

News



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CCSHoF Memorabilia Finds Home

Our first edition!

- CCSHoF Memorabilia finds a home
- Meet the 2008 CCSHoF Inductees
- Upcoming events and opportunities
- A message from the president
- Find out how to join
- ... and much more!

Nick Cacchione, owner of The Winner's Circle Sports Grille, has been gracious enough to allow the CCHoF to display its memorabilia in the front of the restaurant at the Exton location.

The Winner's Circle is a family-friendly, sports-oriented environment with memorabilia hanging on the walls from the four major Philadelphia sports teams as well as

other out-of-area professional teams.

The CCSHoF and Nick Cacchione thought the partnership would be a great idea and a way for the CCSHoF to reach out to the community.

For more information about the Winner's Circle restaurants, visit them on the web at winnerscirclesports-grille.com or at the Exton or Newtown Square locations.



Winner's Circle Exton location is the new home of CCSHoF memorabilia

2ND ANNUAL BANQUET SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 7TH

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The 2008 CCHOF Inductee Ceremony was a great success. It was a thrilling night for those in attendance. The 2009 Inductee Banquet will be held this year on Saturday, November 7th, at the Red Clay Room in Kennett Square, PA. We will enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a sit-down dinner prior to our inductee pres-

entations. Tickets will go on sale in September.

Please plan to join us for this exciting night.

Contact Pam McCardell at pammcardell@aol.com



CCSHoF Meetings

All members of the CCSHOF are welcome to attend the monthly meetings held at the Daily Local News located at 250 N. Bradford Ave in West Chester. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the conference room.

Want to join? See page 5 for an application form.

News bites

CCSHoF Web Site to Launch in May

Chestercountsportshalloffame.com will be up and running by May 2009. The CCSHOF has enlisted Scott McCutchen to be the webmaster and designer. He is also the designer for the Winner's Circle Web site along with several other local businesses. To see examples of his work visit www.scottmccutchen.com. Scott will be at the April meeting to present a shell Web site and plans to have the site launched by the May meeting. Links to the Web site will be posted on the *Daily Local News* Web site, www.dailylocal.com, and the Winner's Circle Web site.

Volunteers Needed For Membership Drive

The CCSHOF has 117 members and wants more! Jimmy Jefferis has been on a CCSHOF publicity tour of sorts, visiting member organizations and talking up the CCSHOF. Jerry Schneider also did a little publicity at the First Presbyterian Men's lunch, where he was successful in recruiting one new member. In a few weeks, Jimmy will talk to the West Chester Lions Club and in June he will visit with the Exchange Club of West Chester. If anyone has any suggestions for other organizations or would like to volunteer for publicity tours they can call Jimmy at 610-416-3564.

Blue Rocks Outing

On Thursday, May 7th, there will be an outing to the Wilmington Blue Rocks game for West Chester Community Night. Anyone who is interested should contact Tom Walsh at 610-692-1708 (home), 610-696-0485 (fax), or e-mail tmwalsh318@aol.com. Tickets are \$5 for reserved and \$6 for box seats. We must sell a minimum of 10 tickets to qualify for the special rates. Forms will be available at the CCSHoF meeting, from Tom Walsh, or at Halladay Florist, 29 S. Church St, West Chester.

Coatesville Hosts Valor Bowl May 28th

Game Benefits Special Olympics

The Chester County Sports Hall of Fame has donated \$1,250 to the county's Valor Bowl to be held on May 28th at Coatesville's Memorial Stadium. The money will go towards a banquet for all the players on May 8th at the Kimberton Hall.

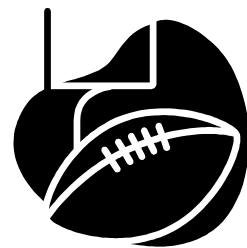
The Valor Bowl is an all-star football game that benefits the Special Olympics and showcases the best senior players from

Coatesville, Downingtown East, Downingtown West, W.C. Henderson, W.C. East, Avon Grove, Conestoga, Unionville, Phoenixville, Spring-Ford, Malvern Prep, Great Valley, Owen J. Roberts, Kennett, Bishop Shanahan and W. C. Rustin high schools

The CCSHOF will have a tent at the game to distribute information and sign up new members.

Also, before the game, Bill Kashatus will address the crowd to discuss the CCSHOF.

