

# The New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING DATE - PRESIDENT - HENRY HASCUP 59 KIPP AVE, LODI, N.J. 07644 (1-973-471-2458)

## Thursday, March 30th

\* The next meeting for the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame will be on **Thursday, March 30th**, 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.**

**\* At this meeting we will be announcing the 2017 Hall of Famers.**

**\* Our next Induction ceremonies will be on Thursday, November 9th at the Venetian in Garfield.**

### 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 in April - Contact President Jack Hirsch at [ajhirsch5@aol.com](mailto: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 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

[www.ACBHOF.com](http://www.ACBHOF.com) and through social media (@ACBHOF on Facebook/Instagram/Twitter).

**\* New Jersey Golden Glove Tournament** March 25th - True Warriors Boxing Gym - 85 5th Ave Paterson @ 7:30 PM

April 1st - Waterfront Rec Center - 2 Grafton Ave., Newark @ 2 PM

April 8th - Hackensack HS - 135 - 1st St., Hackensack @ 7 PM

April 21st - 164 IBEW - 65 W. Century Rd., Paramus (Novice FINALS) @ 7 PM

April 22nd - Union County Performing Arts - 1601 Irving St., Rahway (OPEN Finals) @ 7:30 PM

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

**Keep Punching,  
President, Henry Hascup**

## Boxing Hall of Famer Lou Duva dies at 94, handled 19 champs

## The N.J. Boxing Hall of Fame

PATERSON, N.J. (AP) — Lou Duva, the Boxing Hall of Famer who handled the careers of 19 champions including heavyweight Evander Holyfield, died Wednesday. He was 94.

The colorful Duva died of natural causes at a hospital in Paterson, where he lived, his son said in a statement released by the family.

A gruff, down-to-earth manager and trainer who was generous with his pupils, Lou Duva had a career that spanned seven decades. Besides Holyfield, he also handled fellow 1984 Olympians Pernell Whitaker and Meldrick Taylor. His first titlist was middleweight Joey Giardiello, who won his crown in 1963.

The son of Italian immigrants, Duva and his family built the promotional company Main Events (founded in 1978) into one of boxing's powerhouses. Duva was voted "Manager of the Year" in 1985 by the Boxing Writers Association of America. In 1987, the World Boxing Association chose Duva as "Trainer of the Year."

Among casual boxing fans Duva was best known for his role in the March 1990 fight between Julio Cesar Chavez and Taylor.

Taylor had dominated the fight with speed and accuracy, but Chavez came on strong in the late rounds and hit Taylor with a right hand with 26 seconds left that hurt him. He tried to trade punches, only to be dropped by Chavez.

Taylor used the ropes to pull himself up at the count of six, but sagged back into the corner post. Referee Richard Steele asked him at the count of eight if he was OK and Taylor did not respond but instead looked at his

corner where Duva was climbing into the ring.



Steele waved the fight to a close with Chavez a TKO winner with 2 seconds left in a fight. Taylor would have won had he finished it.

Steele was widely criticized for years for stopping the fight, but Duva stepping into the ring may have played a pivotal role.

It's a hell of a way to lose a fight," Duva said later. "We were winning the fight for 11 rounds, two minutes and 58 seconds. Then the referee took it away from us."

Duva was enshrined in the International Boxing Hall of Fame (1998), as well as the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame and the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame.

The Canastota, New York-based boxing Hall of Fame announced its flags will fly at half-staff in memory Duva.

"Lou Duva was fiercely devoted to his fighters and to the sport that he dedicated his life to," Hall of Fame Executive Director Edward Brophy said. "Everyone at the Hall of Fame joins the boxing community in mourning his passing."

Henry Hascup, the president of the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame, knew Duva for almost 60 years.

"Lou always made me feel like I was a special person," Hascup said. "He was a great story teller who kept everyone captivated with his stories. He was an icon in the sport of boxing, who held every role there was in the sport. I told him once that the only role he didn't play was ring girl. He was a great cheerleader. You knew when he was in a boxer's corner, psyching that guy up. You could hear him. It's a tremendous loss to the sport of boxing."

Duva is survived by a son, Dino, and daughters Donna Duva Brooks, Deanne Boorman and Denise. He was preceded in death by his wife, Enes, and a son, Dan, whose wife, Kathy, helped run Main Events.

A viewing will be held Sunday at Festa Funeral Home in Totowa, with a funeral Monday at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Paterson.

AP Columnist Tim Dahlberg and AP freelancer Jim Hague contributed to this report.

**PS** - I would like to thank everyone who came out for the wake and/or funeral. The NJ Boxing Hall of Fame gave the Eulogy and Bell (9) Count at the wake and Lou's family couldn't have been more pleased.

I can not name all those who came those 2 days But I was disappointed on who didn't. Lou had 19 world Champions and ONLY 1 (Mark Breland) attended!