

## BUILDERS CATEGORY



### *Gregg Chudacoff*

Gregg was born in Chicago and raised in Wilmette. From an early age, Gregg has always been enamored with the game of hockey. He started skating at a young age, playing in both the Wilmette and, eventually, the Glencoe hockey programs when his family moved to Glencoe. In addition to playing hockey growing up, he has always enjoyed watching hockey, especially the Blackhawks.

Gregg attended New Trier East High School. After high school, he attended Columbia College in Columbia, Missouri, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in business management. He started working at his family business, General Truck Parts, in 1981, where he successfully grew it to become a leading company in the industry and groomed the third generation to join the company.

When his three boys started playing hockey in Winnetka, he became a house league coach and became involved in the Winnetka hockey program. He volunteered and ran the Thanksgiving Wishbone hockey tournament and became a board member for many years. He was asked to become a volunteer committee member for the tier II state tournament and eventually became the tournament chairman. After that, he was invited to join the AHA Rules & Ethics Committee and later became chairman. Once on the AHAI board, he became the chairman of the tier II committee. He held both positions until leaving the board in 2024.

He has stayed involved in amateur hockey and made lifelong friends. He congratulates the incoming Illinois Hockey Hall of Fame class 2025 members.

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### *John Dunne*

John is a father of 5, Ryan (spouse Chelsia), Sara (spouse Danny), Colin (spouse Sasha), Dylan and Sean) and married to Nancy for the past 15 years.

John has worked to support the membership of the Illinois Amateur Hockey Association membership for over 30 years. He has served on many different Local, AHAI, IHOA and USAH committees and attended way too many meetings. Johns friendly personality has helped him be known as approachable and respectful as a coach, administrator or official.

As all administrators, coaches, players, parents, and volunteers, John was mentored and learned from many.

John continues to learn from mentors such as Jim Smith, Norn Spiegel, Rich Becker, Mike Mullally, Don Allord, Paul Jakubowski, Bill Fehrman, Kevin Bolger, Jack Weinberg, Ken Michal and many others. John found friendships from players, parents, coaches, administrators and officials from all over the country.

John Played competitively through Jr Hockey(Franklin Park Jets), He started officiating 1994. He coached for the Sabres and was asked to be a Team Leader for USAH Player Development camps. John was also fortunate enough to skate on United Center ,Solider Field, and Wrigley Field ice as an official. He has played, officiated and volunteered at Illinois State Championships and USAH National Tournaments and events.

#### History:

Board of Directors for Sabre Youth Hockey. (1997 - 2007)

President (2002- 2006)

Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois

Board of Directors (2003 – 2019)

President (2012-2018)

Executive Director (2019-2025)

Vice President of Operations (2007-2012)

Chairman Coaching Education Program (2003-2009)

Chairman Player Development (2005-2007)

House League Committee (2002- 2009)

Tier II Committee (2003- 2012)

Tier I Committee (2005-2022)

Showcase Committee (2002-2009)

Tier II President Council (2002- 2019)

Officiating Committee (2018-2025)

Youth Coach (1985-2018)

IHHOF Committee (2012-2025)

Illinois Hockey Officials Association

Board of Directors (2019 – 2025)

Referee in Chief (2019- 2020)

On ice Official (1996- 2025)

Evaluator (2018-2022)

## REFEREE CATEGORY



### *Steve Foresta*

I grew up in the inner city with limited resources for playing hockey. My skating journey began in late December when the park district froze the tennis courts. Year after year, I persevered until one cold winter day, a friend mentioned he was forming a team at Rainbo Ice Rink on Clark Street in Chicago and asked if I wanted to join. I was all in! I just needed to get some proper equipment.

The toughest part of transitioning to indoor hockey was the challenging commute, which involved two bus rides and a two-block walk. I attended Gordon Tech High School, where I played on the club hockey team in 1977 as a senior. I was fortunate to have the brand-new McFetridge Sports Center just a few blocks away for our 6 AM practices.

After high school, I continued playing on several men's league teams in the western suburbs. In 1988, my son Steven Jr. was born, and by the age of three, he declared hockey as his sport of choice. Vince joined us in 1993 and started skating in 1996.

We discovered the Flames Hockey Club at Center Ice in Glen Ellyn, which I believe offered one of the best programs for kids, thanks to Kenny McCudden. As my boys began playing, I got involved as a mite coach and progressed as they advanced through the levels of hockey.

