



## Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame

Welcome to the 35th 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.

The Class of 2008 continues the tradition of excellence that has epitomized the Rockland Hall of Fame. Included among this year's headliners are two sons of famous coaches who were previously inducted into our Hall of Fame – Randy Nelson, son of Frank Nelson, and Tim St. Lawrence, son of Joe St. Lawrence. Randy Nelson was a four-sport athlete at Nyack who earned collegiate All-America honors in soccer at West Point. Tim St Lawrence distinguished himself in track and field at Suffern, where he was a state champion pole vaulter and has gone on to a successful coaching career in cross country and track. Paul Pietropaolo of Nanuet was the first Rockland wrestler to earn 100 career wins and also starred in track and field and soccer. Noreen Annunziata Apicella, a gifted three-sport athlete from Pearl River, was the first female basketball player to score 1,000 points in both high school and college (Mercy). Reid Hoffer, a 1967 graduate of Clarkstown, starred in basketball and soccer and continued his sports exploits in basketball and track at Hartwick College. Old-Timers category recipient Charles Dittmer of Congers was an all-around athlete in soccer, basketball, track, baseball and golf in the 1940s.

This year we honor swimmer Elizabeth "Pat" Ryan of Pomona with the Old-Timers Special Award. As a 13-year-old, Pat was the youngest athlete on the U.S. team selected to the 1936 Olympic Games, where she won a bronze medal as a member of the 400-meter freestyle relay. Pat won the U.S senior national 100-meter freestyle at age 14 along with a host of additional national and regional events in the years to follow.

*The Hall of Fame has a Web site that serves as a rich repository of  
Hall of Fame information, including bios and photos on all 190 inductees.*

**Visit the Web site at [www.rcshf.org](http://www.rcshf.org).**

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.

We also wish to thank those people who keep our organization a vital force in the community: Joan Neuendorf, vice chair; Gibby Sweet, for dinner arrangements; Ethel Doller, secretary; Pete Castellano, treasurer and ticket chairman; Bob Veltidi, master of ceremonies and screening committee chair; Dan White, Tom Doherty and Jamie Kempton for their behind-the-scenes support; Bruce and Phyllis Schweizer of Quality Graphics; and the entire Board of Directors, who all contribute to the support of the organization throughout the year.

Regards,

Pete Scheibner, Chairman

# Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame List of Inductees

INDUCTEE: **NOREEN ANNUNZIATA APICELLA**  
INTRODUCED BY: *Tom Doherty*  
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Nicholas, Christopher & Steven Apicella*

INDUCTEE: **CHARLES F. DITTMER**  
INTRODUCED BY: *Michael Dittmer*  
TROPHY SPONSOR: *The Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame*

INDUCTEE: **REID HOFFER**  
INTRODUCED BY: *Liam Frawley*  
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INDUCTEE: **RANDY NELSON**  
INTRODUCED BY: *Dan White*  
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Nyack Indians Foundation, Inc.*

INDUCTEE: **PAUL PIETROPAOLO**  
INTRODUCED BY: *Rich Conklin, Mike Achille*  
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Nanuet High School Sports Hall of Fame*

INDUCTEE: **ELIZABETH "PAT" RYAN**  
INTRODUCED BY: *Peter Scheibner*  
TROPHY SPONSOR: *The Rockland County Athletic Directors*

INDUCTEE: **TIM ST. LAWRENCE**  
INTRODUCED BY: *Tom McTaggart*  
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Purple Wave Foundation*