

# CPP SPORTS HALL OF FAME

## APRIL NEWSLETTER



Our 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Corning Museum of Glass auditorium. We added 14 new members to the Hall of Fame in nine different categories.

For the first time ever, the induction event was live-streamed. That video can be seen right here on our website.

For the second year in a row, we went with a format that included a Friday night reception at the VFW and the induction event at CMOG for a truly enjoyable Induction Weekend. Despite a snowy Friday afternoon and evening, over 100 people attended the reception that honored our 14 inductees and the four George Bacalles Memorial Award winners as special guests.

During the reception at the VFW, the Board of Directors of the Hall of Fame unveiled a collection of new banners to honor all the former local high schools. The banners showed the names of the schools along with their respective mascots; Corning Free Academy Bulldogs, Corning Northside High School Tigers, Painted Post High School Indians, Corning East High Trojans and the Corning West High Vikings. The banners were well received by all in attendance and served as the backdrop for many casual pictures that were taken during both events.

The Board of Directors would like to thank Roger Ackerman Jr. for his generous donation in the memory of Rockne Locey Sr., who passed away just this past year. It was his donation that allowed the Board of Directors to purchase the banners.

Now, it's time to look forward to the induction of the Class of 2024. The Board of Directors has already begun working on that process.

We are proud to announce that one of our members has received a nationally recognized honor. Ryan Shafer, a member of the Class of 1993, was named the winner of the Professional Bowlers Association, Tony Reyes Memorial Award at their Annual Hall of Fame Awards Banquet held last month. The award honors an individual for his community service. Ryan was recognized for his work with the New York State Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program. The 1988 PBA Rookie of the Year award still competes on the PBA50 Tour and on a part-time basis on the PBA regular tour.