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57th Madison Sports Hall of Fame Club Induction set for June 5

Anderson, Krugman, McCarthy Bailey and Plautz honored

Madison, WI, April 21, 2019 – The 57th Hall of Fame inductee class of the Madison Sports Hall of Fame Club sponsored by Strand Associates features a basketball player, a multisport athlete, a rower and a golfer. The dinner and enshrinement ceremony will take place at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center on June 5th.

Craig Anderson, the youngest member of the Madison LaFollette Anderson basketball legacy, will be joining older brother, Gary, as a Hall of Fame inductee. As a sixth grader on an East YMCA eighth grade all-star team, Craig's playing abilities were recognized very early. Legendary LaFollette Coach Pete Olson put him on the varsity squad when he was just a freshman. During high school Anderson was showered with many basketball accolades. He was selected first team all-city three times, first team all-conference twice and as a senior was first team all-state and a Converse National High School All American. Craig went on to a successful four year career playing on an excellent University of Iowa team that was Big Ten runner-up twice and made the NCAA "sweet sixteen" his junior season.

John Krugman, another LaFollette athlete, was recognized in 2010 by the Wisconsin State Journal as one of the best, male, all-around athletes to have competed in the city. In high school he excelled in football, basketball and baseball. His senior football season John was named to the first team all-city, all-conference and all-state teams while breaking Alan "The Horse" Ameche's Big Eight scoring record. In basketball and baseball Krugman received multiple first team all-city awards. At Iowa Central Community College he continued playing these sports. In football Krugman was the team's most valuable player, an all-conference running back and received the junior college all-American award. He finished his collegiate playing career as a premier punter for the University of Wisconsin Badgers.

Peggy McCarthy Bailey did not participate in organized sport until she was recruited for the University of Wisconsin rowing team. She quickly developed her skills and as a freshman rowed on the 1975 National Collegiate champion women's eights team. A year later, Peggy was selected to be a member of the first-ever U.S. national and Olympic team. In the 1976 Olympics Peggy and her teammates won the bronze medal. She was also a member of the 1980 women's eights for the boycotted Olympics. This team beat the strong East Germans and Russians in the Lucerne Regatta which was a prelude event to the Olympics. For her national and Olympic team accomplishments, Peggy has been inducted twice into the National Rowing Hall of Fame.

Mike Plautz won his first Madison city golf championship fifty years ago this June. At the time, Bonnie Ryan, Capital Times sports reporter, wrote that Plautz was "a confident youngster who had a great future for himself in the golfing world." Mike lived up to that prediction over his twenty plus year competitive career. He played on a successful Madison West state championship team and for the University of Wisconsin. In the forty-eight city and state tournaments he played in, Plautz won twelve, finished in the top

five in thirty-one and never missed a cut. Mike was also a committed public links player advocate who sought to maintain opportunities on municipal courses and fairness to these golfers in the Wisconsin State Golf Association tournaments. Gene Haas, former WSGA executive director, credited Plautz with helping change the organization's policies for the competitive public links players.

These sport names will join the more than 200 individuals already in the Madison Sports Hall of Fame. Tickets for the event are \$50 and they will be sold until May 30th. The event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend and salute this exceptional group of inductees. Contact Peg Mueller (238-5907) for tickets.

The Madison Sports Hall of Fame Club began in 1963 to recognize and honor great athletes and sports figures from Madison. The group hosts weekly luncheon meetings from August through May and holds the induction ceremony every year. Go to <http://www.madisonsportshalloffame.org> to find out other information about the club.