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CLASS V NOMINEES

Ballot set for fifth class of Inductees. 37 Sports legends from 13 sports are the final nominees for Class V. More on page 4.

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HALL OF FAME CALENDAR

Class V Induction
November 13

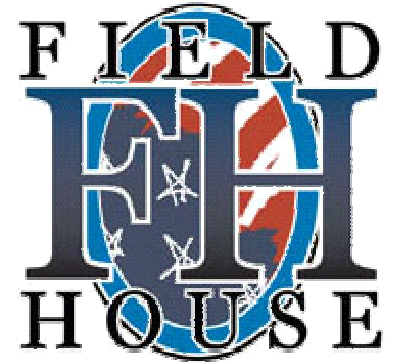
1st Annual Hall of Fame Fundraiser
Spring 2009

4th Annual Hall of Fame Golf Classic
June 2009

Hall of Fame Partners with Field House Sports Bar

Steve Tallant – Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame

One of the best locations to eat, drink and watch sports in Center City Philadelphia is the Field House Sports Bar (located inside the PA Convention Center, at 1150 Filbert St.). With numerous TVs tuned to sporting events and many unique pieces of sports memorabilia adorning the walls, the ambience is excellent for watching your favorite Philly sports teams.



Coming soon to the Field House is a dedicated space to highlight the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame and its amazing museum collection!

In a new partnership with the Hall of Fame, the Field House has generously offered the Hall two large, enclosed glass display cases for artifact and information display. With our staging facility in Northern Liberties open by appointment only, it is important for the Hall to take advantage of public display opportunities. This new exhibit space inside the Field House restaurant allows the Hall to make portions of our unique museum collection available to the public. In addition, it provides another opportunity to let more and more people know about the existence of the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame and to highlight our mission.

Content selection and design are in the final stages with the initial display rollout scheduled for mid-summer. By updating portions of the exhibit every 3-6 months, you'll see something new each time, so be sure to come back again and again.

Both the Hall of Fame and Field House hope that when you attend an event at the Convention Center, go to Reading Terminal Market, or are just in the area, that you stop by and see our display – and be sure to tell a friend! . 📍

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2008 Hall of Fame Golf Classic was Just That

Dan Fahy Jr. – Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame

A record number of golfers turned out for this year's Hall of Fame Golf Classic held on Monday June 9th at Philadelphia Country Club. Over 100 supporters, Hall of Fame Inductees and guests braved the 94-degree heat and hit the links to show their support and raise funds for Hall of Fame Charities.

Attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch, a round of golf at one of the finest golf courses in the area, great prizes, a fabulous dinner and some Hall of Fame entertainment during the evening. Joining **Honorary Golf Chairmen Robin Roberts, Tom Brookshier, Billy Cunningham** and **Bernie Parent** were numerous Hall of Fame Inductees including **Jack Whitaker, Tommy McDonald, Walter Bahr, Bill Campbell, Bill Ellerbee, Bob Levy**, members of the 1960 Eagles, Flyers Alumni and many others.

Hall of Fame Inductees and guest players were teamed with supporter foursomes in a two best-ball-of-foursome tournament format. The **Isador Segal Trust** foursome, playing with **Willie Mosconi Jr.**, captured first prize with a winning team score of 13 under par 129. The **Philadelphia Eagles** foursome with Eagle alumnus **Joe Pagliei** took second with an 11 under par score of 131.

The post-golf dinner and cocktail hour, presented by sponsor **Comcast-Spectacor**, offered a unique opportunity to meet Hall of Famers and hear great stories first hand. The **Phillies' Scott Palmer** served as the evening's Master of Ceremonies, offering a status report on the NL East leading Phillies. Former Eagle **Tom Brookshier** shared stories about his past teammates on hand and recounted the successes of the **1960 World Champions**. Hall of Famer **Jay Sigel** joined former Eagles coach **Dick Vermeil** and current coach **Andy Reid** for the post-golf dinner.



The live auction held after dinner featured a round of golf with Jay Sigel at Aronimink that saw bidding go to \$4,000. Other live auction items included a Wild Salmon dinner for 4 with **Bernie Parent** and other Flyers alumni at the home of former Flyer **Joe Watson** and a **Chase Utley** autographed bat, donated by the **Phillies**.

"This was my third time participating at the Hall of Fame Golf Classic and it was the best one yet," said supporter Jim Fahy of AIG Sun America Seasons.

"The Hall of Fame has truly raised the bar," said Dan Ostien of Cephalon, Inc.

"From those I have spoken with, the expectations are high for next year."

