



# Newsletter of the BSL Hall of Fame

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**The Hall of Fame Member Display**  
Housed in the Club Café Trophy Case  
awaits new additions very soon!



## Hall of Fame getting set for 2008 nominations!



The Winter Dinner Social brings together HOF members, BSL alumni, BSL members and friends! See page 2

The Procedures Committee made great strides in improving the nomination process last year and should continue the effort of review and improvement before the first nomination is submitted in 2008. Please be part of this year's committee. We'll set a convenient date to meet in late March or Early April. Contact Jim at [jimmcnulty@comcast.net](mailto:jimmcnulty@comcast.net)

**Procedures Committee.....**

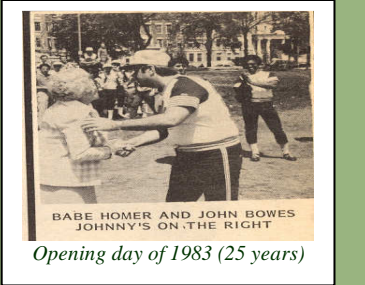
- \* Ideas and recommendations for the continued improvement of the nomination and election processes
- \* Finding & encouraging quality candidates
- \* Communicating quality to and among the HOF voting members before the election

## Things to consider....Nominations 2008 - a thought from Jim

Below: *Glimpses and Milestones*



The "Snowflake" in 1988 (20 years)



Opening day of 1983 (25 years)  
BABE HOMER AND JOHN BOWES  
JOHNNY'S ON THE RIGHT

When Commissioner Mark Haas, HOF'06 appointed me to chair the new HOF committee in 2004, I loved the thought of putting my energy into something so good and brand new for the BSL! I thought: "finally, the new generations of BSL'rs will have some more guideposts to help them be the best they can be which helps the BSL to be the best it can be!" YOU are those guideposts whether you are out there with the new generations or not (although I hope you would try to be). The reasons you were elected into the HOF serve as those guideposts. The players have actually told me that! Your stories have already motivated many of them to be better players, coaches, fund raisers, league officers, leaders and more!

We also need to do the right things for the nominees themselves. It's very disappointing for a candidate who is nominated but not elected! The possibility of a negative outcome for a submitted nomination must be considered by the nominator/sponsor and be part of our nomination process too. Beyond the nomination form, constructive dialog should take place, and sometimes even before the nomination is submitted. We should make this a key topic of discussion at the "Procedures Committee" meeting.

33 inducted HOF members means 33 less from the "BSL ocean" to choose from.

The HOF members span the full 30 years of this League and the newer generations look for us to find the HOF candidates that they never knew about. I'm sure many of us know of a few of them. I hope we will all give it some thought and effort so that we can have some good candidates to discuss and learn more about!

I hope all of us will strongly consider this as we vote on upcoming ballots and as we seek to find and nominate good candidates.





Above, The 'Rico Petrocelli story' still getting mileage even 30 years later. Pictured: Rico, Herbie, Ron Butt in '78

Below: Chris Burke, HOF'06 with Mikey Rickman & Danny Lynch - both 2007 Division 1 Rookie of the Year nominees



Above, BSL Alumni Jan Pytlak and Jeff Pike with Tony, Jeff's 'fiancee'

Below: Stewart Landers, influential in organizing the founding of one of the original teams- "Greenleaf Florists"



Woody F. & Peter O'Leary, HOF'07 after dinner.... and in black & white!

## Winter Dinner Social a success!

What was meant to be a relaxed and friendly gathering of HOF members turned out to be that plus more! The atmosphere at Club Café was intimate as most of the nearly 70 guests showed up early for the open bar. (Thanks Frank!). HOF members, BSL members, BSL Alumni, and guests met and mingled while a 400 photo slide show encompassing 30 years played in the background accompanied by a great mix of music. A museum quality display of items donated by HOF members and BSL Alumni was set up that brought back even more great memories!

Guest Speaker Randy Price had a very nice time with us, staying until the very end and remarking, with praise, on the BSL's endurance and progress of over 30 years of

"Pride". We also played his favorite HOF Video clip about the appearance of Red Sox player Rico Petrocelli at the "78 banquet".

The culmination of the event came when two pioneers being honored for helping organize two of the first teams in the League, Stewart Landers/Greenleaf Florists and Ron Butt/Herbies Ramrod Room, received spontaneous standing ovations from League veterans and rookies alike!

Below: Seth Hyde, HOF'06, Rob Raber, Eric Sigmond, and Gigs Kreger, HOF'06 enjoying a reunion



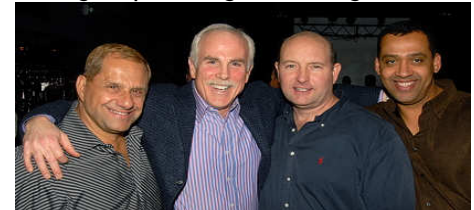
## Club Café: Host to BSL Events for 18 years now!

Club Cafe has been a great venue for BSL sponsored events since '90. Here's a brief history of its owner: **Frank Ribaudo, HOF'05** has owned Club Café since '83 when he and 3 partners bought it and the Metropolitan Health Club downstairs. Their new "gay" health club lured 800 members from the "anti-gay" Back Bay Racquet Club (the only gym choice in the area). Losing those "gay dollars" put the "Back Bay" club out of business in 6 months! In '85 Frank sold his interest in the Health Club to two of the original owners, and bought their interest in Club Cafe. Joe McAllister and he ran Club Cafe, until Joe's death in '93.

