

# CENTRAL ISLIP SPORTS



**HALL OF FAME**

*INDUCTION CEREMONY*

**September 8, 2012**

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# Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony 2012

Welcome ..... Tom Black

Brunch

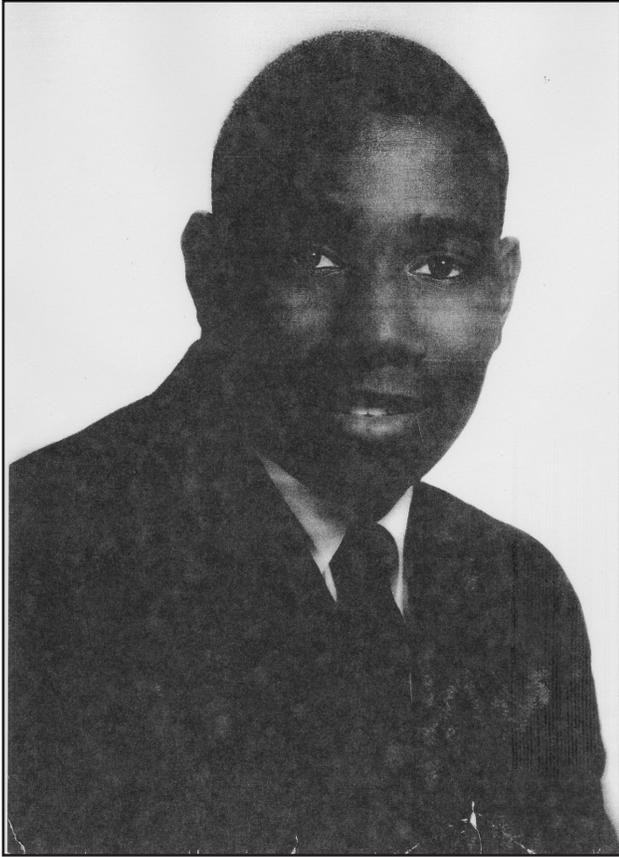
Guest Speaker .....Dr. Franklin N. Caesar  
Principal, Central Islip High School

## Inductees into the Central Islip Hall of Fame 2012

Football Teams '62, '63, '64, '65, '67

Bennie King	Terry O'Leary
Tom Black	Phil Williams
Ray Maynard	Ben Morselli
William S. Klinke	Henry Goedeck
Leroy Anderson	Walt Boeri
Joe Cilio	George Webber
Ray Wurm	Fred Bjorkgren
Bradley Melius	Rich Walsh
Marie Bartik Oblamski	Tony Antonucci
Judy Swaine Zaccheo	

Closing Remarks



## Bennie King - 1965

Considered “The King” of running backs in Central Islip football history, Bennie played four years of varsity ball. He led Suffolk County in scoring in his junior and senior years. He was unanimous All League and All County selection his junior & senior years. As a senior he was chosen for the All Long Island Team and finally a consensus High School All American.

Bennie took to the hardwood for two varsity campaigns and his six consecutive jump shots from the corner helped Central Islip to its first ever County Basketball Championship.

Bennie went on to Iowa State on a football scholarship where he starred for 3 years. He was a Cyclone’s leading rusher his junior & senior years and an ALL BIG EIGHT selection in his final year. Bennie went on to play three more successful seasons in the Canadian Football League, the first Central Islip graduate to ever do so.

Bennie’s feats on the local gridiron have become legendary and he now rushes his way into the C.I. Sports Hall of Fame--Touchdown, KING!



## Ray Maynard - 1965

In High School at Central Islip, Ray's feet were firmly planted on the ground as the linebacker for the 1964 Rutgers Trophy team. As Captain of the wrestling team, he continued that solid performance, losing only one match in his junior year and going undefeated as a senior. He took 4th in the League Championship, and a second place at the New York City AAU Championships that same year.

Ray attended Bloomsberg State College, where he continued to wrestle, going undefeated in his freshman year. He was also a member of the Golf team in his junior year.

It was after college however, that Ray's career really took off, both literally and figuratively. Ray became interested in parachuting, and more specifically in the sport of Para-Skiing. he competed on the National and International level, winning numerous individual and team awards and Championships in this demanding endeavor.

Ray was selected by the United States Parachute Association as a member of the 1983 and 1985 National Para-Ski teams and as team leader as the 1993 World Championships held in Flaham, Austria.

Ray was able to turn his love of this sport into a solid business career when he founded the highly successful Skydive Long Island, the only student sky diving operation in the New York metro area.

This year Ray drops into the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame with a pinpoint landing.



## William S. Klinke- 1944

When Damon Runyon was writing his sketches of colorful and beloved characters, he inadvertently overlooked one here in Central Islip. Bill Klinke “THE CHIEF” was born and raised in Central Islip. He looked a little like Tommy LaSorda and similar to the “Gent who bled Dodgers Blue”. Bill bled C.I. purple and gold.

Bill attended Central Islip schools throughout and graduated C.I. High School where he played basketball in 1944.

Upon graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy Sea Bees and was stationed in Guam through the remainder of the war.

Returning to Central Islip, Bill began a long and productive career of 34 years in the State Hospital. His care, concern and generosity to patients and employees were praise worthy.

Bill was a dedicated member of the Central Islip Fire Department serving the community for over 50 years. He drove “THE HOBOES” racing truck for many years and helped them to a State Championship in 1963. He highlighted his career as Chief for three years.

Some might remember that Bill was a Manager of the local movie theater. A lot of kids got a discount thanks to “THE CHIEF”.

Bill was a Founding Member of the Quarterback Club. He was a key planner in every event and dinner to support and honor the team. He was indeed the “HEAD CHIEF”! He never missed a game while able. “THE CHIEF” passed in 1997 but is now seated at the head of the table in the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame.

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## Leroy Anderson 2012



Some things and even people we take for granted because they are always there. Constant, steady, always ready to help out and pitch in to get the job done. Such an individual is our next Honoree Mr. Leroy Anderson. Unassuming, dedicated and hard working.---A good man to have on the team.