My oldest daughter, Candace Foresta, who was ten at the time and often dragged to the rink, decided to try figure skating. She joined the Glenn Ellyn Synchronized Skating Team and continued with them throughout high school. Our youngest daughter, Alayna, just four years old, also took up figure skating and played a few years on the girls' hockey team at Center Ice.

By the time all four kids were involved in hockey and figure skating, I found myself at the rink seven days a week in some capacity. In 1998, while heading to the rink, I ran into my neighbor George Cecala, who was also going to officiate a game. This sparked my interest in officiating.

The next day, I reached out to George, who provided me with information on how to get started. I managed to convince my co-coach, Rick Jaros, to join me for the officiating seminar, despite his initial reluctance, as he had always disliked referees. We signed up for the next available seminar and began officiating games together.

After a few years, I grew frustrated with the scheduling process and attended meetings to improve it for officials and organizations. By 2002, I was scheduling games for IHOA, working diligently to ensure fair opportunities for officials at all levels. In 2004, I took on what I consider the best volunteer job ever as the USA Hockey IHOA Registrar, a role I enjoyed for several seasons.

In 2005, I was invited to an advanced two-day seminar hosted by USA Hockey, featuring an NHL official who helped participants elevate their officiating skills. The following year, I attended the USA Hockey Officials Instructor Class in Colorado.

Throughout my officiating journey, I enjoyed being part of the seminar training team and participating in mini-clinics organized by Joe Prescott, Jack Raslawski, and other dedicated volunteers. These events provided young officials with a chance to experience officiating before committing to seminars and purchasing equipment.

From 2010 to 2012, I encountered significant back issues and underwent several surgeries, which ultimately led me to step away from officiating. Currently, I work in the automotive industry and reside in Saint Charles with my wonderful wife, Angela. We cherish our time together with family and our grandchildren.

I am incredibly honored to be inducted into the Illinois Hockey Hall of Fame alongside the other 2024 inductees. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Peter May, Joe Prescott, Randy Krawiec, and Sjoukje Brown, as well as to all the referees, coaches, parents, and administrators who have supported me throughout my journey.

Being recognized by the Illinois Hockey Fraternity is a cherished memory that I will hold dear for a lifetime. I feel both humbled and grateful.

## COACHES CATEGORY



### *Michael Hernbrott*

Michael grew up in Oak Park, born in 1962. He was on the ice at 18 months. He met his life long mentor, Paul Hruby around 1965 or 66. The lessons learned from Paul instilling the fun & joy in the game has never been lost. It is still his guiding principle.

Michael played house & travel in Oak Park from mites through midgets. He was a two time organizational recipient of the Bobby Hull Award for loyalty, sportsmanship and skill. Michel played a few seasons as well with the Chicago Minor Sabres which played at the shortly lived Twin Ice Forum off of 83 near Oak Brook. Near where Drury Lane theater now stands. Michael played three years for OPRF High School Varsity. He was the leading scorer both Junior & Senior years. Captained the team his Senior year.

His favorite memories were defeating Fenwick all three years as well as being named MVP in the series his Junior year. After High School, Michael joined the Marine Corps. Played on the All-Marine Hockey team from 1983-85 and was the leading scorer & Assistant Captain. Upon returning home to Illinois, Paul Hruby asked Michael to assist him with running his house and adult hockey leagues in Oak Park. In addition, Paul asked if he'd also like to run an in-line hockey program in Berwyn.

The first year of the program had 42 children playing on a tennis court. Within a few short years, the program expanded to over 300 youth & adult players. Due to the growth of the program and Michael's leadership, the city of Berwyn built a full sized in-line rink. During this time Michael was named US Roller Sports Coach of the Year. Michael is very proud of that part of his life. We got many non-traditional players involved in the sport. Many of those kids moved to the ice. Some have even become coaches whose kids now play the sport. It was because of that time, Michael realized he wanted to make hockey a full time career. He was hired to become General Manager of Rink Side Sports in the Gurnee Mills Mall in 2002.

