

BRISTOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Photos courtesy of Alan/Tom Piotrowski & Mark Gaier

2013 in review

Inside This Issue

- 1 The President's Posting
- 1 Co-founder remembered
- 1 Mum-A-Thon 5K Race
- 2 Class of 2013 Inductees
- 2 Inductee/Board Milestones
- 3 Leadership Council
- 3 Jack Hines Scholar Athletes
- 4 Classmate Remembered
- 4 9th Annual Golf Tournament

- President**
Jack Hines
- Vice President**
Bob Kalat
- Treasurer**
Dave Greenleaf
- Secretary**
Ellie Wilson
- Directors**
Chris Cassin
John Colapietro
Gail Ericson
Brian Farrell, Sr.
Robert Freimuth
Tom Grimaldi
Hal Kilby
Hank Lodge
Dave Mills
*Bob Montgomery
Bernard O'Keefe
Pat Parente
Tom Ragaini
Mark Redman
Mark Ziogas
* = Co-Founder
- Advisors**
Jim Bates, Jr
Robert Fiondella
Peter Kelley
Tom Mazzarella
Rick O'Brien
John Smith
Ed Swicklas

The President's Posting

Jack Hines, President, Bristol Sports Hall of Fame

2013 was another successful year for the Bristol Sports Hall of Fame thanks to the dedication of the Directors and the support of the greater Bristol Business Community.

As president, I am honored to represent this outstanding organization. Numerous events held in 2013---our seventeenth year of existence---allowed us to recognize deserving individuals with their induction into the Bristol Sports Hall of Fame. Our Scholar-Athlete Event, Leadership Program, 5-K Race and our annual Golf Tournament are other activities that took place this year. Directors who served as chairs for these events did an outstanding job.

I sincerely hope that as years go by, we continue to expand our programs and events as we recognize the youth and adults of the Bristol Community. The loyalty of the Business Community and the dedication of our Board of Directors have been two of the main reasons for our success over the years.

Co-founder to be remembered

John Fortunato, who passed away at age 80 on April 7th of this year, leaves the legacy of being a co-founder of the Bristol Sports Hall of Fame. He was the heart and sole of the organization and saw that in both the beginning and afterwards that it stayed on course with its mission statement: "To permanently honor, document and preserve distinctive contributions to the sports heritage of the city of Bristol."

John came up with the idea in late 1996 and joined with Bob Montgomery in late winter/early spring the following year and together they agreed, "Let's do it."

John worked tirelessly as an officer, vice-president through the early years, and later when he stepped down from that position to remain a valued director. It was his direction, vision, fortitude and long hours that helped solidify his dream.

The Bristol Sports Hall of Fame Room at the Bristol Historical Society will be named after John in a formal ceremony in 2014, time to be announced.

Mum-A-Thon 5K Race

Event coordinator and BSHOF Director Tom Grimaldi and his fellow directors at the Bristol Sports Hall of Fame directed another successful event.



BSHOF Welcomes Class of 2013 Inductees



**Carol
Carpenter**



**Jerry
Carpenter**



**John
Couture**



**Joe
DeFillippi**



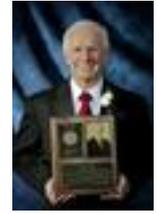
**Gerry
Greger**



**Maryellen
Holden**



**Paul
LaFleur**



**Rick
O'Brien**

The DoubleTree by Hilton was the setting for the BSHOF's 17th annual induction program which was held on November 22, 2013. Over three hundred patrons witnessed the induction of local sports legends Carol and Jerry Carpenter, John Couture, Joe DeFillippi, Gerry Greger, Maryellen Holden, Paul LaFleur and Rick O'Brien. With the induction of the Class of 2013, one hundred and thirty-eight individuals and three organizations have been recognized by the BSHOF for their roles in maintaining the tradition and glory of Bristol sports. The commemorative plaques of the Class of 2013 inductees, along with all Hall of Fame inductees, are on display at the Dennis Malone Aquatic Center on Mix Street in Bristol.

The BSHOF would like to extend its thanks to the many businesses and individuals who supported the induction program's advertisement booklet. Thanks also go to all of those who attended the event or sponsored tables. Special thanks go to Mark Cornacchio, CEO & President of the First Bristol Federal Credit Union for their sponsorship of the VIP Reception held prior to the induction program.

