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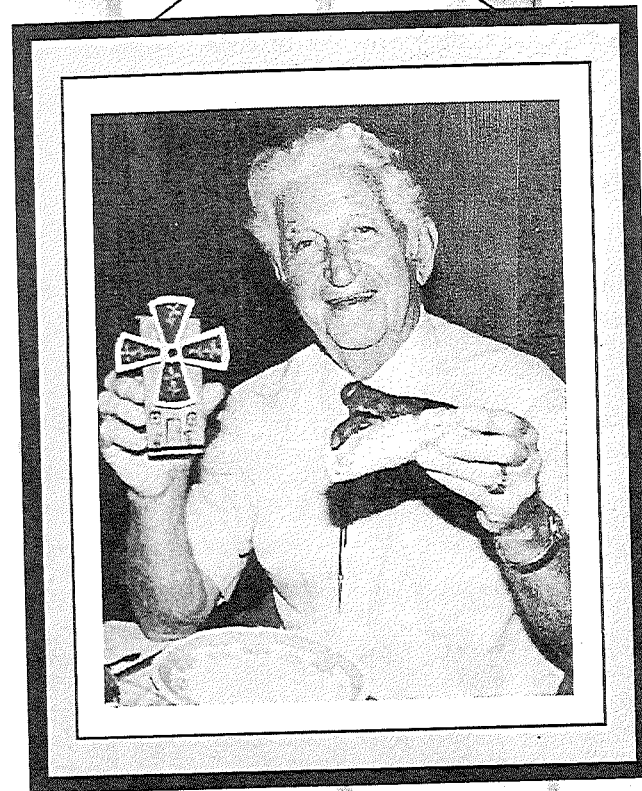
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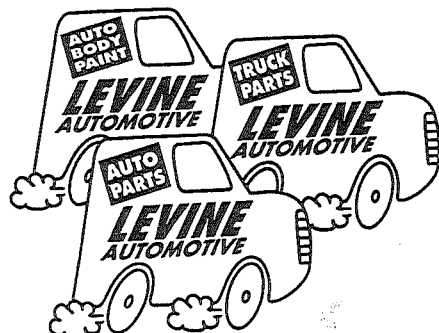


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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Tenth Annual Ridgefield Old Timers Awards Banquet. As in preceding years we are gathered to honor a number of individuals who have made significant contributions to our town through their sportsmanship and sustained involvement in the life and affairs of our community.

The Ridgefield Old Timers Association was organized ten years ago for the purpose of uniting and promoting the good fellowship that developed among Ridgefielders during their schooling and their participation in sports, athletics and other community activities. In addition to honoring individuals from various segments of Ridgefield's past, the Association has devoted its efforts to establishing a scholarship fund for graduating RHS seniors. This year, as in the past, the Association awarded grants to two RHS graduates who demonstrated academic excellence, athletic prowess, and sportsmanship and gave generously of their time as volunteers in the community.

In addition to honoring this year's awardees, the Association voted to dedicate our Tenth Annual Banquet to Tom Clark in recognition of his extraordinary service to the Old Timers and to its scholarship fund raising efforts. Tom Clark has been and continues to be the Association's major fund raiser. Over the years Tom has continued to dedicate his time and energy to ensure that the Association's scholarship fund would continue to benefit deserving RHS graduates. On behalf of the Association and the scholarship beneficiaries, past and future, we extend our sincere thanks to Tom for his sustained and extraordinary work.

The Association would also like to thank those individuals and businesses who have contributed to our scholarship fund through their donations and advertisements in our program book. We hope that Ridgefielders will continue to patronize these businesses in recognition of the generous support they have provided to the scholarship fund.

As we have said in the past, tonight is a good time to remember friends and loved ones who are not with us and to give thanks that we have this opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of our members and friends.

