

The SouthEastern Lacrosse Conference Hall of Fame welcomes six new members in the class of 2017. It is a diverse class, including three players and three men who made their mark in multiple ways: administrators, coaches and officials.

The 2017 Class will be inducted into the SELC Hall of Fame on Sunday, April 23 at the SELC Conference Championships in Johns Creek, Ga.

Introducing the members of the class of 2017 in alphabetical order:

**ANDREW BABCOCK, GEORGIA TECH, GOALIE**

Babcock started in cage every year he played at Georgia Tech. As a freshman on Georgia Tech's 2004 conference championship team, he earned all SELC and all-tournament honors, as well as being recognized as an MDIA All-American. He missed his sophomore season due to injury, but returned for his junior and senior seasons, again notching all-SELC honors in 2006 and 2007 as well as making the SELC all-tournament team both years.

He was again recognized as All-American in 2007. His career goals against average is under six goals a game, and he only allowed double digit goals 10 times in his career.

**SCOTT CARTER, AUBURN, MIDFIELD**

Carter was a four-year starter and three-time team captain at Auburn during his collegiate career from 1995-98. He was recognized as all-SELC all four seasons and made the all-tournament team in 1996, 1997. He was the SELC tournament MVP in 1998.

It should be noted that at the time Carter played, the MDIA did not recognize All-American teams. Evidence of his status nationally was his selection as a member of the MDIA National Championship all-tournament team in 1998. Carter scored at least 40 points in each season of competition, including a 70-point junior season.

**DOUG HORN, ADMINISTRATOR**

Horn's engagement with the SELC has been both lengthy and impactful. Horn became president of the conference in 1995 and served in that capacity until the conclusion of the 2002 season and then resumed the office at the conclusion of the 2011 season, serving through the end of 2015. He guided the conference through the early days of the MDIA-MCLA and served as national championship tournament director for the national association from 2000-03. He provided the same expertise to the SELC, serving as tournament director from 1996-03 and from 2005-15.

Horn was instrumental in establishing lacrosse in Atlanta, working to start the first youth program in the metro area in the early '90s, serving as director, coach, referee and whatever role needed to be filled. He was one of the founders of the Georgia Lacrosse Foundation, and was inducted in their Hall of Fame 10 years ago. He continued his services as a certified high school and collegiate referee for over 20 years.

Horn hails from Huntington, N.Y., on Long Island where he began playing lacrosse. Horn was a midfielder on Roanoke College's NCAA Division III national championship team in 1978. Following his college career, Horn coached at the scholastic level in the Shenandoah Valley region of Virginia before heading

to California for several years where he served as coach at Pepperdine University as well as a game official.

#### **RON MALLONEE, REFEREE/OFFICIAL**

During the infancy of the SELC, Mallonee was a familiar face to players and coaches. A larger than life personality and a balanced perspective made Mallonee a favored official. Hailing from a lacrosse family (C.G. Mallonee was an All American at Johns Hopkins and is enshrined in the US Lacrosse and Johns Hopkins Halls of Fame), Mallonee was instrumental in nurturing lacrosse in Atlanta in the late 1980s and '90s.

He officiated high school, college and post-college games, and was known for the respect he showed to players and coaches. He was an approachable official with the patience to explain calls to inexperienced players or coaches. Mallonee also invested significant time in training new officials to support the growth of the game. Sadly, Ron passed away in 2004, but the impact he had on the game in the Southeast is exemplified by the Ron Mallonee Award, bestowed annually on deserving individual officials and the Ron Mallonee Fund to encourage the development of new officials by the Georgia Lacrosse Officials Association, of which Ron was a charter member.

#### **COREY NOONAN, FLORIDA STATE, ATTACK**

Noonan wasted no time having an impact on the SELC and the MCLA, taking all-SELC and All-American honors as a freshman in addition to being elected as a freshman team Captain. During his career from 2006-09, Noonan was a four-time SELC Offensive MVP. His impact on the conference is evident as fellow Hall of Fame class member Doug Horn asked that the Doug Horn SELC Offensive MVP award be renamed the Corey Noonan SELC Offensive MVP at the conclusion of his collegiate career.

Noonan helped Florida State emerge as an SELC power under Hall of Fame coach Bill Harkins, leading the team in scoring all four years and becoming a four-year team captain. He was a three-time SELC tournament Offensive MVP and was elected to the SELC 25th Anniversary Team. Prior to Noonan's collegiate career, he was the 2005 Florida Player of the Year and a high school All-American. He continues to support the game as a youth coach and official.

#### **ALEX WHITE, TENNESSEE, COACH / OFFICIAL / CONTRIBUTOR**

White's playing career largely predated the existence of the SELC, but concluded as a starting defenseman on Tennessee's 1993 and '94 SELC championship teams. He returned to the Vols as an assistant coach to Hall of Fame coach Buff Grubb in 1996. As defensive coordinator, White was instrumental in Tennessee's back-to-back 1999 and '00 conference championships and three-time MCLA national championship tournament teams (1999-01).

After Grubb's departure after the 2001 season, White became head coach of the Volunteers, steering them to the 2002 conference semifinals. White was ably assisted by two Hall of Famers -- Andy Frick and Nate Tutt -- on the sidelines. He stepped down as coach in 2004 and began a continuing career as a certified collegiate official, working MCLA and NCAA games through the current season. He continues to give back to the SELC, having served for the past decade as a selector for the SELC all-tournament teams.