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Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter

Chapter Newsletter

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Despite the fact that nearly every football field in Eastern Massachusetts is under feet of snow in this seemingly never-ending winter, the activities of the Jack Grinold/Eastern Massachusetts Chapter continue, and even heat up, at this time of year.

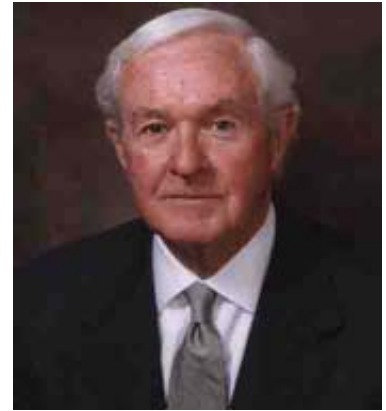
Kovatch & Haughey Named Chapter Award Recipients



Dr. George Kovatch

Long-time Grinold Chapter member **George Kovatch** and Harvard University alumnus **Phil Haughey** have been named the recipients of the 2015 Ed Schluntz Contributions to Amateur Football and Ron Burton Distinguished American Awards presented by the Grinold Chapter.

Kovatch, the Schluntz Award honoree, was an outstanding tackle at Princeton University from 1951-54, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering in 1955. He continued his education at Cornell University where he earned a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering in 1962.



Phil Haughey

Dr. Kovatch has served on the Chapter's Scholar/Athlete Selection Committee and been on the Chapter's Board of Directors for parts of five decades. He remains active in both capacities with the Chapter. He and his wife, Susan, made their home in Hingham where they raised their four children, and later relocated to Cape Cod.

Dr. Kovatch was also active in Princeton Alumni of New England (PANE) serving as chairman of the Schools Committee and as President of the organization.

Dr. Kovatch worked professionally for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in Cambridge, MA. He was head of a division dealing with control systems projects for space vehicles and served as Chief of the Office of Control Theory and Application (OCTA). When NASA's research center in Cambridge became the Transportation Systems Center (TSC), a part of the U.S. Department of Transportation, he joined the DOT as a director of research for advanced transportation systems.

Mr. Haughey is a 1957 graduate of Harvard College and has served his alma mater in numerous capacities and is currently President of the Harvard Club of Boston. While he attended Harvard he was a three sport letter winner participating in football, basketball and baseball. He has served as president and chairman of the Harvard Varsity Club, and has been chairman of both the Friends of Harvard Football and Friends of Harvard Baseball booster clubs. He has chaired Harvard's Visiting Committee on Athletics.

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Mr. Haughey has also served Harvard in the capacities of chairman of the Harvard University Committee to Nominate Overseers and Directors and served as Chairman of the Harvard Alumni Committee on Shareholder Responsibility. He also served as a Director of Harvard Magazine and now serves as a member of the Corporation of Harvard Magazine.

Outside the Harvard campus Mr. Haughey has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Bay State Games and is heavily involved in various activities with the Archdiocese of Boston and Irish related activities. is President of The Haughey Company, Inc., a family real estate investment, development and management firm located in Boston, MA. The Company's interests include retail, commercial and industrial properties located in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine in addition to parking garages in Portland, Maine.

Grinold & Gallup Receive Carens Awards



The New England Football Writers awarded its top honor to both Grinold Chapter Executive Director Emeritus **Jack Grinold** and Board of Directors member **Barry Gallup** at its Captains and Awards Banquet in December. The George Carens Award for Contributions to Football was presented to two people for the first time in the history of the award. Grinold has chaired the Carens Award Selection Committee since the 1960's and the NEFW Executive Board authorized the his award.

Grinold was the Northeastern University sports information director for 46 years. During that time he worked 464 consecutive football games, including one undefeated season. He has been the chairman of the New England Collegiate Writers Association for the past 40 years. The former president of the Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, he now serves the organization as executive director emeritus. He received the Chapter's Contribution to Amateur Football Award in 1994 and in 1996 was given a Chapter Leadership Award by the National Football Foundation. In 2008, the Board of Directors voted that the chapter be re-named the Jack Grinold Chapter.

Gallup has dedicated a large part of his life to football in Boston. Currently the Associate Athletics Director - Football Operations at Boston College, Gallup is now in his 35th year as a member of the B.C. staff. One of the best receivers in school history, Gallup served as a BC assistant coach for 20 years (1970-91) and Northeastern's head coach for nine years (1991-99) prior to returning to his alma mater as assistant athletics director for football operations in May 2000. He was promoted to associate athletics director for football operations in May 2008.