Honorary Co-Chairman **Tom Brookshier** summed it up best. "We have some good people who care about the work that the Hall is doing, and the plans for the future. Keep this group together and this thing is only going to get bigger and better."

From your mouth to God's ears Tom.

Details on the 2009 Golf Classic will be available in early January 2009. **T**

SAVE THE DATE

Class V Induction Ceremony

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2008

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Philly Sports Trivia

- 1) Who holds the Philadelphia A's all-time records for games played and At Bats?
- 2) Who holds the Philadelphia Warriors all-time record for games played?
- 3) Which Eagles coach has the best post-season winning percentage? (more than one game coached)

Win a Hall of Fame Fan Pack... Be the first with all 3 correct answers emailed to: **legend @ phillyhall.net**

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Featured Inductee: Hal Greer

"Consistency. For me, that was the thing...I would like to be remembered as a great, consistent player." - Hal Greer

In the 1940's, the folks in Huntington, West Virginia knew the shy, skinny kid was fast. All they had to do was watch him run throughout the neighborhood.

As a student at all-Black Huntington Douglas High School in the 1950's they knew he could play. All they had to do was watch him run, shoot and score, like no one they had ever seen on a basketball court.

In 1954, at Marshall College (now University) the folks knew the soft-spoken young man was something special...and not just with a basketball. Shortly after the Brown-vs-Board of Education Supreme Court Decision in 1954, Harold "Hal" Greer accepted an athletic scholarship to Marshall, as the first African-American to play a varsity sport for a "white" college in the state of West Virginia.

Greer's exquisite athletic skills enabled him to lead the conference in scoring twice and capture a conference MVP award. Although he was the best player on the court, it was Hal's quiet courage that endeared him to his teammates.

"We admired Hal's courage in the face of adversity even more than we admired his athletic ability," said teammate Joe Hunnicutt. "Times were not always easy for him or the team. There were restaurants that refused to serve him and hotels where the team was not allowed to stay. This was not only a new experience for him, but also for those of us raised in the sheltered environs of segregation."

By 1958, the slender young man with the brilliant quickness and sweet scoring touch was no longer a hidden treasure. Taken 14th in the NBA draft (which also included Elgin Baylor and Guy Rodgers), Hal moved to Syracuse, New York to play for the Nationals.

With a few years to adjust to the NBA game, in 1961, his third season, Greer began a string of ten straight All-Star appearances, taking the All-Star MVP award in 1968. In 1963, the Nationals moved from Syracuse to Philadelphia as the 76ers, and Hal perfected his smooth jump shot as he reeled off seven straight seasons averaging more than 20 points per game.

Though slight of build, Greer was a tough, durable guard, often taking a beating while leading the team in fouls five times, but rarely missing a game. Having played his entire 15-year career with the same organization, at retirement he held the NBA record for most games played and was in the top 10 all-time in points scored (21,586), field goals attempted (18,811), field goals made (8,504) and minutes played (39,788).

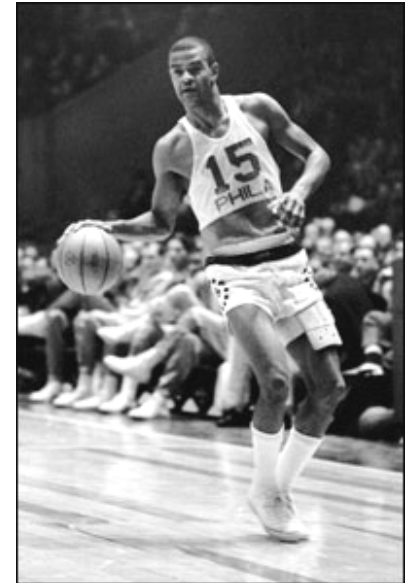
The consistency for which he strived and his durability were never more apparent than in the 1966-67 season, one of Greer's finest. On what is generally regarded as the greatest team in NBA history, with fellow Hall-of-Famers Billy Cunningham and Wilt Chamberlain, Hal was second on the 76ers in points-per-game, total points, field goals, assists and minutes played, second to the legendary Chamberlain. Greer's excellence continued in the playoffs through to the NBA Championship, averaging 46 minutes while leading the 76ers in scoring with almost 28 points per game.

During his playing days, Greer's preparation and work ethic were often emulated, rarely duplicated. His dedication to improving his game and consistent durability landed him in the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1982 and on the NBA's list of the top 50 players of all-time.

In 1978, the folks in Huntington West Virginia knew the soft-spoken, middle-aged man should be honored with something special. So, in a concrete metaphor of the durability and consistency of Greer's career and life, 16th Street, which runs by Marshall University's campus, was renamed Hal Greer Boulevard. It remains so today.

