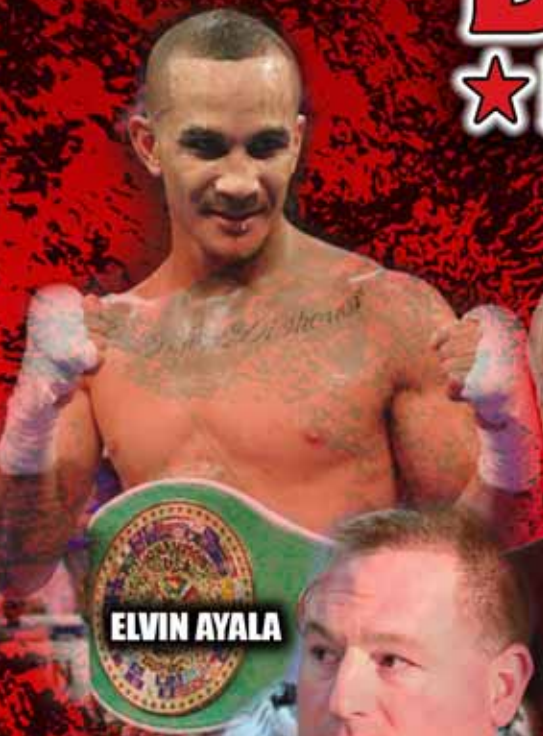
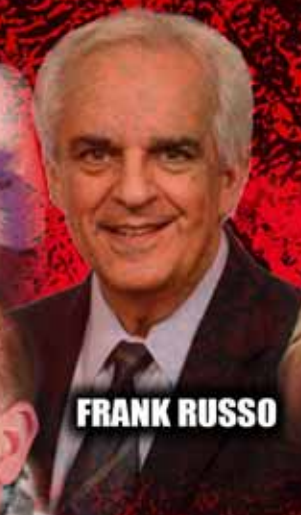


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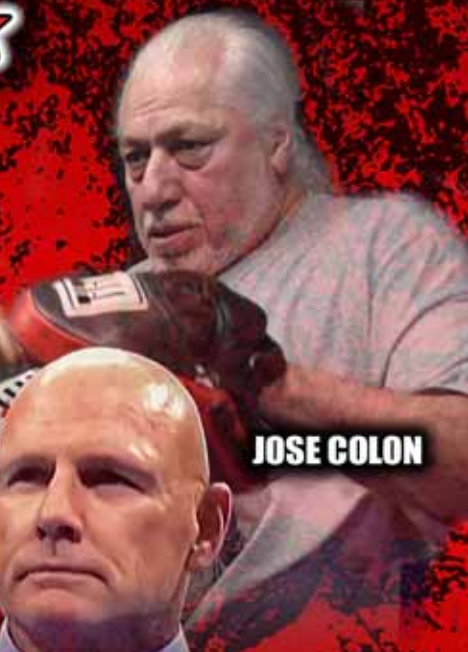
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It is my privilege to welcome you to the Mohegan Sun's Ballroom for the 16th annual Connecticut Boxing Hall of Fame Dinner. After a pandemic related hiatus we are thrilled to be back in person to honor the classes of 2020 and 2021. I am grateful to lead the Connecticut Boxing Hall of Fame in its mission to promote the sport of boxing in this great State and to help deserving people in our boxing community.

This year the Connecticut Boxing Hall of Fame has elected two great classes of Inductees.

The Class of 2020 inductees are legends in the sport of boxing and include boxers Jimmy Leto, Eddie Dolan, Al Gainer, and Steve Carr, as well as coach Mosey King, Connecticut Boxing Commissioner Barbara Dunn and sportswriter Bill Lee

The Class of 2021 is simply amazing. The 2021 class includes retired boxers Mike "Machine Gun" Oliver, of Hartford, and New Haven's Elvin Ayala, Hartford referee Danny Schiavone, former Hartford Civic Center executive director Frank E. Russo, Manchester trainer Jose "Papo" Colon, and New Haven manager Mike Criscio.

The Connecticut Boxing Hall of Fame is very excited to award its inaugural "Willie Pep Courage Award" this year. This award will be given annually to an individual who exemplifies courage in his or her deeds just as Willie Pep did in his illustrious career.

Our 2021 Hall of Fame annual award winners are most deserving as you will see as they receive their awards this evening.

Enjoy tonight's 16th Annual Connecticut Boxing Hall of Fame Dinner. Many thanks to our friends and supporters. Thank you to Mohegan Sun for hosting tonight's dinner. Thank you to all of our sponsors whose generosity makes this evening possible. Most of all, thank you to our inductees, their friends and family who have come together tonight to celebrate the wonderful sport of boxing.

As always, I remain ever grateful for the opportunity to serve the CBHOF Board of Directors as its president. The Board's support and hard work throughout the year make my job enjoyable and rewarding.

Cheers,

John L. Laudati
President,
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Masters of Ceremonies RANDY GORDON

Randy is the host of "At the Fights" on Sirius XM Radio Network on Mondays and Fridays from 6-8 p.m. Known as "The Commish", Randy is the former Chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission (1988-95). He served as Editor-in-Chief of The Ring Magazine and Boxing Illustrated. He was also the Associate Editor of Big Book of Boxing, World Boxing Magazine and International Boxing Magazine prior to joining publisher Bert Sugar at The Ring. Randy is a graduate of Long Island University.