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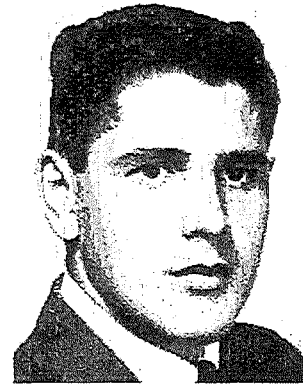


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PAUL CARBONI

Paul Carboni, voted the most athletic senior of the RHS Class of 1964 grew up in the center of town in the fifties. Along with fellow teammates and RHS costars Julius (Bugsy) Santini and Harry Pierandri, Paul developed his athletic skills at an early age at the Ridgefield Boys Club and St. Mary's Elementary School. Fast friends from childhood to high school Carboni, Santini and Pierandri became the nucleus

for the RHS conference powerhouse which dramatically changed school sports image throughout the State.

Carboni readily acknowledges that growing up in Ridgefield and playing sports was an important part of his childhood. "The friendships and memories I developed playing neighborhood baseball and basketball at St. Mary's are priceless to me." One of his early influences was his 5th grade basketball coach, George Fasolo. "George's philosophy was simple learn and practice fundamental skills and then use them in game situations." Carboni was taught that "no one individual was more important than the team itself George was a tough coach but this was an important lesson that we all learned and carried on through life and I thank him for that."

Carboni lettered in football, basketball and baseball during his junior and senior years. Playing guard for what was then the finest eleven man team at RHS, the Tiger squad led by the quickest and most dependable line in the Western Connecticut Conference, went on to become the highest scoring team in the State and to share first place WCC honors ending 1964 with the best season in RHS history. For his part Carboni was named to the All Conference Team.

In basketball Carboni proved an equally formidable competitor. The 1963-64 team under Coach and former AllState guard, Harry Hyra, entered the State's Class B league and quickly became a recognized power. Both in the regular season and in the post season tournament, Carboni excelled. The team compiling a 17-3 record earned a first seed in the State Class B Tournament. As in football Carboni was named to the All Conference Team.

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JOHN FOSSI

John grew up in Ridgefield living first at the family farm on Prospect Ridge and then at the Fossi's homes on Island Hill and Mulberry Street. Like many Ridgefield natives, John played baseball and basketball under the guidance of Ralph Crouchley during his twelve years of membership at the Boy's Club. In addition to the Boy's Club John was on Ridgefield's first Little League team.

At RHS John lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. John played on Ridgefield's last sixman football team (1956), and as quarterback and cocaptain pioneered elevenman football for RHS with Wait Ryba under Bill Allen and the school's newly hired coach, Bob Mark. John also lettered in RHS basketball playing forward on a Tiger team that was hampered by the lack of a home court. Old Timers will remember that RHS was in transition in the 195859 season with the 44new gym" being constructed (or should we say reconstructed after the arches fell down one spring day like a row of dominoes). The RHS team was forced to play home games at Veterans Park and the old WesConn gym. John also played baseball under coach Bill Allen for all four years of his RHS tenure. The "Ten O'Clock Scholar" of the Class of 1959 graduated with a PTA scholarship and went on to attend the University of Miami.

While going to school John worked as a grounds keeper on the Doubleday Estate and as a waiter at Fox Hill.. He served in the U.S. Air Force between 1963 and 1967 and after a short stint with the Jet Propulsion Laboratories in the Mohavi Dessert returned to his home town.

John played softball for Ridgefield Supply in the Townies League and coached the Bissell's Pharmacy Little League team.

John was married to his wife, Patricia, in 1967. The Fossi's have three sons and a number of grandchildren. John is currently a partner with State Representative John Frey at Century 21 on Main Street.