If you would like to volunteer your time in the tent contact Matt McFillin.



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2008 Inductees



Chester County Sports Hall of Fame's inaugural class of inductees included (*First row, seated*) Jessica Killinger, granddaughter of inductee Glenn Killinger, Pam Long, mother of "Rip" Hamilton, Cathy Rush. *Second row:* Bill Killinger, son of Glenn Killinger, Mike Bruno, son of Albert Bruno, Ed Collins III, grandson of Herb Pennock, Dick Vermeil, Roy Jackson, Jon Matlack, Mike Piazza, Alvy Kelly, Andre Thornton. *Not present:* Dallas Green, Jim Furyk

2008 Inductees Represent the Best in Sports

The 2008 Chester County Sports Hall of Fame Inductees represent a wide variety spectrum of sports. From baseball to golf, from football to basketball to horse racing, Chester County natives and residents have distinguished themselves nationally as well as locally. Those inducted into the Hall last year are:

Al Bruno, football standout at West Chester High, Perkiomen Prep, and University of Kentucky, went on to play and coach for the Canadian Football league, coaching the Tiger-Cats to the Grey Cup championship in 1986 and being selected CFL Coach of the Year.

Jim Furyk, one of the best players currently on the pro tour, is known not only for his winning ways on the golf course, but for this pride and joy, the Exelon Invitational, which benefits Boys and Girls Clubs in Pennsylvania. Last year, the tournament surpassed the \$1 million mark on its 10th anniversary.

Dallas Green did what many Philadelphia-area sports fans had begun to think they'd never see. He led the Phillies to their first-ever World Series Championship. And his career didn't end there. He went on to become Vice-

president and general manager of the Chicago Cubs, manager of the New York Yankees, Manager of the New York Mets, and then came full-circle back to the Phillies as a senior adviser to the general manager, a post he holds to this day.

Rip Hamilton is clearly the pride of Coatesville. A current star of the Detroit Pistons, he has won championships in both the NBA and the NCAA while playing for the University of Connecticut.

Alvy Kelly and his late wife, Addy, founded one of West Chester's best-known businesses, Kelly's Sports, (cont. next page)

Inductees, cont.

Ltd., in 1972.. Today, Kelly's sponsors some 50 youth and sports teams yearly. Alvy and Addy formed the West Chester Area Sports Association and donated \$25,000 to get the non-profit, five-field facility up and running.

Glenn Killinger, known to generations of West Chester University students as "Killy," taught and coached at that institution for 36 years. He never had a losing season during his tenure as football coach and had four unbeaten teams and six Pa. State Teachers College Conference Championships. Equally impressive as a baseball coach, he won 340 games in 32 years and had only one losing season.

Jon Matlack, a baseball standout from his days at West Chester High, went on to play for the Mets, where in 1972 he won the Nation league's Rookie of the Year Award. He later played for the Texas rangers and retired from baseball in 1983. Today, he is a minor league pitching coach for the Detroit Tigers.

Herb Pennock, "The Squire of Kennett Square," played alongside the likes of Babe Ruth and Lou Ge-

hrig and more than earned his way into Cooperstown. He went directly from high school in the Major Leagues, playing first for the Philadelphia A's, then for the Red Sox, then for the Yankees where his 115-67 record assured his place among the other Yankee legends.

Mike Piazza is probably the greatest hitting catcher in baseball history. He was a 12-time All-Star, Rookie of the Year, and the all-time leader in home runs by a catcher. He has played for the Dodgers, Mets, Padres, and the Oakland A's, and retired from baseball in 2008.

Cathy Rush, led then-tiny Immaculata College to a remarkable six consecutive Final Four appearance, including three straight AIAW national championships from 1972 to 1974. The Mighty Macs won an incredible 91% of their games. Then, in 1975, she coached the U.S. women's basketball team to a gold medal at the Pan American Games. She was inducted in the Naismith memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2008.

Andre Thornton of Phoenixville played major league baseball for the Chicago Cubs (after first being

signed by the Phillies), Expos and Indians. He has been honored by the Roberto Clemente Award given to the player who best exemplifies the game of baseball. Today, he owns and runs his own management consulting company and is deeply involved in the Cleveland community.

