

The Hall of Fame Induction

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the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club, Inc.



"To foster and promote the game of baseball"

October 25, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Monticello's Restaurant
S. Broad St., Meriden

I would like to congratulate my brother, my partner, my friend and my associate. Chucky is one of the hardest working members on our East Shore Travel League Board. It's an honor to see you get inducted into this great organization, the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Hall of Fame, People should only know what you do for the children in the game of baseball. You're a giver, mentor, sponsor and most of all, a great teammate to have for the last nine years. I'm so happy that you were chosen to receive this very prestigious award.

In closing, we started with a grain of sand and now we have a rock. God Bless you!

***WITH MUCH LOVE AND RESPECT,
MICHAEL J. LAMBERTI & FAMILY***

INTRODUCTION

The Southern Connecticut Diamond Club, Inc. is a non-stock corporation which was originally organized in 2005 as an informal organization. Its motto was "To foster and promote the game of baseball." The Southern Diamond Club got its motivation from a prior organization, known as the Greater New Haven Diamond Club. This former organization was founded in 1980, but went into a "batting slump" after 1992.

Thankfully, several former members, along with a group of new dedicated individuals, still believed in the motto, and started the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club in 2005. What these men started has blossomed into a full-fledged network of baseball people helping others enjoy the game. In 2011, the organization went from an informal group of baseball enthusiasts to a full-fledged, non-stock corporation.

In 2005, the club was established with the Whitey Piurek "No I in Team" awards for area high school baseball players. 2008 marked the first Hall of Fame Awards Dinner of the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club, honoring those who have done great things for baseball in the region. The Southern Connecticut Diamond Club also decided to pay tribute to the Hall of Famers of the disbanded Greater New Haven Diamond Club by inducting them all as Hall of Famers into their own organization.

The Southern Connecticut Diamond Club, Inc., has and will continue in its efforts to spread the goodwill of baseball to those fortunate enough to be associated with it. It will continue in its efforts to recognize and award those who have given so much to so many through this great game.

THE ANDREW GASSIRA MEMORIAL UMPIRE'S AWARD



Andrew Gassira was a lifelong resident of the New Haven area, who passed away in October, 1979.

Despite the fact that he had no sons, he spent evenings and Saturdays each year fulfilling his role as League Commissioner, Umpire in Chief, coach and teacher for the 83 teams making up the Hamden Fathers' Baseball Association. He would line up umpires, keep their payroll records, conduct training clinics, attend games, keep performance ratings on his staff and supervise the entire program.

Born in 1922, Gassira graduated from Commercial High School, entered the U.S. Army, was discharged, and then entered J.C.C. College under the G.I. Bill. He graduated from the Baseball Umpiring School in Bartow, Florida, in 1948 and worked with the New York Yankees. He umpired in the AAA Baseball System in Georgia and upstate New York. He then got married and went to work for G & O Radiators where he became a draftsman and worked there for 31 years.

Gassira was a basketball coach for the Trowbridge Rec Center in New Haven and also refereed high school and college basketball.

He umpired in American Legion and Babe Ruth Leagues. He was a member of the Greater New Haven Baseball Umpires Association, the Connecticut College Baseball Association, and the Hamden Fathers' Baseball Association.

PROGRAM

Invocation.....Rev. Owen Sanderson, *Christ Lutheran Church*
Pledge of AllegianceEd Klinkhammer
Playing of National Anthem.....Blake Zeidenberg, *grandson of HOFer Mel Zeidenberg*
History of SCDC Samuel A. Burrell Jr.
Master of CeremoniesNed Burt

DINNER

Induction of the ANDREW GASSIRA MEMORIAL UMPIRE AWARD

Presentation Rich Altieri
AcceptanceJohn Adamovich

Induction of TONY MENTONE MEMORIAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Presentation Sam Burrell and Rose Mentone
AcceptanceMichael "Tex" Volpe

Induction of CHUCK COYLE.....Mike Lamberti
Acceptance Chuck Coyle

Induction of JOHN DEFRANCISCO..... Ron Luneau
Acceptance John DeFrancisco

Induction of ED DIPERSIO Dan Gooley
AcceptanceEd DiPersio

Induction of GEORGE DUMMAR (posthumously).....Ed Klinkhammer
Acceptance.....Pat Dummar

