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## **59th Madison Sports Hall of Fame Club Induction set for June 1st**

*Roy Boone, Peggy Kelly Gierhart, Chris Grainger and Brad Winchester honored*

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Madison, WI, – (May 1, 2022) The 59th Hall of Fame inductee class of the Madison Sports Hall of Fame Club sponsored by Strand Associates features a basketball player and coach, a local amateur golfer who became an outstanding high school golf coach, a gymnastics and tennis coach who also is a national gymnastics judge and a hockey player who played locally, for the UW and in the NHL. The dinner and enshrinement ceremony will take place at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center on June 1, 2022.

**Roy Boone**, A Madison East graduate, he averaged 29.6 points per game as a guard his senior year, earning all-state recognition and Big 8 Conference Player of the Year. Following high school, he enrolled at Coffeyville (KS) Community College (NJCAA Division I). Boone returned to Madison two years later to join hall of fame coach Dick Bennett and the University of Wisconsin. In his first season, he helped the Badgers on a magical run to the 2000 NCAA Final Four. Boone scored a team-high 18 points in a semifinal loss to eventual national champion Michigan State. The following year he led the Badgers in scoring at 12.8 points a game and was named Big Ten All-Conference by the media and coaches. When his college playing days were over, Boone went on to play professionally in Germany in Europe's top league, as well as with the Rockford Lightning of the Continental Basketball Association (CBA), the Southern Crescent Lightning of the World Basketball Association (WBA), and Minnesota Ripknees of the American Basketball Association (ABA). Boone is entering his seventh season with the Madison College men's basketball program and his fifth as associate head coach after being promoted in May 2018. He was initially hired in September 2016. Boone earned a bachelor's degree in consumer science from the University of Wisconsin in 2001, and has been a juvenile court worker for seven years.

**Peggy Kelly Gierhart**, As an Edgewood athlete, she competed on the first ever Edgewood girls golf team. Peggy won numerous local and state junior golf tournaments and played in several national junior tournaments. She played collegiate golf at Pepperdine University. She won 5 City Women's Golf Tournaments and participated in the US Amateur and the Women's US Open Championship. She was the coach of the Edgewood Girls Golf Team for 18 years and during that time her teams won 13 WIAA State Championships and finished runner-up 3 more times. Peggy has been awarded the Madison Sports Hall of Fame Madison Sportswoman of the Year in 1991 and 2006 and her teams have won 6 Special Achievement Awards by this Club as well. Peggy retired as the Edgewood Coach after the 2021 season.

**Chris Grainger** is a builder of athletes. As a Madison Memorial Physical Education and Health teacher he spent 23 years as the Boys Gymnastics Coach where he won 2 State WIAA State Championships and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> once. He also coached Boys Tennis for 25 years where his teams won 5 conference championships and 10 WIAA Sectional

Championships. Chris also coached Girls Tennis for 21 seasons where he also won 5 conference championships, 5 WIAA Sectional Championships and a WIAA State Championship in 1988. In addition, Chris was a collegiate and Junior Olympic Gymnastics judge for 42 years. During that time, he has judged Olympic Sports Festivals, BIG10 Championships, Junior Olympic National Championships and the US Championships. In 2019, Chris was also named the USA Gymnastics Judge of the Year.

**Brad Winchester** was a Madison West hockey player his first two years of high school. He then played for the US National Under 18 Development Program for 2 years before returning home to be a Wisconsin Badger where he played hockey for the Badgers for 4 years. Brad finished his career at Wisconsin with 40 goals and 84 points in 150 games. Following his successful career at Wisconsin, Brad went on to play seven seasons in the NHL. Brad played for the Edmonton Oilers, the Dallas Stars and the St. Louis Blues during his NHL career. Brad retired from professional hockey in 2015. Currently, Brad is a Volunteer Assistant Coach with the Wisconsin Badgers Men's Hockey Team.

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 26th. The event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend and salute this exceptional group of inductees. Contact Al Schumacher at (608-395-4648) or by email at [alschu44@gmail.com](mailto:alschu44@gmail.com) 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.