



Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame

Welcome to the 32nd annual induction ceremony of the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame. Kudos go out for the efforts of Bob Veltidi and each of the members of the selection committee for coming up with such a stellar group of nominees for this year's induction class.

The Class of 2005 continues the tradition of excellence that has epitomized the Rockland Hall of Fame. Included among this year's headliners are: Tom Doherty of Pearl River highly successful cross country and track coach and athletic director, who remains a positive force in Rockland County sports; Mike Carroll, outstanding coach of North Rockland's girls volleyball team with state championships; Jamie Kempton, overall cross country and track achievements at Albertus Magnus High School and Nanuet with highly successful career in sports journalism; Jane Ronner Beckley, member of the first girl's all-county team that went on to become a ten time all-county selection in four sports; volleyball, basketball, tennis and field hockey; Lee Klepper, Rockland County's first two time state champion in wrestling who became nationally ranked wrestler at Princeton University; and Rudy Rejholec former Nyack athletic director instrumental in developing many youth sports programs is recognized in the old timers category.

This year's Joseph R. Holland Lifetime Achievement Award winner is Leon Pesner. Leon was a Spring Valley native and a booster of Spring Valley sports along with being an original committee member of the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame, and former president and master of ceremonies at many of the dinners.

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: Kathy Dapolito, vice-chair; Ethel Doller, secretary; Pete Castellano, treasurer; Dan White, ticket chairman and master of ceremonies; Bob Veltidi, screening committee chair and program editor; Gibby Sweet, dinner arrangements; and Bruce Schweizer of Quality Graphics.

Regards,

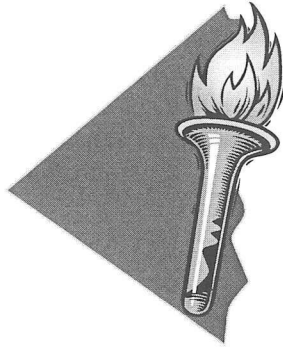
Pete Scheibner

*Rockland County
Sports Hall of Fame
List of Inductees*

<u>INDUCTEE</u>	<u>PLAQUE SPONSOR</u>	<u>INTRODUCED BY</u>
JANE RONNER-BECKLEY	Sponsor Needed	Jane Abrams
MIKE CARROLL	Sponsor Needed	Joe Casarella
TOM DOHERTY	ROCKLAND COUNTY TRACK OFFICIALS AND BECKERLE LUMBER	Brigid Doherty
JAMIE KEMPTON	ROCKLAND COUNTY TRACK OFFICIALS AND BECKERLE LUMBER	Bill Miller
LEE KLEPPER	Sponsor Needed	Guy Guccione
LEON PESNER	Sponsor Needed	Joseph Holland
RUDOLPH REJHOLEC	Sponsor Needed	Bryant Malcolm

*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 WelcomeChairman Peter Scheibner
Pledge of Allegiance.....Joe Holland
InvocationReverend David Billings
Vocalist.....Barbara Wanamaker
Master of CeremoniesDan White

Committees

DinnerGibby Sweet
Program Book.....Peter Scheibner
Screening/EditorBob Veltidi
Tickets.....Pete Castellano

2005 Inductees

JANE RONNER-BECKLEY
MIKE CARROLL
TOM DOHERTY
JAMIE KEMPTON
LEE KLEPPER
LEON PESNER
RUDOLPH REJHOLEC

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 interim Screening Committee chairman Pete Scheibner: 1 Captain McGovern Drive, Stony Point, N.Y. 10980. 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 178 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 Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Nominee: _____
(Last) (First) (M)

Current
Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date Submitted: _____

* If deceased, please give name, address and phone number of family member.

H.S. and Year of Graduation : _____

College and Year of Graduation: _____

On a separate typewritten page, list all of the significant accomplishments of the nominee, both as a Rockland County resident and otherwise. Please be as specific as possible. Include varsity sports played in high school and college, dates, letters earned, honors won, records set, post-collegiate achievements, etc.

* Please submit a clear black-and-white or color photo of the nominee.

Nominating Person:

Last name: _____ First: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please Submit to:

Bob Veltidi
Chairman, Selection Committee
Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame
400 Jersey Avenue
Greenwood Lake, NY 10925

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Rockland County Hall of Fame Inductees

1974

Chuck Aleno*
Henry "Peck" Artopee*
Dr. Daniel "Danny" Fortmann*
Joseph "JoJo" Mackey
Howard "Howie" Pierson

1975

Roger Brown
Joe D'Auria
Bill Drescher*
Billy Hogan*
Donald "Pop" Sherwood*

1976

Howard Parker Talman*
John Koster*
Jim Ridlon
Pete D'Auria*
Gloria Callan Jones

1977

Augusta Bradley Chapman*
Nick Gamboli*
Ed Greene*
Harry Jackson*
Paul Toscano
Richard "Gus" Shankey*

