



Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

Induction Process FAQ's

1. Who can be inducted into the CSHoF?

For induction into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame, a nominee must have been born in, lived in, or achieved in Chautauqua County a name in the world of sports.

Our inductees are from Brocton to Busti, from Clymer to Conewango, from Fredonia to Frewsburg, from Panana to Pine Valley, from Silver Creek to Sherman and from all points in between.

The nominee must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Is or was an outstanding athlete in high school, college, amateur or professional sports.
- Is or was a coach, manager, official or administrator who has made a significant contribution to sports.
- Is an individual who is performing or has performed distinguished service in fostering, developing or effectively helping a sport to prosper.

2. How many inductees are in the Hall of Fame and what sports are represented?

There are currently 122 inductees in the CSHoF from a wide diversity of sports: auto racing, baseball, basketball, bowling, boxing, canoeing, football, golf, hockey, horseshoes, ice skating, motorcycle racing, pool, rowing, roller skating, shooting, sled dog racing, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball, weightlifting and wrestling.

3. Who can make a nomination?

The CSHoF receives nominations from the public. A nomination form is available at www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org/forms/nomform1.pdf

4. What else needs to be submitted with the nomination form?

It is necessary that all supporting documentation be submitted with the nomination form. The CSHoF does not do any research of its own. We totally rely on the nominator to provide all pertinent information. In addition to a biography of the candidate, copies of scrapbooks, yearbooks, newspaper clippings, magazine articles and photographs are extremely valuable in presenting the qualifications of the nominee.

5. Who decides which nominees are inducted?

The process begins in October of each year when a pre-selection committee, comprised of seven CSHoF directors, carefully reviews the files of all nominees of record. The pre-selection committee then submits a slate of 15 possible candidates to the selection committee.

In November, the selection committee, comprised of seven different CSHoF directors, narrows the list of 15 nominees to a final list of candidates, generally four or five, which it forwards to the full board of directors.

Finally, the entire 30-member board of directors reviews the recommendations of the selection committee and makes the ultimate decision on who will be inducted. The announcement of honorees is made annually in December.

6. Is it necessary to re-nominate someone each year?

No, once a candidate is nominated, the file remains active indefinitely and is reviewed annually. Additional information to enhance a file is always welcome.

7. When is the induction ceremony held?

The Annual CSHOF Induction Banquet is held on Presidents' Day. The 2010 induction ceremony will be February 15th.

NASCAR Connection



Julian Buesink

With the 2009 NASCAR season concluding this month, we are reminded of the racing efforts of three of our inductees when NASCAR was a fledgling organization 60 years ago. Julian Buesink, a Chautauqua County car dealer first hired Conewango's Bill Rexford and later Lloyd Moore, of Frewsburg, to drive his cars in selected NASCAR races in 1949, the first year of existence for the Daytona Beach based auto racing group led by Bill France, Sr.

In 1950, the Buesink led team made a full assault on the NASCAR circuit. Rexford entered 17 of the 19 scheduled events scoring 11 top-ten finishes, including a victory at Canfield, Ohio to edge out Fireball Roberts and Lee Petty for the championship title. At the age of 23, Rexford remains the youngest champion in NASCAR history.



Bill Rexford



Lloyd Moore

Thirty-seven year old Lloyd Moore drove a Buesink owned machine in 16 races during the '50 NASCAR season recording seven top-five results that featured a win at Winchester, Indiana. Moore finished the season-long campaign fourth in points.

For more information about Chautauqua County's trio of NASCAR pioneers, visit their biographies and related stories on the CSHoF website www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org.

Coincidentally, the cover of the current issue of *Circle Track* magazine (January 2010) shows a picture of Lloyd driving Julian's #59 Chrysler in the June 1952 NASCAR race at the Michigan State Fairgrounds. Bill is close behind in the #174 Nash.

Conlan Comes Home

Former Buffalo Bills superstar linebacker Shane Conlan recently returned to Jamestown to speak at the Robert H. Jackson Center. Conlan attended the Robert H. Jackson School in his hometown of Frewsburg. The CSHoF provided photos of Conlan to the 125 attendees of the continuing legal education seminar for Shane to autograph.

Conlan, a 1992 inductee of the CSHoF, also graciously signed his #58 jersey that will be on permanent display at the Hall of Fame.



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