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**COLORADO SPORTS HALL OF FAME TO INDUCT SIX  
Forsberg Headlines Class of 2012**

**DENVER COLO.** - Led by Peter Forsberg, the Selection Committee of the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame voted to honor six individuals at the 48th annual induction banquet April 10, 2012, at the Denver Marriott City Center.

Joining Forsberg as inductees at the April banquet are Marcelo Balboa, Frank Carbajal, Glenn Gondrezick, Greg Myers and Will Nicholson, Jr. as the Class of 2012 was selected here Tuesday (October 18, 2011). The Selection Committee will also pick the 2011 Athletes-of-the-Year at a meeting January 17, 2012, as the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame will also recognize collegiate, high school, Olympic and professional athletes at the Denver Marriott City Center banquet.

Tickets are \$175 each and Sponsor tables start at \$2,500. For additional for ticket and table information, please telephone the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame ([www.coloradosports.org](http://www.coloradosports.org), 720-258-3535). The Colorado Sports Hall of Fame & Museum is located at Gate 1 on the west side of Sports Authority Field at Mile High at 1701 Bryant Street in Denver.

Forsberg, who had his No. 21 retired earlier this month at the Pepsi Center, had a 19-year professional hockey career, including 13 seasons in the National Hockey League where he played on two Stanley Cup teams (1996 and 2001) with the Colorado Avalanche. He also played on two World Championship and two Olympic hockey gold medal teams for his native Sweden.

During his NHL career, Forsberg scored 249 goals in 708 games as his 885 total points ranks among the all-time leaders. In addition to playing with the Avalanche (1995-2004, 2007-2008, 2010-2011), Forsberg was a member of the Quebec Nordiques (1994-1995), the Philadelphia Flyers (2005-2007) and the Nashville Predators (2006-2007). He was a five-time NHL all-star.

Balboa's professional soccer career spanned 16 seasons as he competed for the San Diego Nomads (1987-89), the San Francisco Bay Blackhawks (1990-1991), the Colorado Foxes (1992-1993), Leon (1994-1995), the Colorado Rapids (1996-2001) and the Metro Stars (2002). He appeared in 151 matches for the Rapids with 24 goals.

From 1988 through 2000, Balboa played for the United States National Team where he scored 13 goals in 128 international appearances. In retirement, he has worked as a commentator for ESPN and ABC. He is also a member of the National Soccer Hall of Fame.

Carbajal was an all-conference baseball and basketball player at the University of Northern Colorado in the early 1960s. As a Division I all-region pitcher in 1960, he helped the Bears to a pair of College World Series appearances. A Greeley native, he coach for 41 years at high schools and community colleges with more than 600 basketball wins.

After an all-state career at Boulder High School, Gondrezick played collegiately at University of Nevada-Las Vegas where he was a starter on the Runnin' Rebels' 1997 "Final Four" team. Gondrezick, who had his number (25) retired at UNLV, played six years in the NBA after being picked by the New York Knicks in second round of the 1977 draft.

After two seasons (1978-1979) with the Knicks, "Gondo" played four seasons with the Denver Nuggets (1980-1983) before concluding his career in Italy. Gondrezick later became a broadcaster for the UNLV basketball before dying of complications from heart surgery on April 27, 2009, at the age of 53. He had received a heart transplant in September of the previous year.

A standout competitor at Windsor High School, Myers attended Colorado State University where he was a four-time All-Western Athletic Conference performer. A two-time All-American, Myers won the Jim Thorpe Award in 1995 as the nation's top defensive back. Myers was drafted by the Cincinnati in the fifth round of the 1996 NFL Draft and played five pro seasons with the Bengals (1996-1999) and the Dallas Cowboys (2000).

Nicholson has long played a prominent role in golf, not only in Colorado but nationally. He served on the U.S. Golf Association's Executive Committee from 1974 to 1982, culminating in a two-year stint as president of the USGA in 1980 and 1981.

Nicholson is also prominently associated with the Masters where he was responsible for six tournament committees at Augusta as he gained the most prominence for overseeing the Competition and Rules Committees. He chaired the Rules Committee - which he first joined in 1974 - from 1988 to 2006, and the Competition Committee from 1992 to 2006. Nicholson was in charge of setting up the course for the Masters for 17 years.

Since its inception in 1965, the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame had inducted 216 individuals prior to Tuesday's selection meeting for the Class of 2012. The first class of inductees featured Earl "Dutch" Clark, Jack Dempsey and the late Supreme Court justice Byron "Whizzer" White. Art Berglund, Jason Elam, the late Keli, McGregor, Bobby Unser, Larry Walker and Alfred Williams were inducted this past April as the Class of 2011.