

BRISTOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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2018 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 have sponsored over the years.

The financial support you so generously give to us allows us to provide funding for student-athletes from all three Bristol high schools to pursue their educational goals and dreams. Your support also gives them the opportunity to grow in leadership and, in some cases, to participate in community service. The student-athletes selected by their teachers, coaches, and school administrators to attend our leadership programs are given the chance to listen to community leaders, many of whom are products of Bristol schools and athletic programs themselves. The students can then reflect on the best way to be leaders in their own right of the teams they represent.

I invite you to once again visit our website (BSHOF.ORG) to view the bios of those inducted into the Hall of Fame over the years, and to view the programs and events offered during 2018.

Jack Krampitz Honored at Breakfast of Champions.

The Ralph Papazian Leadership Award is given to educators and coaches in the city who, like Coach Papazian, display the qualities of leadership, integrity, and community involvement. As a member of the first class at St. Paul Catholic High School, Jack Krampitz was a three sport athlete, playing football, basketball, and baseball. He attended Bates College and played football there. Jack spent most of his teaching career at Bristol Eastern High School, where he coached multiple sports over 35 years. He was an assistant coach for four state championship teams in football, basketball, baseball and softball, and was the head coach of the 1996 State Championship softball team for Bristol Eastern.

Hall of Fame bids Jack Hines Farewell!

We say goodbye and thank you to Jack Hines who stepped down last month as president of the organization. Jack has been with us since 1998, first serving as executive director and then as president beginning in 2012. His leadership helped the organization grow into what is the most diversified athletic/sports hall of fame in the state. One key contribution has been the Scholar-Athlete Ceremony, his brainchild, which is named in his honor. It is one of the many programs the Hall of Fame celebrates on an annual basis.

Bob Kalat, who has served as BSHOF vice-president since 2003, was elected to become our new president, one of four the organization has had. A retired Thomaston educator and Bristol resident, Bob brings much to the table. He has chaired or been part of most of the programs the Hall of Fame has made available to those in and from Bristol, serving those of all ages, but with special guidance and support provided to Bristol's youth. We proudly support the presidency of Bob Kalat as we move towards our 25th anniversary in 2021.

BSHOF Welcomes the Class of 2018 Inductees



Karl Hall

Hal Kilby

Morrie Laviero

Paul Neveu, Sr.

Jon Petke

Tamara Stafford-Kirk

Bill Sweet

Todd Ziogas

The DoubleTree by Hilton was the setting for the BSHOF's 22nd annual induction program, which was held on November 16, 2018. A capacity crowd of 360 witnessed the induction of local sports legends Karl Hall, Hal Kilby, Morrie Laviero, Paul Neveu Sr., Jon Petke, Tamara Stafford-Kirk, Bill Sweet and Todd Ziogas. With the induction of the Class of 2018, one hundred and seventy eight individuals and three organizations have been recognized by the BSHOF for their roles in maintaining the tradition and glory of Bristol sports. Their 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 Mazarella for his assistance with the production of the video portion of the program and to our Ticket Coordinator, Linda Mannarino. Also Tom Monahan served as master of ceremonies for his 21st year. 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 2018 event a success.

Inductee Accomplishments & Milestones



- Armand Choiniere Inducted into the CT Football Officials Hall of Fame.
- Chris D'Amato Honored by the Bristol Tramps.
- Maryellen Holden Awarded the "Good Sport" award from the CT Sports Writers Alliance.
- Paul LaFleur Inducted into CT American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame.
- Jack Hines Awarded Life Time Achievement and Inducted into the Hartford Public Athletic HOF
- Spec Monico Honored by the Bristol Tramps.
- Gary Sassu Named 2018 Connecticut PGA Golf Professional of the Year.
- Chyrss Watts Honored by the Bristol Tramps.
- Adrian Wojnarowski Awarded "Sports Writer of the Year" by the National Sports Media Association.

**2018 saw the passing of these inductees.
They may be gone but will never be forgotten.**



John Dunn



Phil Lewis



Gordon Losey



Stacey Porrini Clingan

Robert Fiondella Leadership Council & United Way Day of Caring:

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 year, and then again in September and December of their senior year. We bring in speakers, discuss ethical situations, participate in activities, and discuss any problems the students may have encountered on their respective teams.

The Bristol Sports Hall of Fame held its first Leadership Council Breakfast for a new group of students from Bristol's three high schools, those identified to be a sports team captain/leader during the school year 2017-2018. Mark Ziogas, a BSHOF director and local attorney, is the program's moderator and MC.

Besides learning leadership skills the students are also involved in community service projects. The group participated in the United Way Day of Caring event in May, where they spent a morning at the Environmental Learning Center doing spring clean up for the upcoming summer programs. The students also did a sports equipment drive ("Replay") to provide area children with new and gently used sporting equipment collected by the students. At the December 4th breakfast recently inducted Bristol Sports Hall of Famer Tamara Stafford-Kirk spoke to the students about leadership, responsibility and striving to reach their goals.



Tamara Stafford-Kirk

The Bristol Sports Hall of Fame helped out in the United Way's Annual Day of Caring on May 19th. Students from Bristol Central High School, Bristol Eastern High School, and St. Paul Catholic High School who are participants in the Hall of Fame's Leadership Council did various tasks to clean up the grounds at the Indian Rock Nature Preserve in Bristol.

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. 2018 recipients were (from Left to right) Pat Kjornrattanawanich & Selana Norton (Bristol Central), Maggie Santacroce & Sarah Maglio (Bristol Eastern), and Dominic Aiello & Matthew Goodwin (St. Paul). Kendra Morales was the 2018 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.

2018 Golf Tournament Another Success



The 15th Annual Bristol Sports Hall of Fame Golf Tournament was held on July 30, 2018 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. Super volunteer, Patti Kalat helped at registration and took over the duties of collecting entry fees for the Wine Hole for the umpteenth year.



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 57 was the team of Bob Freimuth, Pat Hall, Brian Rooney and Bunty Ray.

On the Net side, the winning foursome with a score of 51 was the team of Dom Perno, Ray Ashton, Tony Panazzo and Jeff Olsen. Hank Lodge was overheard asking for a recount.



Long Drive winners were David Roux in the Men's division and Joe Mancini in the Men's Senior Long Drive. Ladies Long Drive went to Missy Erdtmann. The Closest to the Pin winners were Dom Perno 5' and Alexia Fliss at 21'. The event drew 108 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 Jack Hines and Don Soucy, for their leadership and commitment to making this another successful fundraiser for BSHOF and our community.

It is with a great deal of gratitude that we thank our former Co-Chair Hank Lodge for providing his mentoring and guidance.

St. Anthony's High School Sports Panel Discussion



The Bristol Sports Hall of Fame sponsored an evening of remembrance held at the Bristol Historical Society on May 10th. John Fasolo was the presiding Master of Ceremonies. Panel members consisted of former St. Anthony's sports legends Bob Fiondella, Morrie Laviero, Phil Mannarino, Tom Burns. The auditorium was filled and many stories were shared.



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:

- Six \$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.