

HALL OF FAME BIOGRAPHY

CHAD ULLOM – CLASS OF 2016



Chad lives in Topeka, Kansas with his wife Tasha. He has a daughter and 2 stepsons. He has a BS in Pharmacy and is currently a Pharmacy Manager with Walgreens. Before he became involved with the USAWA he was a multi-sport athlete in High School, where he played football, wrestled, threw the shotput and discus, and was a yell leader. After High School he played football at Coffeyville Community College and was part of a national championship team in 1990. After college he played semi pro football for 2 years before getting involved in the Scottish Highland Games where he competed for over 20 years.

Chad started weight lifting when he was 13 years old when he was training for other sports. His first competition in the USAWA was in 2005. Chad was introduced to the USAWA by Al Myers and is part of the Dino Gym Club. Chad commented, "Al has been a great training partner over the years and I wouldn't be nearly involved in the USAWA if it wasn't for Al. We have travelled to many meets together across the United States and all over the World."

Chad has long lengthy resume of USAWA National Championships he has competed in. To date he has competed in 8 National Championships (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014). In each one of these Championships he won the National Championships in his age/weight class. In 2014 he won the Overall Best Lifter at the Nationals. In all of his National

Championships he has placed very high overall with two second places, three third places, one fourth, and one fifth. He also has competed in 8 IAWA World Championships (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, and 2015). In the 2010 IAWA World Championships in Glasgow, Scotland he won the Overall Best Lifter Award at the World Championships. Chad is one of the very few USAWA lifters to have competed at the World Championships in all the countries that have hosted a Worlds – United States, England, Scotland, New Zealand, and Australia.



Chad has also been very involved in the organization besides just as a lifter. He has been the USAWA Vice President since 2010 and has been the Drug Enforcement Director since that time as well. He has served as a IAWA Vice President since 2012. He is also a certified USAWA Official and has officiated at many Championship events including at the IAWA World Championships and the IAWA Gold Cups. In 2012 he was Co-Meet promoter of the 2012 IAWA World Championships in Salina, Kansas.

Chad has won many USAWA Awards. He was awarded the USAWA Athlete of the Year in 2010, 2012, and 2014. He received Runner Up Awards for the Courage Award in 2015, and the Athlete of the Year in 2009. He has been an active participant in USAWA Championship Events. He was the overall best lifter in the 2015 USAWA Grip Championships and the 2012 Old Time Strongman Championships. He has been the Overall Best Lifter (with teammate Al Myers) in 10 USAWA Team Championships. He has been the USAWA Lifter of the Month 4 times – April 2012, July 2013, June 2014, and February 2017. Chad has been very active in the USAWA Postal Series. He has won the Overall Best Lifter in the USAWA Postal Championships 2 times – 2008, and 2012. In 2012 and 2014 he was the Overall Best Men's Lifter in the USAWA Postal Series, and has placed in the top ten many times. In 2012 Chad won the World's Strongest Two Man Team Postal with teammate Al Myers. Chad owns several USAWA records and is in the top ten of all record holders with over 250 USAWA records.

Chad's favorite All Round Lifts are the Arthur Lift, Steinborn Lift, and the Neck Lift. In the Arthur Lift he has the top ALL TIME record in the USAWA with a lift of 297 pounds, set at the 2007 USAWA National Championships. He has done a 446 pound Steinborn Lift, which is also an All TIME mark in both the USAWA and the IAWA. This was done at the 2012 IAWA World Championships. Chad was the first lifter to break the 900 pound barrier in the Neck Lift, done at the 2011 Heavy Lift Championships. He is currently one of only two lifters who have exceeded 1000 pounds in the Neck Lift. Chad always has saved his best lifts for the big meets in front of the best officials and many witnesses. No one can question the authenticity of his great lifting ability and records because of this.



Chad is a very modest Champion. He often downplays his success and is always a great supporter of the other lifters. He will help anyone out, and often at meets will be lifting, officiating, and loading all at the same time. After the meet he will be the one doing the most work cleaning up. At the banquets and social functions associated with the USAWA Chad is always the life of the party. Anyone who knows him knows he just truly enjoys being part of the overall meet experience. When asking him about his favorite part of competitions, he responded, "I love to compete and test myself but I really enjoy the comradery with the other lifters more. I have some great friends that I only get to see at competitions and it's always a great excuse to travel!"

That sums up Chad Ullom, a truly humble well-liked Champion in the USAWA.