1978

Jim Brown
Harold "Hale" DeChelfin*
Jim Faulk*
Ira Shuttleworth*
Jim Schnaars
Nick Mottola*

1979

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

1980

Dr. Jeffrey Munson
Art Orlando*
Brit Paterson*
Nick Ryder
Horace Tyrus
Emil Willis*
Mickey Wittman

1981

Art Hopper*
Frank Horan
Howard Johnson
Lester Lepori*
Walter Ostrom
Victor Shankey*
Bill Yuda*

1982

Frank DePatto*
Tony Gamboli, Jr.
Bill Perry*
George Jakowenko
Ed McGrath

1983

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

1984

Jim Ashcroft
Marvin Branche
Ralph Cordisco
Bryan Hassett
Bob Tierney*

1985

Wil Arietta*
Joseph "Josh" Bolack*
Gene Erickson
Tony Gemma*
Joe St. Lawrence*

1986

Joe Alleva
John Jemison
Harold Lederman
Bob Mathias*
Sylvester "Molly" McGee*

1987

Fred Hahn*
Charles Holbrook
Chuck Scarpulla
Jim Stamos
Bob Strack

1988

Ron Becraft
Darryl Brown
Tom Canty
Pat D'Auria*
James "Sham" Feeney*

1989

Ralph Consiglio*
Patty Dillon Solliday
Vincent "Dugan" Kovalsky
Frank Nelson*
Bob Wolff

1990

Denise McGuire
Guy Guccione
Abe Schuster
Robert "Red" Schassler*
Don Clancy*

* Denotes Deceased

Rockland County Hall of Fame Past Recipients

(Continued)

1991

Steve Drummond*
Lew Brundage
Johnny Burns*
Pete Haubner
Ethel Doller
Dominic Gamboli

1992

Murray Olderman
Jerome Bonomolo
Joseph "Biscuit" Picarello
Dale Lydecker
John Mercurio

1993

Jim Kane
Kathy Miller Dapolito
Jay Bohnel
Mike Deane
Don Driscoll

1994

Hubert Nealy
Martin "Hawk" Jacobs
Joe Goldsmith
Tom Collins
Ron Tellefsen*

1995

Ron Edwards
Walter "Red" Levy
Max Talaska*
Joe Klopchin*
Joe McDowell*
Paul Urban*

1996

Harry Babcock*
Gerald Kapusinsky
John Orlando
Al Simonds
George Garrecht
Marty Springstead

1997

Mike Hagon
Hank Kapusinsky
Tom Mounkhall
Dennis Pozsar
Steve Wanamaker

1998

Kevin Kane
Lou Kliewe
Rocco Marano
Howie McNiff
Blaise Winter

1999

Jim Cann
Joe Casarella
Ervan Levine*
Gibby Sweet
Dick Yerg

2000

Rich Conklin
Kevin Houston
Dawn Royster
Sarah Will
Alex Zilko*

2001

George Dalzell
Gerald D'Auria
Seth Joyner
Tod Giles
Debbie Grant
Bill White

2002

Ken Harniman*
Derrick Lassic
Norinne Powers
Kris Snider
Dick Teetsel
Walt Weiss

2003

Genny Mulderig Allard
Jeff Bryant
Peter Hackett
David Hirsch
Bill Kurisko
†† Joe Grasso
† Charles "Jumbo" Strack*

2004

Jim Gallo
Dave Hanson
Joan Neuendorf
Nancy Rosenfeld Lewis
Ed Rubbert
Frank Samoylo

* Denotes Deceased

† Old Timers Special Award

†† Joe Holland Lifetime Achievement Award

MIKE CARROLL

For twenty-two years Mike Carroll was the girl's volleyball coach at North Rockland High School. He set a standard by which other coaches and athletic programs in Rockland County will be measured. During those twenty-two years Mike's record was 371 wins and only 40 losses. Along the way Mike and the North Rockland Girls collected 15 league and county titles, 14 sectional titles, made it to the New York State final four 8 times, was a state finalist 6 times, and ultimately won the New York State Girls Volleyball Championship twice, once in 1996 and again in 2000. From 1992 through 2000 the North Rockland girl's volleyball team won every league and sectional match that they played. During that time their only losses came in the regional or state tournaments.



Although Mike's record is outstanding, the degree of one's success is not always measured in wins and losses, but in the influence one has had on other people who have come in contact with him. Mike was responsible for the development of many future coaches. Most notable are, Tony Bonilla at SUNY New Paltz, Andrea Natale at Hofstra University, Collette Pawlyk at Dominican College, and Ed Hurley at North Rockland.

