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*Honoring and Preserving the Sports History of Chautauqua County*

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## Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

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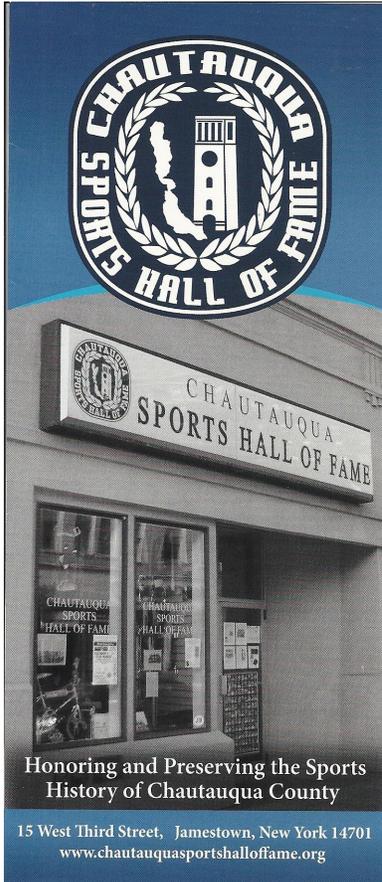
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### July is the Time to Renew



For persons who are interested in preserving the history of sports in Chautauqua County and honoring the outstanding individuals who have created our cherished sports memories, it's time to renew our memberships in the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

In addition to helping the CSHOF carry out its twin objectives of maintaining a Hall of Honor and an exhibition space, members will receive several value-added benefits for their membership fee.

- ✓ CSHOF window decal
- ✓ \$5 off 2016 induction banquet ticket
- ✓ Monthly newsletter
- ✓ Acknowledgement of membership on the CSHOF website
- ✓ Membership card with discounts at selected sports-minded marketing partners:

Jock Shop  
Honest John's  
Hollyloft Ski & Bike  
Ashville General Store

Andriaccio's Restaurant  
Pinehurst Golf Club  
360 Graphics  
Pizza Village  
Gametime Sports Bar & Grill  
Miley's Old Inn

Squire's Table at The White Inn

One year memberships are only \$30 for individuals and \$100 for family and businesses. Family and business members will receive 4 discount cards and corresponding benefits.

A membership form is downloadable at

<http://chautauquasportshalloffame.org/membership.php>.

## CSHOF Website

Since its launch in December 2007, the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame website has seen an amazing growth in the content available to users. Now closing in on 1,000 pages, it has become the go-to site for information about the 163 inductees in the CSHOF Hall of Honor. Typing the name of one of our inductees into any popular internet search engine will lead one to [www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org](http://www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org).

In just the last twelve months, new content has been added to the web pages of the following inductees:

Art Asquith	Bill Davenport	Stan Marshaus	Tom Priester
Dick Barton	Howard Ehmke	Ken Martin	Bill Race
Hugh Bedient	Swat Erickson	Jim McCusker	Don Reinhoudt
Bill Bergey	Geza Farkas	Cindy Miller	Bill Rexford
Ben Bishop	Jack Fulford	Van Miller	Ramsay Riddell
Harold Blaisdell	Marty Haines	Lloyd Moore	Jim Roselle
Chuck Boehler	Bob Hanson	Roger Moore	Joe Sanfilippo
Lou Brown	Sonya Hanson	Al Muck	Bob Schmitt
Julian Buesink	Michael Heary	John Newman	Bob Schnars
Vinnie Calarco	Shawn Higbee	Irv Noren	Dan Stimson
Ray Caldwell	Pete Hubbell	John O'Neil	Mel Swanson
Jehuu Caulcrick	Wally Huckno	Ted Olsen	Dale Till
Jimmy Clark	Frank Hyde	Scrubby Olson	Tara Van Derveer
Louie Collins	Les James	Lyle Parkhurst	Billy Webb
Shane Conlan	Donn Johnston	Greg Peterson	Brian Whalen
Leo Corkery	Jay Kearney	Frank Pischera	Jack Wigley
Dave Criscione	Jack Keeney	Vincent Powers	Bob Winterburn
Chuck Crist	Kate Linder	Tom Prechtl	Ted Wyberanec
Tom Cusimano	Dan Lunetta	Bill Present	Jim Young

Our mission is to preserve the sports legacy of our inductees and one way we do that is through the CSHOF website. We thank our treasured inductees and their families for their assistance in building the site by providing photos and articles for us to scan and post. We welcome additional submissions.

Special thanks goes to our webmaster, Doug Hoisington, owner of Earth Spark, in Jamestown, for his valuable assistance and commitment to the CSHOF website.

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## Inductee of the Month



Perhaps the most popular baseball player ever to wear a uniform for the Jamestown Falcons was **John Newman**, known as "Big Jawn" because of his large frame which was well over 200 pounds.

Newman arrived in Jamestown in 1940. He became a big favorite in the following year by leading the NY-P League in batting (.358) and by establishing a home run record with 29. That year, 1941, the Falcons won the pennant but lost the Governor's Cup playoff to Hamilton.

Newman repeated as batting champion (.353) and broke his own home run record with 30 as the

Falcons won the pennant again and the playoffs in 1942. The popularity of Newman enabled the Falcons to set an attendance record of 122,801 in 1941 and an even better regular-season mark of 143,016 in 1942.

Born in Chicago on December 20, 1913, Newman was an outstanding athlete at Roosevelt High School where he captained the baseball and football teams. He pitched and played the outfield and in addition, he was an All-City guard in football.

Prior to coming to Jamestown, he had great success at other minor league stops such as Owensboro, Kentucky, of the Kitty League where he set a league home run record of 33 in 1939. That season he was nominated as the outstanding personality in Owensboro, voted the most popular player in the circuit and was picked for an outfield position by every fan that sent in a ballot for the all-star team.

He was involved on a professional level either playing or managing from 1935-1947 except for time out to serve in the Army. In Manila he played for the Fifth Replacement Depot army team made up of major leaguers such as catcher Joe Garagiola.

Newman possibly would have made the majors, but a broken leg sliding into third base in 1936 while playing for Minneapolis of the American Association proved to be his downfall. He was in the hospital for months and his weight ballooned to 245 pounds.



Among his biggest thrills was John Newman Night in Jamestown on August 15, 1941 when he was given the key to the city by Mayor Roberts. He was also made honorary mayor, fire-police chief and even dog catcher. Some 20 years later, in 1964, he was given another John Newman Night at College Stadium, which was co-sponsored by the Jamestown Tigers and the City Bus Drivers. (See photo at left.)

Newman loved to work with the area youngsters and gave a lot of his time to Babe Ruth Baseball. In 1967 and 1968, he guided Jamestown to the New York State 13-Year-Old Babe Ruth championships.

John Newman died in 1969. He was inducted into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame in 1988.