While in Gurnee, Michael was on the boards of the Lake County Atoms & Warren High School. Michael served as the President of the Rink Side Recreational Hockey Program. Over the years in Gurnee, I was instrumental of the transition from the Lake County Atoms to the Maulers as the Vice President of the organization. As the VP & GM of Rink Side I worked with the newly built Pleasant Prairie Rec Plex and Brian Luberic in order to partner with their house program to help expand the Maulers organization and allow them to increase the amount of ice needed. Michael coached with the Atoms, the Maulers, the Ramquits combined High School program and the Recreational program. There was not an age or skill level Michael did not step in to coach.

Michael is very proud that the Maulers, now known as the Vipers have grown larger than even he imagined. From the beginning, the program was built on a foundation of character development. His philosophy is hockey is only a vehicle used to develop great individuals. Winning is only a byproduct. Lastly, the former Ramquits combined High School program was struggling to stay viable. Michael offered to be Head Coach but moved the players eligible for the program to play two seasons in the NWHL to build back up. That was the foundation of what has now become the Lakers which has been able to maintain themselves since.

In 2013, Michael moved down to Bloomington to run the Bloomington Ice Center as well as becoming a Coach for Illinois State University. At the time, the program had two ACHA men's teams. The D2 team was already very successfully run and was one of the top teams in the country. During Michael's time with ISU Hockey, the program has grown from an ACHA M1 & M2 team to being the only Illinois University with D1, D2, D3 & a Women's team. The program has consistently been Nationally ranked and Michael has been one of the programs main recruiters. Michael has personally brought in hundreds of Illinois based hockey players to Illinois State. He is also proud of guiding as many players to other schools if ISU was not the correct fit.

Michael has been a Head Coach in the program since 2014. Michael was inducted into the Illinois State University Hockey Hall of Fame in 2023. Michael coached with the Bloomington Youth Hockey Association and offered to run the 8U program as the ADM Director with the goal of mentoring new and younger coaches as he was so many years ago by Paul Hruby. Michael was involved with the MCYHA Sharks President & Mike Mullally in bringing the Central Illinois High School State Championships to Bloomington.

Michael is USA Hockey Level 5 Coach and a Certified Ice Rink Administrator and Manager through US Ice Rinks. Michael has been married to Lisa since 1988. We have two children, Caiti & Dan. He is a grandfather of four. Michael is humbled and honored to be inducted into this prestigious Hall of Fame and class. He wants to thank all of those that have helped him along the way including his family, friends and the entire hockey community.

## BUILDERS CATEGORY



### *Laura Johnson*

Laura's journey with hockey began over 40 years ago when she met her husband, Richard, and started attending hockey games for his then 6-year-old son, RJ. Fast forward to the 1990s, when their sons, Michael and Matthew, followed in RJ's footsteps, eager to play the sport. From "Hockey Mom" to Team Manager to Registrar, Laura has been involved in hockey in countless ways over the years.

Born and raised in Oak Lawn, Illinois, Laura grew up watching Chicago Blackhawks games with her family, often tuning in to catch the iconic Hamm's Beer skating bear commercials. She is a proud graduate of Queen of Peace High School in Burbank, IL. After high

school, Laura pursued a career in nursing, earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Loyola University and her Master of Science in Nursing from Rush University.

Laura credits her personal and professional success to her nursing career, where she honed invaluable interpersonal and communication skills. For over 30 years, she worked in healthcare in a variety of roles, including as a staff nurse at the Veterans Administration and as a Nursing Administrator at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. She also worked as a Healthcare Consultant for Ernst & Young and spent 15 years as the VP of Operations for a large physician group practice.

Laura's dedication to hockey expanded beyond her own family. She served on the Huskies Hockey Club Board of Directors, assisting with their transition to a new rink in Romeoville. Later, she helped guide the Chicago Hawks through their move to the Darien Sportsplex, serving as their Registrar.

In 2008, after deciding to pursue a new direction outside of healthcare, Laura found an opportunity with the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois (AHAII). She assumed the position of AHAII Registrar, marking the beginning of a new chapter in her hockey career.

Over the next decade, Laura's influence in hockey grew. In 2018, she took on the role of USA Hockey Disabled National Registrar, while continuing her work with AHAII. Today, Laura still serves both organizations, contributing her time and expertise to make the sport more accessible and organized for players of all ages and abilities.

