
Preserving the Sports History of Chautauqua County

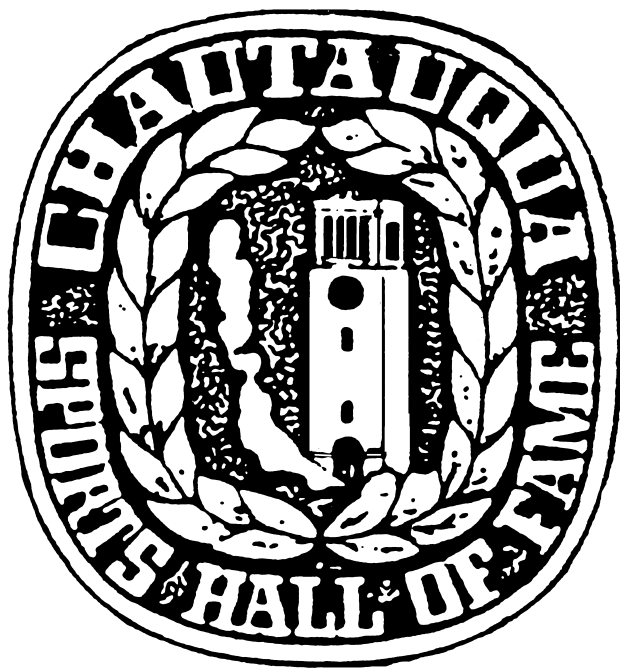


Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

15 West Third Street - Jamestown, NY 14701

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Class of 2015 Inductees



The Board of Directors of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame is proud to announce the inductees who will comprise the Class of 2015. They are **Jehuu Caulcrick, Chuck Crist, Bill Davenport, Jack Keeney, Scrubby Olson, Ramsey Riddell, Dan Stimson and Mel Swanson.**

In addition, two other individuals will also be honored. **Vincent Powers** will be inducted from a newly created historical category and **Jim Roselle** will be enshrined as just the second honorary inductee in CSHOF history.

These ten individuals will be formally inducted at the CSHOF's 34th Annual

Banquet, Monday, February 16, 2015, at the Lakewood Rod and Gun Club. The new honorees will bring the total number of CSHOF inductees to 163.

Tickets for the induction dinner are priced at \$50. 2015 banquet reservations can be made by calling chairman Chip Johnson at 716-485-6991.

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JEHUU CAULCRICK

Born 1983 in Liberia – emigrated to Findley Lake at age of 9
Finest football player in history of Clymer Central School
Led Pirates to 4 straight Section 6 championships and 4 consecutive NYS final four games
Holds Western New York records with 100 rushing touchdowns and 6,559 rushing yards
New York State Class D Player of the Year
Four-year letterman at Michigan State
Scored 40 touchdowns and gained 2,395 yards for the MSU Spartans
Played in NFL for NY Jets, Tampa Bay, San Francisco and Buffalo

CHUCK CRIST

Born 1951 in Salamanca – resides in Greenhurst area on Chautauqua Lake
Starred in baseball, basketball, football and track at Salamanca playing in the CCIAC League
Playing quarterback from 4th grade through high school, lost only one game (by one point)
All-WNY in basketball in 1968
Named by *Olean Times-Herald* as Athlete of the Century for the Southern Tier in the year 2000
Played basketball at Penn State 1968-1972 – team captain and MVP
Played safety in the NFL from 1972-1978 with NY Giants, New Orleans and San Francisco
Named Saints Defensive Player of the Year in 1977 – had 20 career interceptions

BILL DAVENPORT

Born 1942 in Boston, MA – came to Chautauqua County in 1971
Wrestling coach at Falconer from 1971-2000 – overall varsity record 229-37-1
Won 8 league titles – finished second 7 times – had 3 undefeated seasons
Coached 56 league champions – 49 Section VI place winners – 7 NYS place winners
Organized and developed Falconer Kids Wrestling program
WNY Coach of the Year 1982/83 - NYS Coach of the Year 2000
Coached football at Falconer and Cassadaga Valley 1971-2000
Inducted into WNY Wrestling Hall of Fame 2009

