



Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

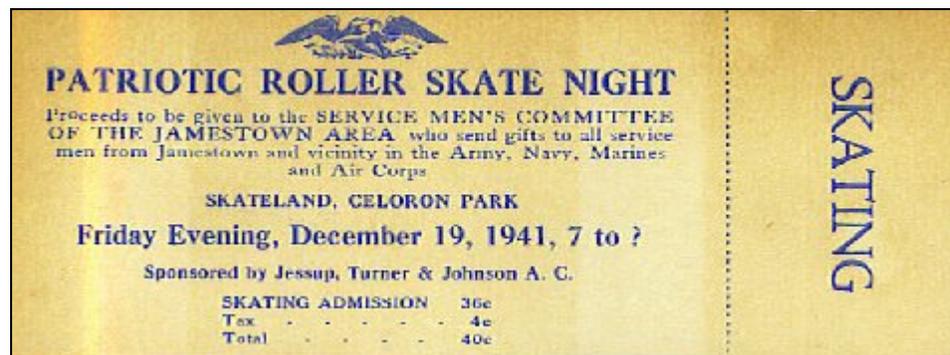
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CSHOF Website Gets New Design Plus Upgrades

The Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame website has recently been totally redesigned to appear as a vintage newspaper. It is cleaner, more interesting, and easier to navigate. In addition, hundreds of pages of new content about the inductees and the sports history of Chautauqua County have been added. The new website was created by Doug Hoisington (www.earthspark.com). CSHOF vice-president Randy Anderson is responsible for the site's content.

Charting the tremendous growth in the number of visitors and page hits since the initial launch of www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org in December 2007, it is clear that there is a huge interest in our 133 inductees and the sports history of our county. The Board of Directors of the CSHOF is committed to working with our inductees and their families to constantly add new content.



Sally Corkey, daughter, of 1986 inductee Clayton Webeck, donated several large scrapbooks once belonging to her father. Over 200 pages were scanned and uploaded to Webeck's webpage. They present a fascinating panorama of the local sports scene in the 1930s and '40s through the eyes of one of the most prominent sports figures of the era. A visit to Clayt's webpage and his scrapbook is highly recommended.

The CSHOF thanks Sally Corkery for her outstanding contribution towards honoring the legacy of Clayt Webeck and preserving the sports history of our county.

Inductee of the Month



Clayt Webeck exemplifies what the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame prides itself on - honoring those who have not only starred in athletics, but also those who volunteered their time so others could. Webeck not only was a tireless volunteer in sports and non-sports endeavors, but he also made a name for himself by participating in football, basketball, baseball, track, volleyball, table tennis, roller skating, ice skating, and horseshoe pitching.

Basketball was his favorite sport and he played through junior high school and high school. He then played with several Jamestown teams and also served as coach. In 1933-34, Webeck played center for the Crescents football team and he also played softball for the Post-Journal All-Stars against the Buffalo Campagnas.

While continuing his sports participation, the former Jamestown Fire Department Captain began promoting sports events in the area. He was one of the organizers of the American Athletic Club, later known as the Mathews and Miller Athletic Club and later yet, the Jock Shop Athletic Club. Webeck promoted Chautauqua Lake and Great Lakes speed skating meets for many years. In 1934, he brought World and Olympic speed skating champion Kit Klein to Jamestown for an exhibition.

In 1940, he signed the Cleveland Browns of the All-American Football Conference to play a basketball benefit game for the March of Dimes. From 1940-45, Webeck promoted many all-star attractions to benefit Jamestown men and women in the armed forces. In 1946, he promoted the College All-Stars and Jamestown All-Stars basketball teams to raise funds for Jamestown's Municipal Stadium Fund. That brought college teams from St. Bonaventure, Wooster, Allegheny, Alfred and Canisius, along with the Harlem Globetrotters and All-American Redheads, to play games in Jamestown.

Webeck also promoted roller skating carnivals and was chairman of the Chautauqua Regional Tennis Tournament.

Out of the area of sports, Webeck was Jamestown chairman of the March of Dimes from 1943-46 and Chautauqua County chairman from 1946-62. He was instrumental in organizing the Sabin Oral Vaccine program in Chautauqua County and this county became the first in the nation to administer the vaccine on a voluntary basis.

Webeck died on October 8, 1962, after walking off the 18th green at Cassadaga Country Club. He was playing in a tournament he had previously won.