Tonight's National Anthem BRITTANY WOLF

Brittany Wolf was born and raised in Griswold, CT. She is a graduate of Griswold Senior High School and attended Three Rivers Community College. Her love for singing began at the early age of 10. From her mother Holly's influence, she was introduced to the cultural and artistic aspects of NYC. She and her mom would make frequent trips into the city to experience Radio City and the museums. Taking this all in, Holly gave her daughter an opportunity to explore Classical Music training, with a personal instructor. For years she developed her voice, becoming a vocalist of notoriety throughout Eastern CT. She eventually landed lead singer roles with several area bands. While performing on the nightclub scene, she was noticed by numerous people who ran events and entertainment. She quickly rose to be a sought after songstress through out Eastern Connecticut. She performed with her bands and eventually went solo. She became a steadfast for singing the National Anthem at area events, including the last CT Boxing Hall of Fame Dinner, at Mohegan Sun. Brittany is a dedicated Martial Artist. She is an Area Manager for one of the fastest growing wine companies in the world. The Delicato Family Wine Company, out of Napa Valley, CA. Brittany now resides in the Greater New Haven area, with her Welsh Corgi, Lania.





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AMATEUR OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR HEATHER CONCEPCION

Earning praise for her abilities as an official is becoming old hat for Heather Concepcion. This year will mark her second time earning the CBHOF Amateur Official of the Year award in unanimous fashion. As president of the Connecticut USA Boxing Committee, Concepcion was able to revive amateur boxing in Connecticut despite Covid restrictions. In her career, Concepcion has handled registration, secretarial, chairmanship, and vice presidential duties with Connecticut USA Boxing.



THE WILLIAM HUTT OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR FRANK LOMBARDI

One of the most accomplished judges in boxing, Lombardi, who lives in Danbury, has judged over 600 bouts in his remarkable career. One of those was the first Arturo Gatti-Mickey Ward bout in 2002, which was voted as the Fight of the Year by several boxing organizations. Lombardi has always been active in Connecticut. During one stretch in 2017, Lombardi was a judge in nine consecutive fight cards at Connecticut venues.



THE ROLAND ROY AMATEUR BOXER OF THE YEAR JAHNYAH LUMPKIN

Just a junior at East Hartford High, Lumpkin posted a 7-2 record during 2021, beating 6 nationally ranked fighters and earning a silver medal in the Silver Gloves National Championships. Her only losses were to nationally ranked boxers. A National Honor Society student, Lumpkin finished fourth in the U.S. National Championships. Fighting out of the Charter Oak Boxing Academy, Lumpkin claimed a Golden Gloves Youth title in her first bout of 2022.



PROFESSIONAL BOXER OF THE YEAR MYKQUAN WILLIAMS

East Hartford super lightweight Mykquan Williams could become the first triple crown winner of the CBHOF. Having previously won the Amateur Boxer of the Year Award, Williams has now added the Pro Boxer of the Year honor, and with a 16-0-1 record, could well be on his way to securing a CBHOF induction. In his lone fight of 2021, Williams scored a knockdown in the 8th round and won by unanimous decision over Yeis Gabriel Solano, who came into the bout with a 15-0 record. Williams currently owns the WBC USNBC super lightweight title.



THE GEORGE SMITH CONTRIBUTION TO BOXING JEFFREY DRESSLER

A longtime friend of boxing, Attorney Jeffrey Dressler is a board member for the Charter Oak Boxing Academy, an active member of USA Boxing since 1992, a member of the Connecticut state boxing commission, and an accomplished ring announcer. Being bilingual and the founder of Mega Education, which is a scholastic incentive system, has helped Dressler help young boxers succeed in endeavors outside of the ring.



WILLIE PEP COURAGE AWARD JASON JAKUBOWSKI

With a spirit of giving that is legendary in the Greater Hartford area, Jason Jakubowski has earned the first annual Willie Pep Courage award. Long active in community service, which includes a longtime coaching stint in the West Hartford Youth Baseball League, Jakubowski is currently the President and chief executive of Foodshare, which distributes more than 13 million meals each year to local food pantries and community kitchens in Central Connecticut.



