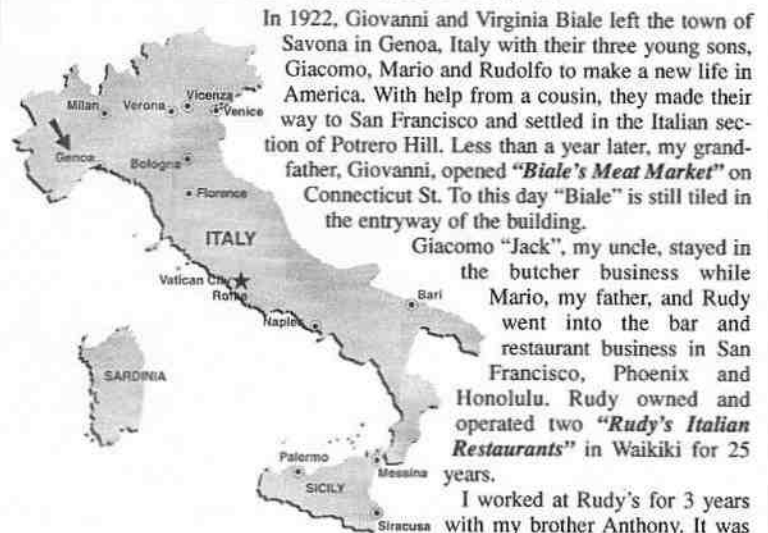
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Giacomo "Jack", my uncle, stayed in the butcher business while Mario, my father, and Rudy went into the bar and restaurant business in San Francisco, Phoenix and Honolulu. Rudy owned and operated two "Rudy's Italian Restaurants" in Waikiki for 25 years.

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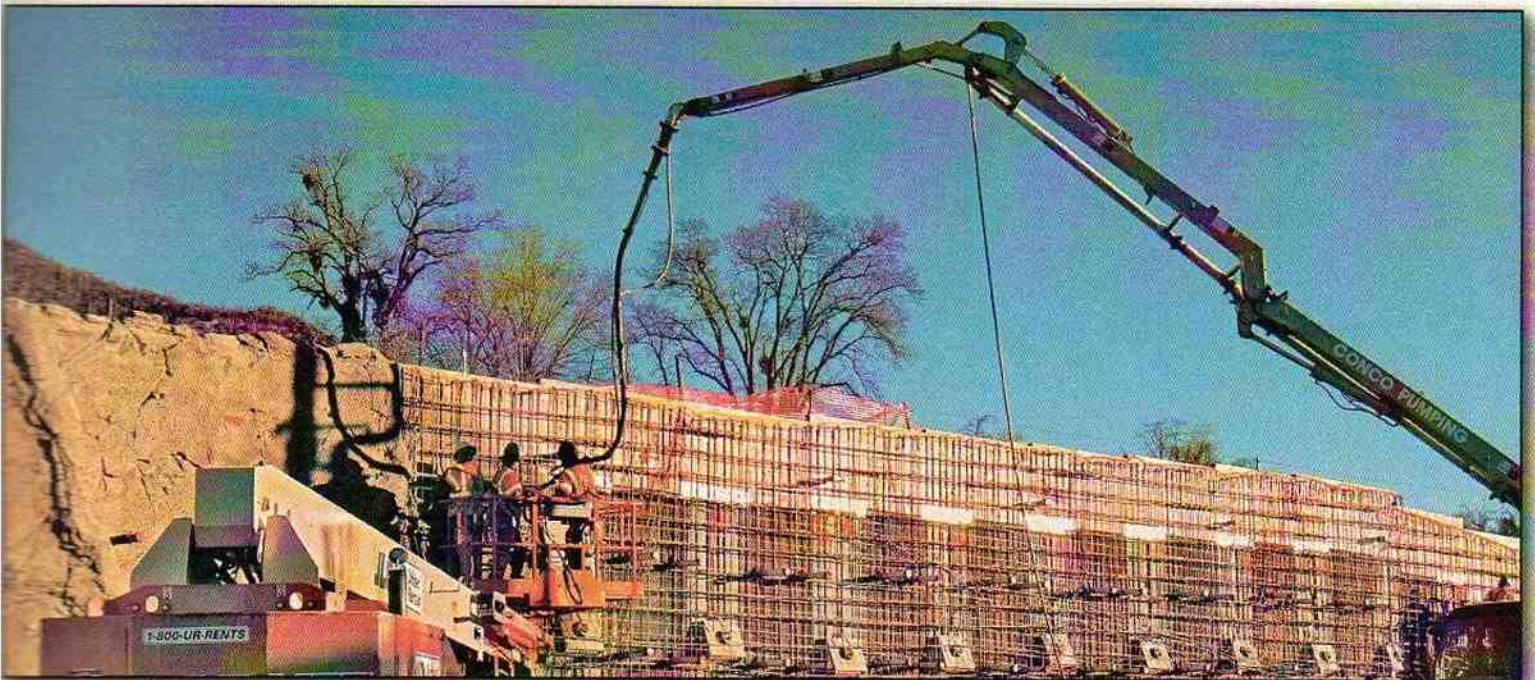
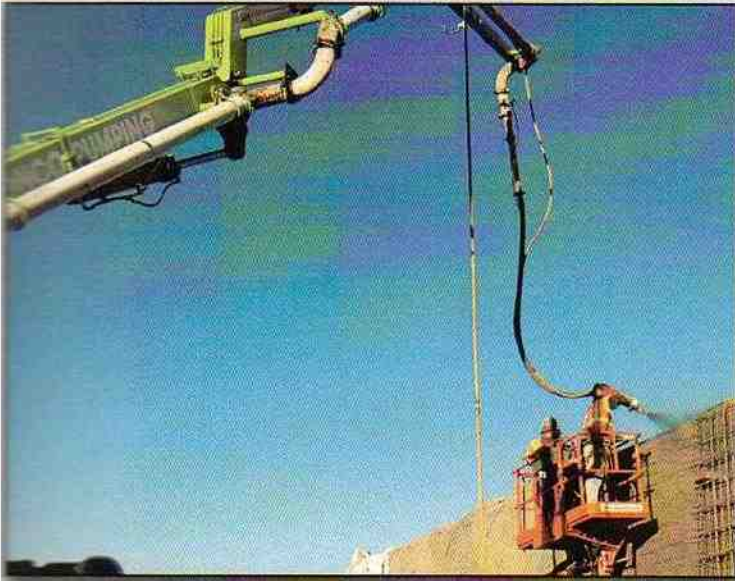
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