
Preserving the Sports History of Chautauqua County



Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

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Board of Directors and Officers Elected

The Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame recently held elections to determine its 2011-12 governing Board of Directors. Re-elected to one-year terms were Kay Anderson, Randy Anderson, Dick Barton, Cal Cederquist, Lou Deppas, Russ Diethrick, Joe DiMaio, Russ Ecklund, Tom Heppeler, Terry Heslink, Wally Huckno, Chip Johnson, Lee Johnson, Phil Klinginsmith, Scott Kindberg, Fred Larson, Wendy Lewellen, Denny Lundberg, Ron Melquist, Jim Painter, Dave Polechetti, Bill Race, Jim Riggs, Bill Rollinger, Chuck Sinatra, Komo Tane and Ed Tomassini.

Newly voted on to the Board is Stan Marshaus. Retiring from their directorships are Grace Dolan, Oleta Hannon and Tom Phillips. There are currently two vacancies.

Seven of the Board members are also inductees of the CSHOF: K. Anderson (1998), Barton (2003), Diethrick (1982), Huckno (2001), Marshaus (2006), Race (1995), Rollinger (1996) and Tane (1990)

At its August 29th meeting, the Board of Directors elected the officers to lead the organization for the next year. Chosen were Randy Anderson (President), Bill Race, Bill Rollinger and Ron Melquist (Vice-Presidents), Russ Ecklund (Secretary) and Lee Johnson (Treasurer).

Anderson exchanged positions with Melquist, who had served as President for the past ten years. Race, Rollinger, Ecklund and Johnson were re-elected to their offices.

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CSHOF officers with Randy Sweeney, Chautauqua Region Community Foundation executive director. Bill Race, Russ Ecklund, Lee Johnson, Sweeney, Ron Melquist, Randy Anderson. Absent was Bill Rollinger.

CSHOF Establishes Non-Endowment Fund With Chautauqua Region Community Foundaton

The Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame exhibit hall is bursting at its seams. With 133 inductees on the Wall of Fame and with displays and collections exceeding the current space at 15 West Third Street in Jamestown, the CSHOF Board has entered into an agreement to lease adjoining space at 17 West Third Street. The new area, formerly occupied by The Basket Company, will double the existing floor and wall space of the hall.

The CSHOF Board of Directors decided that establishing a Non-Endowment Fund at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation was the best way to gather the necessary funds to use towards expansion and renovation.

That sentiment was echoed by the Foundation's Board of Directors, who voted unanimously to establish the Non-Endowment Fund at their July meeting.

The Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame Non-Endowed Fund provides a method for individuals or businesses to make a charitable donation to this community betterment

project. The Community Foundation ensures the money distributed from the Fund is used solely for the purpose intended.

To make a tax-deductible donation towards the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame project, simply visit the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation's website at www.crcfonline.org, click on the "Donate Now" link, and use the keyword "sport". Checks can also be sent to the Community Foundation at 418 Spring Street, Jamestown, NY 14701.



CSHOF Directors Randy Anderson (left) and Russ Diethrick (right) receive Hugh Bedient memorabilia from Bedient's grandson, Hugh Imus (center).

Hugh Bedient Memorabilia Donated

Hugh Bedient was a hero of the 1912 World Series for the champion Boston Red Sox. Upon return to his Falconer home following the Series, he was welcomed with a parade reportedly attended by 25,000 adoring fans.

Hugh Imus, grandson of the 1983 CSHOF inductee, recently presented a valuable cache from his personal collection to the CSHOF. The photographs and articles have been scanned and can be viewed at Bedient's page on the CSHOF website:

<http://www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org/hughbedient.php>

Inductee of the Month



Nelson Turnell

Area tennis enthusiasts lost a great friend when Nelson Turnell passed away. He was a Falconer Central School graduate and was affiliated with nursery stock sales for over 40 years and that is how he got involved in tennis.

To break the tedium of traveling throughout the Northeastern United States, he played tennis in his free time. When he wasn't on the road, he was teaching tennis in the Jamestown area for over 30 years and all free of charge.

He played in many tournaments, but didn't keep a record of them or the trophies. He played in the New York State tennis tournament and won many doubles titles with his son, Dan. He once defeated the first singles player from the University of Tennessee, who was 30 years his

junior, with smart play that included chips, lobs, and drives.

It wasn't honors that Turnell liked the most, but just playing and teaching at the local courts and many local tennis players learned the game from him. Among his students were Karen Peterson, teacher and top player in Buffalo; Jimmy Kammann, a teaching pro in Chicago; Judy Calanni, the first female ever to play singles on the Jamestown High School boys' tennis team, and Len Johnson, a CSHOF inductee in 1986.

Nelson Turnell died in 1981. He was inducted into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame in the very first class of inductees (1982).
