## Steve IMIFIELLAIN

Steve's introduction to wrestling came when his son's got involved in Kid Wrestling. When they were old enough to travel with the PAL, Steve would go on the trips to help with travel arrangements. It was during this time that he learned how to do freestyle pairing from the USA Wrestling Guide. Steve became a licensed USA Wrestling Pairing Official in 1989. He worked as a freestyle and Greco-Roman pairer at many local, state and national events.

In 1985 Steve was elected as the Suffolk County Kids
Director for freestyle and
Greco-Roman. In this

capacity, he was involved in helping to compile a spring wrestling calendar and was responsible for organizing and running the state freestyle qualifier in Suffolk County.

In 1995 Steve became the Suffolk County Chairman for USA Wrestling and remained in that position until 1999. During that time, as Suffolk Chairman, he was also elected to the position of State Membership Director. He was responsible from 1995 until 1998 for all USA Wrestling membership and associated funds. In 1998 Steve was elected State Chairman for USA Wrestling in New York.

During the years as a freestyle pairer, Steve helped run the wrestling events at the New York State Empire Games. In 2001, he became the Tournament Director and Head Pairer for the New York Empire State Games.

Through his interest in high school wrestling, Steve had the idea to develop a website. Starting with the NY



State sectional tournament qualifier results in February of 1996, he developed the NYwrestling.com website. The coverage expanded after that to report wrestling stories and results from around the state.

In 2002, with Scott Arnel and Tom Ryan, Steve formed the Long Island Wrestling Association whose charter was to support all phases of amateur wrestling on Long Island. Steve was elected Vice President of the Long Island Wrestling Assoc. at its inception and remains in that position today. This organization runs a website called longisland-

wrestling.org. and Steve is the sole webmaster for the website.

From 2008 until the present, Steve has been the Section XI High School Championships Computer Operations Director. He is also the volunteer webmaster for the following organizations: Nassau County Wrestling Coaches Association, Suffolk County Wrestling Coaches Association and the Suffolk Wrestling Officials Association and an advisor to the Suffolk County Wrestling Coaches Association on all matters involving computer operations.

Steve has been married for 46 years to his wife Cathy, and has three children, Cindy, Chris and Bryan.

Steve's sons wrestled in high school at Connetquot High and both went on to become Junior High School coaches. Chris at Longwood and Bryan at Connetquot. Bryan was also a high school wrestling official in Nassau County.