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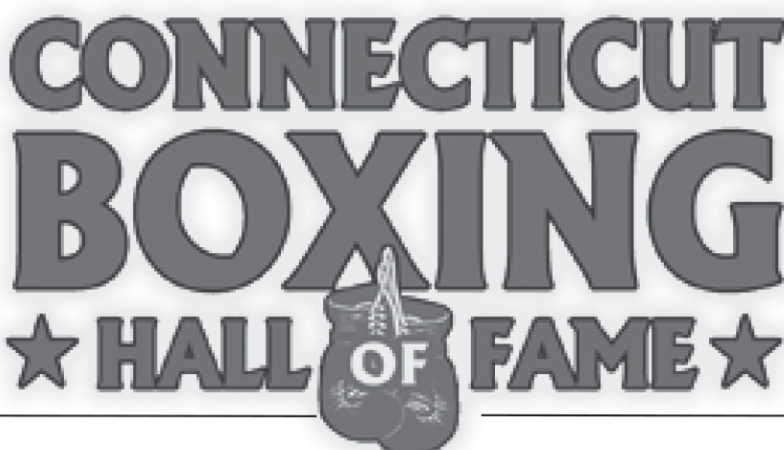
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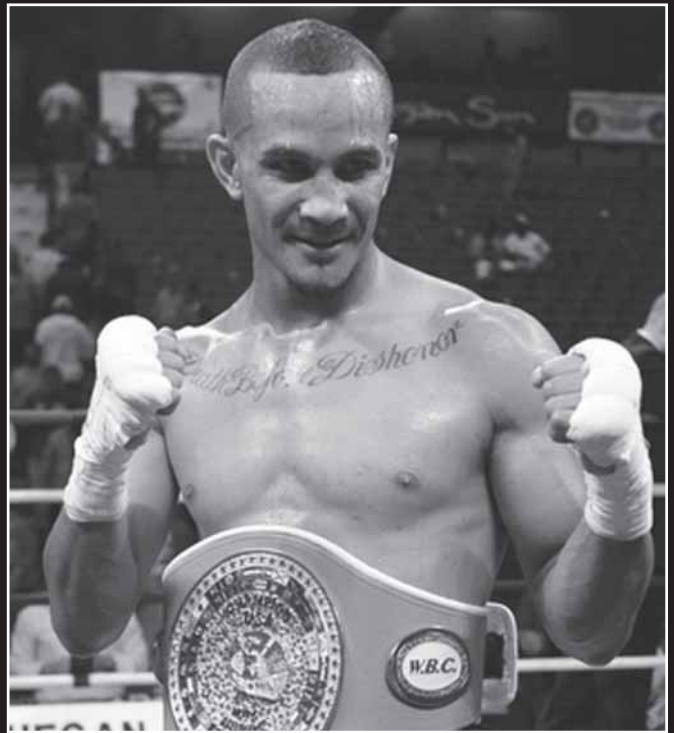
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When he burst upon the pro scene in 2003, New Haven product Elvin Ayala made a quick impact. He won his first 16 bouts with a defensive style that left opponents flustered. It was a draw with the highly regarded Sergio Mora, who was 19-0 at the time, that led Ayala to getting a shot at the IBF world middleweight title against then 25-0 Arthur Abraham. Ayala was game until the 12th round before he was stopped by Abraham. Ayala would go on to win a WBC USNBC middleweight title in 2011 and again in 2016. Ayala would also fight for a USBA middleweight title and a WBC International middleweight championship, losing both times. He finished his career in 2019 with a 29-13-1 record after starting out 26-5-1.



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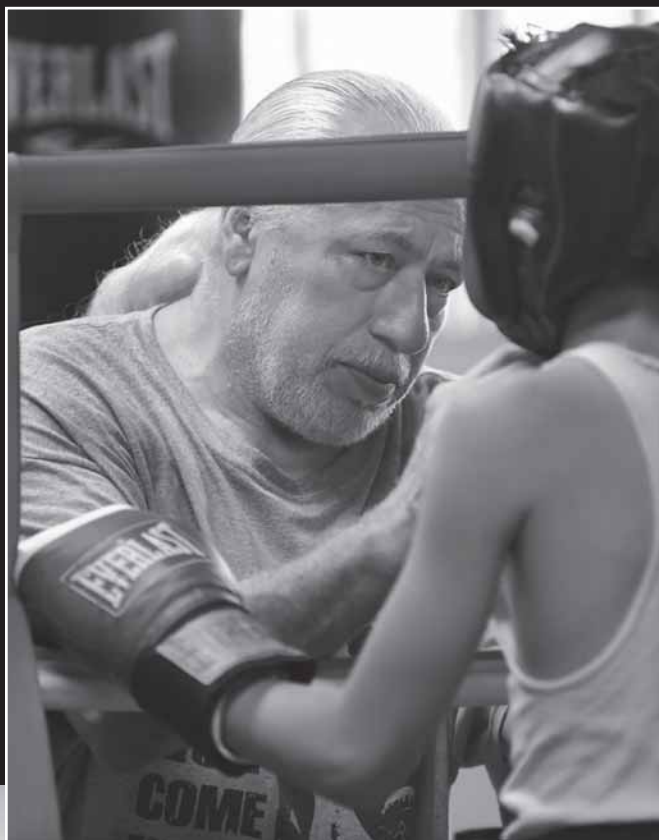


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JOSE "PAPO" COLON

When you have been around the sport as long as Jose "Papo" Colon, you begin to get a reputation as a "Boxing Whisperer." Now 76 and living in Manchester, Colon came to the U.S. from Puerto Rico as a youngster where he began work as a trainer after a couple of pro fights in his native country. Beginning in 1972, he worked at some of the most prestigious gyms in New York, including Gleason's Gym in Brooklyn. In 1979, he was featured in a National Geographic article that dealt with his background and training acumen. In 1997, Colon arrived in Hartford and began working at the San Juan Center with future CBHOF inductee George Cruz. After assisting Tony Blanco in training light heavyweight prospect Richard "Popeye" Rivera at the Hartford Boxing Center, Colon moved on to the Manchester Ring of Champions Society, where he currently works with another CBHOF inductee in Paul Cichon.



