



Call for Nominations

2026 NWBA Bill and Julie Duncan Good Guy Award

The NWBA Bill and Julie Duncan Good Guy Award is presented annually to an NWBA volunteer who exemplifies a commitment to wheelchair basketball at the grassroots level through contributions to a local team, conference or the national organization. The Good Guy Award recipient will be announced at the National Wheelchair Basketball Championships and receive a commemorative plaque and a \$350 contribution to the NWBA team of the recipient's choice.

History

The award was initially created in memory of Bill Duncan, a long-time NWBA member. Bill founded the Golden State Warriors in 1976 and served in team, conference, national and international roles in the NWBA until his untimely death due to cancer in 2000. Bill and Julie were committed to the grassroots development and growth of teams on the local community level and served tirelessly as an NWBA volunteer. Upon Bill's death, many friends and colleagues remembered him as 'one of the Good Guys,' and Julie, working with the NWBA, chose to honor him with this award. Julie Barnett Duncan continued Bill's legacy, serving as NWBA Treasurer, founder and coach of the Hill on Wheels team, national tournament director, and many other roles. In 2009, we lost Julie to cancer and the name of the award was changed to honor both of these incredible people and continue the legacy to the NWBA.

Selection Criteria

Bill and Julie Duncan Good Guy award nominees will:

1. Have a minimum of **five (5)** years involvement with an NWBA team in a **volunteer** capacity.
2. Demonstrate a strong commitment to the grassroots efforts to develop and promote the sport of wheelchair basketball.
3. Have made an impact as a coach, administrator, fundraiser, officer or other role, to an NWBA team, conference or the national organization.

How to Make a Nomination

To nominate an NWBA Bill and Julie Duncan Good Guy for 2026, submit a one-page letter of nomination outlining how the nominee meets the above criteria and briefly describing their contributions. Please include contact information for the nominator and the nominee. Letters of support are welcome. Nominations are reviewed, and a panel selects previous Good Guy recipients and Duncan family members.

E-mail Nominations to:

Cheryl Vines, Chair

Bill and Julie Duncan Good Guy Award Committee

hcvines@aol.com

Nomination Due Date

ALL Nominations must be received by March 2, 2026.

Receipt confirmation will be provided. No late nominations will be accepted.

Previous Winners

2001: Paul Jackson, Cheryl Vines

2002: Vena McCormick

2003: Al Youakim

2004: John Sikora

2005: Joe and Roseanne Kirlin

2006: Jo Fowler

2007: Eddie Diggs

2008: Herman Key Sr.

2009: Guy Perry

2010: Mike Godsey

2011: Bob Anger

2012: Trish and Ron Labar

2013: Lisa Russ

2014: Larry Turner (posthumously)

2015: George Kiefner

2016: Jayne Marie Chilutti

2017: No Award

2018: Darlene Hunter

2019: Dave Elbert

2020: Diane Winterstein

2021: No Award

2022: Junior Rodriguez

2023: Buddy Barnes

2024: Wayne Bozeman (posthumously)

2025: Allison and Tonya Fromm

Additional Information or Questions

Please contact Cheryl Vines at 501-580-8513 or hcvines@aol.com