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Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

15 West Third Street - Jamestown, NY 14701

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Class of 2018 Inductees



The Board of Directors of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame is proud to announce the inductees who will comprise the Class of 2018. The living inductees are **Dick Cole, Curt Fischer, Lori Franchina, Sheilah (Lingenfelter) Gulas, Fran Sirianni, Clem Worosz and Phil Young**; and the deceased honoree is **Jim Riggs**

These eight individuals will be formally inducted at the CSHOF's 37th Annual Banquet, Monday, February 19, 2018, at the Lakewood Rod and Gun Club.

The new honorees will bring the total number of CSHOF inductees to 191.

Tickets for the induction dinner are priced at \$50. 2018 banquet reservations can be made by calling chairman Chip Johnson at 716-485-6991.

Dick Cole

- ✓ Born 1946; lives in Jamestown
- ✓ 1964 graduate of Jamestown High School; lettered in basketball, baseball, golf
- ✓ Leading scorer in JHS history at time of graduation, most points per game and season, best free throw percentage, most rebounds per season
- ✓ 1966 graduate of Jamestown Community College; lettered in basketball and golf
- ✓ 4th in NJCAA scoring during 1965-66 season – 22.6 ppg
- ✓ Voted one of JCC's Top 50 Athletes
- ✓ 2X Western New York Amateur Golf Champion
- ✓ Won 23 club championships
- ✓ Won 37 golf tournaments
- ✓ Scored 11 holes in one

Curt Fischer

- ✓ Born 1963; lives in Bemus Point
- ✓ 1981 graduate of Falconer Central School; lettered in basketball, football and baseball
- ✓ Named outstanding male athlete at Falconer in 1981
- ✓ Football coach at Maple Grove High School since 1992; 9 Section VI titles; 4 trips to state finals; 2 NYS Championships (1998, 2008)
- ✓ Basketball coach at Maple Grove since 2004; 4 Section VI titles; 2 NYS Championships (2008, 2010)
- ✓ 4 years as baseball coach at Maple Grove; 1 Section VI title; 1 NYS Championship (1992)
- ✓ 9 years as softball coach at Maple Grove; 1 Section VI title

Lori Franchina

- ✓ Born 1972; lives in West Warwick, RI
- ✓ 1990 graduate Falconer Central School; lettered in softball, basketball and volleyball
- ✓ Named outstanding female athlete at Falconer in 1990
- ✓ 1994 graduate Eastern Connecticut State University; lettered in softball and basketball; basketball co-captain and 3rd Team All-American in softball
- ✓ Played on 1991 House That Jack Built national championship modified softball team
- ✓ Played on Gold Medal softball team at 1994 Empire State Games
- ✓ Played on 2014 Twisted Fossils softball team that won Women's 40+ AAA Division World Master Championship

- ✓ Played on 2014 & 2015 Twisted Sistah's softball teams that won the Canadian Class B PIF World Championship (Canada)
- ✓ Inductee in New England United States Senior Softball Hall of Fame (2018)

Sheilah (Lingenfelter) Gulas

- ✓ Born 1961; lives in Medina, OH
- ✓ 1979 graduate of Southwestern Central School; lettered in volleyball, basketball and softball; Girls Senior Athlete Award at SWCS
- ✓ 1983 graduate of Clarion State University (PA); lettered in softball, co-captain
- ✓ 3X All-American at American Softball Association Women's Modified National Tournament
- ✓ Coached softball at Allegheny College (PA) 1987-1989; Wittenburg University (OH), 1990-1996 and Ashland College (OH) 1999-present
- ✓ 31 year career coaching record: 929-487
- ✓ NCAA Division III National Coach of the Year 1988 & 1989
- ✓ Inductee National Fastpitch Coaches Association Hall of Fame (2017)
- ✓ Assistant Athletic Director Ashland University

Jim Riggs

- ✓ Born 1950, died 2016, lived in Jamestown
- ✓ 1968 graduate of East Liverpool (OH) High School; lettered in golf
- ✓ 1973 graduate of Point Park University (PA)
- ✓ Sports editor of The Post-Journal (Jamestown) for 40 years
- ✓ Official scorer for Jamestown's NY-P League team for 38 years
- ✓ Inductee Jamestown Community College Athletic Hall of Fame
- ✓ Created *Post-Journal* Champions Golf Tournament and *Post-Journal* men's basketball tournament at JCC
- ✓ Author of *All in a Day's Sports* column – won multiple Associated Press writing Awards
- ✓ Member Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors for 34 years

Fran Sirianni

- ✓ Born 1947; lives in Jamestown
- ✓ 1965 graduate Kane (PA) High School; lettered in football, track and basketball
- ✓ 1969 graduate Clarion State College (PA); lettered in football and track
- ✓ Holds Clarion State record for most career interceptions
- ✓ Inductee Clarion State Athletic Hall of Fame
- ✓ Played professional football for Orlando Panthers of Continental League (1969)
- ✓ Head track coach at Southwestern Central School for 40 years
- ✓ Head football coach at Southwestern for 9 years

- ✓ 40 year leader of Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Southwestern
- ✓ Southwestern dedicated The Fran Sirianni Athletic Complex in 2015

Clem Worosz

- ✓ Born 1935; lives in Dunkirk
- ✓ 1953 graduate of St. Mary's High School (Dunkirk); lettered in football, basketball and track at Cardinal Mindszenty High School (Dunkirk)
- ✓ 1957 graduate Niagara University (NY); lettered in basketball and tennis
- ✓ Played basketball at Niagara for coaches Frank Layden and Taps Gallagher; played in 1955 & 1956 National Invitation Tournament; captain of 1957 Niagara basketball team; teammate of Hubie Brown and Tom Prechtl
- ✓ Played recreation league baseball, football, basketball and softball in Dunkirk area
- ✓ Long-time manager and coach in Dunkirk Babe Ruth League

Phil Young

- ✓ Born 1932; lives in Westfield
- ✓ 1951 graduate of Mayville Central School; lettered in basketball, baseball, football, track, bowling, volleyball and golf
- ✓ Holds Mayville basketball career scoring record; all-conference in basketball, baseball and football for 3 years each
- ✓ Received athletic scholarship to Syracuse University; catcher on baseball team; captain and team MVP
- ✓ Signed pro contract with Philadelphia Phillies; played at Salt Lake City (Pioneer League 1956) and Moultrie/Brunswick (Georgia-Florida League 1957)
- ✓ Taught at Westfield Academy and Central School for 34 years; chairman of Health, P.E. and Recreation Department
- ✓ Coached basketball, baseball, football, tennis and golf at WACS
- ✓ Beach director at Chautauqua Institution for 40 years
- ✓ Inductee of Grape Belt Hall of Fame (2003)

