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**HISTORICAL NOTE:** The Phoenix Press Box Association was founded in 1949 as a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of sports at all levels and sports journalism in Arizona high schools. The activities of the Press Box included awarding scholarships to journalist students entering college and fundraisers for these scholarships. The Walter Cronkite School of Journalism at Arizona State University still maintains a Phoenix Press Box Association Scholarship for Graduate level students.

The Press Box also sponsored sports luncheons to promote sports achievement and to facilitate talks at the high school, college, and professional levels for athletes and coaches. Special guests were often invited to these luncheons.

The Press Box hosted an annual Sports Awards Dinner for Coach, High School Athlete Professional Athlete and College Coach of the Year. Special awards were also given for sports journalism. The Press Box brought in professional athletes, notable celebrities and entertainers to be key note speakers. The Press Box also hosted sports venues such as the Harlem Globetrotters to promote sports in Arizona.

The Press Box created the Arizona Sports Hall of Fame in 1957. The inductees into the Hall of Fame are athletes from Arizona who made an impact on the world of sports such as Lewis Tewanima, member of the Hopi Nation and two time Olympic Track and Field star and Jack Stewart founder of the Fiesta Bowl.

In 1990, the Phoenix Press Box began to look for others to take over the Arizona Sports Hall of Fame and the Sports Award Dinner as interest in the organization waned. By 1996 all business had been suspended except for obligations pertaining to scholarships. The organization was formally dissolved in 1999.

The Phoenix Press Box, for a short time collaborated with the Maricopa County Sports Authority for the sponsorship of The Arizona Sports Hall of Fame and the Sports Award Dinners. In 2007 the Maricopa County Sports Authority changed its name to the Phoenix Regional Sports Commission, which currently sponsors the Arizona Sports Hall of Fame. www.phoenixsports.org

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** The main activities of the Phoenix Press Box such as Scholarships, Sports Awards Dinners, Sports Hall of Fame are documented in newspaper clippings, press releases, photographs, correspondence and VHS tapes and photographs. The collection also contains correspondence regarding the daily operations of the organization as well as publications used as background information for various awards.

The collection houses biographies of inductees in the Arizona Sports Hall of Fame and information regarding the dedication of the Arizona Sports Hall of Fame in 1971. Note that the collection contains awards and memorabilia from Dr. Charles Borah, 1928 Olympic Gold Medalist in Track and Field.

There are some gaps in the Sports Awards Dinner programs. Where possible the programs were kept with the file for that particular year. Those filed separately do not have additional information for that year.

The collection was arranged in seven series according to activities and formats found within the organization. Folders are organized alphabetically and chronologically within unless stated otherwise. Series I: Business; Series II: Arizona Sports Award Dinners; Series III: Arizona Sports Hall of Fame; Series IV: Scholarships; Series V: Publications; VI: Media; VII: Awards, Memorabilia.

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Business: Arizona Small Business Association	1991-1993
	2	Business: Articles of Incorporation, By-laws,	1950-1989
		Application and Certificate of Trade Name	
	3	Business: Correspondence	1950-1954
	4	Business: Correspondence	1955
	5	Business: Correspondence (includes memos)	1959-1960
	6	<b>Business:</b> Correspondence (includes memos, minutes)	1961-1962
	7	<b>Business:</b> Correspondence (includes memos, minutes)	1963-1964
		1 of 2	
	8	<b>Business:</b> Correspondence (includes memos, minutes)	1963-1964
		2 of 2	