A big thank you goes out to Tom Mazzarella for his assistance with the production of the video portion of the program. Tom Monahan served as master of ceremonies for his sixteenth year and only interrupted for one year due to his retirement party after 45 years as WVIT Channel 30 News political reporter in 2011. And last but not least, the board would like to thank Bob Kalat and Hank Lodge for Co-Chairing the event and the entire Induction Committee members who helped make the 2013 event a success.

Inductee & Board Member Accomplishments & Milestones



Cassin



Freimuth



Lishness



Morin



Montgomery



Mullins



Palladino



Siegmann

Chris Cassin.....named Athletic Director for the City of Bristol.

Bob Freimuth...inducted into the CT High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Laura Lishness...inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame.

Mike Morin...received the Ralph Papazian Award at the Breakfast of Champions.

Bob Montgomery...was honored with the Humanitarian Award by the Bristol Boys & Girls Club.

Fran Mullins ...was honored by the National and State Legion Baseball levels during the 2013 NE regional tourney for his 63 years of dedicated service to Legion Baseball.

Gary Palladino...retired after 42 years of being head basketball coach.....499 wins

Dennis Siegmann...was an assistant coach of the 2013 NCJAA National championship men's wrestling team from Labette Community College. The school shared the honor with North Idaho.

Leadership Council Speakers Matt Smith and Mark Ziogas.

Matt Smith, President and Chief Operating Officer of Yarde Metals, spoke at the BSHOF Spring Leadership Breakfast and addressed the importance of being prepared.

When Storm Ella hit Connecticut, Yarde Metals had a roof collapse due to the weight of the snow. No one was injured but the damage was done and production was brought to a standstill. No one could have foreseen this roof collapse, but there were emergency plans ready to go.

"Rely on your team and the emergency plans that are in place. As a leader, do not ask your team to do anything that you would not do" Matt said. Matt was the first person on the roof to assess the severe damage. Yarde metals was up and running within 2 weeks of the collapse.

Matt stressed the importance of trusting your team to work together, trusting your preparation, communication with others to assess the immediate needs and establishing relationships for support.



Sixty six Team Leaders and Captains from St. Paul's, Bristol Eastern and Bristol Central High Schools met on September 10 and December 3 at Nuchie's Restaurant for two additional BSHOF Leadership Breakfasts for the 2013-14 season. Each team Captain summarized their season and were asked to state any problems that arose and how as a team leader it was resolved. Cutting practice, tardiness to practice, not enough playing time, being overly critical of other players and not having enough players on teams were major issues discussed.

The students also participated in activities which helped to instill certain skill sets they will need as team leaders; listening, thinking outside the box, and how instruction and encouragement get positive results. The students were also given ethical scenarios to discuss among themselves.

The group also participated in two community service projects, the United Way Day of Caring, and a coat drive. In May the students volunteered a one-half day at Shepard Meadows doing general maintenance and clean up. In December the students collected an amazing 180 coats for a local coat drive.

This was a good group of students who actively participated in the activities and hopefully came away with a better understanding of what it takes to be an effective leader and captain.

BSHOF gives a special thank you to the Robert Fiondella Foundation which helps to partially underwrite the cost of the program



From top to bottom: Event Coordinator BSHOF Director Mark Ziogas with speaker Yarde Metals President Matt Smith.

United Way Day of Caring for Shepard Meadows manned by students from Leadership Council.

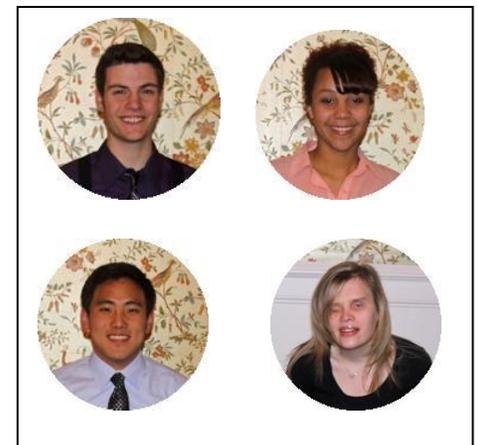
Jack Hines Scholar Athlete Dinner

Shortly after the formation of the Bristol Sports Hall of Fame, its Executive Director- Jack Hines proposed a program to honor students who were not only outstanding achievers in their academic studies but individuals who were equally successful in their athletic pursuit in their respective schools. The Scholar Athlete program seeks to honor such individuals.

