

DOWN AT THE HALL

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2011 in review

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The President's Posting

Dave Mills, President of the Bristol Sports Hall of Fame

2011 was another very successful year for the Bristol Sports Hall of Fame (BSHOF). We enjoyed a series of great events including a community-wide event featuring UCONN Football Coach, Paul Pasqualoni and we were able to send a dozen students to the World Peace Summit, sponsored by the Institute for International Sport.

On a sad note, the Bristol community lost four Hall of Fame members with the passing of Paul Castolene, Tom Murrone, Jim Tracy and George "Yosh" Redman. All were legends in our community and will be sorely missed.

We look forward to another exciting and purposeful year. We welcome our new Directors and will continue to provide meaningful programs to all segments of the community. Our positive influence in our community and a commitment to use sport as a tool to provide positive choices is our focus.

As president, I am honored to represent this outstanding organization.

Please visit the BSHOF website at www.bshof.org.

Bristol Tramps honors Henry Cabot Lodge

Our own Hank Lodge, Webmaster and a BSHOF Director, was honored by the Bristol Tramps at its annual dinner held on Friday, April 15, 2011 at the Aqua Turf. Upon being introduced by the evening's MC, Maryellen Holden as the 2011 recipient of the Chuck McCarthy award, Hank received a standing ovation.

Since coming on board in 2005 Hank has committed himself to excellence in every task he has undertaken. Currently, he is the co-chair of both our Annual Induction program and our Annual fundraising Golf Tournament in addition to being our Webmaster. Hank prides himself on creating and growing our Scrapbook remembrance. Hank has a hand in just about anything and everything the board takes on.

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BSHOF Welcomes Class of 2011 Inductees



**Tony
Carrier**



**Vito
Colapinto**



**Steve
Mills**



**Spec
Monico**



**Hop
Murphy**



**New
Departure**



**Coral
Richardson**



**Ray
Taillon**

The Clarion Hotel was the setting for 15th annual induction program which was held on November 18, 2011. A capacity audience witnessed the induction of local sports legends Tony Carrier, Vito Colapinto, Steve Mills, Spec Monico, Francis "Hop" Murphy, New Departure, Coral Richardson and Ray Taillon. With the induction of the Class of 2011, one hundred and twenty individuals and two organizations have been recognized for their roles in maintaining the tradition and glory of Bristol sports. Commemorative plaques of the Class of 2011 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 Jack Hines, Peter Kelly and 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, to Tom Monahan who returned for his fourteenth year as master of ceremonies and to Alan and Tom Piotrowski for their photo excellence. And last but not least, the induction committee would like to thank the board members who helped make the 2011 event a success.

6th Annual Volleyball Tournament attracts 13 teams.



The volleyball tournament, sponsored by the First Bristol Federal Credit Union, Bristol Parks and Recreation and BSHOF, was held at Stocks Playground's sand courts on July 23, 2011 was very successful. Thirteen teams from all over Connecticut attended.

The men's "A" division was won by the powerful team consisting of DeWayne Grant, Robin Miller, Jeff Sanith and Lucian Goncalves.



The men's "B" division was won by Justin Greenlaw, Kyle Morann, Tracie Kavanagh and Brian Wyrebek

The Girls High School division was won by Jess Hubina, Alyssa Fendt, Anna Thomas and Anna Dupaul.



Tournament directors were David D. Pecevich and Gail Ericson. Mayor Art Ward opened the tournament by thanking all the participants for playing and donating the proceeds to the Bristol Eastern/Bristol Central fund for their quest to install two state-of-the-art fields that will support Bristols' strong sports traditions.

For more information on supporting these fields contact Ellen Benham, Bristol Athletic Director (860) 584-7041 or Chris D'Amato at 860-583-9356.

Robert Fiondella Leadership Council Speakers Jim & Michael Bates and Rit Croce.

At the first breakfast meeting in April, the speaker was Jim Bates Jr., former Bristol Eastern and Trinity College standout. Jim talked about earning the respect of your teammates citing the late John Wooden, who said one's reputation is what others perceive you to be. Your character is what you are and what really matters is what you have inside.

Jim's son Michael then made a presentation as the coordinator of Connecticut Initiatives for the Institute for International Sport, which holds the World Scholar Athlete Games and World Peace Summit. The 2011 games were held at the University of Hartford with young people from around the country and the world in attendance. BSHOF was able to sponsor 12 student athletes for the Games. The students were able to develop friendships and gain an understanding of cultures from all over the world.

The second meeting in September was an open discussion of how the students perceived their role as leaders and how they hoped to implement their plans. The students were also presented with several scenarios which elicited many thoughtful and useful responses.

In December, our third speaker was Richard (Rit) Croce a 1966 Bristol Central alum where he attained all state status in both football and wrestling. Rit spoke about two books he recently read. One called The Dumbest Generation the other The Greatest Generation. The first book talked about today's youth not getting the most out of their abilities because of a lack of social interaction due to technology. Instead of having conversations they tweet and text. The second book was about the generation that endured the depression, World War II and then went on to build America into a super power both economically and militarily. He challenged the students to become part of the Greatest Generation and not succumb to the Dumbest Generation. Rit then spoke about leadership and that you can't be a good leader if you're not a good person. Look at yourself objectively and continue to try and improve on those areas you might be deficient. Make a plan or set goals, believe in them and then act on them. Take that athletic attitude and apply it to all aspects of your life.



From top to bottom: Speakers for the Bristol Sports Hall of Fame Robert Fiondella Leadership Council, Jim Bates and his son Michael in top photo with Rit Croce in the bottom.

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. This year the recipients were Ethan Washburn (Bristol Central), Leah Aakjar (Bristol Eastern) and Ryan Peloguin from St. Paul Catholic High School. Jason Wyrebek (Bristol Eastern) was the 2011 recipients of the Joe McGinn Award.

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



Top: Scholarship recipients Ethan Washburn (Bristol Central), Leah Aakjar (Bristol Eastern) and Ryan Peloguin (St. Paul). At bottom right is the 2011 Joe McGinn Award Recipient, Bristol Central Senior Jason Wyrebek.

2011 Golf Tournament another success



The 7th Annual Bristol Sports Hall of Fame Golf Tournament was held on July 25, 2011 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., Robert Freimuth, Dave Mills, Dave Raponey, Duke Snyder, Jim and Mike Ziogas. They were joined by Bristol Mayor Art Ward, former Major Leaguer Dick McAuliffe, Avon HS Football Coach Brett Quinion and former BSHOF Executive Director Jack Hines.



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 58 were the team of Bob Boisvert, Bill Kievit, Bob Calcinari and Oscar Jobs. Finishing one stroke behind the winning foursome was the team of Steve Brasile, Kevin Ringuette, Todd and Keith Salamon.

On the Net side, the winning foursome with a score of 50 was the team of Bruce Wollschlager, Tony Pannazzo, Mike Gillon and Mike Wampold. Also finishing at 50 but losing to matching cards was the team of Bob Kalat, Tom Pons, Bill Ryan and Gene McMahon.



Long Drive winners were Eric Grant in the Men's division and Bam DiPalo was our winner in the Men's Senior Long Drive. The Closest to the Pin was won by Eric Grant. The event drew 88 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-Chair Brian Farrell, Sr., for his leadership and commitment to making this another successful fundraiser for the Bristol Sports Hall of Fame and community at large.

Classmates Castolene, Murrone, Redman & Tracy Remembered.

Hall of Fame inductees Paul Castolene, Tom Murrone, George "Yosh" Redman and Jim Tracy left us this year and left behind a huge legacy that affected all that knew them.



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

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.