Induction of BILL MROWKA.....Burt Leventhal
AcceptanceBill Mrowka

Induction of LOU VERDI.....Joe Mattei
Acceptance.....Lou Verdi

Induction of TEAM OF THE PAST: CHESHIRE HIGH SCHOOL 1992, 1993

Presentation..... Burt Leventhal
Acceptance..... Steve Trifone, *Athletic Director, Cheshire HS*

Closing Remarks..... Rose V. Mentone

Benediction Rev. Owen Sanderson, *Christ Lutheran Church*

COMMITTEE

Rich Altieri
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Andrew Gassira Memorial Umpire Award



JOHN ADAMOVICH

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In 1974, John Adamovich started his umpiring career working for Henry Roche as a Little League umpire. Three years later, he began his career as a certified umpire working for Pop Shortell, Henry Roche and Arnie Mann.

He retired from umpiring in 2015 after 38 great years on the New Haven Board of Umpires.

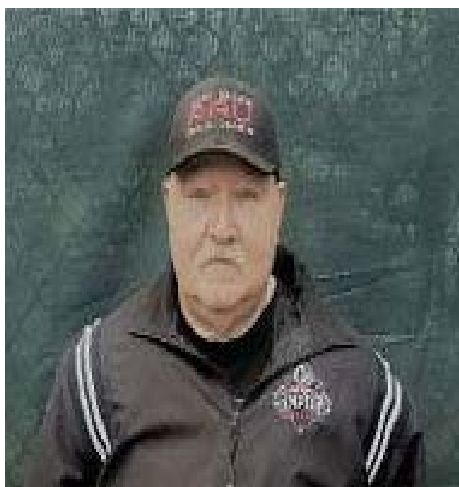
Adamovich umpired numerous playoffs and state championships games in the Housatonic League, District League, and Southern Connecticut Conference. He also umpired in the West Haven Twilight League and Bridgeport Twilight League for 22 years.

He was a Physical Education teacher and athletic director in the New Haven school system for 38 years; he was a Physical Education teacher for the state of Connecticut in 1988.

Since 1987, he has served as the Director of Recreation for the Town of Woodbridge. He was the original founding member of the Woodbridge Fathers Baseball League Board of Directors in 1972.

He is married to his lovely wife Kathryn Smith Adamovich for 40 years along with his three children Kimberly, John Michael, and Kevin.

Anthony “Tony” Mentone Distinguished Service Award



MICHAEL “TEX” VOLPE

Michael Volpe, known as “Tex” to his friends and family, graduated from Waxahachie High School in Waxahachie, Texas, in 1979 and attended Southern Connecticut State College for two years.

He was a tractor trailer driver for 15 years, and worked for MAD Sportswear, American Eagle Embroidery and Bassett Logo as an embroiderer.

Volpe started coaching West Haven Little League from 1979-1994. He was also a member of its Board of Directors from 1982-1994.

He also served as a staff member of CT District 4 from 1987 to 2002. He umpired 10 Girls Softball Eastern Regional Tournaments. He also served as the umpire in charge for Orange Little League and Babe Ruth.

Volpe also coached Orange Babe Ruth/Amity Babe Ruth and served as past President of Amity Babe Ruth.

He served as Ct District #3 Babe Ruth Commissioner from 2003-2012 and coached AAU Baseball from 2006-2012.

He currently serves as an Umpire Assigner for East Shore Travel League since 2015. Volpe has two sisters, Christene Stoddard from Millsbury, Mass and Mary Foster from Martinsburg, West Virginia and two brothers Kevin Volpe from Martinsburg West Virginia and John Volpe from Largo, Florida.



CHARLES "CHUCK" COYLE

Charles "Chuck" Coyle played varsity baseball for three years at Fairfield Prep. He then attended the University of New Haven for business.'

He played four years of Legion baseball for East Haven Post 89. He served as Vice President for Annex Little League and sponsored many teams in the League as well as serving as a coach from 1990-1997 & 2006-2010.