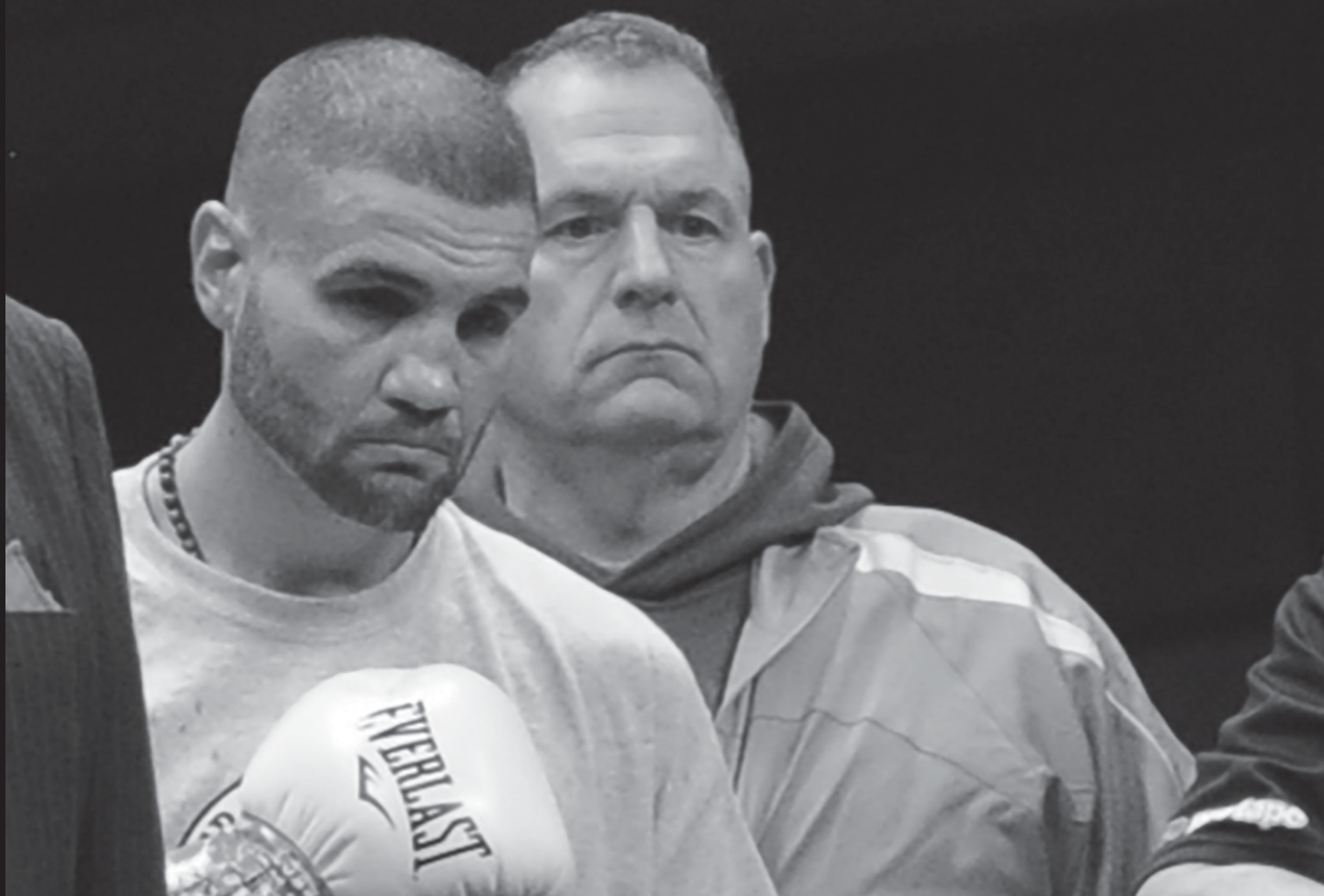
Wishing all the inductees and award winners congratulations on your devotion, your hard work and your success in the sport of boxing. The Connecticut Boxing Hall of Fame salutes you!