Chapter Members Earn Championships and Honors

Grinold Chapter members **Chad Martinovich**, **Tom Kelley**, **Tim Murphy**, and **Charlie Stevenson** each led their teams to championships in the Fall of 2014. Martinovich guided MIT to the first conference championship in the 38 year history of the program, winning the New England Football Conference title with an undefeated regular season. The Engineers advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament. Martinovich was named the American Football Coaches Association Regional Division III Coach of the Year and was the New England Football Writers College Division Coach of the Year.



Chad Martinovich

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Chapter Members Earn Championships and Honors (continued)



Tom Kelley

Kelley led Framingham State University to its second consecutive Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference title. The Rams were 8-0 in the MASCAC and 11-1 overall with their only loss to perennial Division III power Rowan University. Framingham defeated Rensselaer in the ECAC North Atlantic Bowl.



Stevenson's Xaverian Brothers team has become a fixture in the Eastern Massachusetts High School Super Bowls. Xaverian finished its 2014 season undefeated at 12-0, ranked number one in every Massachusetts poll and ranked 89th in the entire country by MaxPreps. The *Boston Globe* Coach of the Year, Stevenson is now 6-2 in the Super Bowl with wins in 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2009, and 2014.

Charlie Stevenson



Tim Murphy

Harvard captured its eighth Ivy League title under Murphy's tutelage with an undefeated season in 2014. The Crimson earned its third perfect record in Murphy's 21 years at the helm. Murphy was also named the inaugural recipient of the Ivy League Coach of the Year in 2014.

New Balance to Again Sponsor Chapter Coaches Clinic

Once again the Grinold Chapter owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Chapter Board of Directors member **Jim Davis** and *New Balance* as Jim and his company have again stepped up to sponsor the Chapter's Annual Coaches Clinic. Jim and New Balance have made a two-year commitment ensuring Clinic sponsorship in both 2015 and 2016. The donation marks a five year sponsorship by Jim and New Balance.



The Clinic will be held at the Yawkey Center at Boston College on Saturday, March 14. Special thanks to Boston College Coach **Steve Addazio** and his staff (all of whom are Chapter members), and B.C. Director of Athletics **Brad Bates** (also a Chapter member) for their contributions and hospitality. Admission to the clinic is free and gives attendees the opportunity to attend a B.C. spring practice. The 2014 clinic attracted a capacity crowd of nearly 350 people.

Grinold Challenge

Each year since 2012, our Chapter's namesake **Jack Grinold** has challenged the Chapter membership with a matching fund program. This year, Jack has again pledged up to \$3,000 in matching funds and wants to open up the challenge to all 91 members of our organization. I request that each of you take a look and see what you might be able to donate and help us make Jack's wallet a little lighter. You should know that of the \$40.00 yearly dues to the NFF, the chapter is rebated only \$10.00 for each member. Obviously any way we can bring in more money to the Chapter is important.

Thanks to those who have contributed and for those who haven't, if you wish to contribute, you can mail your check made out to "Jack Grinold Chapter NFF" and sent to our treasurer:

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Banquet Date

The 40th Annual Jack Grinold/Eastern Massachusetts Chapter Scholar-Athlete Banquet will be held at the Boston/Newton Marriott. The date will be Sunday, May 3, with a reception at 6:00PM and dinner to follow at 7:00. Thirty-three of the top high school football scholar/athletes, the Schluntz and Burton Award winners and the Jack Daly Award for Academics, Citizenship and Football will be honored. The price for tickets will be \$65.00 and reservations must be made by check, cash or credit card at :



<http://www.grinoldchapter.com/annual-scholar-athlete-banquet.html>

All reservations must be made in advance and there will be no refunds. No walk up patrons will be admitted.

Chapter Membership



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As mentioned previously in this newsletter, our Chapter membership is at 91. We have increased our membership by over 90% in the past three years, but are still striving for the century mark. A quick look at the top 10 chapters in the country shows that the 10th largest chapter is the Central New York Chapter with 114 members. With the number of high schools and colleges in the Grinold Chapter footprint there is no reason that our chapter can't crack the top 10. I ask each of you to try to recruit one new member, and even if we have only a 20% success rate we'll be knocking on the door of the top 10.

Gridiron Club Super 26 Dinner

The final curtain drops on the 2014 football season in Massachusetts with the 17th annual Super26 High School Awards Dinner, co-hosted by the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston and the Massachusetts High School Football Coaches' Association. The dinner will be held Sunday, March 1 at Lantana's at 41 Scanlon Drive in Randolph, Mass. A social hour will begin at 4:00 with dinner to follow at 5:00. Among the honorees at the dinner is Grinold Chapter second vice president Charlie Stevenson of Xaverian Brothers High School who will take home the Ohrenberger Award as the Coach of the Year. Reservations are \$60 each and are available at:
<http://gridclubofgreaterboston.com/events/purchase-event-tickets.html>

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