## **CONTAINER LIST:**

	9	Business: Correspondence (includes minutes, memos,	1965-1966
		by-laws) 1 of 2	
2	1	<b>Business:</b> Correspondence (includes memos,, minutes, by-laws) 2 of 2	1965-1966
	2	<b>Business:</b> Correspondence (includes memos, minutes, by-laws)	1967
	3	<b>Business:</b> Correspondence (includes minutes, memos)	1968
	4	<b>Business:</b> Correspondence (includes minutes, memos)	1969
	5	Business: Correspondence (includes memos, finance)	1970
	6	Business: Correspondence (includes memos)	1971-1976
3	1	Business: Correspondence (includes memos)	1977-1978
-	2	Business: Correspondence (includes memos)	1979-1982
	3	Business: Correspondence (includes minutes)	1985
	4	Business: Correspondence (includes memos, minutes) 1 of 2	1986-1996
	5	<b>Business:</b> Correspondence (includes memos, minutes) 2 of 2	1986-1996
	6	Business: Financial Reports	1973-1982
	7	Business: Letterhead, Membership Cards	ND
	8	Business: Luncheons	1991
	9	Business: Membership lists	1962-1991
	10	Business: Minutes	1956-1957
	11	Business: Minutes	1979
	12	Business: Newsletters	1986-1991
4	1	Arizona Sports Award Dinner: Award Certificates	ND
	2	Arizona Sports Award Dinner: Ballots	1963-1964
	3	Arizona Sports Award Dinner: Committee	1985
	4	Arizona Sports Award Dinner: Committee	1986-1987
	5	Arizona Sports Award Dinner: Correspondence	1961-1962
	6	Arizona Sports Award Dinner: Correspondence	1963-1964
	7	Arizona Sports Award Dinner: Correspondence	1965-1966
	8	Arizona Sports Award Dinner: Correspondence	1967-1979
	9	Arizona Sports Award Dinner: Correspondence	1980-1985
	10	Arizona Sports Award Dinner: Correspondence	1986-1987
5	1	Arizona Sports Award Dinner: Correspondence	1988-1989
	2	Arizona Sports Award Dinner: Correspondence	1990-1992
	3	Arizona Sports Award Dinner: Dinner Duties Schedule	1966-1967
	4	Arizona Sports Award Dinner: Kathy Miller Award	1988
	5	Arizona Sports Award Dinner: Notes (includes photo)	1986-1987
	6	Arizona Sports Award Dinner: Notes	1988
	7	Arizona Sports Award Dinner: Phoenix Award	1985-1987
	8	Arizona Sports Award Dinner: Phoenix Press Box	1987
		and Shamrock Distribution Co. Agreement	
	9	Arizona Sports Award Dinner: Programs	1950-1975

	10	Arizona Sports Award Dinner: Silent Auction	1988
6	1	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Adams, Alvan	1975-1989
	2	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Allison, Bob	1946-1974
	3	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Arizona Wranglers	1983
	4	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Ball, Bobby (includes	1972
		photo)	
	5	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Borah, Charles Dr.	1961-1980
		(includes photo)	
	6	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Brawner, Clint (includes	1969-1981
		photo)	
	7	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Brazell, Dave (includes	1982-1983
		photo)	
	8	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Breuning, Bob (includes	1983
		photo)	
	9	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Bryan, Jimmy (includes	1964
		photo)	
	10	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Bulla, Johnny (includes	1978-1979
		photo)	
	11	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Casteel, Miles W.	1970-1974
	10	(Mike) (includes photo)	1000 1000
	12	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Chanin, Abe	1989-1990
	13	<b>Arizona Sports Hall of Fame:</b> Coggins, Milt Sr. (includes photo)	1967-1982
	14	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Correspondence	1956-1958
	15	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Correspondence	1987-1988
	16	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Davis, Walter (includes	1983
		photo)	
	17	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Dedication	1971
	18	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Doherty, Ed	1982-1984
	19	<b>Arizona Sports Hall of Fame:</b> Enke, Fred (includes photo)	1969-1985
	20	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Enke, Fred W. Jr.	1946-1984
	20	(includes photo)	1710 1701
	21	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Famulatte, Joe (includes	1973-1982
		photo)	
	22	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Fiesta Bowl	1989-1990
	23	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Ford, Edgar (Mutt)	1972
		(includes photo)	
	24	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Frazier, Walt (includes	1977-1978
		photo)	
	25	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Ftorek, Robbi	1978-1985
	26	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Gianelli, Frank	1952-1988
	20	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Goldwater, Bob	1984-1985
		(includes photo)	
	28	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Grace, Earl (includes	1962-1971