Frank originally came to Boston in '80 as a

computer company executive after being recruited here from a competitor in Los Angeles. He now also serves on the Board of CRI (Community Research of New England), and is an officer & board member of The Harbor to The Bay Aids Ride. He served as Chair of the Board of Boston Living Center, and for 3 years as Secretary of the BGRF.

Born and raised in Brooklyn NY, Frank was never a Yankee fan....quite the opposite! He began sponsoring the CC Angels in '90.



## Hall of Fame plays more than one role for the BSL!

Beyond inducting members into the Hall of Fame, the HOF has another role: Archiving and documenting BSL history! Since '05, more and more BSL members and League officers have requested information from the HOF Archives! Many of the answers come from BSL articles, newsletters, and campaign literature donated to the HOF by HOF members and 'BSL Alumni'. These items are scanned and converted to a format that can be viewed and printed from the HOF Website. The Dinner Social inspired many more donations, but there is a lot more 'stuff' out there needed for our HOF Archives!

Please donate or lend the 'stuff' you've saved!  
We've got a useful place for it now!!!





**Hall of Fame - BSL**  
We're on the Web

[http://www.beantownsoftball.com/hall\\_of\\_fame/](http://www.beantownsoftball.com/hall_of_fame/)

**Message:** sent to HOF.....

Kevin Hourihan, BSL Secretary '06-'07, will run his first Boston Marathon to raise \$ for THE BOSTON LIVING CENTER.

Please give him some HOF support! Info: <http://www.firstgiving.com:80/kevinhourihan>

View "Bay Windows" Feb 7-13 issue for their blurb on our Winter Dinner Social (page 4):

[http://www.baywindows.com/issues/issue\\_24.pdf](http://www.baywindows.com/issues/issue_24.pdf)

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## Boosters Club!

Your donations provide a source of funds that help the HOF pay its bills as a self sustaining organization within the BSL and allows the League to focus on providing for the needs of its members instead of worrying about how it will fund the HOF! Thank you for your support!

A budget based on our expenses over the last few years will be sent out as you consider your 2008 Boosters Club donation.

Are there any former BSL Treasurers out there? We need a few HOF members to help oversee and be involved in the administration of the Boosters Club. The group should meet in March.

## A note from Jim

Thanks to all of the Hall of Fame members who attended, and supported in spirit, the Winter Dinner Social! It really was a very nice evening and those I spoke with support doing it again next year! And, as hoped, it also generated good discussion among some HOF members about potential '08 HOF candidates!

The event was packed and everyone was enjoying themselves so much, that I decided not to call to order a meeting of the HOF to discuss its 2008 business. I have instead included some dates in this Newsletter for our events and proposed dates for meetings. As stated above, I will also put together a budget for us to consider and send it to you.

Please, if anyone at anytime has an opinion or a proposal on any issue: let me know! We can discuss it together and/or get it out to everyone else and take care of our business as a team!.....Let's be in touch soon! ☺

## Events of the Hall of Fame

### Boosters Club Meeting

March 8 or March 15 – 10:30am-ish  
Date/ time open to change by majority request

### Procedures Committee meets

March 29 or April 12 – 10:30am-ish  
Focus on important nomination process issues  
Date/ time open to change by majority request

### Deadline for Nominations

May 10, 2008 –Saturday

### Ballots mailed to Members

May 14, 2008 - Wednesday

### Election of New HOF Members

May 24, 2008 - Saturday

### Inductions of New Members

June 14, 2008 - Saturday

## Events of the BSL

### NAGAAA Winter Meetings

February 3 & 4, 2008  
Seattle, Washington  
Voted Milwaukee as 2009 site of World Series easily beating out Chicago!  
Women's World Series in Kansas City!

### Snowflake Tournament

March 1, 2008 – Daisy Field

### Skills Clinic Day

April 5, 2008 – Smith Field  
Rain date is April 6, 2008

### Opening Day 2008 Season

May 3, 2008–Smith Field, 11:30a

### Friends & Family Day

June 14, 2008 – Smith Field  
Day of HOF Induction Event

### World Series – NAGAAA

August 22-30, 2008- Seattle

## MEMBERS OF THE HALL OF FAME :

### 1970's Era

Seth Hyde '78  
Gigs Kreger '78  
Ken McNeill '78  
Frank Mickelson '78  
Jim Vierra '78  
Henry Weinberger '78  
Bob Burnham '78  
Gary Staples '79  
Leslie Tiffany '79

### 1980's Era

Kevin Docherty '80  
John Cutting '81, RIP  
Vinnie Peruzzi '81, RIP  
Rudy Beccera '82, RIP  
Warren Mitchell '82  
Gary Brenner '83  
Bill Hull '83  
Mark McGrath '85  
Ed Fernald '86  
Mike McCabe '86  
Bob Quist '86  
Bill Svetz '86  
Ed Rivera '89

### 1990's Era

Peter O'Leary '90  
Frank Ribauda '90  
Paul Gedman '91  
Buck Bachman '94  
Chris Burke '94  
Stephen Barlow '95  
Jack Campbell '95  
Mark Haas '95  
Paul Moreno '95  
Sandro Frattura '96  
Jim McNulty '97