

## 1988 GIRLS SOCCER TEAM “Section Champion”

Coach Joe Franzenburg

Sharyn Seaman  
Stacy McKeon  
Nicole Petrie  
Damara Tolassi  
Stacey Kelly  
Annibal Ocasio  
Michelle Whitson  
Heather McKinstry

Kristi Quirk  
Kim Stanulwich  
Deanna Finck  
Jennifer Coughlin  
Stacy Suhadolnik  
Ann Murphy  
Peggy Pulcare  
Stephanie Seaman

Carlene Dunn

The 1988 girl's soccer team had a 17-2-3 overall record and won the Class B Section 1 Championship. The soccer champs defeated previously unbeaten John Jay Cross River 3-2 in a second sudden death overtime on Stacy McKeon's goal. Beacon avenged an earlier loss and tie to JJCR and a 1987 Section Semi-final loss. The girls' soccer team defeated JFK-Somers in the semis 3-2 in a second overtime on a goal by Sharyn Seaman.

The girls' soccer team scored 102 goals in 22 games while allowing 25. They set the record for most goals in one game in a 14-1 win against FDR. The “Lady Bulldogs” were known for the scoring of Sharyn Seaman and Stacey McKeon, their tough defense, and the overall play of Nicole Petrie and the goal keeping of Stacey Kelly.

### SHARYN SEAMAN 1989

Sharyn Seaman was the dominant offensive soccer player during the late 1980s. Sharyn holds all of the goal scoring records at BHS:

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| Most Goals – Career | 115 |
| Most Goals – Season | 48  |
| Most Goals – Game   | 6   |

Sharyn was an integral part of the 1988 Sectional Championship team when the team compiled a 34 – 4- 3 record during her junior and senior seasons. She was All League three times, All Section twice, Poughkeepsie Journal All Star her junior year, and the Poughkeepsie Journal Player of the Year as a senior. Sharyn scored her 100<sup>th</sup> goal against Hen Hud on May 23, 1989. Her 6 goals in one game were on May 18, 1989, against Brewster. At the time her 115 career goals were 1 short of the Section 1 record. Sharyn also scored the game winning goal in the 1988 Section 1 semi-finals against JFK-Somers in the second overtime. Sharyn set the bar high for future Beacon girls' soccer players.

## RICHARD "DICK" DIBIASO COACH

Dick was on the Varsity boys' basketball coaching staff during their glory years of 1962-1968. Dick was an assistant coach from 1962 - 1964. The 1962-63 teams finished with a perfect 20-0 and won the Class B Section 1 title and the B-C Open. The 1963-64 team was nearly as good as they finished the season 18-1. During these two seasons, the team won an incredible 38 games in a row.

Dick's 1967 team went 17-3 and was DCSL Champs. His 1968 team won the Section 1 Championship and the B-C Open Championship.

He left Beacon in 1968 to become an Assistant Varsity Basketball and Freshman Basketball coach at the University of Virginia. From 1971-75 he served as Assistant Varsity Coach at Notre Dame. From there he achieved the pinnacle of his coaching career by being named the head basketball coach at Stanford University. Dick spent six seasons at the helm of the Stanford Cardinal and in 1976 he was named PAC 8 Coach of the Year.

## YANN THEFAINE 1989

When you think of Beacon tennis in the late 80s and early 90s, one name comes to mind: Yann Thefaine. Yann set the standard that all future players at Beacon will try to achieve. Yann's career began in 1989 when, as a seventh grader, he played number-one singles for the Bulldogs. He went on to play that number one spot for all six years of his career, and accomplished many things that had never been done in the history of Beacon tennis. He was named All-League all six years. He won five consecutive league singles tournament championships (no one else has won more than two). He was runner-up in the Class B tournament in 1993, which is the highest place of any tennis player in school history. He amassed 84 career singles victories, which is also a school record. Yann was a fierce competitor and a tireless worker who never let his individual goals come before the team. During his time with the team, he was an integral part of Beacon's first three league titles including the 1993 team that finished the season undefeated. Being part of those team titles meant as much to him as any of his individual honors. Yann also played Varsity soccer for two years while at BHS.

JOE VALLO, JR.  
1963

Joe Vallo, Jr., became synonymous with Beacon High golf in the 1960s and dominated the sport over the following decades. Joe was an integral part of the 1961 Sectional Championship team, and his 78 in the final round propelled the team to victory and earned him 4<sup>th</sup> medalist honors. In 1962, he became the youngest Southern Dutchess Country Club Champion at age 16 while still a high school junior. That same year he won the Westchester Jr. Championship at Ardsley. In 1963, Joe earned his most notable accomplishment as he qualified for the US Amateur. In competition with over 200 golfers in the Regional Tournament held in Long Island, he finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and went to the US Amateur championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In 1964, he was named the outstanding golfer in Dutchess County. In 1981, Joe reached the semi-finals of the state amateur golf tournament. The crowning jewels in Joe's resume may have been winning the Southern Dutchess Championship nine times, including one championship in five consecutive decades: 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, and 2000.

THE 1961 GOLF TEAM  
"Section Champions"

Coach Meyer Pearson

Joe Vallo, Jr.  
Steven Schofield  
Dick Talbot  
Bill Grady  
John Cramer

The 1961 Golf team won the Section 1 Championship at Baird State Park. The squad won seven trophies in the Section finals. They were led by Joe Vallo, Jr.'s, score of 78, winning 4<sup>th</sup> medalist honors, and Dick Talbot's 80, winning 8<sup>th</sup> medalist honors. Other team members and their scores were John Cramer, 85, Steven Schofield, 85, and Bill Grady, 88.

They won with a team total of 331, which beat Section 1 power and defending champions, Mamaroneck's 333. The Bulldogs had finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in previous attempts in the Sectionals, and helped account for a 33-1 match record over four years.

JO ANN FAULDS  
Teacher-Coach

A truly exceptional and professional physical education teacher, Jo Anne was responsible for advancing numerous programs within the Beacon City School District for decades. She was instrumental in bringing women's interscholastic teams to Beacon for the first time. In the 1960s she coached the women's varsity volleyball, softball, and middle school basketball, moving on to women's varsity basketball and track & field in the 70s and 80s. She was part of the first triple-header win in Beacon's basketball history: the varsity women, varsity men, and junior varsity men each beating Our Lady of Lourdes. During the 80s she also served as Athletic Coordinator, the first woman in Beacon to hold that position.

She was instrumental in taking several programs in Beacon to higher levels through her dedication, willingness to seek out new challenges, change course, and doing what was right rather than what was easy. Generations of Beacon families passed through her classroom and teams, all benefiting from her professionalism, experience, and guidance. We will never be able to thank her enough for the impression of excellence that she has left on our children, school district, friends and associates. She was a true professional in every sense of the word.