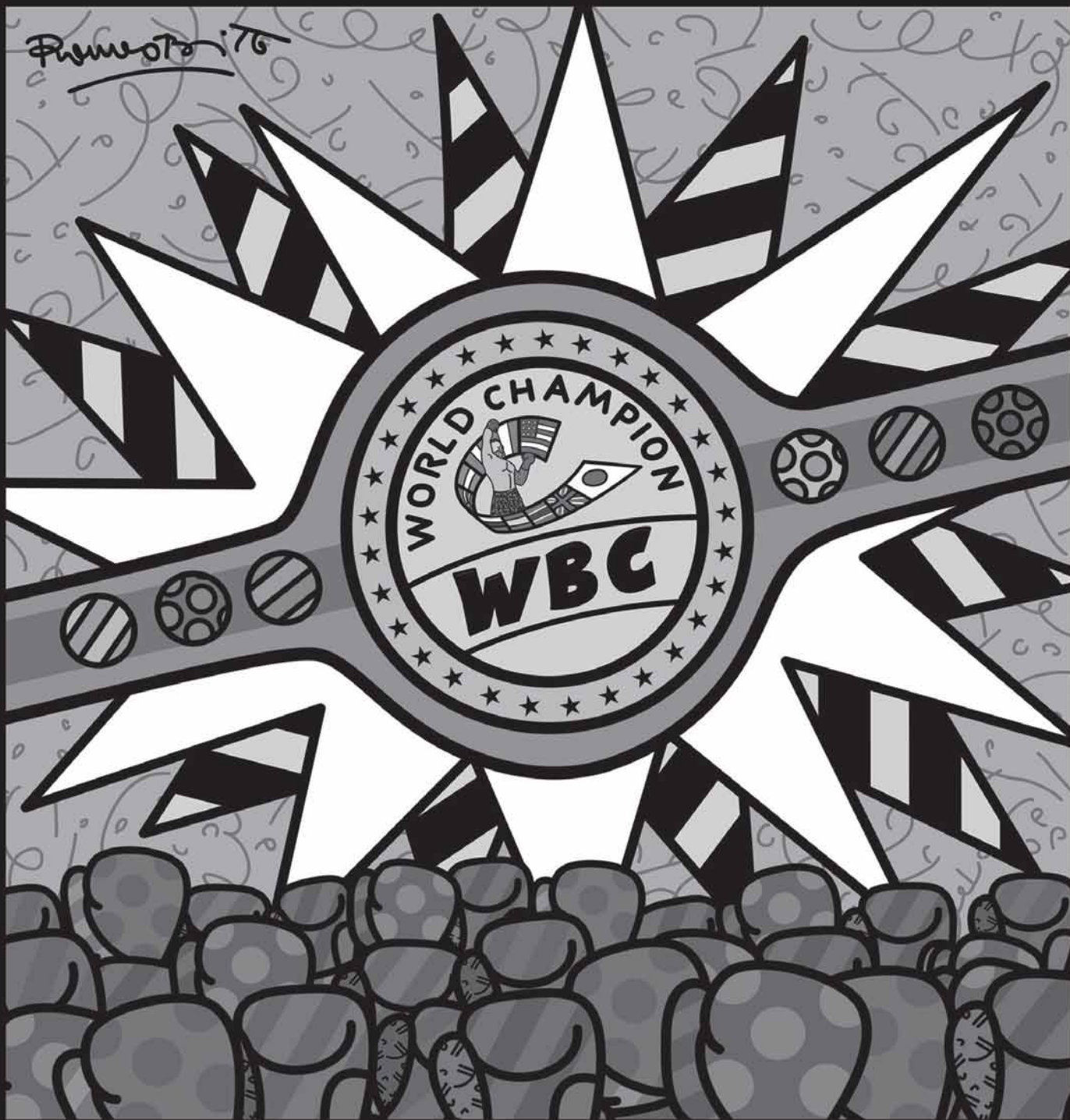
Glenn S. Feldman
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MIKE CRISCIO

There aren't many pawnbrokers who go on to become successful fight managers, but Mike Criscio of New Haven broke the mold. With his swashbuckling, confident style, Criscio first guided Chad Dawson to an NABF light heavyweight title in 2006. Dawson beat another member of the Connecticut Boxing Hall of Fame, Eric Harding, to capture that title. In his next bout, Dawson decimated a 31-0 Tomasz Adamek to win the WBC light heavyweight title. While with Criscio, Dawson would go on to be part of the conversation for best pound-for-pound fighter in the world. Criscio and Dawson would have a parting of the ways, but Criscio stayed in the game. At one time he worked with as many as 35 professional fighters, including Chris Avalos, who lost to Leo Santa Cruz in a super featherweight title affair in 2017.





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2005

Bat Battalino • Louis "Kid" Kaplan • Johnny Duke
 Willie Pep • Maxie Rosenbloom • Marlon Starling
 Professional Boxer of the Year: Eric Harding
 Amateur Boxer of the Year: Tony Grano
 Official of the Year: Lou Dell
 Contribution to Boxing Award: Micky Ward

2006

Lou Bogash • John Burns • Manny Leibert
 Nathan Mann • Gaspar Ortega • Chico Vejar
 Professional Boxer of the Year: "Bad" Chad Dawson
 Amateur Boxer of the Year: Melissa Roberts
 Official of the Year: George W. Smith
 Contribution to Boxing Award: ESPN 2

2007

Tyrone Booze • Lou Brouillard • Vic Cardell
 Johnny Cesario • Joe Rossi • Pinky Silverberg
 Professional Boxer of the Year: "Bad" Chad Dawson
 Amateur Boxer of the Year: Danny Aquino
 Official of the Year: Glenn Feldman
 Contribution to Boxing Award: Dr. Joseph Carpentieri

2008

Larry Boardman • Lou Bogash Jr. • "Tiger" Ted Lowry
 Rollie Pier • Bernie Reynolds • Gene Tunney
 Professional Boxer of the Year: Matt Remillard
 Champion Award: "Bad" Chad Dawson
 Amateur Boxer of the Year: Tramaine Williams
 Official of the Year: George Phillips
 Contribution to Boxing Award: Jimmy Burchfield

