Wednesday, January 28th

* The next meeting for the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame will be on Thursday, January 28th, 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.

* My wife Joyce and I would like to wish all of you and your loved ones a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR. I hope and pray that we all will have good health in the coming year.

* I want to thank everyone that had anything to do with the success of our Induction & Award Ceremonies this past November. Special thanks goes out to the committee that worked so hard on that night.

We had approx 470 boxing fans and family members attend. You can go to the NJBHOF web site to see 100’s of pictures of the event - 46th Annual New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame Induction & Award Ceremonies Another Huge Success!

* Our next Induction ceremonies will be on Thursday, November 3rd at the Venetian in Garfield.

* At this meeting and February’s 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 2016 Hall of Famers will be announced at the March meeting.

Ring Notes:
*Ring #25 has their monthly meetings at the Senior Citizen Hall in Kearney. Contact President, Kathy Gatti, at 201-320-0874.

* Lou Costello Club will have their annual awards ceremonies on Sunday, March 6th at La Neve's Rest., 276 Belmont Ave, Haledon. Among the honorees are Cosmo Liaci and Eddie Cotton. Call President Pierre Benoist 908-246-6822 for more information.

* Ring #8, of New York will have their next meeting on Tuesday, February 16th at O'Neill’s Restaurant, located at 64-21 53rd Drive in Maspeth, New York., starting at 7 PM. Contact President Bob Duffy 516-313-2304 for more information.

* The 5th annual NYSBHOF induction Ceremonies will be held Sunday afternoon (12:30-5:30 p.m. ET), April 3rd, at Russo’s On The Bay in Howard Beach, New York.

The New York State Boxing Hall of Fame announced its 18-person class of 2016 and it is led by the late Hector Camacho Sr., who was also elected to the International Boxing Hall of Fame and will be inducted in June. Living boxers who will be enshrined are former welterweight titleholder and 1986 New York Golden Gloves champion Aaron "Superman" Davis (49-6, 31 KOs); Rochester's former junior welterweight titleholder Charles Murray (44-9, 26 KOs); Bronx two-time lightweight title challenger and 1970 New York Golden Gloves champion Vilomar Fernandez; and New York’s former lightweight title challenger Edwin Viruet.

Posthumous inductees include former three-division titlist “Macho” Camacho (79-6-3, 38 KOs), who was from Puerto Rico but grew up in Spanish Harlem and made his name in New York; also included are four Brooklyn fighters: former world middleweight champion Rocky Graziano (67-10-6, 52 KOs), former lightweight champion Rocky Kansas (62-11-6, 38 KOs), former bantamweight titleholder Joe Lynch and former top welterweight Joe Miceli.

Non-participants being enshrined are International Boxing Hall of Fame executive director Ed Brophy of Canastota, New York, Bronx promoter Joe DeGuardia, former New York State Athletic Commissioner and media personality Randy Gordon of Melville, New York, and Queens manager Dennis Rappaport.

Posthumous non-participant inductees are Bronx manager Howie Albert, Manhattan trainer/cutman Freddie Brown, New York City television commentator Howard Cosell, Manhattan former boxer and referee Ruby Goldstein and New York City manager Jimmy Jacobs, best known for co-managing a young Mike Tyson.

For more information contact President Bob Duffy, 164 Lindbergh St., Massapequa Park, NY 11762 – 516-313-2304.

* Congratulations goes out to Harold Lederman and Jerry Izenberg for being among those selected to the International Boxing Hall of Fame in June. International Boxing Hall of Fame.

FINALLY: MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE! If you are just joining our organization you pay a total of $20 for the 1st yr ($10 to join & $10 for the year). If you are already a member you pay only $10.

ARTICLE XIX

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 19.01
Whereas the Hall of Fame has been organized for the recognition, honor, and induction of persons for their contributions to boxing, the inductee must meet the following criteria:

1. A boxer must satisfy two of the four following prerequisites:
   (a) Won three (3) or more senior amateur titles in the state of New Jersey;
   (b) Engaged in a sufficient number of professional bouts, winning most of them;
   (c) Competed in at least five (5) main event contests in the professional ranks; and
   (d) Won two (2) or more senior national amateur titles.
2. A boxing referee (professional), manager, trainer, timekeeper (professional), promoter, matchmaker, publicist or judge (professional) must have worked for fifteen (15) years;
3. An amateur referee or amateur judge must have worked for twenty (20) years;
4. A boxing commissioner;
5. A boxing reporter must have worked for twenty (20) years; or
6. A medical authority or historian must have worked for fifteen (15) years.

SECTION 19.02
Additional criteria for eligible candidates for induction applicable to those who live in a surrounding state:
1. Boxers who live in a surrounding state must have fought professionally at least ten (10) times in New Jersey.
2. Officials who live in a surrounding state must have worked at least twenty-five (25) times in New Jersey.
3. Doctors who live in a surrounding state must have worked at least twenty-five (25) times in New Jersey.
4. Trainers who live in a surrounding state must have trained several boxers from New Jersey.
5. Managers who live in a surrounding state must have managed several boxers from 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 SECTION
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