Roy has been a resident of Central Islip for over 50 years and a member of the Quarterback Club for over 40 years. He has been Vice-President of the club from 1993 to the present. His son, Roy, Jr. played for C.I. in 1974-75.

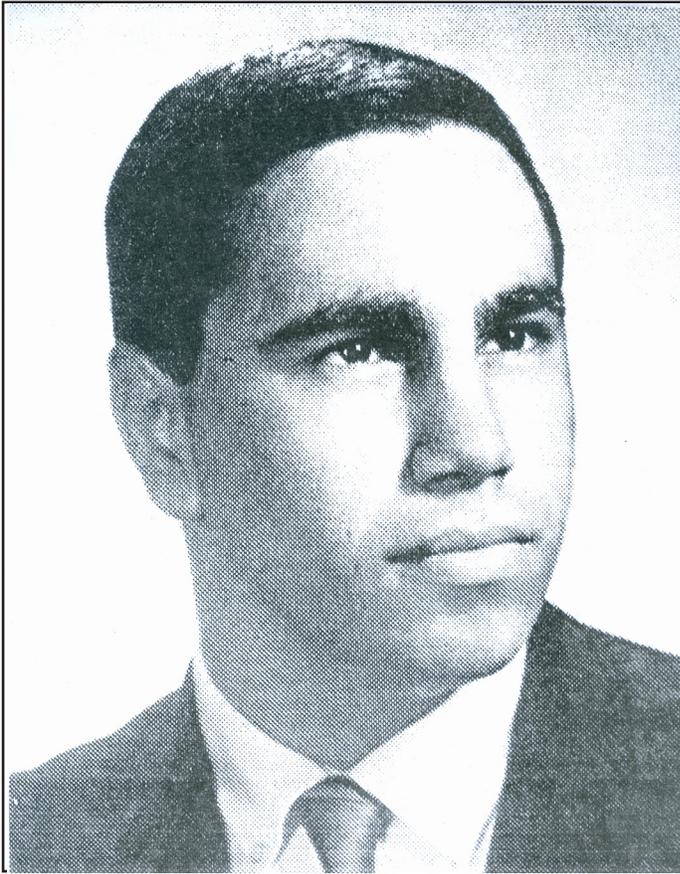
He has been a member of the “Chain Gang” at varsity and junior varsity football games for over 40 years and has missed only 5 games in the last 33 years. That is truly a link with history.

Roy received the Carpluk Award for Dedicated Service in 1992 and the Central Islip Football Support Award in 6 different occasions.

Roy had a full career with the Suffolk County Water Authority but still found time from family and job to work on just about every conceivable project to help Central Islip teams including serving pregame meals, fund raffles, car washes, food concessions and golf outings.

Look around at any Central Islip sports events and there off to the side you will probably see a familiar face--most likely with his buddy Joe--quietly working to support Central Islip and it's teams. An original member of the C.I. Hall of Fame Board and an honored inductee to the Hall of Fame this year. . .

Mr. Leroy Anderson.



## Joe Cilio - 1965

When you talk sports in Central Islip and a question comes up you eventually go to the man that has kept the records, listed the names and deeds, the wins and losses, the triumphs and tragedies. He has kept the unofficial Central Islip Sports Scrapbook and the spark of the Quarterback Club alive for over 30 years-- Mr. Joe Cilio.

Joe is a lifelong resident of Central Islip. He graduated from Central Islip High School in 1965 and went on to earn a B.A. degree from Dowling College. He retired from the IRS in 2004 after 32 years of distinguished service.

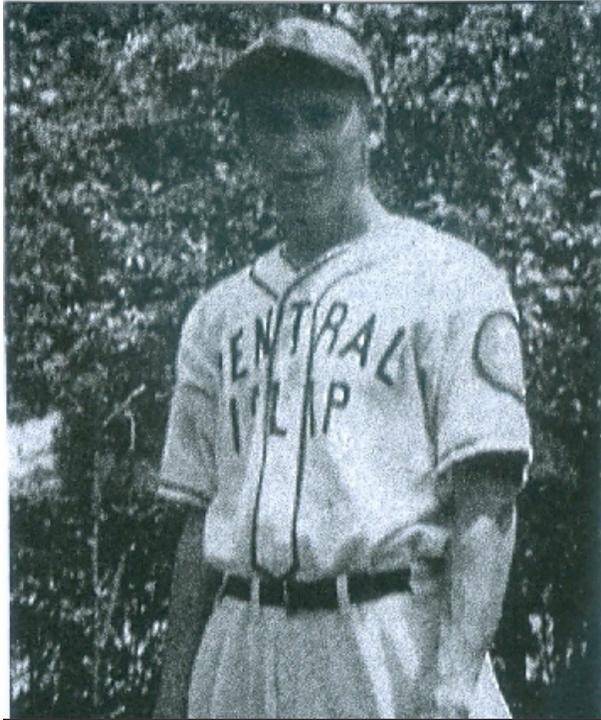
Joe has been a member of the Quarterback Club for 36 years, and acted as its Secretary / Treasurer for 34 years with not a letter lost or dime missing!

Through the years Joe has missed only 6 football games since 1962. He has taken photos at every game since 1972, and has been the unofficial football statistician and record keeper all that time.

Joe has been the Football Awards Dinner Chairman since 1985 and has prepared the Football Journal issued at games since 1993. He has been the recipient of the Carpluck Award for dedication to the football program and the Quarterback Club Support Award for overall service to the sports program on numerous occasions.

When the fortunes of Central Islip sports and Quarterback Club reached a low point in recent years, it was Joe and his buddy Roy who kept the torch burning.

We are proud and pleased to induct one of the founding members of the Hall of Fame Board, to the Hall this year- Mr. Joe Cilio



## Ray Wurm-Coach 1949

In the annals of Central Islip sports, there are few coaches who guided their programs to another level. Football had its Dave Goldstein, basketball was championed by Tony Armata and Ben Morselli. In baseball it was Coach Ray Wurm, who led the Musketeers on the diamond for 25 years, developing many individual stars and numerous play-off teams at various levels over that time span.

