



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,

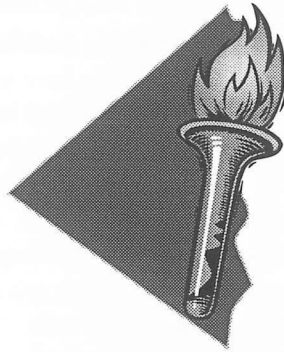
Pete Scheibner, Chairman

***Rockland County
Sports Hall of Fame
List of Inductees***

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



Dinner Program

Call to Order and Welcome.....Chairman Peter Scheibner
Pledge of AllegianceJoe Holland
Master of CeremoniesDan White
Vocalist.....To Be Announced

Committees

DinnerGibby Sweet
Program Book.....Peter Scheibner
Screening/Editor.....Jamie Kempton
Shrine..... Kathy Dapolito
TicketsDan White

2003 Inductees

GENNY MULDERIG ALLARD	DAVID HIRSCH
JEFF BRYANT	BILL KURISKO
PETER HACKETT	

Concluding Remarks and ThanksPeter Scheibner

ENSHRINEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame was established to honor outstanding sportsmen and sportswomen, living and deceased, who have gained prominence while residing or competing in, or have brought recognition to, Rockland County. To be considered for nomination to the Hall of Fame, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- A. Attain prominence in sports as an athlete, coach, manager, official, owner, writer, broadcaster or supporter.
- B. Reside or have resided in Rockland County, competed here at the time of their prominence, or brought fame to Rockland County as a result of their accomplishments.
- C. Be a person of integrity and good character.
- D. Candidates cannot be considered until 10 years after their high school class graduation, except in special cases.

Our committee encourages the public to send athletic resumes/nominations of prospective candidates to Screening Committee chairman Jamie Kempton: 55 Prospect St., Nanuet, NY 10954. Nominees are reviewed by this committee and, if accepted, voted upon for enshrinement by the committee as a whole.

The Hall of Fame Committee holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of the month from October to May. Anyone wishing to join the organization should write to Chairman Pete Scheibner: 1 Captain McGovern Drive, Stony Point, N.Y. 10980, or e-mail him at scheibner@erols.com.

Each inductee in the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame receives a commemorative trophy and is further honored with an individual plaque, which is given to the inductee's high school for public display.

The Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame is more than awards and trophies and dinners, however. It is really about people – Rockland County people who have had an impact in the world of sports. A total of 163 such individuals have been honored since the Hall's inception in 1974.

The Hall of Fame has evolved from those early beginnings to become a recognized presence in Rockland County athletics. In addition to its annual dinner, where it honors new inductees, the Hall makes sizable donations to worthwhile local organizations and charities. Included among these donations have been cash gifts to:

- ARC • Varsity Athletes Against Substance Abuse • Salvation Army
- Haverstraw Little League Save the Fields Fund • American Cancer Society
- Special Olympics • Venture • Big Brothers-Big Sisters • Challenger Little League

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Rockland County Hall of Fame Inductees

