



Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame

Welcome to the 33rd annual induction ceremony of the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame. Special thanks 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 2006 continues the tradition of excellence that has epitomized the Rockland County Hall of Fame. Included among this year's headliners are: Jeff Van Wie, who set State and National track records as a runner for Suffern and received All American track honors at Notre Dame; John Scanlan, a four time County wrestling champion at Pearl River who went on to earn a National Jr. College championship; Jim Pollard, a talented three sport athlete for Spring Valley who captained the Springfield College football and track teams; Jon Hess, an outstanding lacrosse player at Nyack who excelled at Princeton University as a three time All American who led his team to three National championships; Tony Harlin, a six time Rockland County champion and State champion in the shot put while at Nanuet who went on to receive six IC4A (Eastern) titles at Manhattan College and a fifth place finish in the Olympic Trials in 1984; and John Van Wyck III, a four-sport athlete at Nyack who went on to play professional baseball in the Philadelphia Athletics organization, is being recognized in the old timers category.

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 and co-ticket chairman with the assistance of Steve Dugandzic; Dan White, master of ceremonies; Bob Veltidi, screening committee chair and program editor; Gibby Sweet, dinner arrangements; and Bruce Schweizer of Quality Graphics.

Regards,

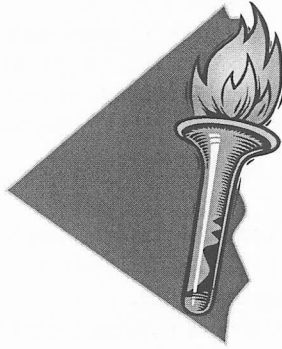
Pete Scheibner
Chairman

Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame List of Inductees

<u>INDUCTEE</u>	<u>INTRODUCED BY</u>	<u>TROPHY SPONSOR</u>
Tony Harlin	Jamie Kempton	Nanuet HS Sports Hall of Fame
Jon Hess	Brad Hess	Nyack Indians Foundation, Inc.
Jim Pollard	Tom Canty	
John Scanlan	Helen D'Agostino	PR Athletic Dept
Jeff Van Wie	Ralph Coleman	
John Van Wyck	Homer Lydecker	Nyack American Legion Post 310

*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 AllegianceGregory Conace
Master of CeremoniesDan White

Committees

DinnerGibby Sweet
Program Book.....Peter Scheibner
Screening/EditorBob Veltidi
TicketsPete Castellano
Steve Dugandzic

2006 Inductees

Tony Harlin
Jon Hess
Jim Pollard
John Scanlan
Jeff Van Wie
John Van Wyck

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 Bob Veltidi, 400 Jersey Avenue, Greenwood Lake, NY 10925. 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 scheibnp@msn.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" DeChellin*
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 Mounkhal
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

2005

Jane Ronner-Beckley
Mike Carroll
Tom Doherty
Jamie Kempton
Lee Klepper
†† Leon Pesner
Rudolph Rejholec

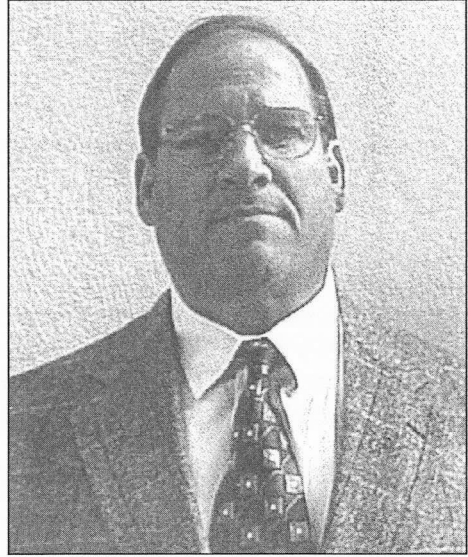
* Denotes Deceased

† Old Timers Special Award

†† Joe Holland Lifetime Achievement Award

TONY HARLIN

Did Tony Harlin put his heart and soul into shot-putting? That's like asking if Paul Bunyan knew how to handle an ax. Harlin sliced a mean swath through his field en route to the greatest shot-putting career any Rocklander has ever produced. The pinnacle of his career came in 1984, when he finished fifth in the U.S. Olympic Trials and missed a berth in the Olympic Games by just two places. It remains the highest finish in Olympic-sports competition of any Nanuet High School alumnus.



The 6 foot 21/2-inch man-mountain, who weighed anywhere from 240 to 300 pounds during his competitive career, burned with a fiery passion that manifested itself in statements like: "shot putting is one thing I can always do, and I'll do it till I die." Or, back in 1984 when he was aiming for the shot at the Olympics in Los Angeles: "If I don't make the Olympics, I'll find a meet that day. If there are no meets around, I'll go out and throw in the woods." Or, after he had suffered a broken breastbone and damaged chest cartilage when a 500-pound barbell fell on his chest while weightlifting: "I guess I'm like an English bulldog. I'm stubborn. I always have to try that one more time." That's classic Tony Harlin. Give him that heavy steel ball-12 pounds for high school, 16 pounds for college and open-and watch him unleash a few more of his trademark, high-arching heaves.