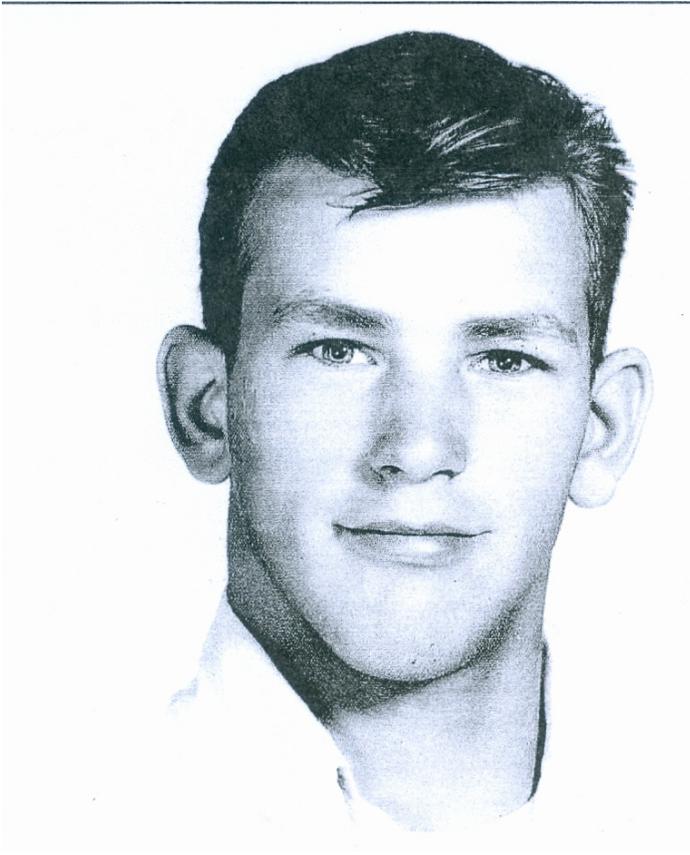
Ray was a home grown talent who had an outstanding athletic career at C.I. He played 4 years of varsity soccer and baseball and two years of varsity basketball. He was selected for various All Star Teams in both soccer and baseball. Not to be forgotten, Ray was also the Suffolk County Badminton Singles Champion in 1948-1949. In those days Badminton was a minor sport played between basketball and baseball season. One year, Ray even found time to double-up in Track (Pole Vault and Hurdles) during the baseball season.

After a hitch in the Army and college at Texan Western (Now UTEP) Ray returned to Central Islip as a Social Studies teacher at C.I. High School, a position he held with distinction for 30 years.

Along with his outstanding record in baseball, Ray also coached soccer for 8 years at the varsity level and an additional 5 years at junior varsity.

Ray retired from Central Islip in 1989. He and his wife Rose currently reside in South Carolina, where Ray is still active in local sports and community affairs. He has been the electronic scoreboard keeper for the Myrtle Beach Pelicans a Class A affiliate of the Texas Rangers for the past 14 years and a volunteer Bailiff at the Myrtle Beach City Court for the past 19 years.

We are proud to welcome Coach Ray Wurm into the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame.



## Bradley Melius - 1967

Some stars burn brightly for a short period and then fade out. Some burn on eternally. Brad Melius excelled in football and wrestling for Central Islip. He made All League, and All Long Island in football for the Musketeers in 1966. He placed 3rd in the Counties in wrestling his senior year after capturing the League Title.

On graduation, he received a football scholarship to Northern Colorado University. He played both football and wrestled his freshman year. Forced to choose between the two by the coaching staff, Brad opted for wrestling and was awarded a continued 4 year scholarship. After college Brad continued his involvement in wrestling as an Official.

Professionally, he started his own successful construction business. It was while returning from a job-site, some 25 years ago that Brad was involved in a fatal car crash. Brad is survived by his wife Theresa and son, Matt and daughter, Erin who all live in Colorado.

Brad's star continues to shine in the hearts and memories of his family, friends and teammates and now as the newest star in the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame.

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## Marie Bartik Oblamski 1956



From 1952-1956, Marie Bartik Captained and starred on four Varsity teams, Field Hockey, Volleyball, Basketball and Softball.

As an outstanding athlete and excellent student, Marie was a leader in all aspects of student life at Central Islip.

In her athletic biography Marie was clearly and carefully pointed out the differences that existed in girls sports from her era as compared to the present day. Did you know there were six players in Women's Basketball? Three guards and three forwards and that only the forwards could shoot and score points? Naturally, Marie was a forward, "...because I loved to score points." She scored a lot. Volleyball teams had eight players but there were designated Setters or Strikers. Softball has remained the same and in that venue Marie was a Slick Fielding Short Stop. Marie points out that in order for a young lady to receive a Letter in high school she had to acquire points over the four years as a player; 400 points for a Letter; 600 points for a Gold Key and finally a White Sweater for 750 points. Marie won all three and was awarded the Trophy for "Outstanding Female Athlete".

After high school, Marie attended and graduated from Cortland State with a B.S. Degree in Physical Education in 1960. She returned to C.I. to teach P.E. in 1961 & 1962 before getting married and moving to the Niagara Falls area. She received her M.S. Degree in 1964.

Marie stayed active over the years and played softball into her forties. For the past 30 years she has worked with the Town of Porter Recreation Commission which oversees a Summer Recreation and Story Hour Program for children in the community.

In regards to women in sports, we take liberty and license to say "YOU'VE COME ALONG WAY BABY". One of those who helped pave the way was... Marie Bartik Oblamski. We welcome home this favorite daughter to the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame.



## Judy Swaine Zaccheo - 1959

In an era when women's sports was just starting to emerge on center stage, one of Central Islip's premier pioneer female athletes was Judy Swain.

If C.I. had a girls team, Judy was on it! She played and starred on the softball squad - 3 years, basketball -3 years, field hockey-3 years ,badminton -4 years, and volleyball -4 years. Most people would be exhausted just thinking about it, however Judy excelled. she was awarded the Certificate for Outstanding Achievement in '57 &'58, the C.I. Letter (based on accumulated points); The Suffolk County Girls Association Shield, and pendant necklace in 1959. Both emblematic of superior performance in female athletics. Finally, she was voted most athletic girl in the C.I. class of 1959.