He was also an Annex Little League umpire from 1988-1993. Coyle served as East Shore Tar Heels coach in 2007 as well as CT Dynasty Coach from 2009-2011.

He has served as Co-director & scheduler of East Shore Travel league for 10 years, 2009-2018; also serving as an umpire for them from 2009-2011.

He won the 10u Connecticut State little league Championship in 2007 and the 12u CABA National Championship as assistant coach of the Technique Tigers 2010.

Coyle is the owner of CJ Interior Drywall LLC & AC Everest Insulation Inc. He and his wife Patty have three children – Matthew, 29, Olivia, 18 and CJ, 7.



JOHN DEFRANCISCO

John DeFrancisco was born and raised in Derby, Connecticut and is a 1964 graduate of Derby High School. Following high school, John attended Fairfield University where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1968. He continued his education at Fairfield and received his Masters degree in secondary school education in 1972 and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in 1976.

He began teaching at Derby High School in the fall of 1976 and continued to do so for thirty eight years, retiring in 2006. John currently works as a substitute teacher at the high school a few days a week.

In 1991 John received the Greater New Haven Diamond Club Area High School Coach of the Year Award. He began coaching baseball at Derby High School in 1972 at the freshman and junior varsity levels until becoming the head coach in 1987. John remained the head baseball coach until 1996. During his tenure his teams qualified for the state Class S tournament five times.

In 1992 DeFrancisco's team captured the State Class S tournament title and repeated this feat in 1996. He amassed eighteen wins during the 1991 season, nineteen wins during the 1992 season, and fifteen wins during the 1996 season. DeFrancisco's career varsity record totaled one hundred twelve wins and one hundred eight losses.

DeFrancisco has been married to the former Nancy Kelley for the past thirty eight years. They have two daughters Jessica and Jennifer. Jessica is married to Joseph Schryver and they have a two year old son, Matthew. Jessica is a preschool special education teacher in Middletown and Jennifer works as an insurance broker at Beacon Retiree Benefits Group in Plantsville.

He considers being inducted into the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Hall of Fame a humbling honor that he will cherish forever. To be recognized by your peers for this honor makes it more meaningful and significant.



ED DIPERSIO

Ed DiPersio graduated from Wilcox Tech in 1970 and spent most of his working career as a printer for the Meriden Gravure, and the Hull Printing Company.

A lifelong resident of Meriden, he began coaching baseball in 1970, running the Meriden Mustangs youth baseball program until forming the Cheshire Mustangs in 1972. He ran the Cheshire program for 18 years during which they made an appearance in the Mickey Mantle World Series in 1990. The Mustangs fielded teams from ages 10-16 years of age, and turned out to be one of the top summer programs for helping athletes advance to the high school and college ranks.

In 1991 the Connecticut High School all-star program was formed, and has run for the past 27 years. The program ran a fall high school all-star team which played against a college team, in an effort to showcase the high school athletes to the college coaches and pro scouts. In its 27 years of existence, it has advanced 79 players to the professional ranks. Some of the top players to come through the fall team were Matt Harvey, A.J.Pollack, Craig Breslow, and Chris Winkel.

Also an offshoot of the Connecticut High School all-star program is the yearly summer and winter showcases, which are run at cost. These workouts have promoted more than 1200 high school players to the college ranks.

DiPersio also coached the Meriden American Legion program for eight seasons in the 90's, advancing an average of 10 players a year to the college level.

He worked as a professional scout for six years with the Atlanta Braves, six years scouting for the Pittsburgh Pirates, and 3 years scouting for the San Diego Padres. He was the recommending scout for his club with Raji Davis with the Pirates, and Matt Batten with the Padres.

He authored a book, "BASEBALL--A GAME FOR ALL AGES," printed in 1985. It was a how to play book that covered all parts of the game. He hands out copies of the book to the players that he thinks are worth helping out.

In 2018, DiPersio received the John Wentworth Award from the CT Sportswriters Alliance for dedication to sports in the Community.