Outside of her professional accomplishments, Laura's family is at the heart of her hockey story. She and Richard have been married for 37 years and are proud parents of four children: Emily, whose son Christopher played youth and high school hockey, and their three sons RJ, Michael, and Matthew, all of whom played youth, high school, and college hockey. The family is also working to convert Mike's wife, Kelsey, from a New York Rangers fan to a Chicago Blackhawks fan, a challenge Laura is confident she will win. Michael and RJ continue to play in men's league, and Laura looks forward to the day when the next generation of Johnsons will be on the ice.

Laura is both honored and humbled to join the esteemed inductees into the Illinois Hockey Hall of Fame Class of 2024. She extends her heartfelt thanks to the IHHOF Board of Directors for this prestigious recognition, as well as to the AHAII Board for their ongoing support and the privilege of serving as AHAII Registrar.

Lastly, Laura would like to thank Richard for his unwavering support throughout their 37 years of marriage. His encouragement has allowed her to dedicate countless hours to her passion for hockey. Richard, your belief in me has made it possible to achieve all of this, and for that, I am forever grateful.

## PLAYERS CATEGORY

# Michael P. Leonard



Born: 11/30/1947 Paterson, New Jersey.

My family relocated from New Jersey to the northern Illinois suburb of Glencoe when I was a young child. I am one of four boys. We loved playing youth sports, mostly baseball and football.

As a sophomore at Loyola Academy, my father suggested that I try my hand at hockey. The only nearby program was in Wilmette and to my good fortune, it was the best program in Illinois at the time thanks to the direction of coaches Chet Stewart, Hugh Brower, Bob Lilla, Jim Martino, etc.

It was a house league program that included a traveling all-star team for each age group. The rink was outdoors with refrigeration pipes under the surface. Before the start of each season, there was an evaluation session for the coaches to judge each player's ability in the interest of creating parity within the house league. On the day of my "evaluation," the rink was lined with players from each age group. My name was the first called. I had never worn hockey equipment or played in a game. I was 15 years old and perhaps the worst player at the session.

Even though my showing was horrible, there was something about the sport that made me think I had potential. I was a fast runner which meant that I could be a fast skater...if I learned how to skate. And unlike baseball, I didn't have to wait for a ball to be pitched or hit to me. I could make something happen. And I could "see the ice" and anticipate well.

My family lived about 6 blocks from an outdoor rink in Glencoe (now called Watts) that didn't have pipes to freeze the water but on nights when the temperature dropped below 32 degrees, they flooded the rink with large hoses. I could see the outdoor lights from my bedroom window on the nights when they were flooding. People were not allowed to bring hockey sticks onto the ice surface during public hours so on school days, I would set my alarm to 5:00AM and walk the six blocks to the rink, sit on a snow bank to put on my skates and glide around the surface. Shooting the puck would have created noise, alerting the authorities, so I just skated with the puck. Forwards, backwards...learning to keep my head up in the darkness.

Three weeks later, I made the bantam all-star team. Chet Stewart was the all-star coach and it was my great fortune to have played under his guidance on that team and subsequent Wilmette and a Chicago-land all star teams though the bantam, midget and juvenile divisions. There was no Chicago area high school hockey at the time and after I graduated from Loyola Academy in 1965, I went to Lake Forest Academy as a day student for a second senior year in an effort to improve my grades and to possibly gain a chance to play Division One hockey, an absurd thought for such a late starter.

LFA had a hockey team. We played and practiced outdoors at the Lake Forest's Winter Club. It was the first year of Chicagoland high school hockey. LFA had a decent team, beating all of the Chicago high school teams and losing only once to a school out of Milwaukee. I was getting a lot of ice time, playing for LFA, Wilmette and a Chicago all star team - the precursor of the Minor Hawks.

In the summers, I went to hockey schools (Detroit - Gordie Howe /Milwaukee- Gunzo and Eric Nesterenko / Chicago - Michael Kirby skating lessons) There were no D1 college programs scouting Chicago-bred layers because there weren't any Chicago players on D1 rosters. Providence College was the only NCAA program to accept me as a student but on academic probation due to my struggles in the classroom. (Undiagnosed Dyslexia) One "D" or "F" on a report card and I would be expelled from college and subject to the military draft during the Vietnam war.

During that era, college freshman were not allowed to participate in varsity sports so each D1 school fielded a freshman teams in all sports. I "walked on" and made PC's freshman team, playing on the first line and ending up as the team's second highest scorer. All the other players were from Boston, Rhode Island, and Canada. Many college rosters were 100% Canadian. My freshman coach was a 24 year old Lou Lamoriello, now an NHL Hall of Fame GM and the winner of three Stanley Cups.