Throughout her playing time Judy remembers the friendship of teammates and the joy of participation and competition. She observed that her recollection of various games and awards was "a little sketchy" after 52 years. Fear not, we have not forgotten, welcome to the Central Islip Sports Hall Of Fame - Judy Swaine Zaccheo



## Terry O'Leary-1965

Terry joins older brother George in the Hall of Fame this year. An outstanding All Around Athlete, he lettered in football, basketball and baseball at Central Islip. Terry won All-Around Athlete, he lettered in football, basketball and baseball at Central Islip. Terry won All League and All Long Island honors in baseball his senior year and was named MVP on the Suffolk County Baseball Tour and was also recognized as the Player of the Year by the Suffolk County Baseball Officials.

Terry earned a full scholarship to the University of Vermont, where he was a starting guard for the basketball team for three years and star pitcher and outfielder for the Vermont Nine for all four of his college years. His pitching career was highlighted by a No-Hitter against Farleigh Dickinson University, a game which he won 1-0 with his own home run.

Terry later attended St. John University Law School and established a successful practice in Upstate New York. He still found time to coach youth basketball and baseball while raising his own family of sons Terry and Owen and daughters Kerry and Molly.

Unfortunately, Terry passed away in 2009, leaving behind his wife Teresa, their four children, five grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews and three brothers and four sisters. His star still shines as bright as ever.



## Phil Williams-Coach

The rise to greatness of Central Islip football program in the “Glory Years” of the 1960’s and 70’s can be attributed to three individuals; Dave Goldstein, John Abbanante and our next Honoree Mr. Phil Williams.

He was the Offensive Coordinator who dissected defenses and often drew up winning plays in the sideline dirt (long before the John Madden Electronic sketch boards). Phil was the Assistant Football Coach from 1960 to 1966 and again from 1977 to 1980, during which time C.I. produced some of the best teams in Suffolk County history including a string of 39 wins, a record which stood for nearly 40 years.

Phil was also the Head Wrestling Coach at Central Islip from 1960 to 1985 on squads which produced a number of League and County Champions, ’66-’69-’70-’71-’72 League Championships.

Phil’s football coaching skills also saw him contribute to the success of programs at St. John the Baptist, St. Anthony’s, Harborfields and Hofstra University.

Phil completed a long and productive career as an English teacher at Central Islip High School when he retired in 1991, after 32 years service. Unfortunately, for all of us who followed C.I. sports, Phil passed away in 2003.

Possessed of a keen sports mind a wry sense of humor and love of players and the game, Phil Williams left an indelible mark on Central Islip and we are proud to welcome him into the Hall of Fame.

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## Ben Morselli-Coach

A product of Westbury High School, Ben was an all around athlete, winning varsity letters in football -3 years, basketball-2 years, baseball 2 years and track 2 years.

He went on to college in Ithaca, where high above Cayuga's waters he played varsity football, basketball and track with great success.

Coming to Central Islip as a teacher in 1962. Ben began a coaching career., which has spanned almost 50 years. He was an Assistant Football Coach for three different head coaches ; Dave Goldstein, John Shaughnessy and Tom Black at various times during the '60s, '70s,'80s, and '90s and helping to win League Championships in 1981 and 1984.

In basketball, he began coaching at C.I. as an unpaid assistant to Coach Tony Armata from 1963 to 1970 (we don't see that anymore). Benny loved the game and the kids and they finally won a County Championship. He finally got paid as the Junior Varsity Coach in 1969-'72 , compiled a 66-11 record over the four years.

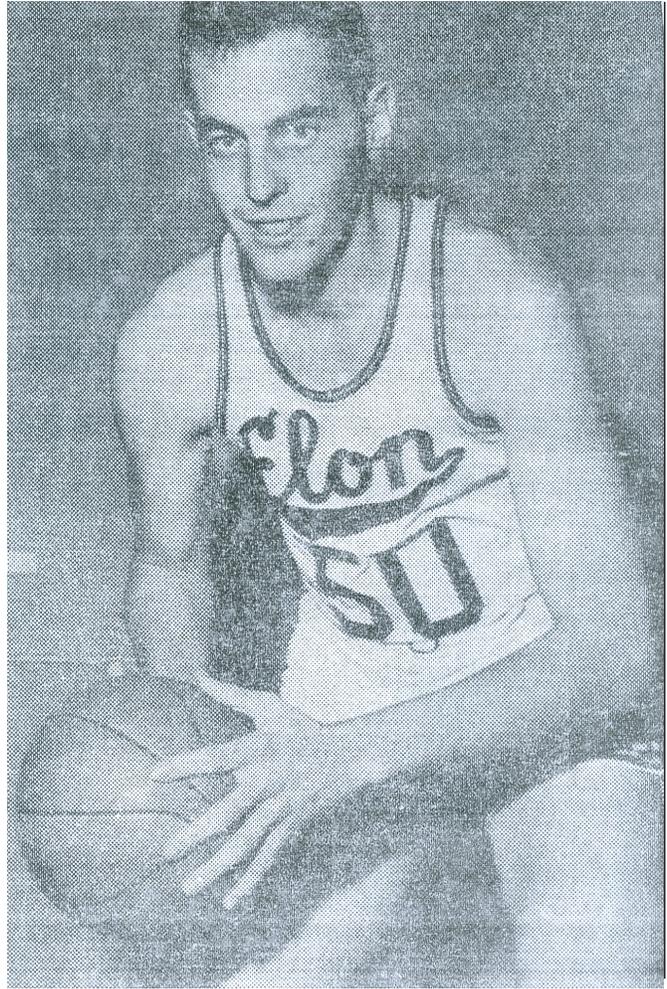
As an Assistant Coach with Coach Armata 1972 to 1974. He helped the Musketeers to a 43-7 record and a County Championship in 1974.