Former Marshall teammate Hunnicutt reflected upon the impact Hal had on his life, on the encounters during that time of segregation in the 1950s, "Hal probably didn't realize the effect those experiences would have on the rest of us," he said, "His example taught us about loving our fellow man."

Hal now spends his days in the consistently warm weather of Scottsdale, Arizona



Hawk Hill Joins Hall's Museum Collection

Dan Fahy Jr - Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame

On Wednesday May 28th, trustees of the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame received a first-hand walk through tour of St. Joseph's University Alumni Memorial Fieldhouse in advance of the renovation project that will commence on Hawk Hill in September 2008. The purpose of the tour was to give the Hall's representatives a glimpse of available items that the athletics department will donate on behalf of the University to the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame museum collection.

SJU Athletic Director Don DiJulia arranged for the Hall's visit. Hall representatives toured the Fieldhouse gym, offices, locker rooms, practice area and the Alumni social room seeking items and taking notes on the Hawk Hill artifacts deemed most appropriate for the Hall's museum collection. Items identified for donation include some seats, a small scoreboard, signage, a section of the floor and a number of other items.

"Combined with our artifacts from the Palestra and Veterans Stadium these Hawk Hill items are a terrific addition to our unique collection of venue-related artifacts," says Hall of Fame president Ken Avallon.

In September 2008, the Alumni Memorial Fieldhouse will undergo a major renovation and expansion of facilities that is expected to take about a year to complete. When completed the new building will be known as the Michael J. Hagan'85 Arena. Pre-renovation planning has already begun at 54th and City Avenue. It is anticipated that the Hall of Fame will take possession of designated items agreed to by the school and the athletic department by the end of Summer 2008.



Decision Time: Class V Selection Process Underway

Pete Georgelos - Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame

In May, the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame's voting body received the ballot for the Hall's fifth class. A total of 37 candidates representing 13 sports made the final list including 31 males and 6 females. Candidates are categorized based on their era of prominence. **See full ballot below.**

Nominees are selected for Induction through one of two ways in the two-step process. The first step mirrors the induction process for the Baseball Hall of Fame. Those appearing on at least 70% of the ballots are automatically selected. The remaining nominees are then considered by the Hall's internal selection committee at its annual meeting. Dubbed Selection Sunday, the meeting is similar to that of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Individual nominees are presented, with each discussed in turn. Through often-heated debate, the merits of each are considered and the remainder of the class is selected.



John Cappelletti


Included in the Selection Sunday are Legacy of Excellence candidates written in by those submitting ballots. Legacy of Excellence Inductees represent media members, broadcasters, announcers and other non-playing contributors to Philly sports.

Looking at the nominees on the ballot (below) it appears that the Hall's voting body has some rather difficult decisions to make.

Things will not get any easier next year as football's Eddie George and Rich Gannon, among others, become eligible for induction, but those discussions are best tabled until next year.

The Hall will reveal the members of Inductee Class V at a press conference August 14.

To submit a nominee for consideration into the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame, please visit

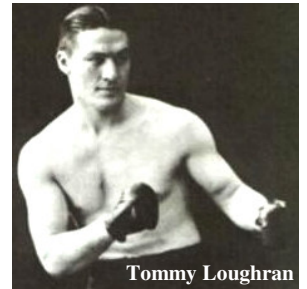
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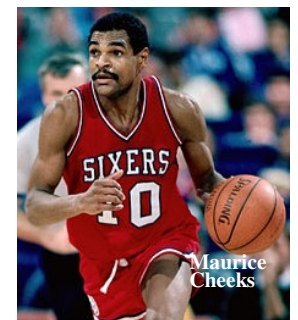
Al Wistert	Betty Schellenberger	Dorothy Porter	Ed Delahanty	Eddie Collins	Eddie Plank
Elizabeth Becker	Emlen Tunnell	Hobey Baker	Joe McCarthy	Judy Johnson	Mickey Vernon
Neil Johnston	Mel Sheppard	Ora Washington	Paul Costello	Tommy Loughran	

1958 and After

Brian Propp	Carl Robie	Deron Cherry	Eric Allen	Fred Shero	Garry Maddox
Harold Carmichael	Herb Magee	John Cappelletti	Karen Shelton	Keith Allen	Leroy Burrell
Leroy Kelly	Lionel Simmons	Mark Howe	Matthew Saad Mohammed	Maurice Cheeks	Meldrick Taylor
Rene Portland	Tommy Lasorda				



Tommy Loughran



Maurice Cheeks