



Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

CSHoF FAQs

1. What is the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame (CSHoF)?

The Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1980 to honor athletes, coaches, administrators, volunteers and others involved in athletics associated with Chautauqua County. Honorees can be from the high school, college, amateur or professional levels.

2. Who runs the CSHoF?

The Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame is governed by a 30-member board of directors. All board members are residents of Chautauqua County and serve as volunteers. The CSHoF has no paid positions. Officers for the 2009-2010 year are Ron Melquist, president; Bill Rollinger, Bill Race and Randy Anderson, vice-presidents; Russ Ecklund, secretary; and Lee Johnson, treasurer.

Other board members are Kay Anderson, Dick Barton, Sam Bardo, Lou Deppas, Russ Diethrick, Joe DiMaio, Grace Dolan, Marilyn Hale, Oleta Hannon, Tom Hoppel, Terry Heslink, Wally Huckno, Chip Johnson, Phil Klinginsmith, Scott Kindberg, Fred Larson, Mannie Laughlin, Denny Lundberg, Jim Painter, Tom Phillips, Jim Riggs, Chuck Sinatra and Komo Tane.

3. Where is the CSHoF?

The Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame has an exhibit hall located at 15 West Third Street in Jamestown. It is staffed by volunteers and is generally open from 12-3 p.m. weekdays.

The CSHoF is also located on the worldwide web at www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org.

In addition, through the generosity of Mike Ferguson, general manager of the Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena, the CSHoF maintains a display case in the JSBIA lobby. The current display honors 1993 inductee Dan Feather.

CSHoF Holds Baseball Night at Diethrick Park

In recognition of the 70th year of professional baseball in Jamestown, the CSHoF, in conjunction with the Jamestown Jammers, held a celebration at Russell E. Diethrick, Jr. Park on August 25th. Special guests included representatives of the 1939 Jamestown Pirates minor league team: Jim Matthews, business manager; Bob Olson, batboy; Arlene James, widow of Les James, a CSHOF inductee and player on the '39 squad; and Jack Keeney, mayor of Celoron, which hosted the home games of the Pirates.

In addition, three-dozen CSHoF inductees or their family representatives were in attendance for the special event that honored the important role that professional baseball has played in Chautauqua County for the past 70 years.

Thanks to our friends at the Jock Shop, ADKO, Copy Quik and the Jamestown Jammers for their assistance and generosity in staging the event.

50 Years Ago

With the 2009 World Series fast approaching, we are reminded that 50 years ago CSHoF inductee Nellie Fox led his Chicago White Sox to the October 1959 match-up with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Fox was the American League MVP that season hitting .306 with 191 hits, 34 doubles, 6 triples, 2 home runs while driving in 70 runs and scoring 84 runs.

Fox had a 19-season major league career and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown in 1997.

Nellie was eligible for induction in the in the CSHoF based on his play for the 1944 Jamestown Falcons. Along with fellow CSHoF inductee Lyle Parkhurst, Fox led the Falcons to the Pennsylvania-Ontario-New York (PONY) League playoff championship.

The CSHoF recently received a note from Fox's widow, Joanne, informing us that Nellie's hometown of Chambersburg, PA will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of his '59 AL MVP Award and World Series participation on October 17th.

For further information about Nellie Fox, visit www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org/nelliefox.php.

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