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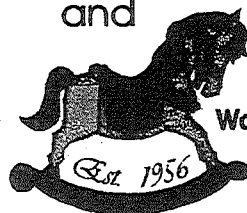
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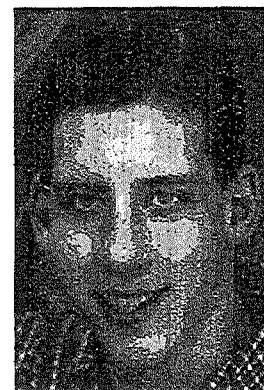
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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

BRANDON HAUG



Brandon, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gary Haug of Prospect Street, is one of the two ROTA scholar/athlete award recipients. In addition to our award Brandon was the recipient of the Ridgefield Boys & Girls Club Award and the RHS Student Athlete Award for 2001.

Brandon played varsity football and basketball for Ridgefield High. As an offensive tackle on the Tigers football squad and as center forward on the basketball team, Brandon was admired for his discipline, determination and

teamwork.

Brandon grew up in Ridgefield and was a member of the Boys & Girls Club for 12 years. In addition to his athletics, Brandon provided volunteer service to the Town through his work with the Visiting Nurses Association, Safe Rides and DECA.

To pay for his undergraduate education at the University of Connecticut, Brandon has been employed at CVS, the Wilton Sports Shop, the Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce and Chez Bernard.

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ANTHONY MICHAEL DELUCA



Tony DeLuca graduated from Ridgefield High in 1954 lettering in baseball, basketball and football. Baseball, however, was Tony's game. As his wife, Ann, described it I don't want to take anything away from his athletic abilities which were considerable but at 57' and 145 lbs. I doubt if he would have made the football team if there had been more than 18 boys in our class. But it wouldn't have mattered because baseball was always his first love." During his junior and senior years Tony

played on three different teams each season. In addition to the high school team, Tony played for an American Legion team in Danbury and in an adult mens' league in Branchville. "I often wondered how as a teenager he qualified to play in an adult league," opined Ann. "I think those Branchville guys had their own version of 'don't ask, don't tell'."

Tony went into the service in 1955 and played baseball for several military teams. Although he was married and had an infant first child, Tony was sent to Korea because he was trained as a radio operator, a critical military specialty. On arrival, his battalion commander, an avid baseball fan discovered from the records that Tony was an excellent shortstop. Because the battalion baseball team was the commander's pride and joy, Tony was assigned to managing the camp library which came with it own room, indoor toilet, central heating and houseboy. At five miles from the 38th Parallel, the accommodations were pure luxury. According to Ann, Tony never touched a military radio during his thirteen months in Korea. "Ah, baseball, it's a wonderful sport."

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CIVIC AWARD



LEWIS "BUB" FINCH

Bub was born in Ridgefield on July 17, 1916, the son of Harold E. and Alice H. Finch. He attended our local schools and graduated from RHS in 1934. While attending high school, Bub worked at Finch's News Store on Main Street, a town landmark that later became known as Squash's. During high school, Bub played varsity basketball on the 1933-34 teams. After graduation he attended business

school in New York City and returned home to manage Finch's. During this time he courted and married Danbury native, Adelaide Patricia Newman.

In later years, as a builder and developer, Bub subdivided 800 acres of land in Ridgefield with a resulting donation of 200 acres to the Town's Open Space Fund. As successful as he has been in the business field, Bub has been equally generous in terms of his time, money and talent to make sure Ridgefield became a better place to live.

Bub was an active member of the Lion's Club holding all local offices including President and served as District Governor for five years. In 1989 he received the Melvin Jones Award, the highest award for service by the Lions. Bub was also on the Board of Directors of the Ridgefield Boys Club for many years and served as its Chairman. During his term he was a major contributor to the purchase of the five acres where today's Boys & Girls Club is situated and was the sole contributor to the purchase of the Club's two paddle tennis courts. Bub served on the Board of Directors of the Ridgefield Library and was elected President from 1985 to 1987. He also served as Chairman of the Town Finance Committee and as a trustee to St. Mary's Church, making major contributions to the renovation of the church gymnasium into a chapel. Bub has served as an advisor to the Town Building Committee and was a member and chairman of the Republican Town Committee for many years. An original incorporator of the Village Bank and Trust Company of Ridgefield, Bub served as Chairman of that board for a number of years.