GEORGE DUMMAR, JR.
(posthumously)

Whether it was as a business professional, a volunteer, or as a baseball player and head coach, 2018 Hall of Fame of the Southern Ct, Diamond Club inductee George T. Dummar Jr. earned acknowledgement and laurels for his commitment to excellence in many areas.

Born on July 31, 1960 in North Arlington, New Jersey, Dummar was raised in Milford, Connecticut and graduated from Jonathan Law High School as a standout baseball player and Sacred Heart University before being drafted by the Baltimore Orioles in the 1980 Supplemental Draft and was a member of that organization from 1980 to 1984. After his minor league baseball career took him thru West Virginia and Miami, George concluded his playing career in Milan, Italy as part of the Italian Baseball Federation.

George married his wife, Patricia (Patty) Capone Dummar, and together they raised their sons George III, 27 and Nicholas, 24 in the town of Branford. He especially took pride in coaching his sons from Little League through the high school ranks, eventually sending them to play collegiately at the Division 1 level.

He continued his passion of baseball by coaching the Branford High School baseball team as the varsity coach from 2004 thru 2012, highlighted by his teams winning seven division championships, as well as two Class L state titles, in 2006 and 2009. In nine seasons, George compiled an overall record of 138-75 and won at a 72-percent clip during the post season with a record of 23-9. He led the Hornets to the state tournament each of his nine seasons while winning the Hammonasset Division in his first year at the helm with a 17-6 win/loss record. In total, he led the Hornets baseball team to one First Round Class L State Tournament game, two Second Round Class L State Tournament appearances, two Class L State Quarterfinals, one Class L Semi-Final and two Class L State Championships (2006 and 2009). He also had the opportunity to manage current professional baseball player Mike Olt (2004-2007), now a member of the Boston Red Sox organization with the Pawtucket Red Sox, and pitcher Ed Bethke (2004 and 2005), now an assistant baseball coach at Southern Connecticut State University.

Off the playing field, George was just as successful in his business endeavors. As an 18 year member (1991-2009) of SNET in New Haven, Connecticut, George was a key account manager within their Professional Division, a member of their Strategic Growth Team, and largely responsible for sales and advertising in the northeastern region. In 1998, he earned the Vice President's Award and was the second-highest sales producer in the department in addition to being ranked in the top five for revenue sales in website and link sales.

Sadly, George passed away on September 28th, 2014 at the age of 54, after a courageous battle with glioblastoma brain cancer. He leaves behind a legacy of strength, courage, success, and a lasting impression on everyone who knew him.



BILL MROWKA

Bill Mrowka graduated with a BS in Psychobiology from Quinnipiac College; an MAT from Sacred Heart University; and a 6th Year Certificate in Instructional Studies in Science from Southern CT State University.

He had played baseball at Cheshire High School for Burt Leventhal from 1979-1982 and played baseball at Quinnipiac College for Dan Gooley from 1982-1986. He also played one year in the Connecticut State League (independent pro-1986).

Mrowka has 31 years coaching high school baseball at Cheshire High School, and 21 years as Cheshire High School head varsity coach (250 career wins).

He was named 1997 CHSCA assistant coach of the year and his team was 2000 Class L State runner up. In 2011 his team was SCC Tournament Champions.

In 2018 his team was the # 1 ranked team in the state and won the Class LL State Championship. Mrowka was named the 2018 New Haven Register coach of the year as well as the 2018 Meriden Record Journal coach of the year.

He has served as a Baseball Clinic Camp Coach/Counselor for more than 25 years and currently teaches chemistry at Wolcott High School

Mrowka has been married to Colleen Mrowka for 30 years and they have two children-Kate, 27 and Cooper 21.



LOU VERDI

Lou Verdi attended Notre Dame High School in West Haven and Cornell University where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics.

He played baseball at Notre Dame where he served as captain his senior year as well as lettering in football there. He also played baseball for the West Haven American Legion and was part of their state championship team in 1963.

He also played in the West Haven Twilight League from 1964 – 1972. At Cornell, he was co-captain his senior year and also played in the Cape Cod League.

He began coaching the North Haven American Legion, serving as Assistant Coach from 1972 to 1982, when they won the state and regional championships in 1972 and participated in the World Series in 1972.

