



# Newsletter of the BSL Hall of Fame

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Bucky Bucchino, HOF'08 and Family

### Glimpses and Milestones:



Frank Ribaldo, HOF'05 celebrates his Club Café Crew's World Series win!



Opening Day Ceremony 2008 saw Frank Mickelson, HOF'05 and Seth Hyde, HOF'06 throw out the 1<sup>st</sup> pitches. They were the BSL's first Assistant Commissioner and Commissioner.



Opening Day Umpires for 1983 Ken, HOF'05, Carl, & Bucky, HOF'08 (25 years ago!)



Paul Caruso, Jan Pytlak, and Bucky Bucchino are now among the 36 Hall of Fame Members. Inductions took place on June 21 at Club Café.



## Three Enter "Hall" in '08

The first day of summer in 2008 saw the Hall of Fame Induct three outstanding veterans of the BSL in the presence of Members of the HOF, BSL members- (longtime & new), BSL Alumni, family, and friends! "This annual event enhances the League, and especially for our new members who attend in strong numbers." said BSL Commissioner, Marc Davino.

### The Newest Members of the Hall of Fame:

- ▶ **Bob 'Bucky' Bucchinno**- BSL Umpire since 1980 and continues to umpire a full schedule in BSL.
- ▶ **Paul Caruso**- BSL Coach, Officer, Umpire from 1987 to 2005. Currently retired from BSL.
- ▶ **Jan Pytlak**- BSL Player, Officer, Volunteer from 1982 to 1991. Currently retired from BSL.

## Induction Event draws many Generations of BSL family!



Some 1st year BSL members from 1 of the 4 brand new BSL teams in 2008: "Good Times"



Crowd sings the lyrics of "Sweet Caroline" from the Karaoke video monitors to end the evening!



Gary S, HOF'05, Gary B, HOF'05 & Mark M, HOF'06



John Norton (center), a longtime 1270 Team supporter, was among the BSL Alumni attending.



Bill Hull, HOF'05 was elected BSL Asst. Commissioner. He is shown here with fellow officers (L to R) John Fernandes-Commissioner, Chris Hagberg-Secretary & Brian Ramos-Treasurer.



Ed Fernald, HOF'05 strategizes for a Ramrod Machine victory in Seattle!



Warren Mitchell, HOF'07 and Jim McNulty, HOF'07 prepare the CC Angels for their own success in Seattle!



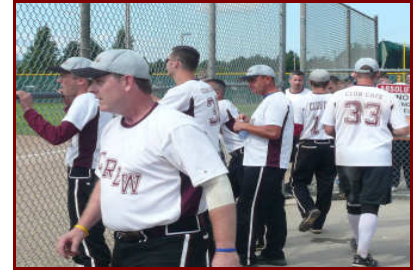
Yes, Seth Hyde, HOF'06 was back in uniform! He played for the Club Café Bandits with Frank Ribaud, HOF'05.



BSL Members Wed on the Field! Jack Gallagher & Adam Thomas chose to hold their Ceremony with all their BSL friends! Jack (left) is a longtime BSL Member while Adam is playing his first year.

## Crew Wins World Series!.....Machine & Angels Medal!

Boston's Club Café Crew are the World Champions! They capped a strong showing at the Seattle World Series with a final win over Long Beach to win the B Division! This marks the 1<sup>st</sup> time that NAGAAA has had two teams medal in the same Division under the same sponsorship. The Club Café Angels finished in 4<sup>th</sup>. Congrats Frank!



Chris Burke, HOF'06 & Crew can smell a World Championship!

Ed Fernald, HOF'05 managed his Ramrod Machine team to a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in D Division! Machine- always a contender!



The BSL also saw The Alley Gators take the Division I Championship on the last day of the season in a "World Series" atmosphere type of game! The intensity was high, even among the crowd that had gathered to watch a game which seemed to creep along pitch by pitch as strategy was reviewed and decided on. It all came down to the last out and a last at bat hit by Dave Hildebrandt to secure an exciting victory over Fritz (left).

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual HOF Winter Dinner Social January 24!

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual 'off season' social in '08 turned out to be a very nice evening! While the summer Induction event is "electric" with speeches and formality, this event is more intimate & relaxed.

This is probably something the League should have been doing for years, but the HOF is happy to pick up that ball and carry it!

It's not a fundraiser, but rather a reunion of BSL members who haven't seen each other for months or years!

Please enhance the evening on January 24 by joining us..... and bring along your new and longtime BSL friends to Club Cafe!



Last Winter's event drew a future HOFer! Jan Pytlak, HOF'08 (with longtime partner Judy)



Calling All BSL Alumni!! We'd love to see some familiar faces from the 1970's, 80's, & 90's at our Winter event!

## Ken McNeill, HOF'05 Enters NAGAAA Hall of Fame!

Ken McNeill, HOF'05, was inducted into the NAGAAA Hall of Fame this past August after being voted in by that body in June. This marks the 1<sup>st</sup> time a BSL Hall of Famer has gone on to then be inducted into that HOF. Beginning as a player in 1978 (Esplanade League), Ken has been umpiring in the BSL since 1982. When the BSL was in need of an Umpire In Chief for 2007, he stepped up to do it! He was presented the Commissioner's Award for his work that year also. Ken is a familiar face nationally too, umpiring at the World Series, Gay Games, and in Tournaments across the USA and Canada! He was UIC at the Pittsburgh World Series and a past recipient of both the NAGAAA Umpire Award and Toronto "Good Call Blue Award"!

**Congratulations Ken!**



Although subdued and with little to say, Coco is Ken's toughest critic, but also his most ardent supporter!



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## *Boosters Club!*

Thank you to those who have contributed to the Boosters Club so far this year! Your gifts are on the way!

The Boosters Club will continue to accept donations through December, but will get back on track with its 2009 Hall of Fame Boosters Club campaign next April!

Your generosity enabled the HOF to also send a \$500 contribution to the Dave Hildebrandt Memorial Fund which helped Dave's family with the many expenses that followed his tragic death last August.

Thank you!

## *A last note.....*

It was absolutely great that we were able to send that check to Dave Hildebrandt's family!

We did it as a membership too.....the HOF!

We obviously view ourselves as a group who wants to do good things for the League and its members!

What we did this year was in a financial form, and as we continue to evolve as a Hall of Fame, we look forward to other good things we can do in the future.....no matter what form they take!

Thanks for all you do to support the HOF, the League, and one another!

Have a great holiday season everyone!



**Dave Hildebrandt**

1978-2008

*Rest in Peace Dear Friend*



**Tom Morehouse**

*Recovery is slow, but progressive*

Cards or gifts can be sent to:  
Harborlights Rehab Center  
Harborview Unit  
804 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
South Boston, MA 02127

## **Don't Forget!**

Please try your best to attend the HOF  
Winter Dinner Social  
January 24, 2009 - 5:00pm  
*(a Saturday) at Club Cafe!*

## 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

Bob Bucchino '80  
Kevin Docherty '80  
John Cutting '81, *RIP*  
Vinnie Peruzzi '81, *RIP*  
Rudy Beccera '82, *RIP*  
Warren Mitchell '82  
Jan Pytlak '82  
Gary Brenner '83  
Bill Hull '83  
Mark McGrath '85  
Ed Fernald '86  
Mike McCabe '86  
Bob Quist '86  
Bill Svez '86  
Paul Caruso '87  
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