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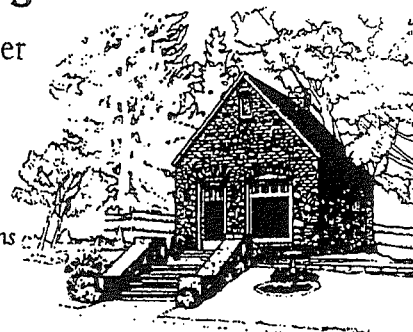
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Gloria is the third member of her family to be honored by the Ridgefield Old Timers. She is also the first woman to receive ROTA's recognition for athletics and service. A native Ridgefielder, Gloria grew up at the family residence which is now the site of the Ridge Bowl and then moved to the family house across from Joe's Corner.

A self-described tomboy as a kid,

Gloria attended the Titicus Elementary School and graduated from RHS in 1943. Like so many talented Ridgefield women, Gloria's opportunities to develop her athletic achievements were hindered by the lack of both school and extracurricular sports programs for women. Nevertheless, Gloria availed herself of every opportunity and played basketball, softball and archery at Ridgefield High. As a basketball forward and captain, she played half-court hoops against the women's teams in Danbury, Bethel, Brewster and Croton Falls. In softball Gloria pitched for the women's team and compiled a batting average that would make any athlete proud.

After graduation Gloria was employed by the telephone company on Catoonah Street, the Elms Inn, and later by New England Medical Research until she joined her brother in 1969 at Nina's Restaurant. Athletic opportunities in town for women were as meager as they were at RHS but Gloria took the opportunity to play women's softball at Veterans Park and she became an avid bowler. Gloria started bowling at the lanes behind Bissell's and at the Congregational Church on the ten pin team sponsored by Conklin Motors and later on the Brunetti's Market team. Gloria's team played at the Holiday Inn in Danbury, Ridge Bowl, and later at Brewster Lanes. As Captain she guided the Brunetti's team to either first or second place finishes usually against her Ridgefield News Store sponsored rivals.

Gloria married in 1966 and has a son, Patrick. She is the President of the Italian American Ladies Aid Society and serves on the Scott House Historic Committee. Ten pins have been retired for Tuesday night bocci at the Club and her talent and competitive spirit has not waned.

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Right field slugger Nick Reid played for Coach Allen's first year at the helm of the 1948 Hilltoppers baseball team. Subsequently, with Fibber Biagiotti catching, Nick pitched two no hitters against Darien and Henry Abbot Tech and three one hitters against Bethel, Bedford Hills and the Jesse Lee Academy. Known by all his RHS Class of 1949 for his interest in all sports, Nick was considered by teammates Glenn Anderson, Tom Mitchell, Fibber, and Andy Montanari as quite a pitcher. In addition to baseball, Nick played varsity basketball for two years and football and track for one year. Following high school Nick attended drafting school and served in the U.S. Army for two years. Nick's post RHS interests have included golf, bowling and softball. Now retired Nick lives in Canton, Connecticut. He has two daughters, Shari and Jacquelyn, and a son, Richard.

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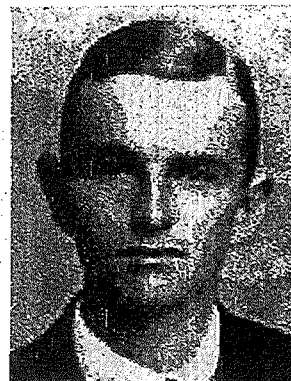
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BOB SEYMOUR



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the *Ridgefield Press* on a weekly basis.

Bob began to bowl with his brothers, Arthur and Rudolph, in 1916 and was an above average competitor with highs of a 171.5 average, a 235 high game and a 581 series achievement.