		photo)	
	29	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Guerena, Patsy Willard	1960-1984
	30	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Hicks, David (includes photo)	1960-1989
	31	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Hogan, Thomas E. (Shanty) (includes photo)	1979-1990
	32	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Housholder, Bob (includes photo)	1976-1984
	33	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Housholder, Vic. H. (Includes photo)	1940-1972
	34	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Hoy, George (Dutch) (includes photo)	1966
7	1	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Jackson, Kathy Gibbons (includes photo)	1987-1988
	2	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Kush, Frank (includes photo)	1987-1989
	3	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Lanser, Joseph Sr. (includes photo)	1896-1964
	4	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Lavik, Rudy (includes photo)	1966-1974
	5	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Lee, Thorton (includes photo)	1960
	6	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Lieber, Hank (includes photo)	1963-1984
	7	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Livingston, Warren (includes photo)	1959-1984
	8	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Long, Dallas (includes photo)	1972-1982
	9	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Long, Ed (includes photo)	1986
	10	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: McCluskey, Roger (includes photo)	1981
	11	<b>Arizona Sports Hall of Fame:</b> McKale, James F. (includes photo)	1958
	12	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: McLeod, George	1989-1990
	13	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Miller, Bill (includes photo)	1948-1984
	14	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Mortensen, Jess (includes photos)	1958
	15	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Nehf, Arthur Sr. (includes photo)	1960-1971
	16	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Pardee, C. W. (Doc) (includes photo)	1968
	17	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Peoples, Maurice (includes photo)	1977

	18	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Phoenix Open/Phoenix	1984-1985
	18	Thunderbirds	1984-1983
	19	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Pomeroy, Earl (includes	1965-1972
	17	photo)	1700 1772
	20	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Riggle, John	1989-1990
	21	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Robinson, Robbie	1965-1972
		(includes photo)	
	22	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Sancet, Frank (includes	1972-1982
		photo)	
	23	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Smith, Clyde B.	1972-1975
		(includes photo)	
	24	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Smith-Haas, Margie	ND
		(includes photo)	
	25	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Solheim, Karsten	1977-1985
		(includes photo)	
	26	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Stewart, Jack	1988
	27	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Tewanima, Lewis	1957-1984
		(includes photo)	
	28	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Van Arsdale, Dick	1981-1983
		(includes photo)	
	29	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Van Haran, Arthur Sr.	1978-1979
		(includes photo)	
	30	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Walker, Larry	1970-1989
	31	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: White, Wilford	1968-1984
		(Wizzer)	
	32	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: White, Danny	1983
	33	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Wilkinson, Dot	1973-1976
		(includes photo)	
	34	Arizona Sports Hall of Fame: Wulk, Ned (includes	1985
		photo)	
8	1	Scholarship: Applications A-B	1991
	2	Scholarship: Applications G-V	1991
	3	Scholarship: Celebrity Golf Classic	1990
	4	Scholarship: Correspondence (includes Worksheets)	1970-1978
	5	Scholarship: Correspondence (includes Worksheets)	1980-1985
	6	Scholarship: Correspondence	1986-1988
	7	Scholarship: Correspondence (includes Worksheets)	1989-1992
	8	Scholarship: Correspondence	1993-1997
	9	Scholarship: Nostalgia Day	ND
	10	Scholarship: Remember When at Arizona State	1989
		University	
	11	Scholarship: Squaw Peek Challenge	1987-1989
9	1	Publications: American City Racing League	1987-1988
	2	Publications: Arizona Golf Course Directory	1989
	3	Publications: Arizona High School Basketball	1988