I was one of 6 freshman players who then made a struggling varsity team the following season, playing full-time. A coaching change was made prior to my junior year. Lou Lamoriello became PC's new head coach and the program rose. I finally received a scholarship from Lou and played in heavy rotation the next two years, often lining up against the opponent's top line. In my senior year, I made an ECAC weekly All-Star team (then the dominant east coast college league) and in 1970 was named the team's MVP. It's been reported that I was the first Chicago-bred player of that era to play D1 college hockey.

After my college playing career, I was invited to training camp with the Phoenix Roadrunners of the Western Hockey League, failing in my tryout but staying on to practice with the team during the season while becoming the "color man" on their radio/tv broadcasts. That experience led to my entry into the TV News business, first as a sportscaster for a local Phoenix CBS affiliate and a year and a half later as a network correspondent for NBC News, traveling the country and world to report on more than 1,000 stories over my 32 year career.

The TV news career would not have happened without hockey and the confidence gained and lessons learned from Lou Lamoriello and Chet Stewart. Hockey changed my life.

## COACHES CATEGORY



### *Darrin Madeley*

Darrin was born in Richmond Hill Ontario Canada to Del and Marg Madeley but moved at 6 months of age to Holland Landing Ontario and that is where he was raised and learned the game of Hockey while also playing Fastpitch each summer with his older brother Ed and younger brother Kevin. After playing minor hockey for East Gwillumbury, Darrin moved to Juniors for the next 5 years playing for Bradford Blues, Newmarket Flyers, and then the Richmond Hill Dynes. After graduating Aurora high school as the Valedictorian in 1987, he was fortunate to move

on to play D1 for the Lake Superior State Lakers in 1989. Over the next 3 years the Lakers won back to back CCHA Playoff Championships over the Michigan Wolverines. In 1992 the Lakers beat Michigan, Minnesota, Michigan State and then Wisconsin in the final to capture the NCAA National Championship. Madeley was also named 1st Team All American in 1990-1991 and then again in 1991-1992 where he was also named the NCAA Hockey News College Player of the Year. In 2018 Madeley was inducted into the Lake Superior State Athletic Hall of Fame.

In 1992 Darrin became the 1st Ottawa Senator in the modern era. After four years with Ottawa, he moved on to the San Jose Shark and then the Calgary Flames while also playing for the Detroit Vipers of the IHL. Following the 1998 season, Madeley left to play for TPS Turku in Finland and then Rosenheim Starbulls in Germany. In 2001 a broken leg forced him to retire. That year he went back to school to get his teaching degree in History and Psychology and was named to the NTDP staff as the Goalie coach while also named the goalie coach of the Saginaw Spirit of the OHL. One year later Madeley became the full time asst coach of the NTDP and remained there until coming to Lake Forest Academy in 2005.

From 2005-2025, Madeley has led the LFA Prep team, along with AC Andrew Poska, to a 568-203-93 record while cultivating an alumni network of graduates who have played, and are currently playing in the NHL, AHL, ECHL, Europe, D1, and D3 along with the top Junior leagues in North America. Notable players such as Alex Debrincat (Detroit Red Wings), Harrison Scott (Maine Black Bears), Mathieu Bourgault (RPI), Guy Blessing (Air Force). Former player have now joined the coaching ranks including Brett Wall (Janesville NAHL), Sam Mannion (Team Illinois), Robbie Klein (Chicago Mission).

On the personal side, Madeley has been married for 33 years to his wife Jennifer. They have 2 children. Daughter Jenna and her husband Jon and son Tyler and his wife Anna. He has 2 grandchildren Harlan 21/2 and Mac 2 months old. He would also like to mention he has 3 Golden Retrievers Laker, Rudie, and Maple.

Darrin would like to congratulate the other members of the class of 2024 but also thank them for their tireless dedication to the sport of hockey in Illinois. He would also like to thank every player over his 20 years at LFA. To coach this team is an honor and privilege. LFA Prep Hockey players are a special part of my family and I owe these young men more than I could repay for allowing me to be part of their lives.

