Thursday, January 26th

* The next meeting for the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame will be on Thursday, January 26th, 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 550 boxing fans and family members attend. You can go to the NJBHOF web site to see 100's of pictures of the event - 47th Annual New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame Induction & Award Ceremonies Was A BIG Success!

* Our next Induction ceremonies will be on Thursday, November 9th 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 2017 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.

*Ring # 8, of New York will have their next meeting on Thursday, February 23rd at the Plattduetsche Park Restaurant located at 1132 Hempstead Turnpike, Franklin Square, NY 11010. - Contact President Jack Hirsch at ajhirsch5@aol.com 516-790-7592

* The New York State Boxing Hall of Fame (NYSBHOF), sponsored by Ring 8, has announced its 15-member Class of 2017. The sixth annual NYSBHOF induction dinner will be held Sunday afternoon (12:30-5:30 p.m. ET), April 30, at Russo’s On The Bay in Howard Beach, NY.

Living boxers heading into the NYSBHOF include Manhattan welterweight Gaspar “El Indio” Ortega (131-39-6, 69 KOs), Yonkers’ world heavyweight title challenger Renaldo “Mr.” Snipes (39-8-1, 22 KOs), Yonkers middleweight Doug “Cobra” Dewitt (33-8-5, 19 KOs), and “The Bronx Bomber,” world middleweight title challenger Alex Ramos (39-10-2, 24 KOs)

Posthumous participants being inducted are Queens’ former middleweight and light heavyweight world champion Dick Tiger (60-19-3, 27 KOs), Brooklyn/Manhattan light heavyweight world champion Jose “Chegui” Torres (41-3-1, 29 KOs), and Williamsburg middleweight world champion “The Nonpareil”, Jack Dempsey (51-4-11, 23 KOs).

Non-participants heading into the NYSBHOF are Queens’ International agent Don Majeski, Long Island matchmaker Ron Katz, Manhattan manager Stan Hoffman and past Ring 8 president/NYSAC judge Bobby Bartels.

Posthumous non-participant inductees are Brooklyn boxing historian Hank Kaplan, Long Island cut-man Al Gavin, Bronx referee Arthur Donovan and New York City columnist Dan Parker.

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

* The Atlantic City Boxing Hall of Fame

May 26-28, 2017 at the famed Claridge Hotel at Park Place Boardwalk in Atlantic City. Among those honored (all listed alphabetically):

Boxers (resident and non-resident): Arturo Gatti, Larry Holmes, Leavander Johnson, Matthew Saad Muhammad, Dwight Muhammad Qawi, Mike Rossman, Michael Spinks, Mike Tyson

Trainers and Cutmen (resident and non-resident): Lou Duva, Mike Hall Jr., Bill Johnson

Promoters, Managers, Advisors, Matchmakers, Ring Announcers: Don Elbaum, Frank Gelb, Don King, J. Russell Peltz

Officials (Commission, Judges, Doctors and Referees): Dr. Frank Doggett, Larry Hazzard Sr., Steve Smoger

Media (Writers, Photographers, Artists, Digital, Historians): Dave Bontempo, Jack “KO JO” Obermayer, Bert Sugar

Special Contributors: Ken Condon, Dennis Gomes, Bob Lee

First Annual Atlantic City Boxing Hall of Fame Weekend!!

The Claridge Hotel will play host both to the enshrinement as well as a series of events including (but not limited to):
The N.J. Boxing Hall of Fame

SECTION 19.01
REQUIREMENTS

NJ HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Keep Punching,
President, Henry Hascup
NJ HALL OF FAME INDUCTION
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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;

(6) A boxing announcer must have worked for twenty (20) years; or

(7) 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.