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## Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

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### **Another Hall of Fame for Reinhoudt**

No other human being has been as dominant in the world of strength sports as Don Reinhoudt, a 1983 inductee of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame.

Throughout the 1960s and up into the 1980s, Reinhoudt, a 2016 New York State Strength and Power Hall of Fame inductee, was the face of the American strength scene. Reinhoudt has captured virtually every award possible, and a number of others that the best of lifters will never have the opportunity to attain.



Reinhoudt has broken and established so many state, national and world records that the count was lost somewhere in the 300 range. Of course every fan of strength sports remembers Reinhoudt winning the World's Strongest Man Contest, featured on CBS in the late 1970s. However, not many realize that he also won that same title five consecutive years prior to television coverage.

To be clear, Reinhoudt won eight consecutive World's Strongest Man competitions, a feat that has never been duplicated. Additionally, and this is before the splits and creation of multi-federations, Reinhoudt was a three-time World Powerlifting Champion and owned the world records in all three events.

Reinhoudt's successes, however, go way beyond the platform. He received the coveted White House Commendation from President Ronald Reagan, was given the keys to the cities of Jamestown and Buffalo, has been inducted into numerous halls of fame, including the World Powerlifting Hall of Fame (1998), International Powerlifting Federation Hall of Fame (1980), Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame (2005), and United States Powerlifting Hall of Fame, and has been featured in every strength magazine of the era.

Reinhoudt is so humble that he asked his friend and fellow Hall of Famer, Bill Clark, to speak on his behalf.

"Don Reinhoudt has been my friend, coach and mentor for years, and I always cherish the opportunity to spend time with him," Clark said. "Don is a true legend and pioneer of strength sports, but the man is much, much more than a mere legacy of numbers. I believe that one can tell much about a person based on the way that he treats others when he is in an advantaged position. Well, when you're 6-foot,3-inches, weigh in excess of 300 pounds, and can pick up automobiles, you are usually in an advantaged position. Nonetheless, Don treats everyone that he meets with the kindness and respect of a foreign dignitary, like they were made of gold.

"The greatest measure of character is not what one takes," Clark added. "It's what one gives, and that is why I firmly state that Don Reinhoudt is a true man of strength and character. With a resume like Don's, he could very easily have marketed himself as a trainer, wrestler, or other money-making showman, but he chose to serve the public by working for Chautauqua County. For decades, Don Reinhoudt worked with the youth of the county, helping kids to see their own potential for greatness. That example is the essence of character. More than that, Don's love for God is evidently clear and abundant, and he still, to this day, sets an example for all of us to follow."

### **Dan Lunetta Named Sheldon "Chief" Bender Award Winner**

Minor League Baseball announced that it has selected Detroit Tigers Director of Minor League Operations Dan Lunetta as the recipient of the ninth annual Sheldon "Chief" Bender Award, presented to an individual with distinguished service who has been instrumental in player development. The award honors Bender as a long time front office executive and consultant who spent 39 years with the Cincinnati Reds.



"I am deeply honored to be this year's recipient of the Chief Bender Award," said Lunetta. "This could not have happened without the benefit of working with the many people I have over the years, including Chief Bender himself, a man for whom I have the utmost respect and admiration. I had the great fortune to work with Chief in 1989 while with the Reds organization, and it is a tremendous honor to join those who have preceded me in winning this award."

"Dan Lunetta is one of the most well-rounded and experienced executives in baseball today," said Minor League Baseball President & CEO Pat O'Conner. "Dan's dedication to player development and his contributions to the game at the Major League level and the Minor League level throughout his career have been extraordinary, and it is my pleasure to present him with the Sheldon "Chief" Bender Award."

Prior to joining the Tigers in 2004, Lunetta served as a Special Assistant to the General Manager for the Montreal Expos for two seasons (2002-03). Lunetta spent 10 years with the Florida Marlins organization, beginning as the Director of Minor League Administration in 1991 before being promoted to Director of Major League Administration in 1998. Lunetta began his baseball career in 1980 as the general manager of Single-A Jamestown in the New York-Penn League and later spent time

in Triple-A with Buffalo and Rochester.

In his current role as the Director of Minor League Operations for the Detroit Tigers, he oversees the day-to-day player development business/administrative operations of the minor league system, which includes the Tigers' six U.S.-based minor league affiliates. He is responsible for maintaining rules compliance and oversees the Tigers' baseball operations budget. Additionally, he supervises the Florida baseball operations at TigerTown in Lakeland, which includes Spring Training, extended Spring Training, the Gulf Coast League and the Tigers' Instructional League camp.

Lunetta, 61, his wife, Jhoanna, and sons Anthony Robert, 20, and Samuel Joseph, 15, reside in Lakeland, Florida. A native of Jamestown, New York, Lunetta is a graduate of State University of New York at Brockport. He was inducted into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame in 2014.

## 2017 CSHOF Induction Banquet

The Board of Directors of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame has announced the inductees who will comprise the Class of 2017. **Paul Cooley, Jake Ensign, Charlie LaDuca, Sammy LaMancuso, Doc Malinoski, Deb Palmer, Bob Patterson, Dave Polechetti, Sam Restivo, Michael Sayers** and **Maceo Wofford** will be formally inducted at the CSHOF's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet, Monday, February 20, 2016, at the Lakewood Rod and Gun Club.

Tickets for the induction dinner are priced at \$50. Banquet reservations can be made by calling chairman Chip Johnson at 716-485-6991.

## CSHOF Endowment Fund Preliminary Report #2



To celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame and to plan for the long-term sustainability of the organization, the Board of Directors created an Endowment Fund and launched a fundraising drive. To date, the campaign has received over 100 pledges and contributions totaling nearly \$75,000.

**Sincere thanks to those listed supporters who share in the commitment to the mission of the CSHOF.** The Board of Directors is continuing to accept pledges to the Endowment Fund. Remember that pledges can be fulfilled over a 5-year period. For example, the \$250 Bronze Medal level can be achieved with 5 annual payments of \$50. Your support is respectfully solicited.

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