Dick Vermeil now lives in Chester County and is one of the most popular figures in Philadelphia-area sports. Hired to coach the Eagles after coaching the UCLA Bruins to their first conference title in 10 years, he turned the struggling Birds into winners, taking them to the Super Bowl in 1980. Today he is involved with the Boy Scouts and his golf invitational brings in more than \$1 million to the Scouts' operational fund.

Special recognition this year goes to **Roy and Gretchen Jackson**, owners of **Barbaro**. Barbaro was on track to win it all after a magnificent victory in the Kentucky Derby, but a misstep in the Preakness eventually cost him his life due to laminitis. His struggle to survive has taught veterinarians much about the disease and may someday lead to a cure.

A Message from the President...

Chester County has a rich and enduring athletic history. Those who have helped shape its landscape over the years have never fully received the thanks and recognition they so truly deserve. It was with that thought in mind that we, the CCSHoF committee, set about to the task of establishing not only the Hall of Fame, but also a centrally located physical venue, in which to display the memorabilia and artifacts associated with those who have been and will be inducted into its rank and file. At present, we are in the process of establishing that venue.

Included on our CCSHoF committee are several people who are doubling as members of a special task force, whose

goal is to bring a minor league baseball stadium to the county. Plans for the proposed stadium are well underway. Upon completion, a separate wing within the stadium will be established as a permanent home for the CCSHoF and its accompanying artifacts and exhibits for all Chester Countians and sports fans everywhere to enjoy.

Our inaugural class of inductees, illustrious though it may be, represents but a fraction of the countless individuals-past and present-deserving of enshrinement in the CCSHoF. It is our fervent desire to see to it that, in time, all will receive the recognition and thanks they have for so long gone without.

Make no mistake, this fledgling hall of fame belongs to all of Chester County. It is yours to enjoy and perpetuate, even as we take those first wobbly steps to get it up and running. With your help and involvement, we can all see to it that it continues to grow in both size and stature as we pay homage to those who will be enshrined here.

So stay with us. The best is yet to come.

Jerry Schneider

President,
Chester County Sports Hall of Fame

MEMBERSHIP

APPLICATION



The Chester County Sports Hall of Fame seeks Women and Men to become members.

The organization has three major functions:

1. Operate the Chester County Sports Hall of Fame.
2. Prepare and conduct yearly elections of inductees into The Hall of Fame.
3. Provide educational programs.

As a Hall of Fame member you'll enjoy the following privileges:

- Nominate candidates for election to Hall of Fame.
- Receive ballot and vote for Hall of Fame inductees each year.
- Volunteer opportunities throughout the county.

One Year Membership: \$30

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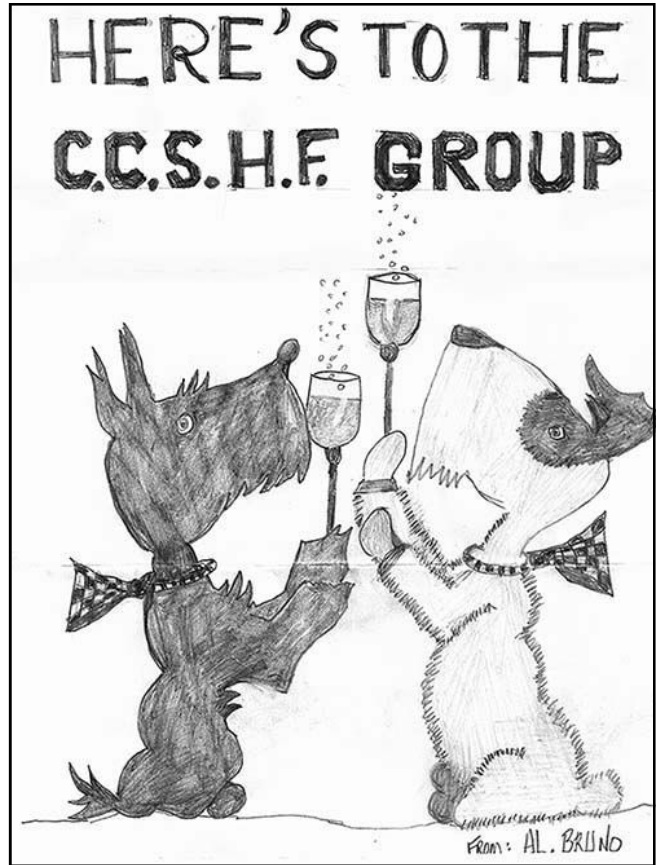
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