1974	1979	1983
Chuck Aleno*	Bob Bacheller*	Warren Austin*
Henry "Peck" Artopee*	Frank Cosentino	Jim Brechbiel
Dr. Daniel "Danny" Fortmann*	Harry "Dee" Dembnicki	Frank Dawson
Joseph "JoJo" Mackey	Jerry Hollahan*	Jeanette Paddock
Howard "Howie" Pierson	Bob Grossman*	Walter Sickles*
	E.J. Maurer*	
	Bruno Ablondi*	1984
1975		Jim Ashcroft
Roger Brown		Marvin Branche
Joe D'Auria	1980	Ralph Cordisco
Bill Drescher*	Dr. Jeffrey Munson	Bryan Hassett
Billy Hogan*	Art Orlando*	Bob Tierney*
Donald "Pop" Sherwood*	Brit Paterson*	
	Nick Ryder	
	Horace Tyrus	1985
1976	Emil Willis*	Wil Arietta*
Howard Parker Talman*	Mickey Wittman	Joseph "Josh" Bolack*
John Koster*		Gene Erickson
Jim Ridlon		Tony Gemma*
Pete D'Auria*	1981	Joe St. Lawrence*
Gloria Callan Jones	Art Hopper*	
	Frank Horan	
	Howard Johnson	1986
1977	Lester Lepori*	Joe Alleva
Augusta Bradley Chapman*	Walter Ostrom	John Jemison
Nick Gamboli*	Victor Shankey*	Harold Lederman
Ed Greene*	Bill Yuda*	Bob Mathias*
Harry Jackson*		Sylvester "Molly" McGee*
Paul Toscano		
Richard "Gus" Shankey*	1982	
	Frank DePatto*	
	Tony Gamboli, Jr.	1987
1978	Bill Perry*	Fred Hahn*
Jim Brown	George Jakowenko	Charles Holbrook
Harold "Hale" DeChelfin*	Ed McGrath	Chuck Scarpulla
Jim Faulk*		Jim Stamos
Ira Shuttleworth*		Bob Strack
Jim Schnaars		
Nick Mottola*		

** Denotes Deceased*

Rockland County Hall of Fame Past Recipients

(Continued)

1988	1993	1998
Ron Becraft	Jim Kane	Kevin Kane
Darryl Brown	Kathy Miller Dapolito	Lou Kliewe
Tom Canty	Jay Bohnel	Rocco Marano
Pat D'Auria	Mike Deane	Howie McNiff
James "Sham" Feeney*	Don Driscoll	Blaise Winter
1989	1994	1999
Ralph Consiglio	Hubert Nealy	Jim Cann
Patty Dillon Solliday	Martin "Hawk" Jacobs	Joe Casarella
Vincent "Dugan" Kovalsky	Joe Goldsmith	Ervan Levine*
Frank Nelson*	Tom Collins	Gibby Sweet
Bob Wolff	Ron Tellefsen	Dick Yerg
1990	1995	2000
Denise McGuire	Ron Edwards	Rich Conklin
Guy Guccione	Walter "Red" Levy	Kevin Houston
Abe Schuster	Max Talaska*	Dawn Royster
Robert "Red" Schassler*	Joe Klopchin*	Sarah Will
Don Clancy*	Joe McDowell*	Alex Zilko*
	Paul Urban*	
1991	1996	2001
Steve Drummond*	Harry Babcock*	George Dalzell
Lew Brundage	Gerald Kapusinsky	Gerald D'Auria
Johnny Burns*	John Orlando	Seth Joyner
Pete Haubner	Al Simonds	Tod Giles
Ethel Doller	George Garrecht	Debbie Grant
Dominic Gamboli	Marty Springstead	Bill White
1992	1997	2002
Murray Olderman	Mike Hagon	Ken Harniman*
Jerome Bonomolo	Hank Kapusinsky	Derrick Lassic
Joseph "Biscuit" Picarello	Tom Mounkhall	Norinne Powers
Dale Lydecker	Dennis Pozsar	Kris Snider
John Mercurio	Steve Wanamaker	Dick Teetsel
		Walt Weiss

* Denotes Deceased

GENNY MULDERIG ALLARD

Female swimmers, like figure skaters and gymnasts, are the wunderkinds of the sports world. They seem to blossom into dynamos well before other athletes. So it was with Genny Mulderig Allard. She swam her first competitive race at the tender age of 5, as a member of coach John Culhane's Cedar Hollow Swim Club in Suffern, and went on to perfect her stroke at Marty Silverberg's Rockland Swim School at the old Bader's Hotel pool in Spring Valley.

"I loved going to his swim school because his son Andy and I would giggle and laugh and have ridiculous fun during practice," Mulderig Allard says. "This often did not make Marty very pleased but it was this sense of fun that kept me coming back for more."



