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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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*Box 1192 - Jamestown, NY 14702*

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### CSHOF Board & Officers Elected

The election of the Board of Directors of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame was held at its June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting; and at its July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting the Board elected the officers to lead the organization for the next year. **Ron Melquist**, an officer for more than twenty years elected not to run again. **Gary Peters** was elected to fill Melquist's position as vice-president. **Chip Johnson** will replace **Bob Schmitt** in another VP slot.



**Randy Anderson**  
President



**Russ Ecklund**  
Secretary



**Lee Johnson**  
Treasurer



**Tammy Rea**  
Vice-President



**Chip Johnson**  
Vice-President



**Gary Peters**  
Vice-President

## 2022-2023 CSHOF Board of Directors

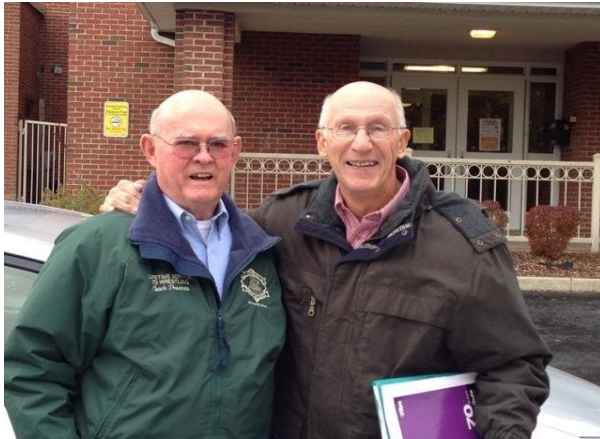
NAME	POSITION	YEARS
Anderson, Mike	director	5
Anderson, Randy	President (& inductee)	18
Barton, Dick	director (& inductee)	17
Bongiovanni, John	director	9
Carlson, Franni	director	5
Cederquist, Cal	director (& inductee)	12
Deppas, Lou	director	14
DiMaio, Joe	director	16
Ecklund, Russ	secretary	32
Gould, Kay	director (& inductee)	2
Heppeler, Tom	director	13
Huckno, Wally	director (& inductee)	20
Johnson, Chip	vice-president	35
Johnson, Lee	treasurer	21
Kindberg, Scott	director	16
Larson, Fred	director	19
Lassen, Lori	director	7
Loll, Gary	director	5
Marshaus, Stan	director (& inductee)	11
Martin, Keith	director	9
Melquist, Ron	vice-president	34
Parmentier, Kathy	director	1
Peters, Sr., Gary	vice-president	7
Polechetti, Dave	director (& inductee)	13
Race, Bill	vice-president (& inductee)	27
Rea, Tammy	vice-president	11
Rollinger, Bill	director (& inductee)	25
Sinatra, Dr. Charles	director	35
Sirianni, Jay	director	8
Tomassini, Ed	director	12
Diethrick, Russ	founder, emeritus director (& inductee)	
Lundberg, Denny	emeritus director	
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**Bob Schmitt** has resigned from the Board after nine years of service because he will be spending much of the year in Florida. We thank Bob for his dedication to the CSHOF.

Taking his place on the Board is **Kathy (Meder) Parmentier**. Kathy is a graduate of Fredonia Central and played basketball at Niagara University. She is currently the ticket manager at St. Bonaventure. She, her husband and four children live in Kennedy, NY. She will be a great asset on the CSHOF Board.

## **Priester and Thurnau Receive Nod to Section VI Hall of Fame**

Two CSHOF inductees with significant athletic resumes will be inducted into the Section VI Hall of Fame later this year, Joining as members of the 12-person Class of 2022 are **Tom Priester** and **Walt Thurnau**.



Priester (photo, right) is an inductee of the Chautauqua Sports and North East (Pennsylvania) High School halls of fame. Before he retired, he was a physical education teacher at Southwestern Central School where he served as varsity track coach for eight years and cross country coach for 45. A USA Track & Field official, Priester has worked meets — high school to international competitions — since 1985.

Thurnau (above left), also a retired SWCS teacher and CSHOF inductee, coached 17 state wrestling qualifiers and two state champions while posting an overall record of 297-97 with the Trojans' program. He was inducted into both the Upstate New York Chapter of the National Wrestling and the Western New York Wrestling Coaches Association halls of fame.

Other CSHOF inductees previously elected to the Section VI HOF are **Cheryl Bailey**, **Bill Bergey**, **Jehuu Caulcrick**, **Wally Huckno** and **Tim Nobles**.

## **Schmitt to Western New York Softball Hall of Fame**

2012 CSHOF inductee **Bob Schmitt** has been tapped for enshrinement in the Western New York Softball Hall of Fame.

As the playing manager for the Jock Shop team, Schmitt, who began working at the Jamestown sporting goods store in 1977, organized trips to tournaments and ordered equipment.



By the 1980s, the Jock Shop was one of the country's best teams, capturing national modified-pitch titles in 1983 and 1984, after finishing fourth in 1982. In fact, in a five-year stretch the Jock Shop was an amazing 323-33. Schmitt was an integral part of those squads, one of which posted a 55-5 record.

Along the way, Schmitt also played hundreds of games in the Jamestown area, most notably for See-Zurh House in the Social League and, later, for the Jock Shop in the Tim Brown League. He also played for United Church Homes in the city Church League.

One of his most memorable performances came against the "King and his Court" when he went 3 of 3 and knocked in four runs in a 4-1 win over the legendary Eddie Feigner.

Schmitt's latest honor will bring the number of inductees in the Western New York Softball Hall of Fame who are also enshrines of the CSHOF to eight. The others are **Joe Mistretta, Jim Adamczak, Dale Till, Luella Kye, Betty Bartkowiak, Leda Peterson and Sheilah Gulas.**

### **Rollinger to Erie County Aquatic Hall of Fame, Again**



For the second time, 1996 CSHOF inductee Bill Rollinger has been inducted into the Erie County (Pennsylvania) Aquatic Hall of Fame.

The legendary Jamestown High School swimming coach was first inducted in 2014 for his swimming exploits at Cathedral Prep High School in Erie. His second induction was as a member of the stellar 1958 Cathedral Prep water polo team.

Bill's father, William Rollinger, Sr., his mother, Edna Mae, and brother, Robert, are all enshrines of the Erie County Aquatic Hall of Fame. His two sisters were also swim coaches.

It's safe to say the Rollingers are a "family of distinction" in the history of Erie, Pa., swimming, diving and water polo.