Thursday, January 25th

* The next meeting for the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame will be on Thursday, January 25th, 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.

* My wife Joyce & I would like to wish all of you & your loved ones a VERY HAPPY NEW 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 our Largest crowd in 28 years!!! You can go to the NJBHOF web site to see 100’s of pictures of the event - njboxinghof.org

* Our next Induction ceremonies will be on Thursday, November 8th 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 2018 Hall of Famers will be announced at the March meeting.

Ring Notes:

*Ring # 25 Contact President, Kathy Gatti, at 201-320-0874.

*Ring # 8, of New York will have their next meeting on Thursday, February 1st 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

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

* The New York State Boxing Hall of Fame (NYSBHOF), sponsored by Ring 8, has announced its 23-member Class of 2018. The seventh annual NYSBHOF induction dinner will be held Sunday afternoon (12:30-5:30 p.m. ET), April 29, at Russo’s On The Bay in Howard Beach, NY.

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 Ali (52-15-2, 21 KOs), and (Buffalo) undefeated world-class heavyweight “Baby” Joe Mesi (36-0, 29 KOs).

Posthumous participants being inducted are NBA & NYSAC World Featherweight Champion (Manhattan) Kid “Cuban Bon 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 writer/historian Bert Randolph Sugar and (Lower East Side) radio & television announcer/journalist Sam Taub.
Each attending inductee (or direct descendant of) will receive a custom-designed belt signifying his or her induction into the NYSHOF.

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

* The Atlantic City Boxing Hall of Fame will take place June 1-3, 2018 at the famed Claridge Hotel at Park Place Boardwalk in Atlantic City. Among those being honored:

**Fighter category:**
Evan Holyfield, Bruce Seldon, Bobby Czyz, Jeff Chandler, Ray Mercer, Vinny Paz, Richie Kates and (posthumous) Héctor Camacho.

**Trainer and Cutmen:**
Carmen Graziano, George Benton and Ralph Citro

**Non-Participants:**
Bob Arum, Dan Duva, Diane Fischer-Cristiano, Ed Derian, Jean Williams, Joseph Pasquale, Jersey Joe Walcott, Bernard Fernandez, Dave Weinberg, Ray Bailey, Jose Sulaiman, Marian Muhammad, Mark Etess and President Donald J. Trump.

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* The New Jersey Golden Gloves will kick off on February 24th with the FINALS on April 20th & 21st at the prestigious Union County Performing Arts Center located in Downtown Rahway New Jersey.

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.

NJ HALL OF FAME INDUCTION REQUIREMENTS

The N.J. Boxing Hall of Fame

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.

Keep Punching,
President, Henry Hascup