

ROGER BUNTON, COACH

Roger Bunton "got in on the ground floor" of Michigan scholastic lacrosse. He assisted Don Lutz in forming the L'Anse Creuse High School Lancers, the first high school lacrosse team in the state of Michigan. Roger went on to start the lacrosse program at L'Anse Creuse High School North (Michigan's fourth high school squad), and coached there over 30 continuous years, as part of a 40-year high school lacrosse coaching run.

Roger was also a certified lacrosse official (as well as football and basketball). In addition to lacrosse, he coached JV football, JV and middle school basketball and junior high track. Perhaps reflecting his dual status as a coach and official, Roger was always a knowledgeable and reasonable figure on the sidelines, and a great host to visiting teams and coaches.

Best known at L'Anse Creuse, Roger was also the first coach of the Port Huron Lacrosse Program and was instrumental in its establishment. Roger also conducted and assisted numerous summer lacrosse camps and clinics for high school and youth players.

Roger has frequently attended the national convention of U.S. Lacrosse, and was a presenter at the 2006 gathering. He served as president of the Michigan Scholastic Lacrosse Association (the governing body for boys' high school lacrosse prior to MHSAA) and was coach of the year in 2000.

Roger attended Ohio University on a football scholarship, earning a BS degree in education. Roger's further credentials include an Education Specialist Degree in Administration from Wayne State University and a Masters degree in Comprehensive Vocational and Occupational Education from the University of Michigan. Filling out Roger's diverse resume, he has been a social worker, and operated a part-time portrait and wedding photography business for 25 years!

Roger is married to Ellen Bunton, with 4 children and 8 grandchildren. He is a 2005 inductee to the Macomb County Coaches' Hall of Fame.

We celebrate Roger's long, steady and pleasant contributions to lacrosse in Michigan.