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MEYERS DRYSDALE AND RAMSEY ELECTED TO SCSB HALL OF FAME

Basketball great Ann Meyers Drysdale and longtime public address announcer John Ramsey are the newest members of the So Cal Sports Broadcasters Hall of Fame. They will be inducted at the 28th annual SCSB Awards Luncheon on January 2019.

The announcement was made on Wednesday, June the 20th during the “Women Who Cover Sports” SCSB luncheon. It featured the following guest speakers: Alex Curry, (Fox Sports West reporter and Co-host of American Ninja Warrior); Jill Painter Lopez (Fox Sports West reporter); Ashley Brewer (ABC7 sports anchor and reporter); and Deb Carson (Fox Sports Radio Network).

Meyers Drysdale and Ramsey will become the 38th and 39th members of the SCSB Hall of Fame.

Ann Meyers Drysdale will be the first woman to go into the Hall of Fame and it will be the first time a husband and wife will have received this award! The late Dodger right handed pitcher, Don Drysdale, is already a member of this distinguished group.

Ann is one of the greatest basketball players of our time. She was a standout in high school, as a student and athlete at UCLA, in the Olympic Games, international tournaments and also at the professional level.

She was the first player to be part of the U.S. National team while still in high school. The first woman to sign a four year athletic scholarship at any university, and in 1979, she became the first woman to sign a contract with the NBA's Indiana Pacers.

Ann started broadcasting in 1979. She has worked in the following: UCLA Radio Network; Pac-12 Network; 26+ years with ESPN; 1984 LA Olympic Games for ABC; 2000 Sydney Olympics to 2016 Rio Olympics for NBC; Goodwill games (1986-Russia and 1990-Seattle) for TNT; and worked 9 years with the LA Sparks.

Ann was inducted to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame (1993); was also inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame's inaugural class in 1999. She received the Ronald Reagan Media Award in 2005 from the U.S. Sports Academy and was recently named 2017 Naismith Outstanding contributor to basketball.

Not only does she broadcast for the Phoenix Mercury (WNBA) and Phoenix Suns (NBA), she is also the Vice President for both teams.

Annie, we are so happy to be honoring you with this award. Congratulations!

The late John Ramsey will also be entering the Hall of Fame at this January's awards banquet.

John was one of a kind. He was the original public address announcer for the Angels, Dodgers, Kings, Lakers and the L. A. Raiders. So many of us have heard that voice at a ball game and have fond memories associated with it!

Ramsey was also the PA announcer for the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, five Super Bowls including the first Super Bowl, seven World Series, two Major League All Star Games, two NBA All Star Games and ten NBA finals. It wasn't unusual for him to work five games over a three day stretch. He was phenomenal!

We wish to offer our congratulations to the family of the late John Ramsey on receiving this award.

Our two new SCSB Hall of Fame recipients will be inducted at our annual awards banquet in January 2019.

Thank you,

Chris Roberts

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