

## *Meet the Coaches*

**Todd Pierson** graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education in Physical Education with a coaching concentration from SUNY Cortland in May 1993. He began his career teaching physical education and health in Charlotte, North Carolina, for five years. During that time, he served as the school's trainer for three years and athletic director for one year. In addition, Todd coached girls' soccer and was assistant coach for boys' basketball. Upon returning to New York, he taught grades three through six at Peru Central School for one year, where he also co-coached the girls' JV soccer team. Todd earned a master's degree from SUNY Plattsburgh in 2003. He started teaching physical education at AVCS in September of 2001. He coached the boys' varsity baseball team for one year (2003), the boys' modified soccer team for two years (2001-2002) and boys' varsity soccer team for five years (2003-2008).

**Steve Maiorca** (Orca) has been a physical education teacher at AuSable Valley since 2001. He runs the fitness room from 7 am to 8 am and afterschool on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 4 pm. He also helps assess injuries and helps with rehabilitation. He has coached at AuSable for eleven years for the track, baseball, and football teams. In the past, he has coached Olympic men's and women's Bobsled and Skeleton teams and Olympic Luge. Currently, he is the strength/speed/conditioning coach for AuSable Valley and the strength/speed/conditioning coordinator for CAN-AM Hockey, Inc.

Steve holds a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Physiology and Kinesiology with an emphasis in Biomechanics and has a master's degree in Education. He is credentialed by the National Strength & Conditioning Association (Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist), National Academy of Sports Medicine (Performance Enhancement Specialist), American College of Sports Medicine (Health Fitness Instructor), National Sports Performance Association (Master Sports Performance Coach), and certified as a

Senior SAQI (Speed, Agility and Quickness Instructor). Due to his innovations in coaching and expertise in speed, agility, strength and conditioning at the professional and Olympic level, Orca has been named the United States Olympic Committee Coach for the years from 1995-2000. He coached at the Olympic level for ten years and also is a decorated Olympian.