## REFEREE CATEGORY



### *Pete May*

Pete grew up on the southside in Oak Lawn, the oldest of four boys who all played hockey. It all started with his parents Peter Sr. and Pauline flooding the back yard in the winter. Pete rapidly progressed from the old outdoor rink at the Oak Lawn Park District to the Spartans and infamous Chicago Saints. He won a State Championship with the Saints coached by former Blackhawk Lou Angotti. Pete attended Brother Rice and played hockey for the Crusaders, which culminated with a State Final appearance on a strong team with goalie Tony Cachey (HOF 2021) and freshman forward Eddie Olyczyk (HOF 2005).

Pete's officiating days started at the age of ten doing youth games. He was impressed by the skating and game control of a pony-tailed referee named Bud Monaco (HOF 2013). Under Bud's tutelage and advice, Pete's love for officiating grew. Not being able to drive, and his parents driving him and his brothers all over the Midwest for hockey, Pete was forced to put officiating on pause. He went away to college, spent a year studying in Europe, and graduated with a business degree in 1985. After 2 years playing obligatory late-night Men's League Hockey, Pete decided to get back into the game as an official.

Pete found out quickly, that regardless of his past officiating and success as a player, the only way he would be able to work challenging games was to be approved and accepted by Ken Michel (HOF 2006) and Don Olynyk (HOF 2006) of Officiating Services, which leads to a long story for another time. Let's just say after an unannounced, supervised game by Joe Prescott (HOF 2006, 2007) Pete was on the fast track.

In 1988, Pete married his wife of 36 years, JoAnn, who he had met in Rome while studying abroad. That same summer, two weeks before their wedding, he was chosen to his first of four consecutive USA Hockey Development Camps located at the Olympic Center in Marquette, MI. Pete was highly rated and came home only to learn he had broken his thumb sometime during the camp and walked down the aisle with a nice cast. The next three summers he attended the National Camp (1989), Select Camp (1990), and the Olympic Festival (1991).

Due to his training on the National level and the support of IHOA, Pete was given more opportunities and quickly climbed the officiating ranks. However, in order to be among the elite, Pete knew he must first be accepted into the top fraternity of Illinois Officials, NIHOA, comprised of the best officials in Illinois. He will never forget the annual meetings ran by John Opoka (HOF 2013). This small group of men, all in suits and ties, reminiscing, laughing, and telling the same old stories.

Pete's most memorable games came when Bob Lilla (HOF 2002) selected him to work the Blackhawks training camps and eventually wear the orange bands for the Black and Red game in the old Chicago Stadium. He still remembers the roar of the anthem that shook the building. Pete's anxious energy and nerves subsided because he had the most elite linesmen a referee could ask for, Jon (HOF 2014) and Jask Raslawski (HOF 2018).

Pete's most rewarding times were working as a linesman concurrently in the CCHA (U.I.C. & Notre Dame) and the WCHA (Wisconsin 1990 NCAA Champions). At that time, no other linesman was ever chosen to work both NCAA leagues. Over the next several years, he refereed the NCHA, USHL, NAHL, and lined the IHL and UHL. He also was chosen to line the 1992 Badger Hockey Showdown.

Pete would like to thank AHAI, IHOA, his family, friends, and children, Ty May and Dr. Julia Roma May, as well as the countless referees who made him a better person on and off the ice.



## COACHES CATEGORY



### *Anthony Noreen*

Anthony was born in Chicago, IL and attended St Francis Borgia grade school. Anthony started skating at the age of 3 and played on his first hockey team at Franklin Park Ice Arena. His Dad Rich taught him to skate while coaching him up until high school. His Mom Toni frequented the local rinks as his older brother Rich played hockey and older sister Gina was a figure skater. Anthony played his youth hockey with the Flames at Centre Ice of Dupage.

Anthony attended Fenwick high school where his brother also played, and dad coached for several years. He played for Fenwick, the Flames, and Team Illinois during his high school years winning 3 state championships and losing in the national championship game with the Flames his junior year. He was also team captain for both Fenwick and the Flames. After high school Anthony played junior hockey for the Springfield Junior Blues where he was reunited with Nick Pollos, his former Flames coach and served as team captain. He played collegiate hockey at University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point where he was team captain for 3 seasons and won 4 Distinguished Player Awards for player that best represents the organization on and off the ice.