		Championships	
	4	Publications: Arizona State University Baseball	1987-1990
	5	Publications: Arizona State University Basketball	1987-1988
	6	Publications: Arizona State University Cross Country	1988
	7	Publications: Arizona State University Football 1 of 2	1984
	8	Publications: Arizona State University Football 2 of 2	1989-1990
	9	Publications: Arizona State University Gymnastics	1989-1991
	10	Publications: Arizona State University Symmistics	1986-1987
	10	Diving	1900 1907
	11	Publications: Arizona State University Track and Field	1990
	12	Publications: Arizona State University Volleyball	1987
	13	Publications: Arizona State University Wrestling	1986-1989
	14	Publications: Barry Sollenberger's Phoenix Metro	1986-1988
		Football	
	15	Publications: Down Under Bowl, Arizona High School	1989-1990
		All Stars	
	16	Publications: Fiesta Bowl	1990
	17	Publications: Firebirds	1993
10	1	Publications: Grand Canyon University Baseball	1990
		Schedule	
	2	Publications: Grand Canyon University Basketball	1990-1991
	3	Publications: Grand Canyon University Women's	1990
		Basketball	
	4	Publications: Harlem Globetrotters	1970-1973
	5	Publications: K Ball (Special Olympics)	ND
	6	Publications: KTAR Gridiron Guide (Football)	1989
	7	Publications: Major League Baseball Players Alumni	1990
	8	Publications: Maricopa County Sports Authority	1990
	9	Publications: National Basketball Association Schedule	1987-1988
	10	Publications: Lomax-Ping Quarterback Shootout	ND
	11	Publications: Northern Arizona University Basketball	1986-1989
		Media Guide	
	12	Publications: Northern Arizona University Football	1986-1990
		Media Guide	
	13	Publications: Northern Arizona University Lumberjack	1990
		Football Fact Book	
	14	Publications: Northern Arizona University Sports	1988-1990
		Information	
	15	Publications: Oakland Athletics Information Guide	1987
	16	Publications: The Olympian	1989-1990
	17	Publications: Phoenix Art Museum	1991
11	1	Publications: Phoenix Cardinals Media Guide	1989-1990
	2	Publications: The Phoenix Pitch	ND
	3	Publications: Phoenix Press Box Association Twenty-	1974
		fifth Anniversary	

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	3	Media: VHS,	1990
	_	Karsten's Guide to Great Golf	
		(Fair/Farrell/Kelly/Douglas/Purtzer)	
	4	Media: VHS,	ND
		Mike Kelly Sports Award	
		Arizona State Baseball	
	5	Media: VHS,	1990
		Molina Productions	
	6	Media: VHS,	ND
		Phil Mich/Loy	
	7	Media: VHS,	1991
		1991 Professional Athlete of the Year	
		Tom Purtzer	
15	1	Awards and Memorabilia: Borah, Charles Award	1921-1922
		Scholarship and Achievement Junior Class	
	2	Awards and Memorabilia: Borah, Charles Award	1927
		Orange County A-A-U Meet	
	3	Awards and Memorabilia: Borah, Charles	1928
		Award President Roosevelt First Prize	
	4	Awards and Memorabilia: Borah, Charles	1928
		Award Ehrengabe Des Chamburger Fremdenblatt	
	5	Awards and Memorabilia: Borah, Charles	1928
		Award Individual High Point	
	6	Awards and Memorabilia: Borah, Charles	1929
		Award West Coast Relays	
	7	Awards and Memorabilia: Button (Bob Davies)	ND
	8	Awards and Memorabilia: Clock	1986
	9	Awards and Memorabilia: Corporate Seal	ND
	10	Awards and Memorabilia: Money Clip (Various)	ND
	11	Awards and Memorabilia: Northern Arizona	ND
		Lumberjacks Hockey Puck	
	12	Awards and Memorabilia: Press Box Patches	ND
	13	Awards and Memorabilia: Sports Award Dinner	ND
		Commemorative Cup	
16		Awards and Memorabilia: Borah, Charles	1927, 1928,
		Olympic Track Suit (includes 2 pairs of shoes, wool	1969
		shirt and pants, silk shorts and top, 4 plaques from the	
		Trojan Alumni Association )	
17		Awards and Memorabilia: Plaques (Jess Mortensen	1958, 1972,
		1958, Dallas Long 1972, Patsy Willard Heckel 1977,	1977, 1978
		Bill Miller 1978)	
18		Awards and Memorabilia: Arizona Sports Hall of	1985
		Fame, University of Arizona Athletes on the Centennial	

	1885-1985 (large plaque)	
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