For many years Bob worked as a bookkeeper for the Harvey Lown Insurance and Real Estate Company. He also worked the very early newspaper shift at Squash's.

Bob was known as a town character and energetic person who was always ready for a good laugh. Nicknamed "Titter", Bob's bowling team was known as the Seymour Jitterbugs. Bob passed away in 1971 at age 74.

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Tom Clark, Charlie Frattini, Joe Forcelli, John Carboni

1993

Gene Casagrande, Bob Mulvaney, Vin Petrini,
Charley Stolle, Joe Tulipani

1994

Lyman Anderson, Harry Bennett, Aldo Girolmetti,
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1995

Peter Casagrande, Dino Cingolani, Joe Brunetti,
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1996

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1997

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1998

Gino "Jinx" Balaserini, Dr. Philip Martin, Dr. Joseph Moylan,
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1999

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2000

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1994

Ralph Crouchly, Kip Holleran, Francis D. Martin

1995

Chuck Walker, Charles F. Ashbee, Frank E. Minnerly

1996

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1998

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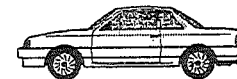
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- POSTHUMOUS AWARD -

DR. WALTER RYBA



Walt was president of the RHS Class of 1959. Born in Stamford, Walt moved to Ridgefield in 1956. When Walt walked into Principal Clifford Hollaran's office that March of 1956, Kip took one look at his new transfer student and asked "Do you play ball?" To Hollaran's delight, Walt responded that he played football, basketball and baseball. He went on to letter in all three sports.

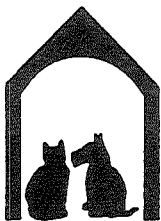
In his first year at RHS Walt played on the first eleven-man football squad. He played end on the football team, forward in basketball where he was known for his stylistic jump shot, and was a

catcher on the RHS baseball team.

The Ridgefield Press in April of 1959 reported that he was the letterman senior catcher and a mainstay of the team. "Ryba works quickly and surely behind the plate and can reach second with a throw without running out to the pitchers mound." Walt was a leading slugger throughout the Housatonic Valley League. In his senior year, he cocaptained the football, basketball and baseball teams and won the MVP award at the annual Sports Banquet. He was president of his sophomore, junior and senior classes at RHS which was also where he met his future wife, Geraldine Pannozzo.

Walt went on to play football and baseball at Dartmouth College but injuries shortened his intercollegiate career. After graduation from Dartmouth College in 1963, he later attended Trinity College in Hartford where he received his Master's degree in Economics in 1971. In 1975 Walt graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Law with a Doctor of Law degree. Walt began teaching at Fairfield University in 1982. He specialized in business law and regulation and strategic planning for regulation and new business. His work focused on antitrust regulated environments and international regulation, and his research appeared in many professional journals. Walt served as Dean of Fairfield University's School of Business and as Professor of Business Law.

Walt never lost his love for athletics. He was the university's NCAA faculty representative and was a major promoter of Fairfield University's football program.



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CHRISTINE LOHSE



Christine, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Lohse and recipient of one of our two scholarships, is attending the University of Richmond where she hopes to major in sports medicine and business. As she did for RHS, Christine will be a member of Richmond's track and field program and will compete in the 800, 1,000, 1,500 and 1,600 meter events. Christine grew up in Ridgefield, the third oldest child of the seven Lohse children. During high school she was deeply involved in RHS track and field.

She was elected Captain of both the indoor and outdoor season teams and competed during all four years at RHS. She earned track honors as an All Area, All County, All State and All New England Athlete. She set two RHS records as well as a national title. Christine was also Captain of the RHS field hockey team and played varsity during her four years of high school achieving All Area, All County and All State honors in that sport. Christine was named Outstanding RHS Girl Athlete as well as the FCIAC Scholar Athlete award. She is a certified soccer referee and field hockey coach. Apart from athletics Christine was an active member of the National Honor Society, the Captains' Council, SADD, LINK and the Girl Scouts. She volunteered at the Dorothy Day facility and for Meals on Wheels. Christina worked at Biscotti's Restaurant during the year and established her own catering business.

