

# The Legend

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## Quotable

*"Playing here for 18 years, between four years at Penn and 14 years with the Eagles, for them to come up with something like this, I think it's wonderful,"*

**Chuck Bednarik** at the Charter Class Induction, 2004.

## HALL OF FAME CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

**16** – Final date to submit nominees for Inductee Class IV

### MARCH

Nominees for Inductee Class IV announced

### MAY

**14** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hall of Fame Classic at Blue Bell Country Club

### JUNE

Class IV Inductees announced

### AUGUST

**11** – Garry Maddox/Neil Stein Charity BBQ at Citizens Bank Park

### NOVEMBER

Class IV Induction Ceremony

## Introducing... *The Legend*

**Ken Avallon** - Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame


As the calendar pages flip to a new year, the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame is proud to introduce ***The Legend***, the Hall's official newsletter. 2007 is shaping up to be an exciting one for the Hall and ***The Legend*** will be a prime source for keeping our Inductees, supporters and fans up-to-date.

This inaugural issue provides a glimpse into some of these exciting new developments such as the 2nd Hall of Fame Classic (*page 2*), Class IV nominations (*page 3*), the Hall's project to restore the Liberty Bell from Veterans Stadium (*page 4*) and a new home for the Hall in the not to distant future (*page 2*).

## Upcoming Features

As ***The Legend*** grows its content offerings will evolve with new features already in the works. These include in-depth articles on our Inductees, feature works by guest columnists, spotlight features on the Hall's museum collection and timely editorials focusing on current issues.

To augment delivery and distribution, the Hall of Fame is evaluating a program to offer sponsorship opportunities. Combined with annual Hall of Fame events, like the Hall of Fame Classic and the Induction Ceremony, ***The Legend*** is another forum for the Hall to recognize and promote its partners, sponsors and supporters.

Initially available as a quarterly eNewsletter, plans are underway to make ***The Legend*** available in print via US mail.. 

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## 2006 PRIDE OF PHILADELPHIA

### PREP CHARTER

Philadelphia Prep Charter won the 2006 Pennsylvania Class II Boys basketball championship March 25 in Hershey. With the 82-51 victory over Beaver Falls, Prep Charter became the first team in Philadelphia high school athletic history to win a state championship in any sport.

### VILLANOVA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Featuring an unconventional four-guard system, the 2005-06 Villanova Men's Basketball team rode its 25-4 record to a number one seed in the 2006 NCAA tournament. As the top seed in the Minneapolis Region, Villanova beat Monmouth in the first round and Arizona in the second to advance to the Sweet 16. A 60-59 overtime thriller over Boston College put the Wildcats in the Elite 8, where they fell to eventual champion Florida.

### RYAN HOWARD

Following up his 2005 Rookie-of-the-Year season, Ryan Howard slugged 58 home runs in 2006 to win the National League MVP Award. Howard becomes just the fourth Phillie to win the MVP award, joining Chuck Klein (1932), Jim Konstanty (1950) and three-time winner Mike Schmidt (1980, '82 and '86). Howard made his first All-Star team and won the Home Run Derby in Pittsburgh's PNC Park. 📧

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Hall of Fame Classic Set for May 14

*Golf outing returns to Blue Bell Country Club, Sell-Out is Anticipated*

**Dan Fahy** - Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame

Dust off your Big Bertha and get a shine on your Foot-Joys. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hall of Fame Classic is just months away!

This year's Classic is Monday, May 14 at Blue Bell Country Club in Blue Bell PA. This Arnold Palmer designed course hosted last year's Montgomery County Amateur Championships, as well as the Hall of Fame's inaugural golf event in July 2006. Last year's Classic was a memorable event, well attended by Hall of Fame inductees, sports luminaries and supporters of the Hall. The event gives participants a chance to golf with Hall of Fame inductees, receive a fabulous gift, win a new car in the Hole-in-One contest, bid some fantastic auction items, win great prizes and mingle with some of Philly's finest sport legends... all while supporting Hall of Fame Charities.

