
Preserving the Sports History of Chautauqua County



Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

15 West Third Street - Jamestown, NY 14701

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Good Luck in London, Jenn



American indoor and outdoor women's pole vault record holder Jennifer (Stuczynski) Suhr is headed to the London Olympics seeking gold. The silver medalist at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and the winner of the recent U.S. Olympic Trials, Jenn is considered one of the favorites to medal again in 2012.

Suhr, 30, will compete in the qualifying event on Saturday, August 4. The finals are scheduled for Monday, August 6.

Jenn, a native of Fredonia and a 2009 inductee of the CSHOF, is a four-time gold medal winner at the U.S. Indoor Championships and a six-time victor at the U.S. Outdoor Championships. She is currently ranked No. 1 in the World.

Other Chautauqua County Olympians

Before there was Jenn Suhr, there was Jimmy Clark and John Eke.

Clark, a Jamestown resident, earned a spot on the 1936 United States Olympic boxing team as a middleweight by scoring five knockouts in the national trials tournament. At the Berlin Olympics, Clark lost a controversial decision on points in the quarterfinals to Polish boxer Henryk Chmielewski. U.S. officials and media both cried foul about the loss by Clark, a black fighter, during a time when Adolph Hitler was expounding on his theory of Aryan supremacy. "A complete jobbing by boxing officials", a Detroit newspaper wrote. Clark, like Suhr, is a CSHOF inductee.

<http://www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org/jimmyclark.php>

Eke, a distance runner, was a Swedish immigrant working at Art Metal in Jamestown in 1912. Being a subject of King Gustaf and not an American citizen, Eke competed for Sweden in the 1912 Stockholm Games in cross country. He earned a bronze medal in the 8,000-meter cross country run. A team cross-country title was determined by using the scores of the top three finishers from each team competing in the individual cross-country event. Eke's third place finish combined with teammates' results of second and fifth, gave Sweden the top score and John Eke a gold medal. He was feted by Jamestown mayor Samuel Carlson with a gala reception at City Hall upon his return.

Hugh Bedient Night at Diethrick Park


HUGH BEDIENT FALCONER CELEBRATION

Thursday, August 2nd, 2012 · Russell E. Diethrick, Jr. Park
Game Time: 7:05PM · Gates Open at 6:00PM
Rain Date: If necessary, Thursday, August 9, 2012

This ticket for admission is subject to seating availability. It entitles you to admission to bleacher section only. Upgrades are available for \$1.00.
 Tickets not to be distributed within 1,000 ft of the stadium on game day


NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK PERMITTED


Falconer Little League




JAMESTOWN JAMMERS vs.

LOWELL SPINNERS







Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame



Weber Knapp Company




G.A. FAMILY SERVICES



Community Foundation

Falconer Public Library



Blackstone

Jamestown Old Timers Baseball

FREE BLEACHER TICKET

To continue our year-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of Hugh Bedient's World Series championship as a pitcher for the 1912 Boston Red Sox, the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame has organized Hugh Bedient Night at Diethrick Park on Thursday, August 2. Our Jamestown Jammers will take on the Lowell Red Sox in a 7:05 game.

The CSHOF has partnered with several community-minded businesses and groups to buy out the ballpark and make the event absolutely free to the public. Thanks to Fancher Chair, Blackstone, Weber Knapp, G.A. Family Services, Falconer Public Library, Falconer Little League, Jamestown Old Timers Baseball and Chautauqua Region Community Foundation for their support.

Free tickets are available at Jamestown Cycle Shop, Hollyloft Ski and Bike, Falconer Public Library, the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation and the CSHOF.

The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation has commissioned a 4 X 6 Hugh Bedient baseball card to be given free of charge to all ballpark patrons.

Hugh Bedient's grandsons, Tom Ames and Hugh Imus will throw out the first pitch.

Inductee of the Month



Jack Lawrence

Jack Lawrence has spent all of his life in Chautauqua County, but his name is well known around the country as a top race car driver.

Lawrence started racing in 1957 with a MGTF 1500 and his first competition race was at the Lake Erie Invitational Race at Dunkirk Airport. Then he became more involved in Sports Car Club of America sanctioned races and remained active for decades.

By the time of his induction into the CSHOF he had been involved in over 150 events and earned regional driver of the year awards several times. In 1981 he was awarded the Northeast Division Mark Donahue Sportsmanship Award which is given to the driver who has over the years contributed to the sport and assisted his fellow competitors. Lawrence was the Northeast Division Champion in 1982, 1983 and 1984 and has participated in six National Championship runoffs. He placed first in 1983, thus

earning the title of National Champion. He was the runner-up in 1982.

His 1983 national title earned Lawrence a lot of print in racing publications and he was also mentioned in a Swedish book on the history of the Saab Sonnet.

On the volunteer level, Lawrence was chief driving instructor at Nelson Ledges in Warren, Ohio; a driving school sponsored by the Western New York Region of SCCA. He also served as a driving instructor at Watkins Glen.

Jack Lawrence was inducted into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame in 1987.

2012-2013 Memberships



Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame's 2012-13 memberships are available to persons who are interested in preserving the history of sports in Chautauqua County and honoring the outstanding individuals who have created our cherished sports memories.

One year memberships are only \$25. Membership applications are available at the Hall of Fame, downloadable at www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org/membership.php or can be requested by contacting Randy Anderson at 716-763-2173 or randy28b@netsync.net.

CSHOF Receives Leo Corkery Memorabilia



Marlene Corkery, widow of the late Leo Corkery, recently presented the CSHOF with four of Leo's most cherished items from his outstanding basketball career at St. Bonaventure University.

1952 NIT Basketball Tournament watch

St. Bonaventure Brown Indians Zippo lighter

1952 CYC Buffalo - College Player Award

1951-52 St. Bonaventure University Athlete of the Year

ANSWERS

CHAUTAUQUA SPORTS HALL OF FAME TRIVIA QUIZ

The following 10 inductees of the CSHOF played Major League Baseball.

<i>Hugh Bedient</i>	<i>Falconer, NY</i>	<i>1912 Boston Red Sox</i>
<i>Walt Brown</i>	<i>Bemus Point, NY</i>	<i>1947 St. Louis Browns</i>
<i>Ray Caldwell</i>	<i>Corydon, PA</i>	<i>1920 Cleveland Indians</i>
<i>Dave Criscione</i>	<i>Dunkirk NY</i>	<i>1977 Baltimore Orioles</i>
<i>Howard Ehmke</i>	<i>Silver Creek, NY</i>	<i>1926 Philadelphia A's</i>
<i>Eric "Swat" Erickson</i>	<i>Gothenberg, Sweden</i>	<i>1920 Washington Senators</i>
<i>Nellie Fox</i>	<i>St. Thomas, PA</i>	<i>1959 Chicago White Sox</i>
<i>Tommy Leach</i>	<i>French Creek, NY</i>	<i>1903 Pittsburgh Pirates</i>
<i>Irv Noren</i>	<i>Jamestown, NY</i>	<i>1954 New York Yankees</i>
<i>John O'Neil</i>	<i>Shelbiana, KY</i>	<i>1946 Philadelphia Phillies</i>