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Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame Releases Class IX Ballot *Fans Have an On-Line Voice to Cast Their Favorites*

PHILADELPHIA- March 5, 2012 - The Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame has released the ballot for its 9th class of Inductees. The ballot is now in the hands of the Hall's blue ribbon voting body, which numbers over 220. The top public submissions are automatically included on the final ballot. The Hall's Ballot Committee narrowed the field to these 37 outstanding selections, representing achievement in 15 different sports.

"The individuals who comprise this ballot continue to exemplify the great history of Philadelphia sports", said Joe Shannon of the Hall's Ballot Committee. "We are pleased to present our voting body with a ballot that broadly represents the many facets of our sporting landscape".

To ensure that classes represent recent as well as historic accomplishment, the ballot segments those whose careers primarily occurred more than 50 years ago (Heritage Nominees) and those within the last 50 years.

The Hall of Fame provides fans an opportunity to select their favorites for inclusion into Inductee Class IX. Although the fans' votes do not count toward the official selection, the Hall of Fame is excited to provide this 'megaphone' for fans to voice their opinions. Fans may submit their selections online at: <http://phillyhall9.surveyconsole.com>

The Class IX nominees are:

Heritage Nominees - Majority of Career pre-1961

Bob Montgomery- Boxing
Bruce Harlan- Diving
Dick Williams- Tennis
Eddie Plank- Baseball
Gertrude Dunn- Baseball/Field Hockey

Henry "Shag" Crawford- Baseball-Umpire*
Herb Pennock – Baseball
Horace Ashenfelter- Track & Field
Joe Burk- Rowing
Johnnie Callison- Baseball
Harold Johnson- Boxing

Johnny McDermott- Golf
Maxie Baughn- Football
Sam Thompson- Baseball
Sylvia Wene Martin- Bowling
Tommy Thompson – Football

Majority of Career post 1961

Andrew Toney - Basketball
Bob Rigby - Soccer
Brian Propp- Hockey
Debbie Black - Basketball
Doug Collins - Basketball
Ellie Daniel - Swimming
Eric Allen- Football

Eric Lindros – Hockey
Gary Williams – Basketball
Geno Auremma - Basketball
Joe Klecko – Football
John LeClair – Hockey
Michael Brooks- Basketball
Mike Bantom- Basketball

Mike Piazza – Baseball
Mike Richter- Hockey
Pete Rose – Baseball
Rich Gannon- Football
Tina Sloan Greene – Lacrosse
Tony Black - Horse racing*
Wali Jones – Basketball

For more information visit: <http://www.phillyhall.org/election/>

The Class IX Induction Ceremony and Reception is Thursday November 8, 2011 at the Society Hill Sheraton, 2 Dock Street, Philadelphia, PA. Details are available on-line at: <http://www.phillyhall.org/class89> or via email: class8 @ phillyhall.net.

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