A sell-out is expected as a number of our Inductees have committed to participate and foursomes are filling up fast. The staff at Blue Bell is promising another first class affair. All we need now is YOU! **Register on-line at [www.phillyhall.com](http://www.phillyhall.com) or call 215-886-6657 ext 8.**

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## New Home for the Hall?

**Where is the Hall of Fame?** Since inception, that is the question that is most often asked of Hall of Fame associates. Within the next few months they will finally be able to answer that age-old question.

Following a 4-month evaluation process the Hall is down to a short list of three potential sites for an operational office. Evaluations are still ongoing so the sites, located in East Falls, Northern Liberties and East Norriton, will not be revealed during negotiations.

"In addition to the much-needed office space, the most exciting part is that we will develop a preview center for our long-range museum planning," says Hall of Fame President Ken Avallon. "We'll display selected elements of our museum collection in scaled down vignettes as proofs-of-concept for a future, full-service museum."

The Hall of Fame site will function as a base of operations for administration, volunteer coordination, collection management, product development and Hall of Fame Charities. Though display space will be limited, portions of the Hall's collection will be accessible for viewing on a by-appointment basis. 📧

**Be sure to check out the exclusive collection of Hall of Fame merchandise at our on-line Souvenir Shoppe:**

**[WWW.PHILLYHALL.COM](http://WWW.PHILLYHALL.COM)**

**IN THE NEXT ISSUE****FINAL LIST OF CLASS IV NOMINEES**

With nomination process complete, the final nominees for Inductee Class IV will be announced along with details for the November Induction Ceremony

**SPORTS HERITAGE COLLECTION**

The Hall of Fame has kicked off an ambitious project working with local museums, colleges and professional sports teams in a museum-focused archive and artifact cataloging effort.

**HALL OF FAME CHARITIES**

This community-focused arm of the organization is perhaps the most fulfilling. With activities out of the spotlight Hall of Fame Charities focuses on direct-impact programs to students and less-advantage youth in the area.

**VOLUNTEERS-A CALL FOR ACTION**

With the Hall entering its busiest period recruiting is underway for sports-minded volunteers.

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**Class IV Nominations Underway,  
Induction in November**

*Reggie White, Chuck Klein and Judy Johnson Leading Fan Nomination*

Once again, Philadelphia-area sports fans show their savvy as Eagles legend Reggie White, Phillies all-timer Chuck Klein and Negro League great Judy Johnson currently lead the fan nominations for the Hall of Fame's fourth Inductee Class.

Others near the top of the list include **Earl "The Pearl" Monroe**, former world record-holder **Leroy Burrell**, boxing's **Tommy Loughran**, field hockey legends **Beth Anders** and **Karen Shelton**, long-time Major League ump **Henry "Shag" Crawford**, former Temple lacrosse coach **Tina Sloan-Green** and legendary hoops coach **Herb Magee**.

"This year's nominations are proof that Philadelphia boasts some of the nation's most knowledgeable fans," states the Hall's Vice President of Foundation Development **Steve Tallant**. "The Hall of Fame's process is not a popularity contest and these nominees are a true indication of the fans' appreciation of the history of sports in the city."

Through February 16, public nominations are encouraged to be submitted electronically via email ([nominees@phillyhall.net](mailto:nominees@phillyhall.net)), through the Hall of Fame's web site at (<http://www.phillyhof.org/nominee.asp>) or on paper via US Mail (Hall of Fame Nominations 410 Waverly Rd. Wyncote, PA 19095). 📧

**Hall of Fame Highlights**

**Ken Avallon** - Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame

As the Hall closes a very busy 2006, a look back at some highlights shows the continued growth and expansion of the organization.