To qualify as a Scholar Athlete a junior or senior must maintain a B+ average and have earned three varsity letters. In recognition of his service, the BSHOF has named its Scholar Athlete Recognition Dinner in honor of Jack Hines.

At the recognition Dinner the BSHOF awards a \$1,000 scholarship to recipients from the three local high schools. 2013 recipients were Justin Jakubiak (Bristol Central), Karissa Smith (Bristol Eastern) and Guen Park from St. Paul Catholic High School. Jamie Botteon (Bristol Eastern) was the 2013 recipient of the Joe McGinn Award.

To learn more about this program and prior recipients please visit the "Scholar/Athletes" and "Award Recipients" at our website www.bshof.org.



Top: Scholarship recipients Justin Jakubiak, Karissa Smith and Guen Park. (bottom left) with the 2013 Joe McGinn Award Recipient Lexi Page.

2013 Golf Tournament Another Success



The 9th Annual Bristol Sports Hall of Fame Golf Tournament was held on July 29, 2013 at Chippanee Golf Club in Bristol. Through the generosity of the golfers and many sponsors, the proceeds of the tournament are used to support the Bristol Sports Hall of Fame "Jack Hines Scholar Athlete" Program which provides scholarship money for Bristol high school seniors.

Among the participants were hall of fame members, Jim Bates, Jr., Gail Ericson, Robert Freimuth, Dave Mills, Spec Monico, Dave Raponey and Duke Snyder. They were joined by Jack Hines, newly elected to the position of President of the Bristol Sports Hall of Fame. On Course management was firmly supported by our Co-founder Bob Montgomery.



The tournament was held under a scramble format with winners in both the gross and net categories. First place gross winners with a score of 55 were the team of Steve Brasile, Matt Lewis, Kevin Ringuette and Keith Salamon. Finishing three strokes behind the winning foursome was the team of Mike Massarelli, Dan Panazzo, Dan Orach and Mike Wawampold.

On the Net side, the winning foursome with a score of 45 was the team of Brian Farrell, Jr., Mike Merriman, Joe Stanton and Gary Swanson. Finishing second two strokes behind was the team of Hank Lodge, Seamus Farrell, Zak LaRosa and Tom Monahan.



Long Drive winners were Brian Farrell, Jr. in the Men's division and Bob Hamel in the Men's Senior Long Drive. Ladies Long Drive went to Mary Beth Baldyga. The Closest to the Pin was won by Brian Rooney 11'6" and Ann Snyder 3'9". The event drew 92 golfers who also enjoyed lunch and dinner in addition to some great golf at Chippanee Golf Club. We thank all our players and sponsors for allowing us this privilege to support our community.

Special thanks to our Co-Chairs Hank Lodge and Brian Farrell, Sr. for their leadership and commitment to making this another successful fundraiser for BSHOF and our community.

John Fortunato and Vito Colapinto Remembered.

Co-founder, Director and Inductee John Fortunato along with 2011 Inductee Vito Colapinto will be missed.



Helping BSHOF help the Community

The Bristol Sports Hall of Fame (BSHOF) sponsors many activities that benefit both student-athletes and the adults who are involved in sports in the Bristol community. These programs are the result of the generous contributions from local businesses and individuals who recognize the value of promoting the accomplishments of Bristol athletes. Without community support, the BSHOF would not be able to continue the scholarship and educational programs that it sponsors. These events include:

- Three \$1,000 scholarships awarded at the Jack Hines Scholar-Athlete Dinner
- The Bristol Sports Hall of Fame Annual Induction Ceremony
- The Robert J. Fiondella Leadership Breakfast
- The Community Speakers Program
- The Bristol Park and Recreation Department Hershey Track Meet (co-sponsor)
- The Bristol Sports Hall of Fame Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament
- The Annual 5K Mum-A-Thon Road Race

If you or your business would like to support the community activities sponsored by the BSHOF, we offer the following:

- The BSHOF Scholarship Golf Tournament Sponsorships - Tee - \$100, Carts - \$500, Lunch/Dinner - \$1,000
- The BSHOF Annual Induction Ceremony Booklet
Full Page Ad - \$200 Half Page Ad - \$100 Quarter Page Ad - \$ 50

One time contributions of any amount are always welcome and appreciated. For more information regarding financial support of the BSHOF, please contact Bob Kalat at 860-589-2415 or via email at rkalat@aol.com.