

Athletics

Joe Gill '63 Honored at La Salle Club Coaches' Hall of Fame Dinner

"Dedication, hard work and success," answered retired coach and teacher Jack Witry when asked why the La Salle Club chose Joe Gill to receive its Ron Limeberger '53 Coach of the Year Award.

Those five words sum up Gill's 36 years of coaching at Christian Brothers High School. A CB graduate in the class of 1963, he returned to the school in 1970 as an English teacher. He served three years as athletic director, coached 14 years of basketball including several championship teams, and took over the varsity baseball team in 1993.

Although his former team rosters include an NBA player and several major league baseball players, his greatest satisfaction came from the simpler successes.

"The joy for me was working with people," explains Gill. "Teaching them baseball, some values, how to work hard for things and to keep going when things aren't going your way. That was special."

Gill was also grateful to have the opportunity to coach his four sons Tom '93, Steve '95, Danny '98

and Eddie '00. Receiving the Ron Limeberger Award is particularly meaningful to Gill because of their long history. "I played basketball and baseball for Ronnie at the old Christian Brothers on 21st and Broadway," says Gill. "He was a highly successful coach and athlete and I'm honored to receive an award in his name."

While 2006 marked Gill's last season of coaching baseball, he continues at Christian Brothers as a P.E. teacher and has even become a bit of a sensation on YouTube with his humorous KBFT recordings of "The Stuff."

The La Salle Club presented the award at the 12th annual La Salle Club Hall of Fame dinner in November. Other honorees at the event were Rena Barsanti, Morrison England, A.J. "Bud" Henle, Jim Jorgensen, Bill Kutzer, Eli McCallough, Bob Miller, and Bob Roche.



Please join the La Salle Club as it prepares to host its 53rd annual Baseball Hall of Fame Dinner on Saturday April 21, 2007 at Christian Brothers High School

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Jean Lahey at (916) 457-5268.