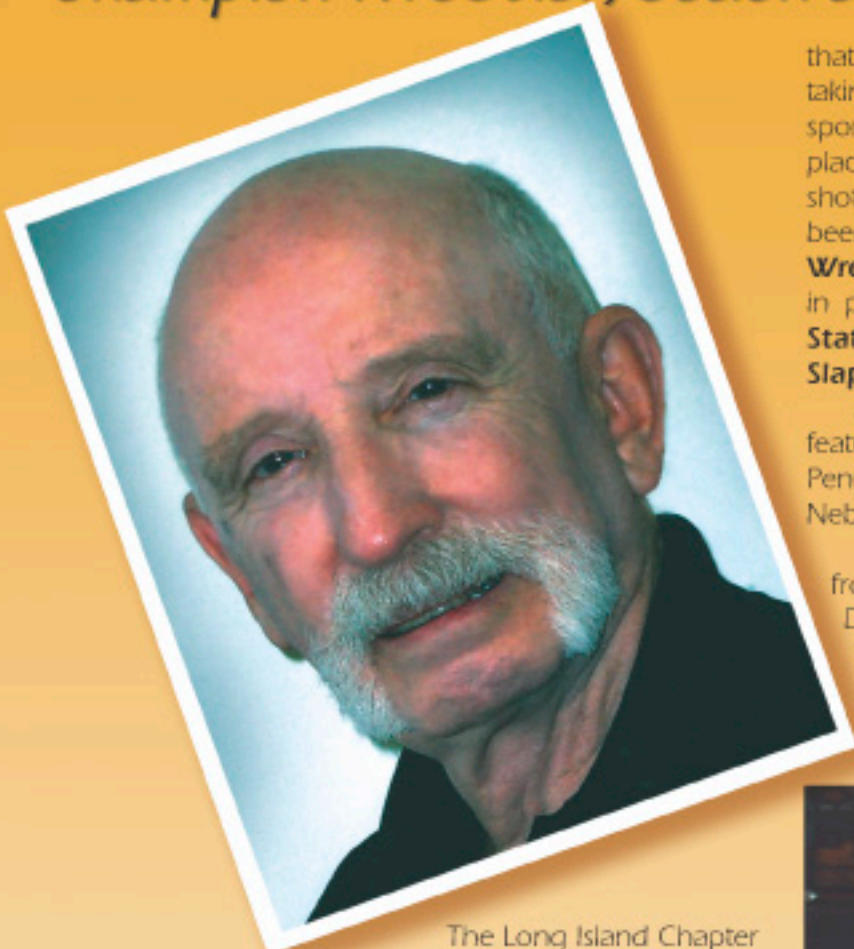


# PETE VENIER

*Champion Wrestler, Coach & Photographer*



that of other cameramen. He is not just a journalist taking photos, but a wrestler who captures his love for the sport on film. He anticipates the action and mentally places himself in the bout, rarely missing a scoring action shot with the camera. Twenty-three of his photos have been selected for **Amateur Wrestling News** and **Wrestling USA**. Hundreds of his photos have appeared in publication, including **Win Magazine**, **New York State Wrestling News**, **Wrestling Masters**, **The Mat Slap**, and **Suffolk County News**.

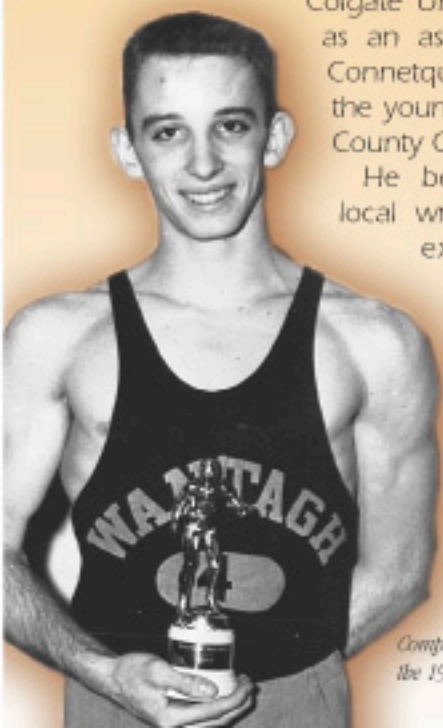
In addition, numerous college wrestling guides have featured his photos including Iowa, Oklahoma State, Penn State, Ohio State, Fresno State, Boston University, Nebraska, Lehigh, and Clarion.

His personal portfolio includes letters of appreciation from Dan Gable, John Smith, Carl Adams, Ken DeStefanis, Nick Gallo, Neil Duncan, Rich Lorenzo, Tom Hutchinson, Kerry McCoy, and many others. Pete's volunteer career in wrestling has lasted for over 50 years.

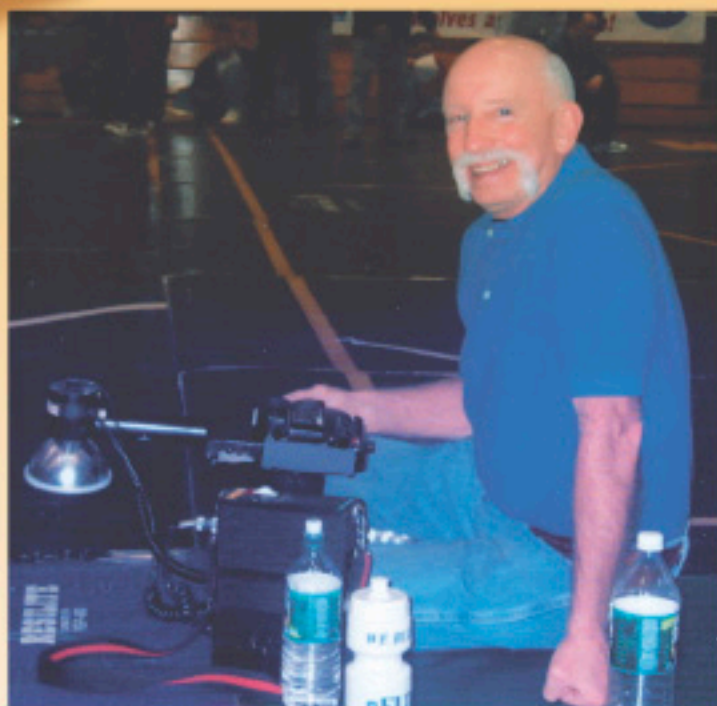
The Long Island Chapter of The National Wrestling Hall of Fame & Museum is proud to nominate Pete Venier for induction into The Hall.

Pete attended Wantagh High School where he was a Long Island Wrestling Champion in 1956. He and his twin brother were outstanding wrestlers at Colgate University. Pete volunteered as an assistant wrestling coach at Connetquot High School. Several of the young men he tutored became County Champions.

He began photographing the local wrestlers and his photography expertise soon became nationally known. Pete first became a well-known figure at high school tournaments and meets in New York State, and then he expanded his domain to college dual meets and the NCAA tournaments. His expertise with the lens is beyond



*Competing for Wantagh High School, Pete was the 1956 130 lb. Long Island Champion.*



## PHOTOGRAPHY CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- NCAA TOURNAMENT PHOTOGRAPHER FOR WRESTLING MASTERS MAGAZINE
- ASICS/TIGER ALL AMERICAN WRESTLING TEAM POSTER
- NATIONAL WRESTLING PHOTOGRAPHER FOR THE YEAR
- MAKING HISTORY POSTER (Pat Smith Oka. State)
- PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR NATIONAL WRESTLING MEDIA ASSOCIATION