
Honoring and Preserving the Sports History of Chautauqua County



Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

15 West Third Street - Jamestown, NY 14701

August 2013

CSHOF to Lead Tour at Lake View Cemetery

In cooperation with Lake View Cemetery, the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame will conduct a walking tour to the gravesites of the eleven CSHOF inductees who are interred at the well-known Jamestown cemetery: Ben Bishop, Oscar Carlson, Jimmy Clark, Dan Feather, Tony LeVoie, Joe Nagle, Johnny Newman, John O'Neil, Lyle Parkhurst, Bill Present, and Clayt Webeck.



The photo at left shows CSHOF President **Randy Anderson** and Lake View Cemetery official **Hugh Golden** at the grave of Dan Feather.

The tour will occur on Monday, August 5th, at 6:30 p.m. The tour will feature presentations about each inductee and their contributions to the sports history of

Chautauqua County. The tour is free of charge and will last about 90 minutes.

Although reservations are not mandatory, they are welcomed by calling Lake View Cemetery at 716-665-3206 or emailing to lakeviewcemetery@windstream.net. Tour participants should meet at the cemetery maintenance building near the Marvin Parkway entrance at the north end of the cemetery. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather.

Russ Diethrick: Director Emeritus



Russ Diethrick, the man whose vision created the CSHOF and who has served on the Board of Directors since its founding in 1981, has been named the first Director Emeritus of the organization.

As such, Russ will continue to be an important part of our group and will be available to provide his always valuable advice and guidance, but will no longer be responsible for attending monthly Board meetings.

All past, present and future inductees and members of the CSHOF will forever be indebted to “Mr. Baseball” for his vision and leadership over 32 years.

2013-2014 Directors Elected

The following 29 individuals have been elected to the Board of Directors for the 2013-2014 fiscal year:

Randy Anderson
Bill Rollinger
Bill Race
Kay Anderson
Dick Barton
Cal Cederquist
Lou Deppas
Joe DiMaio
Tom Heppeler
Terry Heslink
Wally Huckno
Chip Johnson
Scott Kindberg
Phil Klinginsmith

Ron Melquist
Russ Ecklund
Lee Johnson
Fred Larson
Wendy Lewellen
Denny Lundberg
Stan Marshaus
Jim Painter
Dave Polechetti
Tammy Rea
Jim Riggs
Bob Schmitt
Charles Sinatra
Komo Tane
Ed Tomassini

John Bongiovanni, Fredonia, NY, has been appointed to fill the seat vacated by Russ Diethrick. The election of officers will occur at the August 26th Board meeting.

CSHOF Picnic at the Ballpark



Over 75 CSHOF members gathered at Diethrick Park on July 17th for a picnic and to watch a Jamestown Jammers game.

The get-together featured presentations by Dan Lunetta, Director of Minor League Operations for the Detroit Tigers and Dr. George Carlo, Performance Coach for the Tigers.

Jon Matlack (left), former Major League Baseball pitcher and coach, was interviewed by Greg Peterson. Matlack enthralled guests with his fascinating-often funny-stories of his career in the big leagues. Matlack, who played for the Mets and Rangers during his 13-year career, was the 1972 National League Rookie-of-the-Year and a three-time All-Star selection, including M.V.P. in the 1975 game.

Carlo Donates Flags to CSHOF



Peter Carlo, Jamestown's "Flag Man", has presented two United States flags to the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame. Carlo, a Korean War veteran, is well-known for donating American flags to various organizations throughout the Jamestown community. His recent gifts bring his total to 98 flags.

CSHOF volunteer and Vietnam War veteran **Del Seekings** (left) and CSHOF president **Randy Anderson** (right) received the flags from **Peter Carlo** (center).

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank Peter for his gift," said CSHOF president Randy Anderson. "We are proud to be able to display our Nation's colors along Third Street, the 50-yard line of Jamestown."

"Many of the CSHOF's inductees, members, volunteers and directors have served America in its armed forces. We honor and thank them for their service," Anderson stated.

Inductee of the Month – Brad Rendell



Brad Rendell was a graduate of Falconer High School and Alfred State and his daughter, [Kay Gould](#), is another inductee. He was co-owner of B&B Fur and Fox Ranch in Ashville. He was also vice-president of the Western New York Fur Harvesters.

He was a track standout at Falconer where his time in the mile (4:28.1) was a Chautauqua County record for 37 years. His sectional record in the mile stood for 30 years.

In 1936 he was awarded the Governor Roy Smith trophy for the world high school record in the Schoolboy Olympics in Albany. His time was 4:22.4. He also held the unofficial world's record for five-mile cross country at Cato with a time of 23.35.

In 1939 he was the fourth fastest two-miler in the United States which qualified for the Princeton Invitational Track & Field Meet. Rendell broke the cross country record at West Point when Alfred beat Army in 1939. As co-captain at Alfred he was fourth and fifth in the collegiate cross country championships.

He won the 1500-meter steeplechase at the 1939 Penn Relays and was selected to run that event for the United States in the 1940 Olympics which were cancelled when the war with Finland and Russia began. He also ran 17 times at Madison Square Garden by invitation.

In 1965 he was awarded the All-American status from the National Collegiate Cross Country Coaches Association. Rendell taught at Panama Central School for one year and started the track team in 1946. He served on the Panama Central School Board of Education for eight years. He was inducted into the [Alfred State Athletics Hall of Fame](#) in 1998.

Brad Rendell was inducted into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame in 1982. He died in 2002.

An excellent article about Rendell, written by Janette Martin, appeared in the February 4, 1991 *Post-Journal*. It was titled "Brad Rendell Was 'Chariot Of Fire' In 30s." Click on this link to view: <http://chautauquasportshalloffame.org/bradrendell1991.php>