



## Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame

Welcome to the 30th annual induction ceremony of the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame. This anniversary affords us an opportunity to salute past enshrinees even as we roll out the red carpet for a new class of Hall of Famers. We've assembled a commemorative 30th anniversary program to help rekindle your memories of the standouts of yore, in addition to the regular program for this year's inductees.

The Class of 2003 continues the tradition of excellence that has epitomized the Rockland Hall of Fame. Included among this year's headliners are NCAA wrestling champion David Hirsch of Clarkstown South; state scholastic and national collegiate swimming champion Genny Mulderig Allard of Suffern; basketball career scoring leader Bill Kurisko of Nanuet; basketball referee extraordinaire Jeff Bryant, a Tappan Zee alumnus; and premier bowler Peter Hackett of Nyack, in the Old-Timers category.

Two new awards have also been unveiled this year. The Joseph Holland Lifetime Achievement Award, named after the founder of this organization, is being presented to Joe Grasso of Suffern, a fixture on the Rockland athletic scene for more than 60 years. The Old-Timers Special Award, given posthumously to an early-era athlete of distinction, recognizes the exploits of wrestler Charles "Jumbo" Strack of Spring Valley, a two-time Olympian and an NCAA and AAU national champion.

The Hall of Fame also uses this forum to provide an annual update on recent developments. Renovation of the County Office Building in New City has prompted the removal of the Hall of Fame plaques from their longtime home in the building's lobby. The plaques will now be housed in the respective high schools attended by the inductees. In addition, the Hall of Fame is developing a web site that will serve as a rich repository of Hall of Fame information, including bios and photos on all 163 inductees.

The Hall of Fame is always seeking high-quality candidates to consider for induction. We applaud the continuing efforts of local high school halls of fame to honor their past stars and to assist us in obtaining the resumes of top candidates from the respective schools.

Sadly, we are compelled to report the passing of several Rockland Hall of Famers in the past year: former major league ballplayer Chuck Aleno, a Nanuet resident who attended Pearl River High; sportswriter and multi-sport athlete Steve Drummond of Clarkstown; Ed Greene, coach and athletic director at Suffern and RCC; Ken Harniman, a track star and all-round athlete from Nyack; and Clarkstown baseball coach Tony Gemma.

We also wish to thank those people who keep our organization a vital force in the community: Kathy Dapolito, vice chair; Ethel Doller, secretary; Pete Castellano, treasurer; Dan White, ticket chairman and master of ceremonies; Jamie Kempton, screening committee chair and program editor; Gibby Sweet, dinner arrangements; and Bruce Schweizer of Quality Graphics.

Regards,

Pete Scheibner, Chairman

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List of Inductees***

<u>INDUCTEE</u>	<u>PLAQUE SPONSOR</u>	<u>INTRODUCED BY</u>
<b>GENNY MULDERIG ALLARD</b>	Sponsor Needed	Peter Birmingham
<b>JEFF BRYANT</b>	Sponsor Needed	Thomas O'Brien
<b>PETER HACKETT</b>	Sponsor Needed	Thomas Hackett
<b>DAVID HIRSCH</b>	Sponsor Needed	John Laurenzi
<b>BILL KURISKO</b>	Sponsor Needed	Dale Abeling
<b>JOE GRASSO</b> <i>Joseph Holland Award</i>	Sponsor Needed	Bob Veltidi
<b>CHARLES STRACK</b> <i>Old-Timers Special Award</i>	Sponsor Needed	Jamie Kempton

*The Hall of Famers social hour (6 p.m. to 7 p.m.)  
is being sponsored by Gibby Sweet, Gene Erickson and George Dalzell..*

*The regular cocktail hour (7 p.m. to 8 p.m.)  
is being sponsored by Paul Miller Toyota.*