

SPORTS MUSEUM of DUTCHESS COUNTY



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2012 PLANNED EVENTS

Bowling Tourneys	TBA
Sports Memorabilia Show	March
New Inductee Resumes Due	05/26
Golf Closest to the Pin	TBA
Golf Tournament	TBA
Inductee Selection Meeting	06/03
Shoot the Diamonds	August
Sports Trivia	September
Induction Dinner	10/07
Annual 5K Run	10/27
Fundraising Lottery	November
Annual Meeting	12/02

These are tentative planned events with more information in upcoming newsletters.

Annual Fund Drive

Due to the continued expense involved with the upgrade and maintenance of the museum along with the monthly rental costs, the Museum is asking its membership to please make a donation to keep the museum operating. A donation of as little as \$5.00 yearly per person would go a long way toward keeping the Museum viable and open to the public. We realize that the times are tough for everyone, but as stated above, as little as \$5.00 can go a long way to keep the Museum operating. If you can assist us in this matter, please send a check payable to SMDC and mail to Bill Doxsey 147 Bower Road Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

ELECTIONS

All the current Board Members whose terms had expired were re-elected to new three-year terms.

FUND RAISERS

The Ways & Means Committee did a fine job in raising revenue for the Museum this year, running separate bowling events in various bowling lanes, along with many successful golf, shooting and other events.

A new event was held for the first time, this year, with Gerry DeFiglio chairing a golf tournament for the benefit of the Museum. Over 80 players participated and it turned out to be a resounding success. Thanks go to all who participated and all the fine sponsors who contributed to this event. Thanks to Gerry and his committee for a fine job and everyone is looking forward to next year for another outstanding day of golf and fun.

The November Lottery proved again to be a financial success. This event continues to be one of our major fundraisers. Thanks go to all our Museum members, members of the Poughkeepsie Brewers, Poughkeepsie Golfers & friends of the Museum who continue to make this endeavor a resounding success.

The 5K Race also continues to be a major source of revenue. Many thanks go to Pete Sanfilippo for his continued contributions to this event. Next year's plan is to hold the event at the Museum grounds.

Congratulations to all these committees for their continued support of the Museum.

ED HENSTEBECK

The Sports Museum Board lost one of its valuable members this year with the unfortunate & sad passing of Ed Henstebeck. He will be missed by everyone.

ARTIFACTS NEEDED

We are looking for any artifacts, memorabilia or pictures on local boxers & local car racing tracks & drivers. We can scan photos and return them and will accept memorabilia on consignment.

INDUCTEE DINNER

The Inductee Dinner was well attended with about 70 people in attendance. Inductees honored for their devotion to sports in the community were: John Basso, Ralph Murphy, Jim Murray, Charles Nugent & Mike Perry.

MUSEUM CLOSING

The Museum closed during the month of December and will be open during this time for appointments only. We will re-open in 2012. The exact opening date depends on when the heat is turned on. Please check our web site for upcoming programs.

2011 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Museum in 2011 had a good year in most aspects, the highlight being the first golf tournament in July. Put together by Gerry DeFiglio, it attracted a full field. Players raved about the conduct of the event and many said they would be back next year. It raised more money in one day than any event we have held.

Looking at other events:

The year started January 21 with the Wappinger Winterfest, which drew more than 100 visitors to the Museum, which was open almost every weekend the remainder of the year. The bowling tournament started in fall 2010 and ended in the spring. It too was a good moneymaker with four bowling houses participating.

In June, we met at Aloy's Restaurant to select inductees for the fall induction dinner.

In July the golf tourney was held and four closest to the pin events were staged, in June and July.

The popular Shoot the Diamonds was in August and was a success.

October saw another successful induction dinner at the Wappingers Falls Knights of Columbus. It too aided our coffers.

The Sports Museum Road Races, also in October, drew a stellar field and was a major fund-raiser.

In November, we held our Lottery game and a large profit was realized.

Sadly, we lost board member Ed Henstebeck to cancer. Though on the board only a few years his impact was great. Besides major roles in the bowling tournament and Poughkeepsie Brewers reunion, plus other events, he helped launch the Ways & Means Committee, which now plays a major role in the museum operation.

We accomplished all of the above and managed to keep our financial status in good shape due to the hard work of a small but dedicated group of trustees and officers and a few talented outsiders. Hopefully, we can build on our successes and attract new blood to our board.

I would like to see our focus in 2012 be on getting people to the museum. We have a wonderful, interesting local museum but if no one sees it, our efforts are wasted. We need to host family and school events to draw visitors.

Yours truly,

John R. Flanagan

John R. Flanagan, President

2011 CURATOR'S REPORT

It was another eventful year with a lot of ups & downs. We were open this year from January 21st to December 3rd with only 2 days closed because of snow, 2 Sundays closed for Museum functions and 1 day closed because of lack of volunteers.

In January, we were part of the Town of Wappinger "Winter Festival". We had planned to hold a breakfast that day but due to circumstances beyond our control, it had to be cancelled.

We did not set the world on fire with visitors but we did have approximately 400 people enjoy the Museum during the course of the year. Only a little over 50% filled out the column in the sign-in book of where did you hear about us. The break down of those who did sign-in as follows: Newspapers-9%, Word of Mouth 17%, Winter Fest 30%, Road Signs 9%, Internet 9%, Second Visit 5%, Flyers 4%, Town Scavenger Hunt 9% and the Ramble 5%. We are still a well-kept secret.

The Museum had a display at the Creative Caterers of the Hudson Valley Restaurant at Gold's Gym for two years. We have received all our displays back since the restaurant closed.

John Flanagan has given a lot of material to the Museum, which has been scanned. However, not all of it is on display. As new material comes in, we try to display it and store some of the older material away. We now have a Ray Billows display in the golf Room, a plate display on Baseball Great Major League Players and on various Major Leagues ball Fields and a display on Black Baseball within the County in the Baseball Room and a Dover Drag Strip display in the Main Room. Excluding the scans, we had 150 items donated to the Museum this year. There is currently a soccer display ready to go up.

This coming year I would like to do an Open House in conjunction with the Town of Wappinger and the Chamber of Commerce, for four displays, which would include Boxing, Automobile Racing, Lacrosse and Race Running.

The Museum is currently without heat and we have not heard of the Town's plans to restore it. If we have heat, I would like to have a "Work Day" on January 7. I will send an email out letting everyone know what the status is. The 2012 opening is also based on the heat problem.

I would like to thank all members who helped at the Museum out this year.

Bill Emslie, Curator

The museum is in need of sponsorships or donations of any amount. If you can be of financial assistance, in 2012, please cut out and mail to Bill Doxsey.

Yes, I will be happy to help to support the support of the Sports Museum of Dutchess County. Please accept my donation \$ _____.

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SPORTS MUSEUM INDUCTION DINNER

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2011 Inductees: John Basso, Mike Perry, Ralph Murphy, Jim Murray & Charles Nugent