Under Mike's tenure at North Rockland thirty-nine women have received athletic scholarships to play volleyball in college. Mike's girls have been awarded more Division One scholarships (22) than any other coach in Rockland County. His colleagues have recognized Mike's talent by voting him the Rockland County Coach of the Year 14 times and Mike was named the Regional (New York, New Jersey, & New England) Coach of the Year by the National Federation of Interscholastic High School Coaches in 1998.

Although Mike is best known as a girls' high school volleyball coach he was also involved in other aspects of coaching. Mike coached the U.S.A. Club volleyball teams for sixteen years, thirteen with the girls and three with the boys. During that time Mike won three girls regional championships. From 1973 to 1983 Mike was the North Rockland boys' volleyball coach and amassed nine Rockland County titles, and six Section Nine championships. Mike was an active coach in the Empire Games for three years. From 1981 to 1983 Mike was the Boys Scholastic volleyball coach and his team medaled each year. In 1980 and 1981 Mike took on the job as swimming coach for Pearl River and coached two girls to the state finals, one being a state champion and both young ladies went on to receive full scholarships at Division One schools.

Mike's record of success as a girl's volleyball coach at North Rockland ranks him among the most elite coaches in the history of Rockland county athletics and we welcome Mike into the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame.

CONGRATULATIONS TOM DOHERTY

**THE ULTIMATE PEARL RIVER PIRATE,
TEACHER, COACH, HUSBAND AND DAD!**



**THANK YOU FOR TEACHING US ALL THE
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**ALL OUR LOVE,
KATIE, BRIGID, MEGHAN,
NORA & BRENDAN**

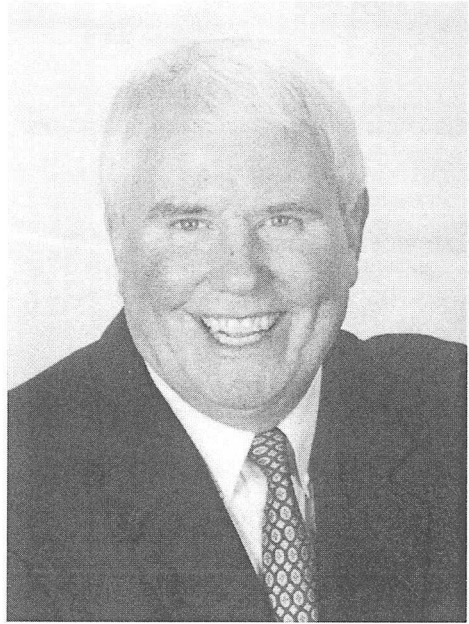
GO PIRATES!!!

TOM DOHERTY

"Mister Pearl River"

When one mentions Pearl River athletics, the name Tom Doherty comes to mind. For over 30 years, Tom was actively involved with every aspect of Pearl River sports. He was a coach, an Athletic Director, and Pearl River's biggest fan. He knew every student on every team, and went out of his way to encourage them and cheer them on.

Tom's coaching career centered around boys track and cross country. In 1973 Tom started the varsity winter track program in Pearl River. From 1973 to 1981, Tom's winter team grew in size and skill. His 1977 team was the Rockland County and Section Nine Class B champions. They were the only Pearl River boys team to ever win the Rockland County winter track Championships. In 1980, Pearl River finished third place in the New York State Championship Meet. Tom also coached two individual New York State Champions—Brendan Murphy in the Pole Vault (1977) and Andy Kohlbrenner in the 1600 Meter Run (1980.)



In 1973, Tom took over the reins of the spring track program. What started out as a team of 20 boys, under Tom's guidance grew to a dynasty. His 1976 and 1977 both went 10-0 and were the Rockland County Champions. The Pirates also captured Section Nine Class B crowns in 1977 and 1978. From 1976-1978, Pearl River had a dual meet record of 29-1.

It was in 1978 that Tom took over the cross country team at Pearl River and they skyrocketed to the top. During the four years that Tom coached the cross country team they were ranked in the state every year. He won two Rockland County Championships and three Section Nine Class B championships. In 1978 the Pearl River Cross Country team was the New York State Class B and New York State Federation Champions. That year, 1978, the team ran the fastest 5-man average at Bear Mountain State Park during the Sectionals. That record time still stands to this day. They were named as one of the best teams in the United States by a major cross country organization. In 1980, the Pirates repeated as the New York State Class B Champions, and were named honorable mention All-American.

In 1982 Tom took on a bigger job at Pearl River, that of Athletic Director. For over ten years with Tom at the helm, Pearl River became a leader and innovator in Rockland County athletics. Through Tom's efforts Pearl River now has an athletic trainer, an equipment manager, an all-weather track and field facility, and a game field with a sprinkler system. New teams were added to the high school program during Tom's tenure as Athletic Director. He started the boys ice hockey program and the girls lacrosse program, and added to existing programs by instituting tournaments or invitationals in field hockey, boys and girls soccer, boys and girls tennis, golf, baseball, softball, winter track, girls basketball, and modified cross country.