

BRISTOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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2016 in review

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The President's Posting

Jack Hines, President, Bristol Sports Hall of Fame

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the officers and directors of the Bristol Sports Hall of Fame for your continued support of the events and programs we sponsor.

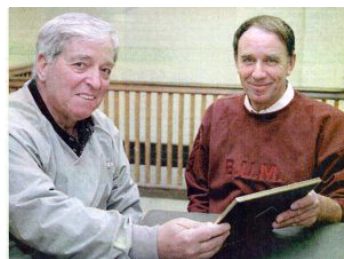
The financial support you so generously give helps students from all three Bristol high schools grow in leadership and service, and also helps make it possible for our scholarship recipients to continue the pursuit of their educational goals. Please visit our updated website (BSHOF.org) to view the events and programs we offer each year.

Finally, with an equal share of pride and pleasure, we can proclaim that with your support and partnership, we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Bristol Sports Hall of Fame this year. Happy Holidays!

Central's Pete Winger Honored at Breakfast of Champions.

The Ralph Papazian Award has been presented annually at the Breakfast of Champions since 1995. Pete Winger, former varsity boys basketball coach, and current principal of Bristol Central High School, will be honored as the recipient of the Ralph Papazian Leadership Award at the annual Breakfast of Champions to be held on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving at Bristol Central.

Looking back over the last Twenty years.



In 1997, John Fortunato and Bob Montgomery formed the Bristol Sports Hall of Fame with executive director John Smith leading the board in establishing a mission statement: "To permanently honor, document and preserve distinctive contributions and achievements to the sports heritage of Bristol." Through the years, the Hall of Fame has inducted 162 Individuals and 3 Organizations and sponsored programs such as the Jack Hines Scholar-

Athlete Dinner, the Scholarship Golf Tournament headed by directors Hank Lodge and Brian Farrell, a sponsorship of the Hershey Track & Field Meet through the lead of John Fortunato, the Leadership Council Breakfast initiated by then president Dave Mills and overseen by Mark Ziogas. Russ James, now a retired Bristol police officer, created the original BSHOF website (www.bshof.org), later taken on by Hank Lodge and Tom Mazzerella in showcasing the organization as one of the most, if not most, diversified of its kind in the state.

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BSHOF Welcomes Class of 2016 Inductees



Jay Calnan



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William Greger



Bernie O'Keefe



Frank Owsianko



Douglas Pina



Stacey Porrini

The DoubleTree by Hilton was the setting for the BSHOF's 20th annual induction program, which was held on November 18, 2016. Well over three hundred patrons witnessed the induction of local sports legends Jay Calnan, Tom Chauvin, Steve Cowdell, William L. Greger, Sr., Bernard E. O'Keefe, Frank M. Owsianko, Sr., Douglas Pina and Stacey Porrini-Clingan. With the induction of the Class of 2016, one hundred and sixty two individuals and three organizations have been recognized by the BSHOF for their roles in maintaining the tradition and glory of Bristol sports. The Class photo, along with all the classes, 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 Director Tom Mazzarella for his assistance with the production of the video portion of the program and to our Ticket Coordinator, Director Brian Farrell, Sr. Also Tom Monahan served as master of ceremonies for his nineteenth year, his tenure 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 who helped make the 2016 event a success.

Former Inductee Accomplishments & Milestones



Mills



Monahan



Pikiell



Pirog



Ziogas

Dave Mills.....recipient of the Spirit of Bristol Award.

Thomas R. Monahaninducted (posthumously) into the CAS-CIAC "Hall of Fame".

Steve Pikiell.....appointed Head Basketball Coach at Rutgers University.

Phil Pirog.....inducted into the CT Scholastic & Collegiate Softball "Hall of Fame".

Ginny Ziogas Torreso.....inducted into the Pace University Basketball "Hall of Fame".

"Coach" Dan Valerio will be missed but never forgotten.



Dan Valerio, Sr., 98, a Bristol sports legend, died on Tuesday morning October 7, 2016 at Bristol Hospital. He was well-known in Bristol sports circles in having spent eight decades bettering the lives of Bristol's youth.

Many honors have been passed his way and one came from the Catholic Church when he received the Archdiocesan St. Joseph Medal of Honor at St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford in 2011. He was inducted into the Bristol Sports Hall of Fame in 2002.