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ARTIE FRATTINI

When Ridgefield old timers get together to talk about "the old days" Artie Frattini's name will crop up in the conversation. The topic could be golf, bowling, basketball or softball.

Artie was introduced to golf as a caddie on the nine-hole golf course that later became Ward Acres. He also plied his wares as a caddie at Silver Spring and Waccabuc. Art was in-

volved in the caddie strike at Silver

Spring. The on-going rate was 80 cents for 18, and the youngsters went on strike seeking one dollar. Art won the Boys Club championship at Devine's nine-hole course that is now the site of the Danbury Airport. He frequently teamed up with Navio Ligi who was club champ many years at Vail's Grove at Peach Lake. Later, he and Harry Bennett won the Ridgewood Member-Guest. He has had three holes-in-one, one at Vail's and two at the Ridgefield Golf Course. He also won the Ridgefield Open one year.

Back in the 30's neighborhood baseball games were common. Artie pitched for the Railroad Avenue nine that played against the Mountain View Avenue Sluggers, the Barry Avenue Bombers, Titicus Giants and many more. His curve ball (which was also his fast ball) broke about three feet. (The same as his bowling ball). He was the shortfielder on the Ridgefield Merchants softball team.

Artie played guard on the RHS basketball team that included Ed Dowling, Armando Torcellini, Vin Paccadolmi, Si Franceschini, Leno Valentino and others coached by "Kip" Holleran around the mid to late thirties.

He bowled duck-pins at the old alleys behind Bissell's where he was adept at the art of rolling dice under Bissell's back porch. (Actually, he learned that in the caddie pen at Silver Spring and perfected it at Bissell's.) He then graduated to ten-pins and was on the winning team captained by the late Lou Girolametti.

Following the service during the War, Artie took up painting. Some Ridgefield houses still bear his trademark.

Artie is the father of three girls and two boys, all of whom have excelled in a variety of professions from the entertainment world, media, business and industry.

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JIM COSTANZI



Jim Costanzi, President of the RHS class of 1945, has been an active volunteer in Ridgefield organizations for many years. Known as "Cuca" to his high school classmates, Jim Costanzi, like so many other old timers, developed his interest in sports at the Ridgefield Boys Club, "I was the eighth member to join the Club and that wasn't easy. We had to line up to register and the big guys kept throwing me out of line. I fought back and main-

tained my place but do you have any idea how many "noggers" I got that day from the older guys". In later years Costanzi went on to become a counselor at the Boys' Club along with Rudy Hurzier transporting the boys to Lake Mamanasco, Peach Lake and Roberts Pond, teaching them how to swim and dive (and purported saving Gavin Donnelly from choking on a sour ball).

At Ridgefield High, Jim Costanzi played football and baseball and was elected captain of both teams in his senior year. Jim played short stop on the baseball team which included Romeo Petroni at first base, Lou Girolmetti at second, Richard Benzing at third, Dino Cingolani and Dan Fischialetti pitching, Americo Giambartolomei, Mario Scala and Aldo Biagiotti in the outfield, and Gene McMahon and Harry Zandri as catchers.

Coached by Dr. Charlie Izzo, Costanzi also played shortstop for the Ridgefield Merchants. Known as a long ball hitter, Costanzi racked up a 400 batting average during one of his years with the Merchants.

After graduation, Costanzi became an avid bowler playing duck pins and ten pins at the alleys run by Sy Deluca behind the Bissell's property. Jim developed a formidable average allegedly leaving no spare unturned. But golf continued to be Jim's true interest after RHS. An avid golfer as a young man, Jim won the Caddies Tournament at Weeburn Country Club at age 13. Motivated to pursue the game, he became low amateur one year at the International ProAm in Puerto Rico. As a result, he was invited to play at the Air Jamaican International Tournament in Kingston and won low amateur again. In 1968 he played with Gary Player at the Lost Tree Country Club in Florida.

