

# **19th Annual Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame Dinner**

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## DINNER PROGRAM

Call to Order and Welcome ..... Chairman Leon Pesner  
Pledge to Allegiance ..... Joe Holland  
Invocation ..... Rev. Farrell Hopkins  
Master of Ceremonies ..... Leon Pesner

## COMMITTEES

Dinner ..... Leon Pesner  
Program Book ..... Harry Jackson  
Screening ..... Joe Grasso  
Shrine ..... F. McGarvey  
Trophy ..... Joe Grasso  
Tickets ..... Ethel Doller

## NEW INDUCTEES

MURRAY OLDERMAN  
JEROME BONOMOLO  
JOSEPH "BISCUIT" PICARELLO

DALE LYDECKER  
JOHN MERCURIO

Concluding Remarks and Thanks ..... Leon Pesner  
Benediction ..... Rev. Farrell Hopkins

Flowers donated by Al Dykstra

## ENSHRINEMENT REQUIREMENT

The Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame was established to honor outstanding professional and amateur sportsmen, living and deceased, who have gained prominence while residing in Rockland County. To be considered for nomination to the Sports Hall of Fame, a prospective candidate must meet the following criteria:

- A. Attain prominence in either professional or amateur sports as a player, coach, manager, official, owner, writer or broadcaster.
- B. Have been a resident of Rockland County at the time of his or her prominence.
- C. Be a person of integrity and good character.
- D. A period of 5 years shall have elapsed since he or she gained prominence.

Nominations for consideration by the Hall of Fame Committee are solicited from the general public. Nominees are reviewed by the screening committee and then voted upon for enshrinement by the entire committee.

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# SPORTS HALL OF FAME PAST RECIPIENTS

## 1974

Charles (Chuck) Aleno  
Henry (Peck) Artopee\*  
Dr. Daniel (Danny) Fortman  
Joseph (Jo-Jo) Mackey  
Howard (Howie) Pierson

## 1980

Dr. Jeffrey Munson  
Arthur Orlando\*  
Britain Patterson\*  
Nickolas Ryder  
Horace Tyrus  
Emil Wilis\*  
Mickey Wittman

## 1986

Joe Alleva  
John Jemison  
Harold Lederman  
Bob Mathias  
Sylvester McGee

## 1975

Roger Brown  
Joe D'Auria  
Bill Drescher\*  
Bill Hogan\*  
Donald (Pop) Sherwood\*

## 1981

Arthur Hopper\*  
Frank Horan  
Howard Johnson  
Lester Lepori  
Walter Ostrom  
Victor Shankey\*  
William Yuda\*

## 1987

Fred Hahn  
Charles Halbrook  
Chuck Scarpulla  
James Stamos  
Robert Strack

## 1976

H. Parker Talman\*  
John Koster\*  
Jim Ridlon  
Pete D'Auria  
Gloria Callan Jones

## 1982

Frank DePatta  
Tony Gamboli, Jr.  
Bill Perry\*  
George Jakowenko  
Ed McGrath James Feeney

## 1988

Ronald Becraft  
Darryl Brown  
Tom Canty  
Pat D'Auria

## 1977

August Bradley Chapman\*  
Nick Gamboli\*  
Ed Greene  
Harry Jackson  
Richard (Gus) Shankey  
Paul Toscano

## 1983

Warren Austin\*  
Jim Brechbiel  
Frank Dawson  
Jeanette Paddock  
Walter Sickles\*

## 1989

Ralph Consiglio  
Patty Dillon  
Vincent Kovalsky  
Frank Nelson\*  
Bob Wolff

## 1978

James (Jim) Brown  
Harold (Hale) DeChelfin\*  
James (Jim) Faulk\*  
James A. Schnaars  
Nicholas (Nick) Mottola\*  
Ira Shuttleworth\*

## 1984

Jim Ashcroft Don Clancey  
Marvin Branche  
Ralph Cordisco  
Bryan Hassett  
Bob Tierney\*

