



Preserving the Sports History of Chautauque County



Chautauque Sports Hall of Fame

Box 1192 - Jamestown, NY 14702

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Board of Directors and Officers Elected

The Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame recently held elections to determine its 2012-13 governing Board of Directors. Re-elected to one-year terms were Kay Anderson, Randy Anderson, Dick Barton, Cal Cederquist, Lou Deppas, Russ Diethrick, Joe DiMaio, Russ Ecklund, Tom Heppeler, Terry Heslink, Wally Huckno, Chip Johnson, Lee Johnson, Phil Klinginsmith, Scott Kindberg, Fred Larson, Wendy Lewellen, Denny Lundberg, Stan Marshaus, Ron Melquist, Jim Painter, Dave Polechetti, Bill Race, Tammy Rea, Jim Riggs, Bill Rollinger, Chuck Sinatra, Komo Tane and Ed Tomassini.

Newly voted to the Board is Bob Schmitt.

Eight of the Board members are also inductees of the CSHOF: K. Anderson (1998), Barton (2003), Diethrick (1982), Huckno (2001), Marshaus (2006), Race (1995), Rollinger (1996), Schmitt (2012) and Tane (1990).



CSHOF officers: R Ecklund, B. Rollinger, B. Race, R. Anderson, R. Melquist, L. Johnson

At its August 27th meeting, the Board of Directors elected the officers to lead the organization for the next year. Chosen were Randy Anderson (President), Bill Race, Bill Rollinger and Ron Melquist (Vice-Presidents), Russ Ecklund (Secretary) and Lee Johnson (Treasurer).

CSHOF Supports Legacy Events



Working with community partners, the CSHOF is supporting legacy events that honor two of our inductees, Craig Swanson and Dan Feather.

The 21st Annual Craig “Swanny” Swanson Memorial Golf Tournament was held August 18th at Cable Hollow Golf Club in Russell, PA. The CSHOF was a hole sponsor for the event.

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



The 20th Annual Dan Feather Memorial 5K Run will be held Sunday, September 2 at Bergman Park in Jamestown. Chautauqua Striders organizes the race to raise funds for its youth programs and to honor Feather, a 1993 inductee. The CSHOF will be a monetary sponsor and will provide workers for the event.

<http://chautauquasportshalloffame.org/danfeather.php>

CSHOF Is Big Winner at Stateline Speedway

Stateline Speedway presented The Empire 50, sanctioned by the Lucas Oil Dirt Late Model Series, on July 24th and it was the largest single-day sporting event in Chautauqua County in many years as an estimated 6,500 fans viewed the action.

John Blankenship of Williamson, W.Va., won the 50-lap race and its \$10,000 first prize after a thrilling duel with Mike Knight of Ripley, NY.

Another big winner that evening was the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame. With the permission of Stateline Speedway owner Jenifer Seamens, the CSHOF conducted a 50-50 raffle that the fans supported in a big way. More than \$10,000 in tickets were sold, which resulted in a \$5,000-plus contribution to the CSHOF.

"I cannot thank Jenifer and her fans enough for their generosity," said CSHOF president Randy Anderson. "I knew there would be a huge crowd, but the excitement the raffle created was over the top."

He added, "The CSHOF has been an active player in preserving the history of Stateline and honoring its most outstanding drivers. We are a large repository of Stateline records

and memorabilia and have inducted three Stateline racers into our Hall of Fame - Bobby Schnars, Dick Barton and Skip Furlow."

Seamens said, "I am thrilled that our fans were so generous in their support of the 50-50 raffle and in turn the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame. The CSHOF was a key partner in the production of the 2010 documentary film "Stateline Speedway, The First Ten Years" and Randy Anderson has been instrumental in collecting and recording the 56-year history of the racetrack."

Inductee of the Month



Joe Nagle grew up in Grass Flats, Pennsylvania, but moved to Jamestown and became a baseball legend. While playing third base for the Celoron Spiders, Nagle saw action against the Pittsburgh Pirates and Boston Braves back in the days when major league teams toured the country after the season.

Nagle's brightest moment was when he hit a home run off Grover Cleveland Alexander who was touring with the House of David.

Nagle was only 5'4", 140 pounds, but that didn't stop him from doing the job as a catcher and third basemen. He had a quick bat and could hit the long ball despite his size. He claimed he never struck out more than seven times in a season.

Nagle had a tryout with Erie in the Mid-Atlantic League and manager Chief Bender was impressed with Nagle's ability. However, Bender thought Nagle's age and size could be a handicap because it was the time of scouting big men.

Nagle was also a successful manager. He was a player-manager in 1944 for the Jamestown All-Stars who won the state semi-pro tournament and made a trip to the Wichita, KS nationals where the team was eliminated in two straight games by close scores. In 1947 he accompanied another team to the nationals and in 1948 Jamestown was again eligible, but didn't make the trip.

Most of Nagle's managing success came with the Jamestown Steel Partition Bombers who were constant winners in local leagues.

Joe Nagle was inducted into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame in 1983. He died December 19, 1983.