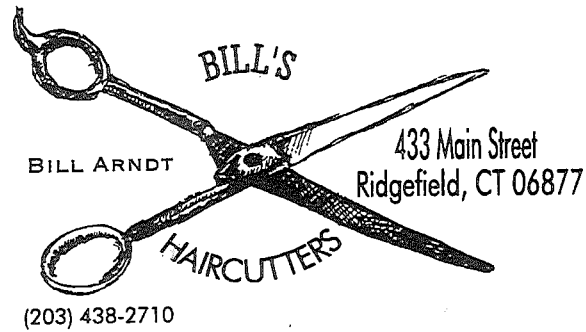
In addition to his volunteer work with the Old Timers, Jim has served as the President of the Ridgefield Lions Club and was instrumental in setting up a program which later developed into Meals on Wheels. He was also responsible for initiating a Lions Club scholarship providing four RHS students with scholarships totaling \$8,000 each over their four year undergraduate studies.

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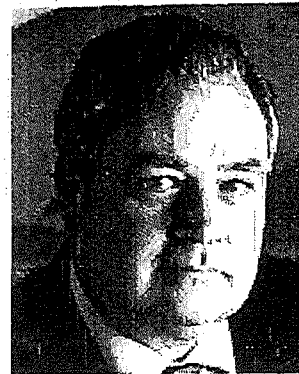
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NED CARBONI

Former 1950's RHS athlete, Ned Carboni, will become the third member of his family to be honored at the Old Timers. There have been Carbonis starring in Ridgefield organized sports since the 1920's and Ned was no exception.

Ned was born and raised in Ridgefield during what he described as the "Golden Age of Sports" following World War 11. Ned's part in Ridgefield sports began in the late 1940's as a bat boy for Leo Pambianchi's Ridgefield Merchants team featuring Vin Petrini, Dante and Joe Brunetti, Jim and Evo Principi, and Johnny and Joe Tulipani. He played in the town's first organized "Little League" in the early 1950's. The teams were coached by his father, Tabby, Uncle Lynce and Frank Minnerly. Uniforms consisted of different colored baseball caps. Ned also played for Ralph Crouchley in the Boys' Club baseball and basketball teams.

At Ridgefield High Ned earned 9 varsity letters between 1954 and 1957. He was Captain/CoCaptain of the RHS football, basketball and baseball teams under Bill Allen and Mel Makowicki.

Ned played quarterback and safety on the school's six man football team and in his senior year was the quarterback and linebacker on RHS' first eleven man football team. His teammates that year included Bob Earle, Fred Mazzi, Jim Mullen, Booker Jackson, Fred Izzo and Johnny Fossi.

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In basketball Ned teamed up as guard with Dick Bellagamba on Coach Makowicki's 1956, 155 championship basketball team which was ranked 4th in the State's Class C league.

In RHS baseball Ned played second base and batted fifth behind Fred Mazzi and Booker Jackson on the 1957 Housatonic Valley League champions which Coach Allen once called the best hitting team he coached at RHS.

During the summers Ned played baseball on the town team organized by Bob Stolle. He also played with the Hoffman Fuelers in Danbury's Hat City League under Leo Pambianchi.

After graduation from Marquette University in 1961, where he played intramural football and softball, he spent over two years in the Army in Germany with an armored cavalry unit patrolling the East/West German border. Ned also finally stopped passing the ball and started shooting it, becoming the leading scorer as a guard on the Squadron's All Star basketball team that won the Regimental Tournament.

After military service Ned spent 30 years in the advertising business in New York and Boston. Along the way he coached Little League baseball in suburban Boston and still roots for the Chicago Cubs and Boston Red Sox. Ned lives in Sherborn, Massachusetts with his wife Jutta and is currently employed with an Internet consulting firm.