## 1990

Denise McGuire  
Guy W. Guccione  
Abraham Schuster  
Robert Schassler

## 1979

Bob Bacheller\*  
Frank Cosentino  
Harry Dee Dembnicki  
Jerry Hollahan\*  
Bob Grossman  
E.J. Maurer\*  
Bruno Ablondi\*

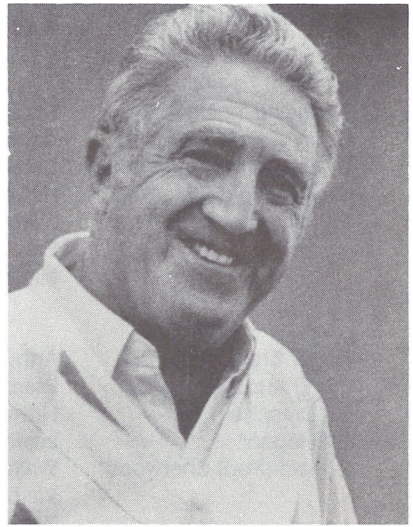
## 1985

Wilbur J. (Wil) Arietta\*  
Joseph (Josh) Bolack  
Eugene (Gene) Erickson  
Anthony John Gemma  
Joe (The Saint) St. Lawrence

## 1991

Steve Drummond  
Lewis Brundage  
Johnny Burns\*  
Peter Haubner  
Ethel Doller  
Dominic Gamboli

\*Deceased



## MURRAY OLDERMAN

Murray Olderman, whose formative years were spent in Spring Valley, is a nationally acclaimed sports columnist, cartoonist and author while remaining active athletically most of his life.

His start in sports was at the Rockland Leader, where he served as sports editor and columnist (under the pseudonym of "Dave Morris") in 1937 and 1938 while still in high school -- he went all the way through the Spring Valley school system. He was also on that county weekly in parts of 1939 and 1940. His sports cartoons were first published in Nyack Journal-News in the 1940's.

In 1952, he joined a Scripps-Howard syndicate, Newspaper Enterprise Association, and progressed to sports editor, executive editor and contributing editor before retiring in 1987. His work was distributed to 800 daily newspapers for 35 years, his columns and cartoons appearing in such publications as the New York World Telegram & Sun, the Pittsburgh Press, the Detroit News and the Chicago Daily News. Among the events he has covered are the World Series, all 24 Super Bowls to date, the winter and summer Olympic Games, the Kentucky Derby, the Final Four, and all major bowl games, Wimbledon, the Masters and the U.S. Open, the World Cup, the Indianapolis 500 and heavyweight championship bouts from Rocky Marciano to Mike Tyson.

As an author, Olderman has written 11 sports books -- among them The Pro Quarterback (Prentice-Hall), SUPER! : 'Just Win, Baby' (Los Angeles Raiders), STARR (William Morrow) -- and edited a series of sports books for Prentice-Hall. His subjects have included football, baseball, basketball, boxing, golf and tennis. He also did the illustrations for most of his books and the covers for several of them, such as the 20th Century Encyclopedia of Baseball and Raging Bull, by Jake La Motta.

As a youth, Olderman played sandlot baseball and softball in Rockland County and freshman baseball at the University of North Carolina. He won the city tennis championship while residing in Leonia, N.J., and later participated in celebrity ski races. In tennis, his primary avocation, he has also twice won the Super Bowl Media Tennis Tournament, the National Cartoonists Society tennis championship and the club championship at Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif., where he currently resides with his wife, Nancy. They have three grown children and five grand-children.

He remains professionally active as a free-lance writer and artist.