2009

Dan Cosgrove • Jack Delaney • Sal DiMartino
 Julie Kogon • John Scully • Vito Tallarita
 Professional Boxer of the Year: "Bad" Chad Dawson
 Amateur Boxer of the Year: Luis Rosa Jr.
 Official of the Year: Phyllis Roy
 Contribution to Boxing Award: Paul Cichon

2010

F. Mac Buckley • Desi Clark • Sean Malone, Sr.
 Bob Steele • Joe Tessitore • Micky Ward • Troy Wortham
 Professional Boxer of the Year: Matt Remillard
 Amateur Boxer of the Year: Georgie Naclerio
 Official of the Year: Michael Ortega
 Contribution to Boxing Award: Dr. Michael Schwartz

2011

Kelvin Anderson • Lawrence Clay-Bey • Glenn Feldman
 Eric Harding • Vinny Paz • Michael Schwartz • Billy Taylor
 Professional Boxer of the Year: Delvin Rodriguez
 Amateur Boxer of the Year: Tremaine Williams
 Official of the Year: Don Trella
 Contribution to Boxing Award: Peter Timothy

2012

Jimmy Burchfield • George Cruz • Freddie Roach
 Dana Rosenblatt • Travis Simms • Lou Viscusi
 Professional Boxer of the Year: Tony Grano
 Amateur Boxer of the Year: Elvis Figueroa
 Official of the Year: Dick Flaherty
 Contribution to Boxing Award: Mitchell Etiss

2013

Al Bernstein • Johnny Callas • Luigi Camputaro
 Israel "Pito" Cardona • Joe DeGuardia • Roland Roy
 Professional Boxer of the Year: Mike Oliver
 Amateur Boxer of the Year: Mykquan Williams
 Amateur Official of the Year: Lou Pontacoloni
 Professional Official of the Year: Bill Maxeiner
 Contribution to Boxing Award: George Smith

2014

Paul Cichon • William Hutt • Peter Manfredo, Jr.
 Michael Ortega • Daryl Peoples • John Ruiz
 Professional Boxer of the Year: Luis Rosa
 Amateur Boxer of the Year: Izaih Melendez
 Amateur Official of the Year: Samantha Dane
 Professional Official of the Year: Danny Schiavone

2015

Arnie Bayer • Lou Dibella • Shelly Finkel • Carey Mace
 George Russo • Mort Sharnik • Peter Timothy
 Professional Boxer of the Year: Luis Rosa
 Amateur Boxer of the Year: Chordale Booker
 Official of the Year: Glenn Feldman
 Contribution to Boxing Award: Brian Clark

2016

John "Duke" Lawson • Sean Malone Jr. • Orlando Montalvo
 "Sucra" Ray Oliveira • Kenneth Reels • Bob Yalen
 Professional Boxer of the Year: Shelly Vincent
 Amateur Boxer of the Year: Jacob Marrero
 Amateur Official of the Year: Heather Concepcion
 Official of the Year: Michael Mazzulli
 Contribution to Amateur Boxing Award: Carlos Nieves
 Contribution to Professional Boxing Award: Peter Hary Jr.

2017

Dr. Anthony Alessi • Hugh Devlin, Sr. • Dick Flaherty
 "Professor" Charles Hadley • Dan Parker • Clark Sammartino
 Professional Boxer of the Year: Jimmy Williams
 Amateur Boxer of the Year: Kevin Bonilla
 Amateur Official of the Year: Sachs Medina
 Official of the Year: Danny Schiavone
 Contribution to Boxing Award: Hector Rosario