She must have been having a ball by the time she reached eighth grade, when she made the Suffern High School varsity. She continued her promising progression through her senior year, when she set a New York State scholastic record en route to winning the state 100-yard backstroke title in the fall of 1980. Mulderig Allard also gained All-America recognition in that event.

Mulderig Allard earned a full athletic scholarship to Villanova and proceeded to capture a national title as a freshman. In the spring 1982 AIAW Division II national championships, she won the 200-yard individual medley—which consists of consecutive backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and freestyle legs—and was runner-up in the 200-yard backstroke and 400-yard individual medley. The AIAW—Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women—was the collegiate governing body for women's sports until 1983, when the NCAA expanded its scope to include women's athletics in addition to men's.

Mulderig Allard was a four-time Division II All-America at Villanova, a Big East finalist in 1983, 1984 and 1985, and was the school record-holder in the 200 backstroke from 1982 to 1991. She was inducted into the Villanova Varsity Sports Club's Hall of Fame in November 2000.

"There's nothing like being part of a team," Mulderig Allard said in a Journal News article after her Villanova Hall of Fame induction. "People ask me what my best event was but I don't even remember that. I do remember everyone I swam with."

While at Suffern, swimming under the programs of Mountie coaches Pete Birmingham (for her first three years) and Mike Korotkow (for her junior and senior years), the then-Genny Mulderig enjoyed a stellar five-year varsity career in which she placed in the top four at the state championships four times. Besides her 100-backstroke triumph, she placed third in that event in 1979, fin-

ished fourth in the 500-yard freestyle in 1977, and fourth in the 200-yard individual medley in 1980.

Mulderig Allard also racked up three gold medals in Section 9 competition, winning the 1977 500-yard freestyle and the 1979 and 1980 100 backstroke events, in addition to posting three runner-up finishes. (Rockland, Orange, Ulster and Sullivan counties constituted Section 9 before Rockland realigned into Section 1, with Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess, in 1983-84.)

Of course, most swimmers compete not only during the high school season but also for their club teams out of season, and Mulderig Allard was no exception. She swam with coach Frank McElroy's Paramus Red Wave seven days a week, sometimes logging 1 ½-hour sessions at 5:30 a.m. before returning for a three-hour regular practice after school.

Mulderig Allard qualified for the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Junior Nationals in the 200 backstroke in 1979 and 1980, and placed in the top 16 in three relays—the 400 medley, 400 freestyle and 800 freestyle—in the AAU Senior National Relay Qualifier in the summer of 1980.

Swimming records tend to be broken regularly because of continual advances in training methods, but Mulderig Allard's name is still etched in the Suffern record book in the 100 backstroke and 200 individual medley—23 years after she set those marks.

After college, Mulderig Allard earned a law degree from Seton Hall University and married Andy Allard, Suffern class of 1979, who was a Suffern lacrosse, soccer and football player and who also played lacrosse for Princeton. Genny and Andy competed together in half-marathons and triathlons, and Genny even completed a marathon—she ran the 2001 Philadelphia Marathon in 4 hours 53 minutes with her training partner, Linda McGovern Walters, a summer age-group league swimmer who attended Albertus Magnus. Mulderig Allard also coached the Ridgewood, N.J., YMCA Masters swim team from 1989 to 1999, and competed in the Masters YMCA Nationals in the early 1990s.

Besides working part-time for the Village of Ridgewood as the public defender, Mulderig Allard, who is 39, now devotes the majority of her time to her two children, Jack, 9, and Katie, 5. Jack is a lacrosse, soccer and baseball player who also placed fourth in his age group in diving in Bergen County in 2000 and 2002. When Genny asked her son why he didn't try out for the summer swim team, he replied that "swimmers work too hard" and he wanted to be on the diving team, "where the kids always had fun." "I couldn't argue with that logic," Genny says. Katie, on the other hand, loves to swim, plays soccer and lacrosse, and is "a very good Irish step dancer," says her proud mom.