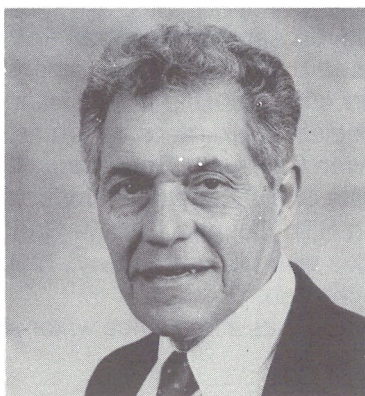
## **JEROME BONOMOLO**

Jerome, better known as Jerry, has dedicated his coaching energies in the best interest of Rockland County's student athletes. His knowledge of sports combined with his spirit for life has helped shape the minds and bodies of young men and women in physical education classes and on the athletic fields for two decades. Some of Jerry Bonomolo's accomplishments as an athlete and coach in, Rockland County:

High School Career - (1947-1951), 4 Years Varsity Baseball - Rockland County Champs, 3 Years Varsity Football - Rockland County Co-Champs, 2 Years Varsity Basketball - Rockland County Champs, Section 9 Champs. All County in Football, Baseball and Basketball. Rockland County MVP - Basketball, Rockland County Highest Scorer - Basketball.

Post High School - (1950's and 1960's), Championship Team Basketball - County Welders, Pearl River Cubs Baseball, Championship Pearl River/Nanuet Cards - Baseball. 10 years Rockland County Softball, Lunds, The Silver Pheasant, (Sam) Ekizian Carpets.



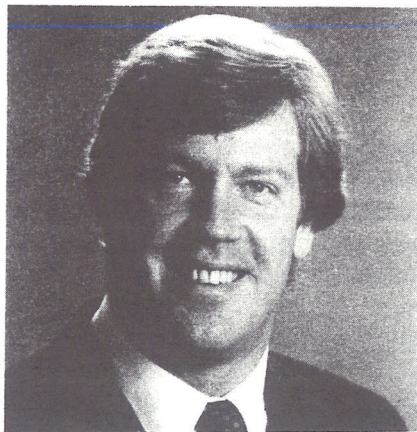


**JOSEPH  
"BISCUIT"  
PICARELLO**

Joseph "Biscuit" Picarello was born on April 27, 1933. He attended Haverstraw High School, his high school career consists of: Freshman Year - (1948-1949), Junior Varsity Basketball & Varsity Baseball. Sophomore Year - (1949-1950), Junior Varsity Basketball, Varsity Baseball & Varsity Football. Junior Year - (1950-1951), Varsity Football (All County Second Team), Varsity Basketball & Varsity Baseball (All County). Senior Year - (1951-1952), Varsity Football (All County Unanimous), Varsity Basketball (All County) & Varsity Baseball (All County).

After high school & military service, Semi Pro Baseball - Emerson-Westwood Merchants, U.S. Air Force - All-Star Football.

Local & County, Haverstraw Little League - Manager, Bowling - 200 average for 10 years (800 series), Golf shots in the 70's.



**DALE LYDECKER**

Nyack High School (1966-70): Four years varsity baseball outfielder ... offered contracts by Yankees and Red Sox ... chosen all-county, all metro and all-state ... drafted in fourth round by Chicago White Sox on graduation ... Two years varsity soccer under Frank Nelson ... two years varsity football under Paul Lankau ... placekicker first year, quarterback in senior season ... team won every game he quarterbacked, as well as PSAL title ... WRKL all-county and quarterback of the year.



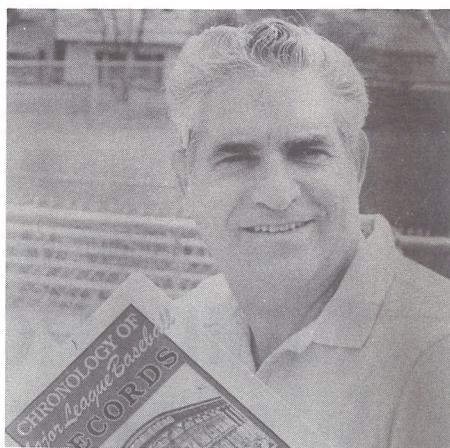
University of North Carolina (1970-74): Full baseball scholarship ... elected captain senior year ... All-Atlantic Coast Conference centerfielder last two years ... played Cape Cod summer league and was all-star centerfielder each year.