He then served as assistant baseball coach at Quinnipiac College from 1976 to 1986, and was regional champion and World Series participant in 1983.

Among the awards he has achieved was being named to the All District baseball team in 1961; the Topps District 2 All Star Team in 1968; the West Haven Twilight League Hall of Fame in 1997; and the American Legion Alumni of the Year in 2018.

TEAM OF THE PAST- CHESHIRE HIGH BASEBALL TEAM OF 1992



FRONT ROW: Marcus Lessard, Sean McGowan, Matt Phelps, Marc Fassano, Jim Shanley, Erik Nousianen, John Brazauskas, Dennis Hogan, Jeff Sutherland, Aaron Kady.
BACK ROW: Coach Burt Leventhal, Dave Mattei, Danny Zurolo, Erik VanderVliet, Brian Richard, Andy Krawiec, Kevin Kareliussen, Jeff Bieler, Brian Samela, Mike Martin, Steve Cassesse, Scott Cassesse, Coach Bill Mrowka.

The season began with a lot of questions. Only two senior starters were back...many sophomore and juniors filled positions very nicely. There was good senior leadership and everyone was trying to improve their skills and getting playing time.

The season started with the Rams winning seven of eight games with a few losses away from home.

Jim Shanley hit .410 in the regular season and batted .500 in the tournament and won two games. Steve Cassesse went nine for 19 in the tournament. Dennis Hogan won three games in the tournament; pitching 19.2 innings, allowing only three runs. Shanley and Hogan accounted for 15 of the team's 19 wins.

The regular season ended 14-6. They took second place in the Housatonic League with a modest four-game win streak entering the Class LL tournament. The Rams defeated Danbury 7-3; Windsor, 1-0; Southington, 6-4; Norwalk, 6-0 and in the finals defeated Hamden, 7-1.

TEAM OF THE PAST- CHESHIRE HIGH BASEBALL TEAM OF 1993



ROSTER: J.BIELER, D.HOGAN, A. KADY, M. LASSAND, J. SUTHERLAND, J. ALANSKY, SCOTT CASSESSE, STEVE CASSESSE, K. KARELIUSSEN, A. KRAWIEC, M. MARTIN, D. MATTEI, G. PAWLUSH, L. PEROSINO, B. RICHARDS, B. SEMELA, E. VANDERVLET, S. BOWMAN, M. KELLY, J. KASPERZYK, COACH BURT LEVENTHAL, ASST. COACHES BILL MROWKA, RON MODICA, JERRY GOODRICH, MGR. M. DILL, BAT BOY KEVIN CASSESSE.

The 1993 Rams had a lot of returning players with experience from the previous year. The team was very athletic, improved skills quickly and seemed to enjoy the ride led by pitcher Dennis Hogan (co-captain) and Jeff Sutherland (co-captain).

The team seemed to go with the flow game to game. Different players stepped up game after game. Pitcher Jeff Bieler, who had limited opportunities as a junior, had an outstanding senior year, going 6-0 in the regular season and then pitching a complete game shutout versus West Haven.

The team went 24-0 for an undefeated season. They were ranked Number 1 in both the New Haven Register and Hartford Courant polls; # 16 in the nation by Baseball America Poll; # 17 in the U.S.A. Today's final ranking; # 20 in the Easton Sports Original National Poll and had a winning streak extending to 33 wins in a row, which ended at 41 in 1994.

**PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE ANDREW GASSIRA MEMORIAL UMPIRE'S
AWARD**

- 1980** HENRY ROCHE
- 1981** ANTHONY "PEACHES" LOMBARDOZZI
- 1982** JOSEPH MURRAY
- 1983** FRED GHIRARDINI
- 1984** JOHN SUSKI
- 1985** JACK GARRITY
- 1986** GEORGE KLIVAK
- 1987** PAUL SWORDS
- 1988** RUDY RAFFONE
- 1989** EDWARD RAPUANO SR.
- 1990** WILLIAM MAHON
- 1991** ANTHONY F. MENTONE
- 1992** ARNOLD MANN
- 2008** WENDELL GOLDSMITH
- 2009** ED KLINKHAMMER
- 2010** RICH ALTIERI
- 2011** BILL RICCIO
- 2012** JOHN "BUDDY" CHERNOVETZ
- 2013** FRED NORMAN
- 2014** TONY GINNETTI
- 2015** RALPH BERNARDINI (posthumously)
- 2016** ELMER DESCHAIINE
- 2017** STAN KONESKY, JR.