Anthony began his coaching career at Stevens Point where he was an assistant for 3 seasons. He then moved on to the Youngstown Phantoms in the United States Hockey League where he was an assistant coach for one season, then Head Coach & General Manager for the next 4. He spent 2 seasons with the Orlando Solar Bears of the ECHL, AA affiliate of the Toronto Maple Leafs. He was Head Coach and President of Hockey Operations for the Tri City Storm for 7 seasons. Anthony is currently in his first season at the Division I level as Head Coach at Miami University in the NCHC. He has also represented USA Hockey on 5 different occasions at the Under 19 World Junior A Challenge and the Under 18 Hlinka Gretzky Cup.

During his time in the USHL Anthony won 3 Anderson Cups, 3 Coach of the Year Awards, and broke league records for longest winning streak, most points, most wins, and most power play goals. He also coached over 40 NHL draft picks. He has won 2 gold medals, 1 silver medal, and 1 bronze medal coaching USA hockey teams in international events.

Anthony is honored to join the Illinois Hockey Hall of Fame. He wants to thank his family for their support and sacrifice throughout his hockey career and former youth coaches Bob Cademartori, Rich Noreen, Brad Saban, Chuck Linkenheld, Joe Saban, and Nick Pollos for their dedication and guidance.

## BUILDERS CATEGORY



### *Mark Shutan*

Mark was born in Chicago and raised in Skokie, Illinois, son of Harold and Renee and brother to Lynne and Karen. He seldom played hockey but became a Blackhawks fan at a very young age and also followed the Rochester Institute of Technology Division 1 Hockey program when he attended school there. He and Maryann married soon after graduation and eventually settled in Highland Park. They have two children, David and Elizabeth. His love for the game of hockey did not end at RIT, however, as David took to the ice at the age of five and played for the Highland Park Falcons. It was there that his beloved career in hockey began.

After graduating from RIT with a degree in Biomedical Photography he joined the staff at the Illinois College of Optometry. Soon after, he was invited by his father and uncle to join the family retail photographic business. He stayed there for almost his whole working career but his participation in youth hockey remained high on his list. He moved through the ranks from the Falcons to Deerfield High School, Chicago Metro North Hockey Vice-President, AHAI Board of Directors Secretary and Suspension Committee Chairperson, USA Hockey and Central District Player Development Camp Team Leader, Chicago Force Junior B General Manager and served on three different Junior League Boards of Directors.

He supported David and his teammates as a house league coach, travel team manager, Board of Directors of the Falcons, High School Varsity team manager and three years as President of Deerfield HS Hockey. The whole family continues to share a deep love for the sport.

Along came his nephew, Nick English, who also developed an interest in the sport and played for the Glenbrook North Spartans, Chicago Chill AAA, and Team Illinois AAA. Mark served as a team manager and also a huge supporter to Nick during his hockey days. Nick is now head coach for the Janesville Wisconsin Bluebirds Hockey Organization.

Much to the family's delight, Elizabeth became the mother of two sons, Brendan and Connor. Both boys started skating at the age of 3 but it was Brendan who discovered the love of the game. Brendan played for the Falcons house league and then in the Glacier Ice Dogs house league and travel programs and Mark continued to support Brendan and his teammates. Since Brendan began skating in 2015 Mark has also served as Director of Player Personnel and Pointstreak Administrator for the Central States Junior Hockey League (NA3HL), the Great Lakes Junior Hockey League and the Midwest Junior Hockey League. After house league team manager for the Falcons, he moved to the Glacier Ice Dogs as a house league team manager and has been Brendan's Ice Dogs travel team manager for the last 2 seasons. As for Connor? He's our budding future Olympic gymnast and Mark attends every meet he can.

Some of the recognitions that have come Mark's way are a testament to his dedication. They include:

- AHAI 5 Year Leadership and Citation Recipient Awards
- Deerfield High School Hockey Golden Glove Award
- USA Hockey Merit Recipient
- Chicago Metro North Division High School Hockey League Appreciation Award
- USA Hockey Magazine Volunteer Appreciation Award as Central District News Columnist

Throughout all of this Mark could never have accomplished what he has without the loving and patient support of his family and friends and he is also eternally grateful to his fellow hockey colleagues. Now in his 43rd consecutive year Mark never imagined that he would be so fulfilled with his life-long work in hockey.

He is proud and humbled to be among the prestigious members of the Class of 2024 Illinois Hockey Hall of Fame.