Junior and senior year at UNC was also full-time punter for Tar Heels football team ... finished in top ten in country in punting junior year ... punted in Sun Bowl for ACC championship team in both 1972 and 1973.

Post college career: Signed with New York Mets after graduation and played one year at Batavia ... lead outfielders in batting ... played New York Penn League ... had kicking tryouts with both New Orleans Saints (played entire pre-season 1974) and New York Jets (cut by Lou Holtz).

Current Sports: Ranked in top eight in both singles and doubles in Rockland County for last five years in men's tennis ... plays national circuit in Platform tennis and has been regionally ranked with two different partners.

Personal: Lives in Valley Cottage with wife Linda and daughter Caroline. Runs the Lydecker Agency in Nyack, a real estate and insurance concern.



## JOHN MERCURIO

John Mercurio - Tappan Zee H.S., Manhattan College, Seton Hall University:

Baseball - First team All-County, Manhattan College - 3 years varsity ... .314 batting average (struck out 6 times in 3 years ... was called out three of those times by bad umpire calls, only went down swinging 3 times), Semi-Pro baseball with Country Welders, Spring Valley Bengels and Emerson-Westwood Merchants (8 years).

Basketball - Second team All-County, Rockland County Men's League (8 years average 15 points per game).

Football - Honorable Mention.

Softball - 39 consecutive years of Rockland County softball, never batted below .300, 13 years Major League Softball ... Hawthorne Chevies, Eastern Seaboard League, played on 10 New Jersey State Championship teams, went to the World Fast Pitch Tournament twice, Rockland Counties only softball player to play in a Professional Softball League. Home games were held in Philadelphia Phillies Veterans Stadium. (1 Year). Greatest softball achievement: won the batting title and MVP in a New Jersey, New York, Connecticut Regional Tournament going 11 for 17 for a .647 batting average.

Sports Writer - have written 40 books in the last 9 years. Four have been published with a fifth coming out in March of 1990.

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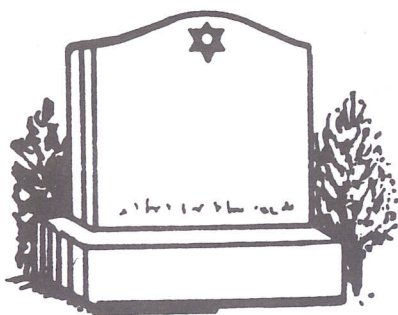
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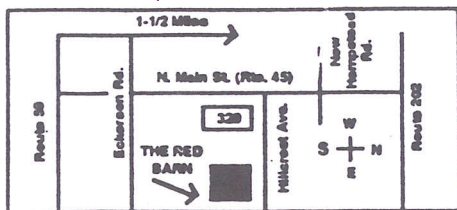


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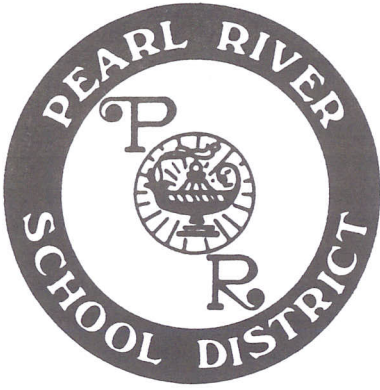
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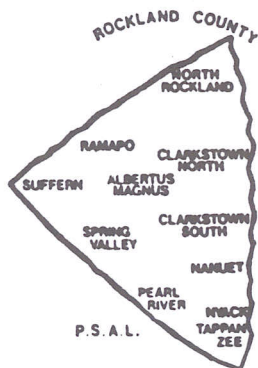
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