PREVIOUS INDUCTEES OF THE GREATER NEW HAVEN DIAMOND CLUB

1980

"JUMPIN" JOE DUGAN
FRANCIS "HUCK" FINN
FRANK MCGOWAN
WALTER "POP" SMITH
"SMOKEY" JOE WOOD

1981

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EDWIN CANNAVAN
COL. HERB METCALFE
ED "SHRIMP" FLYNN

1982

WILLIAM "BILL" AHERN
EMMONS BOWEN
DR. JAMES MOORE
FRANK "SPEC" SHEA
MATTHEW "POP" SHORTELL
JOHN VIETCH

1983

DOM AITRO
ART CECCARELLI
RAY LEGENZA
PHIL MCLEAN
ED WILSON

1984

ROBERT BARTHELSON
JOSEPH DEGALE
KENNETH MACKENZIE
JAMES SHEEHAN
FRANK VIEIRA

1985

RAY HARTMANN
BOB DEMAYO
RAY TELLIER
E. BOWENS B.R. LEAGUE
JOHN WHITE
JOHN DAUGHAN

1986

NEW HAVEN CARDINALS
VITO DEVITO
PASQUALE "PAT" PANZA
EDWARD TORELLO
JOSEPH "JOE" YOTCH

1987

GENE CASEY
A. BARTLETT GIAMATTI
ROBERT "BOB" GREENWOOD

1988

GEORGE KLIVAK
JAMES F. "DOC" GILHULY
ROBERT NEUBAUER
EDWARD IRONS
CARL TUFTS

1989

VINCENT CARBONE
WILLIAM DOUGLAS
HENRY HANK" LUZZI
JOSEPH M. MATTEI
MICHAEL "MICKEY" MILICI

1990

SAM BURRELL
JOE TONELLI, SR.
PAUL "TOPSY" DEL GOBBO
AL "DOC" AGUZZI
ANDREW GASSIRA

1991

PHILLIP DEL VECCHIO
JUDGE JAMES DOHERTY
JOSEPH BENANTO
GEORGE HANCHETTE
REV. MATTHEW ROBERT SHANLEY

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT DIAMOND
CLUB

2008

TOM FAHY
GENNARO "JERRY" GAMBARDELLA
ED GOLDSTONE
DAN GOOLEY
BURT LEVENTHAL
MEL ZEIDENBERG

2009

JOHN L. CARUSONE
"AUGIE" GARBATINI
ED RAPUANO, JR.
VINCENT VIRGULTO
GEORGE WADLEY

**PREVIOUS INDUCTEES OF THE
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT DIAMOND CLUB**

2010

GEORGE GRANDE
WARREN HOWE
ED LEWIS
ANTHONY MENTONE (posthumously)
KEN PERRONE

2011

SCOTT BURRELL
VIN DILAURO
JOE GUGLIELMO
ED MAROCCO (posthumously)
OWEN SANDERSON
TOM YANKUS

2012

JON CAPONE
MIKE FREDA
RICH MARAZZI
MIKE REILLY
DAVE SOLOMON
ERNIE "MANNY" WILLIAMS

2013

JIM "BUTCH" ABEL
JOHN ANQUILLARE
DAN FORD
EARL MATHEWSON
BOB MORAN
TONY NOTARINO

2014

ROGER BEALE
HAMDEN PLAINSMEN
NOEL KINSKI
BILL MARIONI
PAT PAULSON
PHIL "SKIP" SCARPELLINO

2015

1954 HAMDEN MEDICS
SAL COPPOLA
PFC. EDWARD DUEL (posthumously)
MIKE GIORDANO
FRANK KAFKA
MIKE VACCA

2016

MATT ALTIERI
DICK JEYNES
MIKE LAMBERTI
JOHN STUPER
ED SYLVIA

2017

RICH BALZANO
THOMAS "TINKER" BLAKE (posthumously)
CHUCK BURGHARDT
RAYMOND "RAY RAY" CIARLEGLIO
JOHN PECCERILLO
SAL PUNZO
HAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL TEAM OF 1977
AMERICAN LEGION TEAM OF 1972 -
(NORTH HAVEN POST 76)

**PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE
TONY MENTONE
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

2010 FRANK MENTONE JR.
2011 EDWARD C. "NED" BURT
2012 DAVE RUOTOLO
2013 SAL COPPOLA SR.
2014 STEVE PACELLI
2015 ROSE V. MENTONE
2016 ROBERT "PAT" MAILHOUSE
(posthumously)
2017 BILL RHONE



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*The Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Hall of Fame Honors
Those who have contributed to the game of Baseball in the
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Congratulations to the 2018 Hall of Fame Recipients

**Chuck Coyle, John DeFrancisco, Ed DiPersio, George Dummar,
Bill Mrowka, and Lou Verdi**

**Congratulations also to John Adamovich for the Andrew Gassira
Memorial Umpire Award
and
Tex Volpe for the Tony Mentone
Memorial Distinguished Service Award.**

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**Congratulations John "D". We are so very proud
of you and all of your**

accomplishments. We love you!

Nancy, Jessica, Joe and Jennifer

***Way to go Grandpa. I can't wait until you can teach
me all about baseball!***

I love you!

Love, Matthew

**Congratulations to COACH BILL MROWKA
on your induction to the
SOUTHERN CT DIAMOND CLUB HALL OF FAME and to the
CHS 1992 and 1993 Baseball teams
for your achievements**

CHESHIRE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

***IN MEMORY OF
HALL OF FAMER
MEL ZEIDENBERG***

Congratulations to all
of “the baseball best”
and our brother

JOHN ADAMOVICH



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Umpires Association**

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Volunteer baseball coach for Hamden High School
Assistant district administrator for CT District 4 Little League
Former treasurer and rules interpreter for CT District 4 Little League
Member, Greater New Haven Umpires Association since 1963
Former president, GNHBUA
Sub-varsity assignor, GNHBUA
Former umpire-in-chief for Hamden Fathers' Baseball Assoc.
Member, National Babe Ruth Umpires Association
Former vice president of Greater New Haven Diamond Club
Recipient, Andrew Gassira Umpire of the Year Award



John
DeFrancisco

Congratulations on your selection to the Hall of Fame. Your hard work and dedication to student-athletes is to be greatly admired. I know our parents are locking down and are very proud of you.

*Your Little Brother, Bobby,
and His Family*



CHUCK COYLE

Good luck and congratulations on your induction into the 2018 Southern Connecticut Diamond Club Hall of Fame.

With all of your endeavors and success with children, you truly deserve what you have coming. We're all very proud of you and this honor.

With much respect and friendship,

SAL PUNZO AND FAMILY

To see a list of all inductees, or to nominate someone to our Hall of Fame, go to our website:

www.southernctdiamondclub.org
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**For photos of tonight’s dinner,
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Bill Mrowka

2018 Hall of Fame Inductee

and the

"Teams of the Past"

1992 and 1993 Cheshire State Champion teams

Special Congratulations to

Hall of Fame Inductee

Ed DiPersio

for his continued dedication to

Connecticut Baseball.

MICHAEL “TEX” VOLPE

The East Shore Travel League Board of Directors, owners, umpires and staff would like to congratulate you on receiving this very prestigious Anthony “Tony” Mentone Distinguished Service Award.

Michael, you truly deserve this award with everything that you’ve done for baseball, children, and the East Shore

Travel League program.

We would like to say good luck and we will be praying for your health!

God Bless you today and always,

MICHAEL J. LAMBERTI

CHUCK COYLE

SAL PUNZO

and the rest of our baseball organization.

**CONGRATULATIONS CHUCK COYLE
AND TEX VOLPE**

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