Benny became Head Basketball Coach in 1975 and over the next eight years his team compiled a tremendous 141-48 record in regular season and playoff games. They won League Titles 6 of those 8 years, the most ever in Central Islip history. Ben was voted Coach of the Year 6 times and once by the Basketball Officials Association, thus establishing himself as one of the premier coaches in Suffolk County.

Believe it or not, Ben still gives freely of his time and talent to help Coach Jim Mott with current C.I. Cagers who were League Champs this past year. By the way Coach Mott was a member of Ben's first undefeated League Champion Team in 1976.

Ben also coached Track at Central Islip in the '60s and '70s and helped guide the Musteteers to their only League Championship EVER in track in 1972.





## Henry Goedeck - 1965

Henry was the most prolific scorer in the history of Central Islip basketball. Legend said he was the first player to dunk in a game in 1964-- that may be argued by some, however there is no doubt about the fact that Henry was the first Central Islip CAGER to score over 1,000 points in his career.

Henry was an All League and All County selection in his junior and senior years and finally, an All Long Island Honoree in his final year in which he averaged 24pts a game and was the second leading scorer in Suffolk County.

Henry was a fine Golfer and he helped lead Central Islip golf teams to 3 successive Championships in 1963, '64, '65.

Henry attended Elon University on a full basketball scholarship and proceeded to have a stellar record breaking college career. From 1964-69 he became the second leading scorer in school history. As a freshman, he averaged 24pts a school record. He lead the Carolina Conference in free-throw percentage over 4 years. He averaged Double, Doubles in scoring and rebounding. Throughout his career, he made the All Conference Team for 4 years running. He was named Carolina Conference Tournament MVP twice, and also MVP of the Kentucky Tournament on another occasion. He crowned his game by being named an All American in 1968-69.

We are delighted and proud to welcome a true "KING OF THE COURT" Mr. Henry Goedeck into the Central Islip Hall of Fame.

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## WALT BOERI-COACH



Long ago and far away on the playground at the back of the old Wheeler Road High School, on a warm sunny afternoon in early September 1956, a muscular young man with close cropped hair wearing sweat pants and a black and white Maryland University jacket held up an oblong object in front of some thirty young boys and stated “Gentlemen, this is a football!” He tossed the ball to a tall skinny kid named Cassidy and said “Son, you’re going to be a center carry this with you always”.

Coach Walt Boeri started football at Central Islip, a program that would become one of the most prolific and producing in Suffolk County sports history.

Walt started his own football career at Erasmus High School in Brooklyn, where he played 4 years as a triple threat halfback and strong side linebacker. Despite an injury shortened senior year he was elected Team Captain and selected to the All-City Team in 1949, Walt also was an outstanding catcher and Captain of the Erasmus Nine for four years.

Walt received a full athletic scholarship to the University of Maryland and lettered for 3 years as a fullback, halfback, nose guard and linebacker under Coach Jim Tatem. In 1953 Walt was an integral part of an undefeated Terrapin Team that went on to beat Tennessee in the Sugar Bowl and claim the number one title in the Nation.

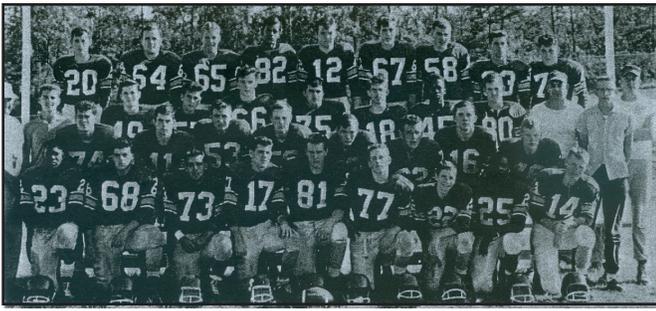
After graduation, 1953 with B.S. Degree and a Masters in Child Psychology. Walt served two years as a Lieutenant in the Air Force. He and his wife moved to Napoli Street in Central Islip and he began teaching as a P.E. Instructor and later a Guidance Counselor at the high school on Half Mile Road.

If Amos Alonzo Stagg is considered the Father of Modern American Football, then we must give a tip of the cap to Coach Boeri and his assistants Art McFarland and Walt Sullins who sired football at Central Islip. Walt brought in the Maryland Split-T Offense and laid a solid foundation for the program over his first three years. He served on the selection Committee to choose his coaching successor in 1959. He chose Dave Goldstein. Speaking of starting things, we should also mention that Walt started the wrestling team at Central Islip.

In 1963, Walt left Central Islip for a Lead Counselor position at Commack High School, he subsequently became an Assistant Principal and soon Principal of Commack North High School. This was a position he loved and enjoyed until his retirement in 1985. In turn the Commack community showed it’s appreciation and respect for his outstanding service when it named the football field after him.

Walt has enjoyed a well deserved retirement for over 27 years but which was recently saddened by the passing of his wife and best friend of 59 years. He is comforted by the love and support of his three children, Kathy, Jim and Lynne and his grandchildren.

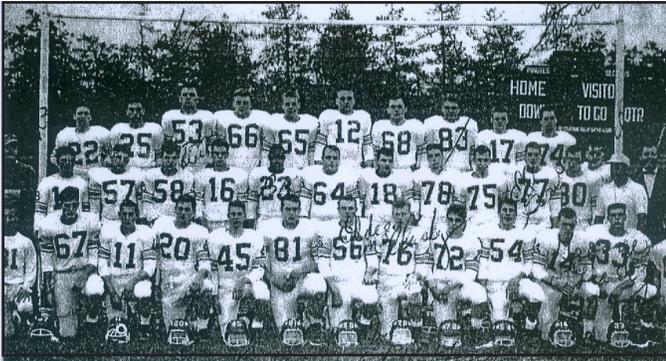
We salute Coach Walt Boeri for a lifetime of dedication, sportsmanship and service to his school, his community and his country. Well done and welcome to the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame.



