Thursday, February 22nd

* The next meeting for the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame will be on Thursday, February 22nd, at the Faith Reformed Church located at 95 Washington St. in Lodi, N.J. which is right at the corner of Washington and Prospect St., starting at 8:00 P.M.

NOTE: We will be meeting on the main floor of the church. Just walk up the 5 steps turn left & go down the hall.

* Our next Induction ceremonies will be on Thursday, November 8th at the Venetian in Garfield.

* At this meeting we will be taking names for possible induction into the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame. If you know of someone, please make sure he or she is up to the standards of our Organization, which is included with this Newsletter. You can even nominate yourself. Also, if you have any information on the person, please send it to me by the February meeting. The 2018 Hall of Famers will be announced at the March meeting.

On Sunday, February 18th, 2018, the New Jersey Amateur Boxing Hall of Fame will host the third annual Amateur Dinner and Induction Ceremonies at the beautiful Amici Ristorante, located at 1700 West Elizabeth Avenue, Linden, New Jersey starting at 4pm. Tickets are priced at $65.00 per person. Seven of Boxing’s finest Olympic amateur boxers will be inducted in the New Jersey Amateur Boxing Hall of Fame, and they are as follows: Akima Stocks Alan Lawrence John Bauza, Chris Green, Jeremy Bryan, Leroy DaVila, Mike Hilton and POSTHUMOUSLY Wallace Cross

New Jersey Amateur Boxing Hall of Fame will also be presenting the following special recognition awards: The Barry Goss Memorial Award, Amateur Boxing High Achievers awards, Joe Grier Distinguished Fellow Award, Amateur Boxing Supporter of the year, Father of the year award and the Husband & Wife team of Amateur Boxing. For more information contact Jackie Atkins 732.768.4086 coach_jackie@verizon.net

On some very sad notes we lost several NJ Boxing Hall of Fame members and Inductees. Steve Acunto (top), Stefan Redd (bottom) and Ronnie "Lanza" Jones all passed away in the last week or so. Our Prayers go out to all their Loved ones!

Living boxers heading into the NYSBHOF include (Spring Valley) IBF Cruiserweight World Champion Al "Ice" Cole (35-16-3, 16 KOs), (Long Island) WBA light heavyweight Lou “Honey Boy” Del Valle (36-6-2, 22 KOs), (Central Islip) IBF Junior Welterweight World Champion Jake Rodriguez (28-8-2, 8 KOs), (Brooklyn) world lightweight title challenger Terrence Alii (52-15-2, 21 KOs), and (Buffalo) undefeated world-class lightweight “Baby” Joe Mesi (36-0, 29 KOs).

Posthumous participants being inducted are NBA & NYSAC World Featherweight Champion (Manhattan) Kid “Cuban Bon” Chocolate (136-10-6, 51 KOs), (New York City) 20th century heavyweight James J. “Gentleman Jim” Corbett (11-4-3, 5 KOs), (Williamsburg) World Lightweight Champion Jack “The Napoleon of The Prize Ring” McAuliffe, (Kingston) WBC Super Lightweight Champion Billy Costello (40-2, 23 KOs), (Beacon) NYSAC Light Heavyweight World Champion Melio Bettina (83-14-3, 36 KOs), (Brooklyn/Yonkers) world-class middleweight Ralph “Tiger” Jones (52-32-5, 13 KOs) and (Port Washington) heavyweight contender Charley “The Bayonne Bomber” Norkus (33-19, 19 KOs).

Living non-participants heading into the NYSBHOF are (Troy) Pulitzer Prize-winning sportswriter Dave Anderson, (Brooklyn) trainer/advisor Pete Brodsky, (Rockaway) boxing historian/editor Herb Goldman, (Bronx) matchmaker Bobby Goodman, (Ardsley) NYSAC chairperson/judge Melvina Lathan, and (Brooklyn) NYSAC Chairperson, matchmaker/promoter Ron Scott Stevens.

Posthumous non-participant inductees are (Brooklyn) ring announcer Johnnie Addie, (Brooklyn) matchmaker Johnny Bos, (Bronx) boxing publicist Murray Goodman, (New York City) boxing
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New Jersey.

6. Boxing writers who live in a surrounding state must have covered New Jersey boxing for many years.

The criteria in this Section 19.02 do not apply if the person was born in New Jersey, lived in New Jersey during the time that the individual was boxing, or lives in New Jersey at the time of the vote for induction.

SECTION 19.03
Active boxers shall not be eligible for induction.

SECTION 19.04
Former boxers shall be at least 45 years old, with the exception of those gravely ill (any age), ex-champions (any age), and ex-title contenders (must be at least 40). Exceptions must be approved by the President and the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XX
HONOREE SELECTION COMMITTEE
SECTION 20.01
The President shall appoint the honorees' Selection Committee.

SECTION 20.02
Alternates may be available at selectors' meeting.

ARTICLE XXI
HONOREES
SECTION 21.01
Only those qualifying under Article XIX may be considered to be honorees.

SECTION 21.02
All nominees shall poll in their respective categories at least fifty (50%) percent of the votes of the Members.

SECTION 21.03
There shall be no more than fourteen (14) candidates (plus one or two at large (at the discretion of the President) for induction at any single meeting for voting.

SECTION 21.04
Candidates must be of an impeccable character and reputation.

SECTION 21.05
The Hall of Fame may honor those from neighboring states, as well as those from New Jersey, for their contributions to boxing. This Section is subject to the specific requirements in Article XIX.

Keep Punching,
President, Henry Hascup