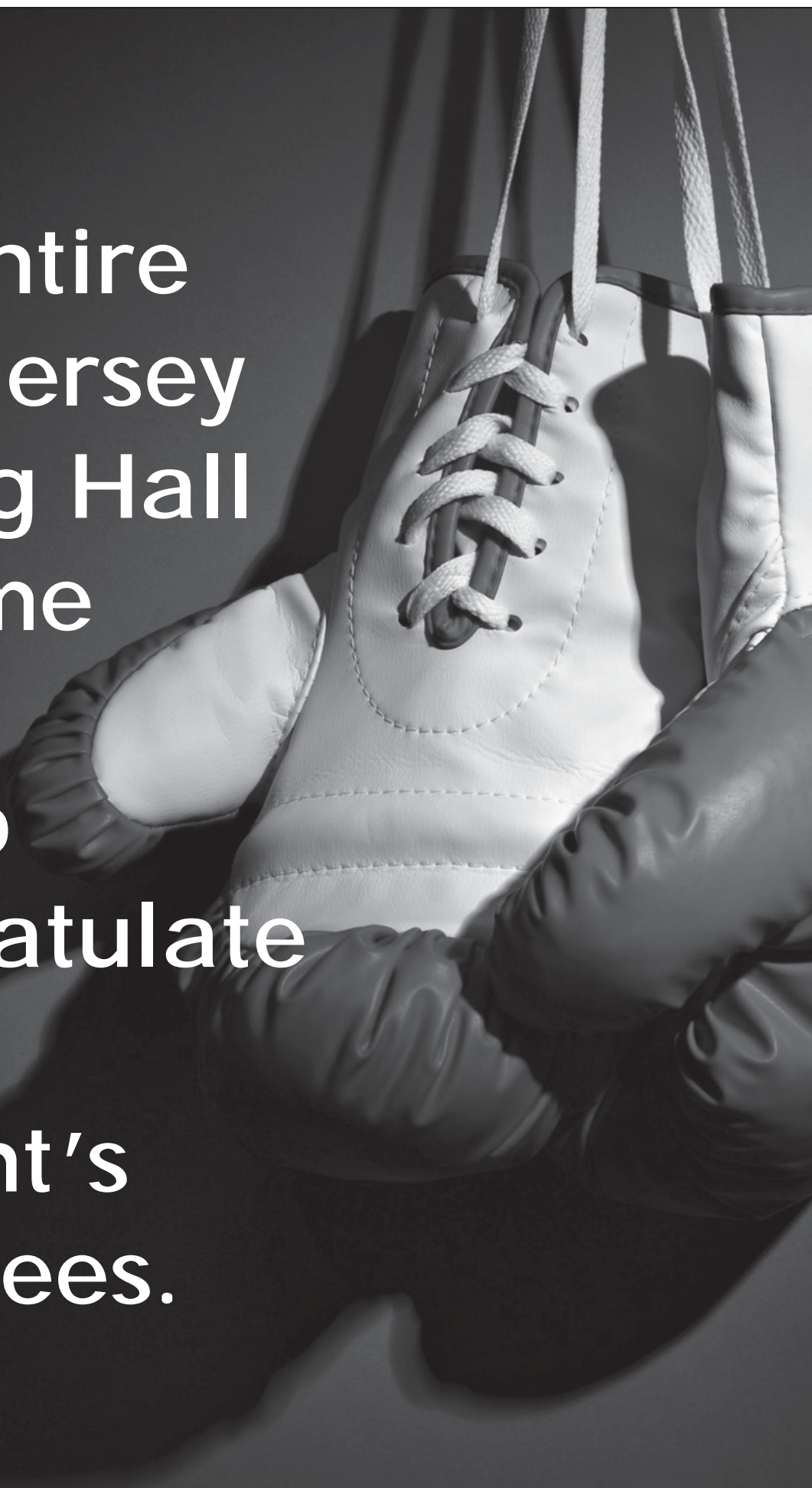
2018

Brian Clark • Bill Gore • John Harris
 Cocoa Kid • Don Trella • Angel Vasquez
 Professional Boxer of the Year: Anthony Laureano
 Amateur Boxer of the Year: Nephateria Miller
 Amateur Official of the Year: Jason Concepcion
 Official of the Year: Peter Hary
 Contribution to Boxing Award: Roland Roy