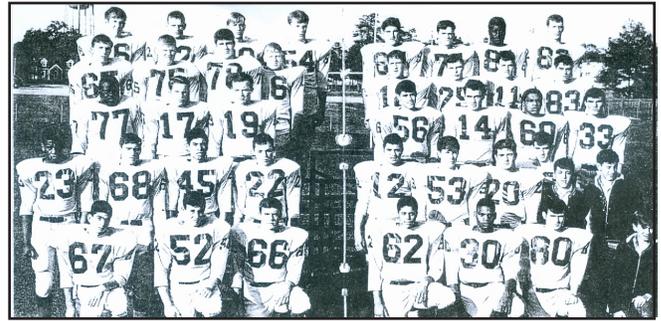
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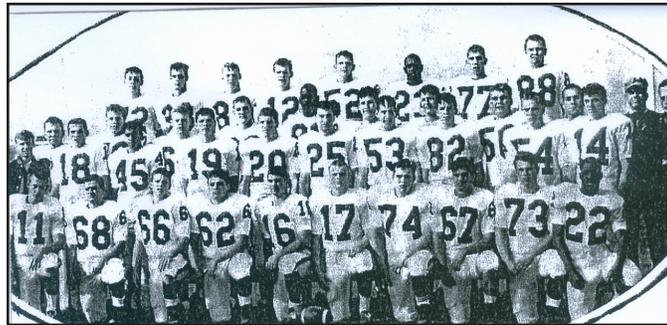
1965 Football Champions



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## Football Championship Teams 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1967

No other sports program or era has done more to create the legend of Central Islip Sports than the football teams of that magical period of the mid 1960's. When the Musketeers dominated the Suffolk County Football landscape.

Under the leadership of Coach Dave Goldstein; Central Islip recorded some amazing statistics:

1962 - 8 - 0; 278-13 points for/against; #1 offense and defense in Suffolk County; AII League Champions.

1963 - 7 - 0; 235-6; #1 offense and defense; League Champions.

1964 - 7 - 0 - 1 ; 258-57; #1 offense ; League Champions and Rutgers Trophy Champions.

1965 - 7 - 0 - 1 ; 163-45; League Champions; 32 game winning streak (would eventually reach 39 games).

1967 - 7 - 0 - 1 ; 200-20; League III Champions and a second Rutgers Trophy as Suffolk County's top team.

Over this period numerous Central Islip players received All League , Honors, 16 became All County Players, 4 All Long Island and 2 High School All Americans.

## Tom Black-1965

Considered by many to be the best athlete to come out of Central Islip. Tom was an outstanding player in three major sports. On the Gridiron, he lettered for 3 years, was team Captain in his junior and senior years and selected All League and All County in both. In his senior year he also added All Long Island and All American honors as he led the Musketeers to their first Rutgers Cup.

In basketball he played varsity in all four years. He made All League his sophomore and junior years and Captained both squads. A knee operation curtailed his senior campaign but the team went on to become County Champs.

On the diamond Tom played varsity for four years. He was All League for three of those years and Team Captain for 2. He received signing offers from the San Francisco Giants but accepted a full college scholarship to East Texas State University where he continued to star on the football field for four more years. He led the Lone Star Conference in receiving yards and touchdowns, his junior and senior years with 48 receptions, 20 yards per catch & 10 touchdowns, 45 receptions, an 18 yard average and 9 touchdowns respectively --AMAZING!

He was named All Conference, All Texas and All American while being drafted by the San Francisco 49'ers. The FIRST ever Central Islip player to be drafted by the N.F.L

Returning to Central Islip as a teacher in 1970, Tom began a long and successful coaching career. In football Tom was an assistant at C.I. from 1970-76. Head coach from 1977-81 with a League Championship in '81. From '82-'86 he served as Receiver Coach and Offensive Coordinator for Stony Brook University. At Patchogue-Medford from '87-'91, his team won a County Championship in 1988. Back at Central Islip from 1992 to '02 as Head Coach, he led the C.I. Eleven to a Final Four in 2002.

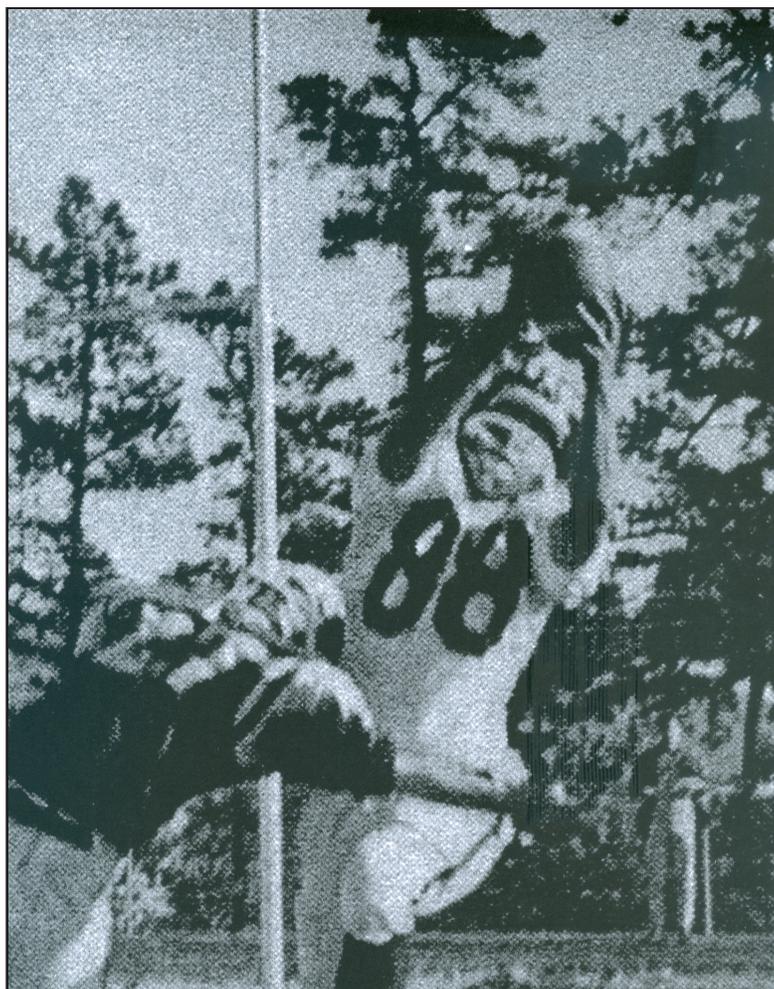
Tom coached Round ball at C.I. for 32 years at the freshman, junior varsity and assistant varsity levels posting 6 undefeated seasons at the Junior High School while winning numerous Team Sportsmanship Awards.

