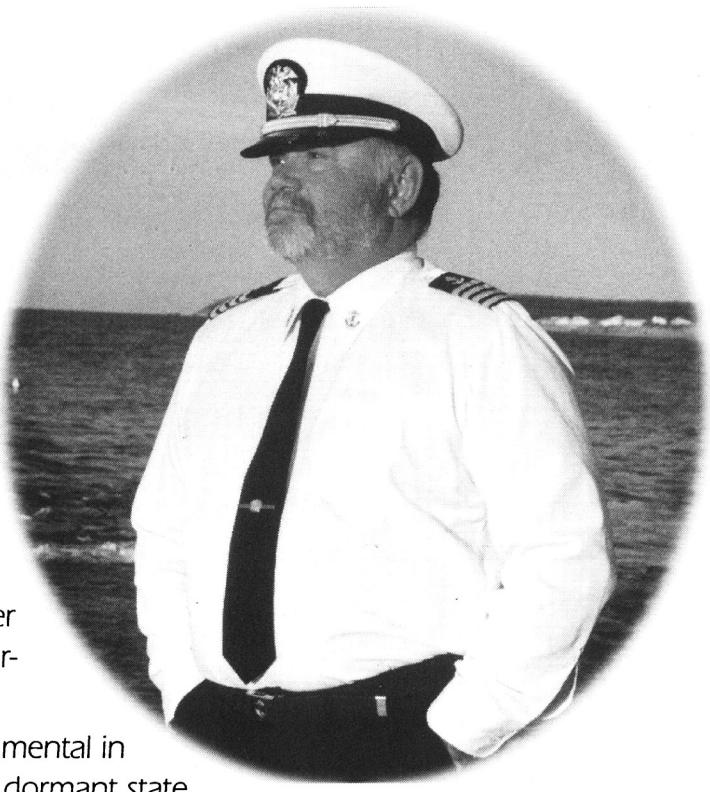


The PYA HALL OF FAME



BOB BUSBY



Bob Busby is well known through his many years in the Port Washington School System at the junior and senior high levels in the History and Social Studies departments. He has parlayed a successful athletic career during his youth into a flourishing coaching and mentoring career in a variety of sports.

Bob has been a PYA director since 1983, and was instrumental in resurrecting the PYA wrestling program in 1985 from its dormant state since the early 1970's. From 1985 to 1996, he not only taught our youth the basics of scholastic wrestling, but he increased the visibility of the program by entering his exceptional participants into regional and national wrestling tournaments. During his PYA tenure, he coached two NYS freestyle wrestling place-winners who represented PYA at the national tournament in Iowa in 1988. PYA has also been fortunate to have Bob involved as an assistant lacrosse coach for three years.

Bob was an all-around athlete at Plainedge High School in the late 1950's. "The Bear", as he is known to his former wrestlers, excelled at that sport with four varsity letters and two varsity letters in football and three in baseball while at Plainedge. As his best sport was wrestling, he went on to a four year varsity career at Hofstra University, and was Middle-Atlantic Conference Champion in 1962.

After college, Bob wrestled under the Huntington Athletic Club banner from 1965 - 1968. While there, he was the AAU New England wrestling champion, as well as the Senior Metropolitan AAU champ. During that time, he began his long career as the wrestling coach at Schreiber. Eventually, Bob would coach one New York State champion, 2 Nassau County Champions, 6 North Shore champions, 38 league champions, plus scores of other county, shore, and tournament placements and championships. In 1990, he began coaching the girl's field hockey team at Schreiber (he played competitive men's field hockey in the mid-1960's), and enjoyed immediate positive results. Conference championship followed in 1991, 1992, and 1996; County championships in 1990, 1994 and 1996; and a Long Island championship in 1994.

Bob is also very proud of his achievement outside of the athletic arena. He attained his MA degree at Hofstra in 1969, and an MS degree from Long Island University in 1975. Extremely active in the Roslyn Rescue Fire Department for many years, he has held the titles of President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He is also past president of the Roslyn Fire District Board, as well as a member of the North Shore Fire Council for the past 17 years. In addition to his teaching and coaching duties, Bob is currently active in the US Merchant Marine as a captain and the owner and operator of a charter fishing boat in Southold.

He has been married to his wife Anita (a Port Washington native) for 30 years. They have three children. Their oldest son Kelly is a NYC police officer. A daughter, Cassandra, is married to Jim Dayton, one of Bob's former high school and PYA wrestlers and son of Bob Dayton (PYA HOF '96). Busby's youngest son Ryan, an accomplished wrestler, is now completing his studies at SUNY-Cortland in upstate New York.