God Bless, "Coach." You are loved and will be greatly missed by many!

Robert Fiondella Leadership Council Speaker: Breanna Gleason

The goal of the Leadership Council is to help instill leadership skills in those student-athletes that are identified by their coaches as the future leaders or captains of their teams. The group meets three times a year, once in the spring of their junior years, and then again in September and December of their senior years. We bring in speakers, discuss ethical situations, participate in activities, and discuss any problems the students may have encountered on their respective teams.

Breanna Gleason was the speaker at the September 2016 breakfast. Breanna the former BCHS All-Stater, and All-American at University of New Haven, is currently the softball head coach at CCSU. She spoke about the trials and tribulations she had in becoming the type of leader that she wanted to be. The students heard that being a leader doesn't necessarily come naturally, but it is something that can be learned and continually improved upon. It reinforced the idea that the upperclassmen need to take the underclassmen under their wings and show them the correct way to practice and act. It was an interesting story and well received by all the students in attendance



From top to bottom: Breanna Gleason delivered a strong message to the Leadership Council. BSHOF Director Mark Ziogas oversees the event.

BSHOF Leadership Council students volunteering at United Way Day of Caring for Indian Rock Preserve Environmental Learning Center.

As part of the program the students also participate in the Day of Caring Event sponsored by the United Way of West Central Connecticut. In May the students volunteered a one-half day at Indian Rock Environmental Learning Center doing general maintenance and clean up. The students did a great job and were treated to breakfast and lunch in appreciation for their hard work.

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

Scholar Athlete Recognition 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 who were also equally successful in their athletic pursuits in their respective schools. The Scholar Athlete program seeks to honor such individuals.

To qualify as a Scholar Athlete a junior or senior must have an 88 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 \$1,500 scholarship to recipients from the three local high schools. 2016 recipients were Roberto Luis-Fuentes (Bristol Central), Morgan Dauphinee (Bristol Eastern) and Jackson Hines from St. Paul Catholic High School. Matthew LaVoie was the 2016 recipient of the Joe McGinn Award.

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



Top: Scholarship recipients Jackson Hines, Morgan Dauphinee and Roberto Luis-Fuentes. (Bottom right) the 2016 Joe McGinn Award Recipient Matthew LaVoie.

2016 Golf Tournament Another Success



The 12th Annual Bristol Sports Hall of Fame Golf Tournament was held on July 28, 2016 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 Scholar Athlete Program which provides scholarship money for Bristol high school seniors.

Among the participants were hall of fame members, Gail Ericson, Robert Freimuth, Duke Snyder, Dave Raponey, Beth Lafferty, Debbie James, Chris D'Amato and Jim Ziogas. They were joined by Jack Hines, 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 was the team of Marc Przygocki, Aaron O'Connor, EJ Czujkowski and Nate Gawitt. Finishing three strokes behind the winning foursome was the team of Bob Freimuth, Pat Hall, Bunty Ray and Kevin Huber.

On the Net side, the winning foursome with a score of 46 and winning by matching cards was the team of Hank Lodge, Frank Flood, Dave Dawiczuk and Tom Monahan. Finishing second by matching cards was the team of Dave Raponey, Mark Tedesco, Eric Ostroski and Bob Patterson,



Long Drive winners were Kevin Huber in the Men's division and Bob Kalat in the Men's Senior Long Drive. Ladies Long Drive went to Gail Ericson. The Closest to the Pin was won by Bob Freimuth 4'3" and Debbie James 9'7". 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 go 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.

Thomas and Alan Piotrowski will be missed.



Thomas Edward Piotrowski passed away on May 15, 2016. Tom and his son Alan volunteered their time to help the Bristol Sports Hall of Fame with all of our photography needs over the past 10 years. Those of us that were lucky enough to have known Tom will always appreciate what he did for our organization and the city of Bristol.



Alan Piotrowski, a former Joe McGinn award recipient, besides being an avid photographer over came many obstacles and he along with his dad could always be counting on and gave graciously of their time and efforts on our behalf. Since his dad's passing Alan now resides in Savannah, Georgia with his aunt.

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 \$1,500 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 Breakfast of Champions

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.