During a career that spanned two decades, Harlin barreled through the high school, college and open ranks like the Incredible Hulk on a rampage. It all began innocently enough, when he was cut from the basketball team his freshman year at Nanuet. As Harlin remembers it, Ed Denton, who was an industrial arts teacher at the school as well as the weights coach for the track team, asked him to forget basketball and give the shot put a try. Harlin's response: "Shot put? What the hell is that?" After some good-natured coaxing, Harlin accepted Denton's offer-and was eternally grateful for it. "He told us we'd have a lot fun, and we did," Harlin says. "I couldn't wait to see what he would do the next day" to keep things interesting.

Harlin combined natural strength, speed and flexibility to make an indelible imprint on high school shot-putting. His scholastic accomplishments include the following:

- As a senior at Nanuet, he was the 1976 New York State indoor (winter) track champion, and came within a quarter-inch of the spring track state title, finishing runner-up despite competing with a partially separated shoulder.
- He's the Rockland County scholastic record holder at 66 feet 1/2 inch, which ranks him fourth on the all-time New York State list in that event. His best indoor track mark of 62 feet 41/4 inches ranks eighth all-time in New York State.

- He's a six-time Rockland County champion and four-time Section 9 Class B titleholder.
- He placed third in the Golden West Invitational national scholastic meet in California, then the premier high school meet in the country.
- He finished third in the U.S. Junior National championships.
- He won shot-put titles at the prestigious Penn Relays, New York Relays, Iona Relays and Hartford Invitational.
- Harlin was no slouch in the discus, either. He broke a 25-year-old Rockland County record in 1975, with a throw of 166 feet 11 inches. That mark still ranks sixth on the all-time Rockland County list. As a senior he won Rockland County and Section 9 Class B titles in this event.

After graduating from Nanuet, Harlin enrolled at the University of New Mexico, where he spent one year and set the school's freshman shot-put record. But his collegiate career really took off when he transferred to Manhattan College, where he won six IC4A (Eastern) titles and captured several other major invitationals.

After college, Harlin continued to train and overcame a series of injuries and other setbacks to become one of the better throwers in the country. He won the Metropolitan Athletics Congress championship eight times, besting the top throwers in the New York metro area. Seven times he walked away with the gold medal at the Empire State Games, and Olympic-style competition for New York state residents. He's still the Games' record-holder in the shot put. In addition, Harlin holds the Rockland County record for the 16-pound shot, at 68 feet 7 inches. In his last major competition, he finished 11th in the 1992 U.S. Olympics Trials.

These days, Harlin, who's 48, lives in Pearl River, and works as a laser technician at Chromalloy in Orangeburg. His job involves drilling and welding to recondition jet engine parts. Tony has two children: James, 21, a junior at Ramapo College in Mahwah, N.J.; and Amanda, 15, a freshman at Northern Highlands High School in New Jersey.



Nanuet Golden Knights

JON HESS

Jon Hess, undoubtedly the finest lacrosse player to come from Rockland County, achieved his notoriety at Princeton University during the springs of 1995-98.

While at Nyack High School from 1991-1994, he earned All-County honors 3 times, as Nyack always finished behind perennial league champions Yorktown. When he graduated from high school, he had established the Rockland County record for most total points with 314.

Then it was off to Princeton, where he started every game from his freshman year in 1995 (team record 11-4) until the end of his senior year in 1998. In the next 3 years, Hess led Princeton to 3 national titles, with the Tigers losing only 2 games in those 3 years.



As a sophomore, Jon earned his first college All-American honors, being named to the second team.

The following season, Hess advanced to first team All-American and was selected as the MVP of The NCAA's Final 4 Tourney. Naturally he was also chosen as Ivy League Player of the Year, as he led Princeton in total points with 74.

In 1998, Jon was once again named as first team All-American. He finished his career at Princeton in second place in total points with 215 points and assisted on 133 goals. His two fellow attack men Jesse Hubbard and Chris Massey (also All-Americans) wrapped up their careers in third and fourth place in scoring, as the recipients of Hess' deft passing skills.

Jon went on to a short major league professional lacrosse career, playing 3 seasons with The New Jersey Pride, where he won the league's sportsmen's award, as he led the league in assists and finished fourth in total points.

While in high school, Jon participated in the Empire State (N.Y.) games during the summers of 1992 and 1993. His team won the gold medal in 1992 and the bronze medal in 1993.

Hess now works as an equities trader for Merrill-Lynch in New York City.



**Congratulations
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and all new inductees!**



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