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*Honoring and Preserving the Sports History of Chautauqua County*

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## Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

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September 2014

### CSHOF Officers Elected



At its August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board of Directors of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame elected the officers to lead the organization for the next year.

In the photo, left to right, are Bob Schmitt, Ron Melquist, and Bill Race, vice-presidents; Lee Johnson, treasurer; Russ Ecklund, secretary; and Randy Anderson, president.

Schmitt replaced Bill Rollinger who stepped down after 15 years as vice-president. Rollinger will remain on the Board of Directors. The other officers were re-elected to their positions.

Thirty-year director Denny Lundberg requested to be named a director emeritus of the CSHOF joining Russ Diethrick in that distinguished capacity. Appointed to replace Lundberg was Keith Martin, the Athletic Director at Jamestown Community College and former head coach of the highly successful JCC Lady Jayhawks basketball program. Martin is the son of 1997 CSHOF inductee, Ken Martin.

## 2014-2015 CSHOF Board of Directors

DIRECTOR	POSITION	YEARS
Anderson, Kay	director (& inductee)	15
Anderson, Randy	president	10
Barton, Dick	director (& inductee)	9
Bongiovanni, John	director	1
Cederquist, Cal	director (& inductee)	4
Deppas, Lou	director	6
Diethrick, Russ	director emeritus (& inductee)	33
DiMaio, Joe	director	8
Ecklund, Russ	secretary	24
Heppeler, Tom	director	5
Heslink, Terry	director	32
Huckno, Wally	director (& inductee)	12
Johnson, Chip	director	27
Johnson, Lee	treasurer	13
Kindberg, Scott	director	8
Klinginsmith, Phil	director	6
Larson, Fred	director	12
Lewellen, Wendy	director	4
Lundberg, Denny	director emeritus	30
Marshaus, Stan	director (& inductee)	3
Martin, Keith	director	new
Melquist, Ron	vice-president	26
Painter, Jim	director	6
Polechetti, Dave	director	5
Race, Bill	vice-president (& inductee)	19
Rea, Tammy	director	3
Riggs, Jim	director	33
Rollinger, Bill	director (& inductee)	17
Schmitt, Bob	vice-president (& inductee)	2
Sinatra, Dr. Charles	director	27
Tane, Komo	director (& inductee)	29
Tomassini, Ed	director	4



## CSHOF Supports Legacy Events

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

The 23rd Annual Craig “Swanny” Swanson Memorial Golf Tournament was held August 16<sup>th</sup> at Cable Hollow Golf Club in Russell, PA. The CSHOF was a hole sponsor for the event. Swanson was a 2001 inductee.

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



The 22nd Annual Dan Feather Memorial 5K Run was held Sunday, August 31 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 was a t-shirt sponsor of the event.

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

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## CSHOF Website and Facebook Page

The CSHOF website, [www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org](http://www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org), has a new feature that will allow repeat visitors to know when new material has been added to the site.

In the top, right corner of the home page is an icon that reads “latest updates.” Clicking on that will reveal a monthly listing of new items that have been added.

### **Did you know the CSHOF website contains a whopping 704 pages?**

We welcome webpage submissions from our inductees, their families, our members, and the general public.

The CSHOF Facebook page is another source for news and updates from the CHSOF. “Like” the CSHOF Facebook page for ease of use.

## Inductee of the Month



### **Morris Mistretta**

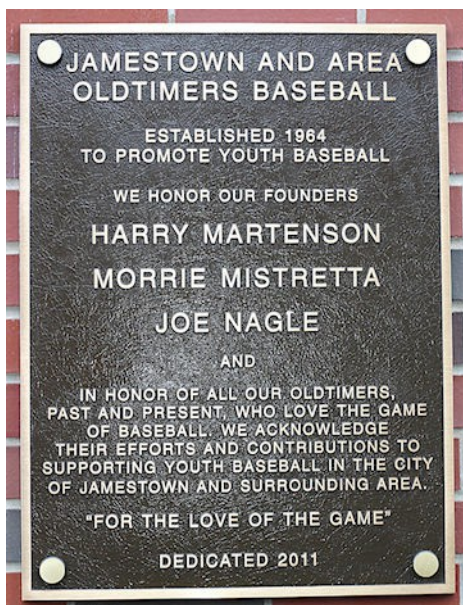
Morris Mistretta starred in amateur football, baseball and bowling for over 50 years in the Jamestown area.

His football feats were for the Liberty AC's beginning in 1927 and he took part in many games against the rival Crescent AC. Mistretta was a fullback, who often threw touchdown passes to teammate Sam Mason, and he also drop-kicked extra points.

In baseball, Mistretta played for the Jamestown Spiders, Tigers, Liberty AC and Noah's Ark. He played for over 15 years in the late 1920s and 1930s and batted over .300. He was a fine defensive catcher and among the pitchers he caught were Hugh Bedient and Swat Erickson, both former major leaguers who are also

Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame inductees.

When Mistretta's baseball and football playing days were over, he remained involved in those sports by officiating.



Morrie, along with fellow CSHOF inductees Harry Martenson and Joe Nagle, founded the Jamestown and Area Oldtimers Baseball Association. A plaque (left) honoring the three men is affixed at the entrance to Diethrick Park.

Mistretta was also known as one of the area's top bowlers in classic leagues. His average was in the 190 to 200 range and he rolled numerous 700 series. At the age of 68, two weeks before his death, Mistretta rolled a 251 game en route to a 667 series at the Satellite Bowl.

Morris Mistretta died in 1978. He was inducted into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame in 1987.