In baseball Tom also pitched in another 32 years at freshman, junior varsity and varsity, winning J.V. Coach of the Year in 1980 and 1981

Tom also did some part time work as Assistant Receiving Coach with the Minnesota Vikings in 2003 and 2004.

Tom's illustrious career was capped by election into the Suffolk County Sports Hall of Fame in 2000 and the Texas A & M (ETSU) Hall of Fame in 2001.

It is with great pride that we induct the Founder and President of the Central Islip Hall of Fame Board into the Hall.





## Fred Bjorkgren-1947

Fred had a solid career in high school lettering in baseball 2 years, as a feared right handed hitter and slick-fielding first baseman and in basketball as a star defensive forward.

It was after high school however, that Fred blossomed as a standout main stay for a number of local sports teams for almost two decades.

Fred played basketball for Central Islip S & A for several years and then Central Islip State Hospital team, which was a perennial power house in the old Suffolk County League. Fred retired from hardwood in 1957 after back surgery.

He starred for the St. Lawrence Church Softball Team for five years in the Sayville Fast Pitch League and then jumped to Oscar's in the Slo-Pitch Long Island League where he was a standout for 15 years at first base.

Fred also took up golf and did well winning the Gullhaven Class B Championship in 1970. He fondly recalls carding a hole in one and four eagles during those days. Fred still plays today, usually 9 holes, shooting in the 40's.

Fred was also an accomplished bowler. He finished high in several Suffolk County Men's Championships. He rolled high games (268) and high series for two years 1980-1981 in the Islip Town League. He still rolls a good game today averaging a 172 in league play.

For nearly forty years Fred was a solid figure in local sports and great team player he exemplified all that is positive and good in amateur sports.

Fred and his wife Joan retired to Hornell in upstate New York to be near their daughter, her husband and five terrific grandchildren. To quote Joan". . .it's a wonderful life"

The Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame is proud to have Fred Bjorkgren as a new teammate.



## George Webber- Coach

The sport of gymnastics and the name Coach George Weber are synonymous in Central Islip, George started, developed and honed a program of Championship caliber.

Starting in high school, he developed a keen interest and ability in individual sports. He was a four year varsity swimmer and diver, excelling in the 50 & 100 yard free-style.

In college George swam varsity for Cortland State in his freshman year. He later transferred to Ithaca College and became an accomplished track & field man, specializing in the pole vault, high jump and javelin. It was here in college that George and several other guys started a Gymnastics Club and his interest and love of sports started.

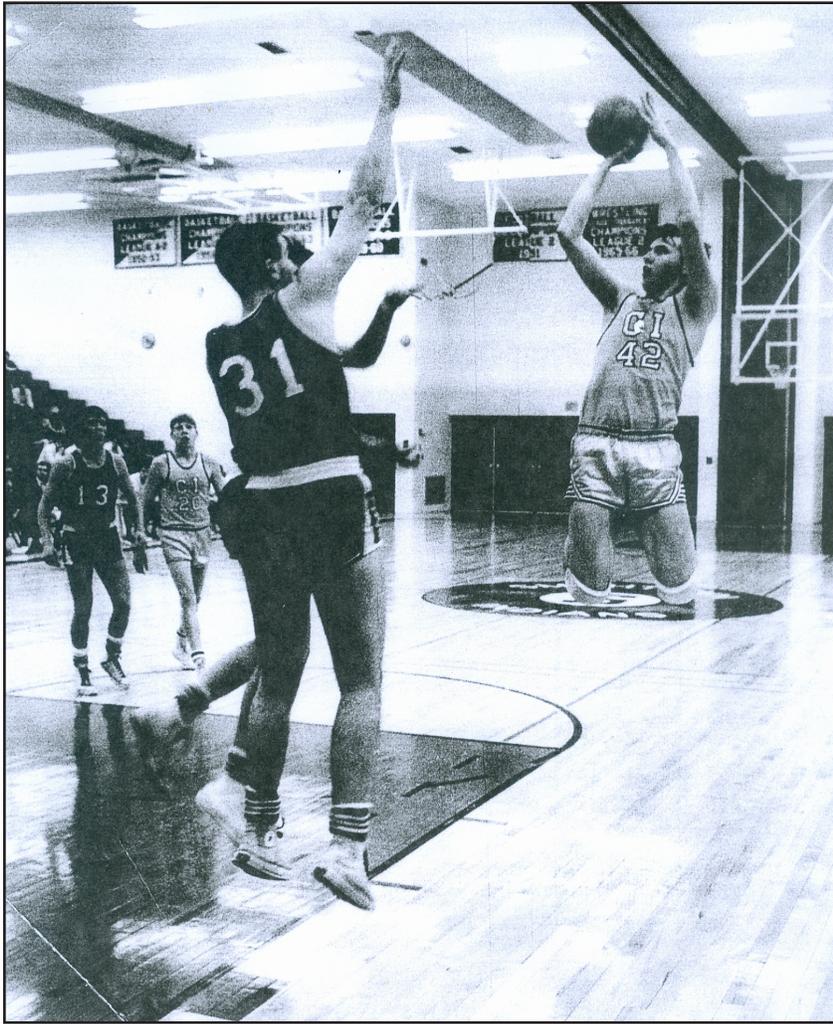
Coming to Central Islip in 1960, George first coached track for a year before turning that program over to Coach Morselli. George was setting his sights on a "HIGH BAR". Gymnastics was growing rapidly at the time in Suffolk and George led C.I. into the charge.

Under his guidance and direction, Central Islip dominated its League from the onset. They won League Championships in 1966, 1968, 1970, 1971 & 1972 and developed outstanding gymnasts including Brian Mackey who won several All Around and Individual Titles.