Last July, the Hall held the inaugural Hall of Fame Golf Classic at Blue Bell Country Club. With proceeds benefiting Hall of Fame Charities, The Classic allows fans to interact with our Inductees while supporting the Hall's community-focused mission. *See page 2 for the article on the 2nd Hall of Fame Classic, coming up May 14.*

In 2006, the Hall of Fame's impact in the local community continued with the establishment of **Hall of Fame Charities**. As the community-focused arm, expansion included sponsoring the *Hilldales Historical Marker* initiative, new programs with *Pennsylvania Association for Blind Athletes*, *Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation* and *Philadelphia First Tee* along with continuing support for *Philadelphia PAL Junior Golf*, the *National Adoption Center*, *Arthur Ashe Youth Tennis Foundation* and scholarships for disadvantaged youth to the *Bruce Simon Basketball Camp*.

2007 marks some changes in the Hall of Fame's calendar, with the *Hall of Fame Classic* moving to May and the annual Induction Ceremony moving to November. 📧

In Memoriam

**Paul Arizin (1928-2006)**

This past December, the passing of Paul Arizin shook the Philadelphia sports community.

One of area's true sports legends, Arizin starred at Villanova in the late 1940s and, after serving with the Marines in Korea, throughout the 1950s with the Warriors. In the early days of the NBA, *Pitchin' Paul* was one of the first superstars with ten All-Star appearances, two scoring titles, while leading the Warriors to the 1956 NBA Championship.

These exploits landed Arizin on the NBA's 25th anniversary team and as one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA History. He is a Charter Class member of the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame.

Though forever known for his on-court accomplishments, articles were filled with quotes from the likes of Harvey Pollack, Arnie Risen, Dr. Jack Ramsay, Jay Wright, Billy Cunningham and Bill Campbell, all speaking of the humble, good-natured, gentleman.

However, perhaps Arizin's greatest accomplishment was off the court, as the talk in December was not about Paul Arizin, the *player*, but about Paul Arizin, the *man*.

Our sincere condolences to Paul's wife Maureen and the entire Arizin family. 🕯️

**How YOU can help the Hall!**

The Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame Foundation is an all-volunteer effort. As such, we are always looking for folks who would be willing to spend their personal time to help move this great concept forward. We have immediate needs for volunteers who can help us with projects around:

- \* Web Design and Development
- \* Museum Exhibit Design and Construction
- \* Artistic Framing
- \* Graphic Design

If interested, please send an email to [info@phillyhall.net](mailto:info@phillyhall.net), and we will contact you for an initial meeting.

**Philly Hall Restoring Liberty Bell from Veterans Stadium**

*Local groups working together on unique project*

**Bob Cassidy** - Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame

As spring began in 2004, on a crisp, Sunday morning, a generation of sports fans watched as the only stadium they had known disappeared. In about 62 seconds Veterans Stadium ceased to exist. As the cadence of explosions caused the anticipated domino effect, reducing the venue to a mass of twisted concrete and rebar, many asked about the stadium's signature accent piece.



**“Where is that Liberty Bell?”**

Some felt it would have been captivating and more than a bit symbolic to see the 18-foot high iron bell come crashing down, an exclamation point to 33 years of mostly frustrating seasons. After all, the 1980 Phillies were the only major team to win a championship in The Vet. However, prior to the implosion, in keeping with their tradition and sense of history, the Phillies had the foresight to remove the bell to an offsite storage location.



Though not quite sure of its future, the Phillies felt it appropriate to retain the massive structure. Now, after lying on its back for about three years, the bell has resurfaced.

After careful consideration, The Phillies deemed the Hall of Fame as the most worthy to ensure the bell remains in the public purview. Though still in the planning stages, the Hall of Fame is working with a number of local organizations on refurbishing then relocating the bell. The project requires complete re-wiring for the lighting, painting, millwrighting, transportation and installation. The Hall's intention is to work with the local trade unions and other organizations interested in participating on a pro-bono basis.

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