## PLAYERS CATEGORY

### *Greg Tam*



Born in Berwyn and raised in Willow Springs, Illinois, Greg Tam's passion for hockey began during his youth as he played for Illinois programs such as the Oak Park Eagles, Chicago Hawks, Illinois Selects, Chicago Blues, Team Illinois, Fenwick High School, and the Chicago Chill. This foundation nurtured his competitive drive, skill development, and deep love for the game paving the way for his advancement to the junior hockey level. Greg played with the Danville Wings in the North American Hockey League

where he earned recognition on the Top Prospects Team—a testament to his talent and dedication, which ultimately propelled him to collegiate success.

Greg's collegiate journey began with a Division I scholarship to St. Cloud State University before transitioning to New England College, where he served as an NCAA DIII team captain. His exceptional performance earned him a place on the ECAC East All-Conference Team, and he was recognized as the team's Top Defenseman each year. When his playing career ended in 2006, Greg's dedication to hockey only deepened, redirecting his focus to coaching and youth development.

Greg began shaping the next generation of hockey players with the Orland Park Vikings and Chicago Chill as a skills instructor and coach. He later joined the Chicago Mission Tier 1 AAA Organization, serving as both head and assistant coach across various age levels. Under his leadership teams won numerous State, Regional, and National Championships. Greg emphasized player development, sportsmanship, and life lessons that extended beyond the rink helping many athletes advance to Junior, NCAA, and professional levels.

Greg's leadership continued to thrive during his tenure at 200x85 LLC, where he directed premier hockey events, managed player development programs, and played a pivotal role in refining individual skills and optimizing player performance.

Today, as the Director of Amateur Hockey for the Chicago Blackhawks, Greg leads innovative programs that engage countless participants, creating inclusive and dynamic opportunities for youth across Illinois. His career exemplifies growth, community engagement, and player development, leaving a lasting impact on the Illinois hockey landscape.

Greg is deeply grateful to share this journey with his wife, Kim and their daughter, Brooke who inspire him daily.

"I am deeply honored and humbled to be recognized by the Illinois Hockey Hall of Fame. This milestone reflects not only my journey but the incredible people and communities who have made it possible. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to my fellow inductees for their tireless commitment and passion for the game we all love."

## BUILDERS CATEGORY



### *Bob Wagner*

Born and raised in Illinois, has been a lifelong advocate for youth sports and community development. Growing up, Bob's passion for hockey began on the outdoor rinks of Franklin Park at the age of 5. He continued to nurture that love of the game throughout his youth by playing for Franklin Park and Des Plaines Youth Hockey, Maine West High School Hockey, and Triton College before moving on to the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Throughout his professional career, Bob worked in sales, a field that provided him the flexibility to dedicate much of his time to coaching and community service. His coaching journey began in 1994 when he became involved with the Glenview Youth Hockey Program coaching his son's Dynamite teams. At the same time, he was coaching Bills Youth Football, where he also served as President. Bob continued to give back to the next generation of athletes by coaching hockey, football, and baseball. These roles ignited a long commitment to youth sports, primarily hockey, where his passion lies.

When his sons, Christopher and Patrick, attended High School in 2002, Bob took on a leadership/coaching role with the Buffalo Grove High School Combined Hockey Program. The following year, Bob assumed responsibility for running the program and was the head coach. In addition, Bob became a Metro Northwest Board Member and shortly thereafter became President of what is now IHSHL North Central. Bob has coached Illinois Youth Hockey for over 30 years, with 23 of those years being at the Buffalo Grove/Hersey/Wheeling Combined high school Program. He has coached more than 1,000 high school games, led his teams to numerous league championships, and celebrated victories in 2 out of 4 State Championship Games. His dedication to the hockey community has made a lasting impact with many of the players and their families, both on and off the ice.

In addition to the above, Bob has served in numerous capacities over the years such as AHAI Goalie Coordinator, High School Board Member and High School Tournament Director. He has also served as President of Metro Central, President of North Central and was a founding member of IHSHL.

Bob is deeply grateful for the support of his family, his boys Christopher and Patrick and above all his wife, Rose, who has been by his side for 37 years. He is also grateful for mentors like Mike Mullally, who has provided guidance throughout his journey. He extends special thanks to Jack Weinberg for entrusting him with the opportunity to use his time and experience to help so many young athletes thrive. Bob's journey is a testament to his commitment to leadership, family, and the power of sports in shaping lives.