Unfortunately, there came a time when because of fiscal constraints this outstanding program was discontinued. However, George went on to judge gym meets for several years, and served as President of the Judges Association. He also judged meets at the top college level including the likes of Penn. State, Army and Southern Connecticut, George also judged the Easterns, YMCA and Nationals and was even selected to act as a judge for the World Games.

George retired from Central Islip in 1991 after 31 years of service as a Physical Education and Health Instructor. George remains active as a golfer and avid Bow-Hunter (Look out Bambi!). By the way, do you remember the old Colt 45 Beer commercial with the waiter in full dress surfing in with a tray of beer to serve a table on the beach? Well- that was George!

Our judges have looked at the record and have given Coach George Webber straight 10's. We gladly welcome him to the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame.



## Rich Walsh-1969

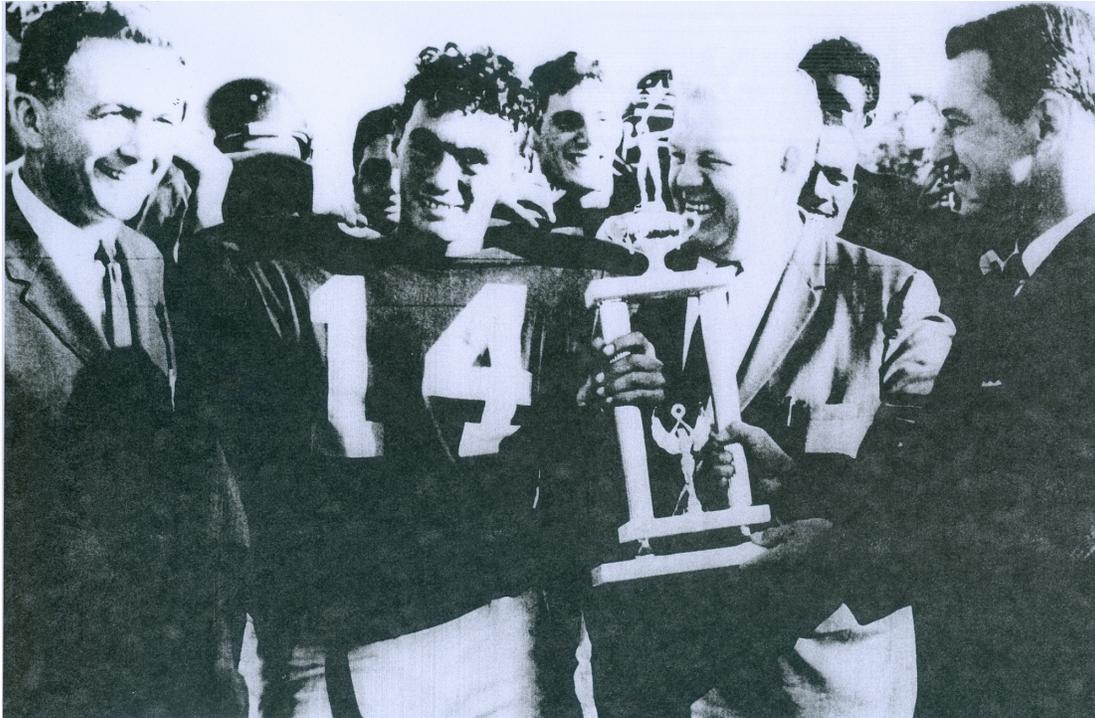
A standout in three sports at Central Islip. Rich Walsh is best remembered as possibly Central Islip's finest baseball player.

Rich was an All League soccer player for 3 years 1967-'69. He Captained the team in 1968-'69 and led a League Championship Squad in 1968.

On the hardwood, Rich made All League for 3 years scored 1060 points and was Captain of the 1968 & 1969 teams which won League Championships.

However, it was on the baseball diamond that Rich really made his mark. As C.I.'s ace starter he made All League 3 years running. In 1969 he was named to the All County Team with a 13-1 record. He led the C.I. Nine to a League Championship that year and won the Yastrzemski Award and the Suffolk County Umpires Award emblematic of the Best Ball Player in the County in the process. Finally, he capped his high school career being named to the Daily News All Long Island Team.

We are pleased and proud to welcome "Fireballino", Rich Walsh to the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame



## Tony Antonucci -1968

Tony starred on the football field as both a player and later as a coach. Tony lettered in baseball for 2 years and football for three. He Captained the 1967 Rutgers Trophy Team and won a full football scholarship to C.W. Post College where he was a three year varsity starter at linebacker. He was named to the ECAC ALL ACADEMIC TEAM in 1971.

After college Tony returned to Central Islip to teach and coach. He was an Assistant on several League Championship squads. From C.I. Tony went on to establish one of the outstanding Football Coaching resumes in Suffolk County history. He became the Defensive Coordinator for the highly ranked Division III team at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. He was an Assistant and Head Coach at St. Anthony's High School where they garnered a L.I. League Championship. As an Assistant and later Head Coach at Mercy High School his team's won a League Championship in 1988. He later coached Mt. Sinai High School to Conference Championships in 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997 and the Rutgers Trophy in 1992 as Suffolk County's Top Team. At his final stop at Rocky Point HS, he led a team which just missed the playoffs in its first year of varsity competition.

Tony holds the distinction of being the only Coach in Suffolk County history to start two Football programs - at Mt Sinai and Rocky Point- both highly successful. It appears he just couldn't hold a job!

His coaching awards include 1988 League Coach of the Year at Mercy High, League Coach of the Year at Mt. Sinai 1991, Conference Coach of the Year - 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, and 1997 at Mt .Sinai, Suffolk County Coach of the Year/ Rutgers Trophy winner at Mt .Sinai -1992 and finally Newsday All-Long Island Coach of the Year - 1992.

Tony retired from Central Islip H.S. in 2005 after 32 years as a well respected Social Studies Teacher. He and wife Kathy live and enjoy retirement in Mt Sinai.

We are proud to honor one of C.I's native sons Coach Tony Antonucci with entry into the Central Islip Sports Hall of Fame.