JOHN “JACK” KEENEY

Born 1940 in Wilkes-Barre, PA
Physical education teacher at Panama Central 1962-1996 (34 years)
Coached football for 33 years and was athletic director for 30 years: 154-106-10
Also coached track, basketball, baseball, volleyball, swimming
Won 12 division football titles and had 4 undefeated seasons
Former chairman of Section VI football
Mayor of Celeron from 2009 until his death in 2013
Panama athletic complex named “Jack Keeney Community Field” in 1998

SHERWOOD “SCRUBBY” OLSON

Born in Jamestown in 1924 – graduate of Jamestown High 1943 – played varsity basketball
Employed at Jamestown Board of Public Utilities
Part-time sportswriter Jamestown Post-Journal for 20 years
Covered high school football, basketball and track and major county golf tournaments
Suffered fatal heart attack hours after filing a story on JHS v. Dunkirk football game (9-15-73)
Served on advisory board for Jamestown Municipal Golf Course
Scrubby Olson Memorial Trophy awarded annually by P-J to top basketball scorer in county
Olson’s biography appears in Saga From the Hills: A History of the Swedes in Jamestown

RAMSEY RIDDELL

Born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada in 1920 – graduate of McGill University
Was an outstanding high school ski jumper, track athlete, rugby and hockey player
Member of Canadian Ski Jumping Team
Moved to Chautauqua County in 1948 and lived here until his death in 2011
Organized Peek ‘n Peak Ski Patrol in 1963 – served until 1989
Named “Outstanding Patroller of the Year” in Eastern U.S. in 1982
Invented the “fruit picker” ladder for chair lift evacuations
Organized, directed, and taught first aid courses for ski patrollers and fire departments

DAN STIMSON

Born in Falconer in 1949 – 1967 graduate of Falconer Central
Holds Falconer shot put (57’ 9-1/4”) and discus (169’ 9”) records
Attended Ohio University – twice Mid-American Conference shot put champion
Collegiate coach for over 40 years - Miami of Ohio, Tennessee and William & Mary
Director of William & Mary track and field program (both men and women) for 25 years
Won 49 Colonial Athletic Association track and field titles
Developed 64 All-Americans and one Olympian
Inductee of William & Mary Athletics Hall of Fame 2014

MEL SWANSON

Born in Ashville in 1954 – 1972 graduate of Panama Central
Played basketball at Panama – won two Section 6 championships
Graduate of Jamestown Community College and SUNY Fredonia
Taught at Sherman Central 1977-2010
Coached girls and boys basketball at Sherman 1978–present
Varsity, junior varsity and middle school overall record 1,043-427
Won six Section 6 championships, three regional titles and made two state finals
NYS Girls Basketball Coach of the Year 2014

VINCENT POWERS

Born in Westfield in 1891 – lived in Westfield until 1906 – died 1966 in Queens, NY
Leading flat track jockey in America in 1908 and 1909
Won 1909 Kentucky Derby aboard Wintergreen
Rode horses in Europe from 1911-1916
Leading steeplechase jockey in America in 1917
Only jockey in American history to lead the nation on the flats and through the fields
Contract rider then trainer for Greentree Stables (Payne Hay Whitney)
Leading steeplechase trainer in U.S. in 1927

JIM ROSELLE

Born in Jamestown in 1926 – lifelong resident
Broadcaster at WJTN Radio for 61 years (and counting)
Board of Directors of Winifred Crawford Dibert Boys and Girls Club for 25 years
Announcer: Jamestown Falcons, JHS football, Babe Ruth World Series, Italian-American Golf
Emceed many area sports banquets and events - interviewed dozens of sports celebrities
Lifetime advocate and promoter of Chautauqua County sports
Inductee of NYS Broadcasters Hall of Fame 2010
Co-author of Jim Roselle – The Best Times of my Life (2014)

