

WCCCA Hall of Fame Class of 2010

Earl Jewett—Fond du Lac High School Jewett began his cross country career as a stellar runner at Oconomowoc High School, placing second at State in 1966. He then became MVP at Carroll College for four straight years. He began coaching in 1973 at Fond du Lac's Goodrich High School, where his teams won numerous conference and sectional titles. He coached numerous state qualifying teams, finishing runner-up in 1995. His most successful invitation was 2001 Division I winner Tara Hinke. As meet manager for the Fondy Relays, Earl pioneered innovative competition formats in a premier invitational. After taking a brief hiatus from coaching, Earl missed the sport enough to initiate and direct the Green Lake Cross Country Camp, where high school athletes learned from an outstanding staff in a beautiful setting. The camp provided developing runners a personal touch that fostered a true passion for the sport. Earl served as vice-president of the WCCCA, and credits his achievements to the outstanding individuals he coaches across the state.

Don Krupa—Hudson High School Don has been the cross country coach at Hudson High School for 41 seasons, including eleven sectional titles and thirteen runner-up sectional finishes. While competing in the Middle Border Conference, his teams garnered thirteen conference championships, while earning sixteen during his tenure in the Big Rivers Conference. During those 41 years, sixteen boys and nine girls also qualified for State as individuals. Six of them earned All-State honors. Twenty of his runners became individual conference champs, while another 21 were runner-up. Individually 125 of his runners were first-team All-Conference, while another 82 earned second team honors. He proudly shares this honor with his wife Ann Marie, as well as their five children. In addition, Don salutes the past, present, and future runners of Hudson High School who are part of Hudson cross country history.

Arland Peterson—Official Peterson has truly dedicated years and years of his life to running, having been a cross country and track official since 1956. As that time, he has just returned from service in Korea, when the legendary starter/coach "Babe" Weigent literally handed him the gun, and said, "Here, help out." Over the years he has worked 6-10 cross country meets per year including the NCAA D-3 Cross Country Meet, as well as the Wisconsin State Track Meet. As a high school guidance counselor, Arland guided many young people toward running, to complement or even salvage their academic careers. He worked for many years as an official with John Mulrooney. Arland has also held many rules interpretation meetings for track and field. He has just completed his fifty-third year of service to the sport of running.

Liz Reusser Black—Middleton High School Liz was a 1999 graduate of Middleton High School, where she led her team to state championships in her freshman, sophomore, and junior years. She herself is a two-time state champion in 1997 and 1998 and a state record holder. Her state meet performances are remarkable, in that she finished eight individually as a freshman, fourth

as a sophomore, individual champ as a junior (timed in 14:13), and champion again as a senior eclipsing her previous performance with a 14:12.

She was coached by Laurie Kleisinger. Liz still holds the third and fourth fastest times ever run at Wisconsin Rapids for 4000 meters. When she was a sophomore, her team was ranked 25th in the nation. As a junior and senior, she competed in the Vulcan Classic National Cross Country Meet, placing first and then second. In addition, as a junior and senior, she was undefeated in Wisconsin invitational meets, breaking several course records in the process.

Jim Vollmer—Campbellsport High School Jim began the boys cross country program at Campbellsport High in 1969, and he was its only boys coach through the year 2004. His teams had early success, qualifying for State seven times in the seventies and eighties. They won the State CCM (D-2) title in 1972, edging very strong teams from Menomonee Falls North and Luxemburg-Casco. They also finished fourth in 1971 and 1973, sixth in 1975, eighth in 1970. During his years, Vollmer's teams won or shared twelve titles in the Flyway Conference, from 1970 through 1995. They also won five sectional titles, and ten regionals during that time. Vollmer served on the Coaches Advisory Board for three years and was a past president of the WCCCA. Three of his runners—Glenn Stommel, Al Fleoster, and Matt Thull—finished in the top six at the State Meet. Thull went on to become a UW-Oshkosh All American, as well as Al's Run champ several times. Vollmer teamed with Paul Butzen to the Fond du Lac area running cap during the eighties and nineties. He also initiated the Cougar Invitational nearly 40 years ago and continues to assist with the event.