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## THE NORTH PENN ALUMNI ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

### PRESENTS

## A KNIGHT WITH STEVE MILLER

Steve Miller, Class of 1967, was a 3 Sport Athlete participating in Football, Basketball, and Baseball. In Football he was a 3 Year Letterman and 2 Way All Bux-Mont League Lineman receiving a full scholarship to the University of Virginia. Playing forward in Basketball he was a 2 Year Letterman. As a Baseball Player he was a 3 Year Letterman All Bux-Mont Catcher and the Top Hitter and Home Run Hitter on the team. Steve played Professional Baseball with the Boston Red Sox.

**Come out and hear Steve speak to the community on January 9, 2002 at 7:00 PM in the Audion at North Penn High School. Free to the Public.**

This is also our Annual Membership Meeting. A very brief meeting will be held before the program. We would like to see all of our members attend.

#### President

*Al Brodhag*

NP Coach and Faculty

#### Secretary

*Ken Schmidt*

Lansdale 1950, NP Faculty  
and Principal

#### Treasurer

*Russ Stewart*

NP 1961, Faculty Coach  
and Athletic Director

#### Administrative Secretary

*Carole MacBain Yoder*

NP 1976

#### NPAAA Founder

*Art Wurster*

NP 1962

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*Greg Kobasa*

NP 1969 Chair

##### Marketing and

##### Communications

*Art Wurster* - NP 1962 Chair

*Tom Strickland* - NP 1962

*Jim Church* - Lansdale 1950

*Dick Shearer* - A.M.

##### Photography

*Ken Zepp* - NP 1966 Chief

Photographer

##### Knight Times Newsletter

*Art Wurster* - NP 1962

## ALUMNI NEWS

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

0 Jim Crawford Jr. (NP 1963) earned his 300th win as coach of the Maidens Basketball Team since 1985. The Maidens beat Upper Dublin 46-35 on Friday November 30th.

### FIELD HOCKEY

0 Jami Wilus (NP1998), a senior at LaSalle University, was named First Team All-Atlantic-10 for the third time in her career.

Courtesy: The Reporter

## LAST MINUTE NEWS

A New Award, The James K. Gulick Sr. Award, will be presented at the end of the school year by members of his Track & Field Teams. This committee is chaired by Greg Matusky along with Dick Swanker and Jim Gulick Jr.

More information later.

## Coaches' Luncheon August 2001

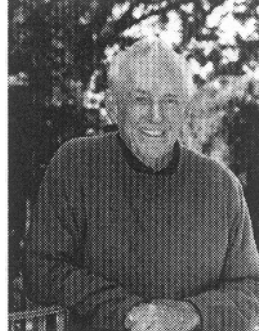
North Penn Soccer Coaches -  
1955-1970



Al Brodhag/Knight Times

*Left to Right*

*Russ Stewart - Gerald Bower - Don Huber  
Harold Wolff - Ed Klavon - Ken Schmidt*



Ken Zepp/Knight Times

### WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

By Dick Shearer

GEORGE ATWOOD

Dec. 7, 1941 - the day that lived in infamy. And George Atwood (Lansdale '38) was a witness to the Japanese air attack on U.S. Naval Forces at Pearl Harbor.

"It was a day I'll never forget" says Atwood, who was serving in the Army at the time. "We didn't know what was happening at first. It was absolute chaos. But it didn't take us long to figure out who was responsible. It was the sneakiest attack you could imagine - just like when they (terrorists) hit the World Trade Center."

Atwood, who played football and baseball for the Maroon during his high school days, spent five years in the South Pacific. He continued to play both sports while in the service and helped set up baseball programs on islands reclaimed by the Allies. It was during those years that Atwood learned to pitch softball - a skill that would benefit him long after he returned stateside at the end of the war. When he got home, he returned to the gridiron, playing for the Lansdale Hawks in 1946 and 1947. But it was softball that prolonged his athletic career.

Atwood became a stellar fast-pitch hurler, playing for many Bux-Mont area teams including the Sons of Italy, the Cannoncers, St. Mmie, and First Baptist Church of Lansdale. He also competed in many softball tournaments during a 24-year pitching career that stretched from 1946 to 1970. George retired as a manager for State Farm Insurance in 1988 and now divides his time between Florida and his home in Lansdale and while his pitching days are a thing of the past, he st@l enjoys hitting the links for a round of golf