2019

Eddie Compo • Teddy "Redtop" Davis
 Chad Dawson • Arturo Gatti
 Arthur Mercante Sr. • Delvin Rodriguez
 Amateur Officials of the Year: Kevin & Roma Smith
 William Hutt Official of the Year: Glenn Feldman
 Roland Roy Amateur Boxer of the Year: Felix Parilla
 Professional Boxer of the Year: Charles Foster
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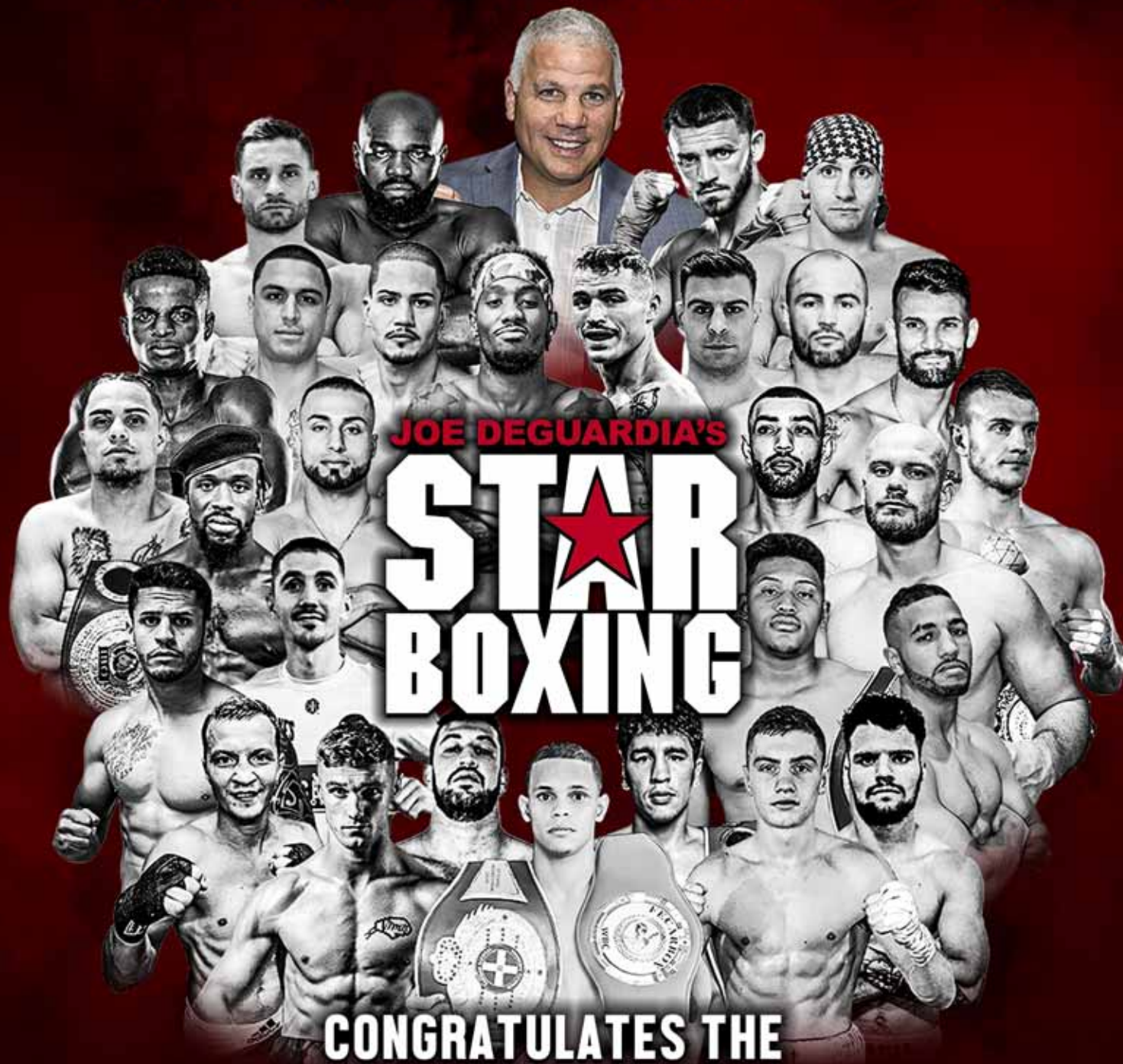
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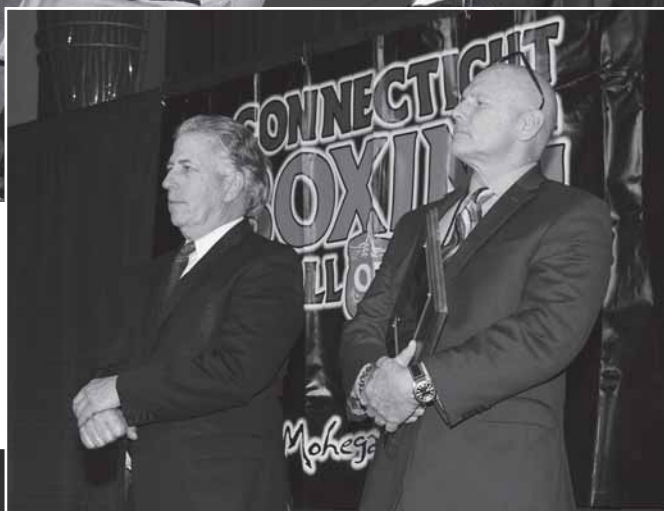
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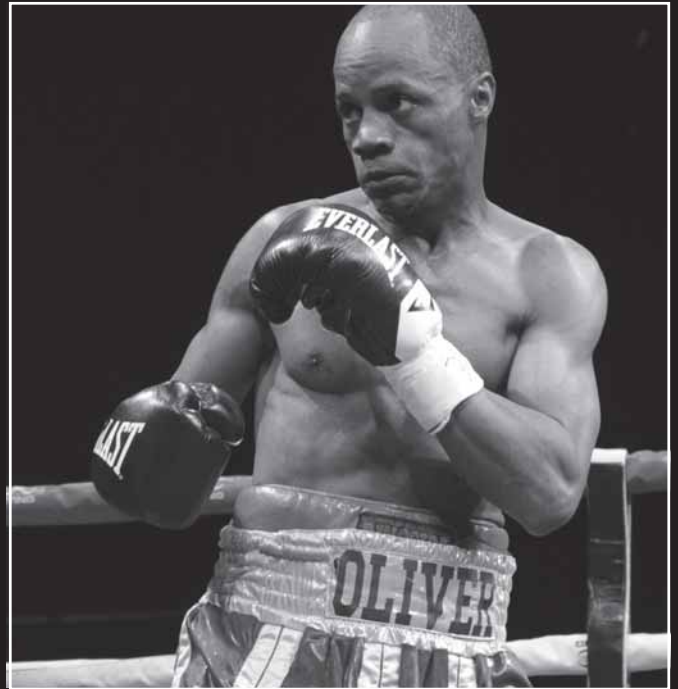
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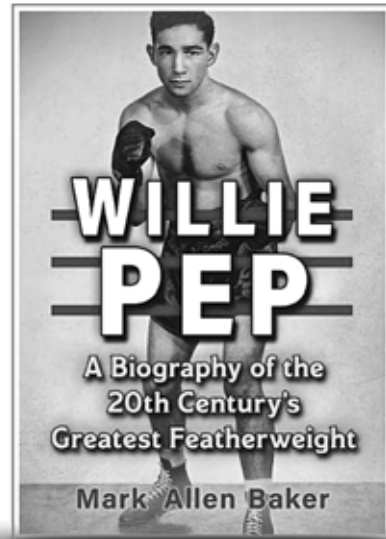
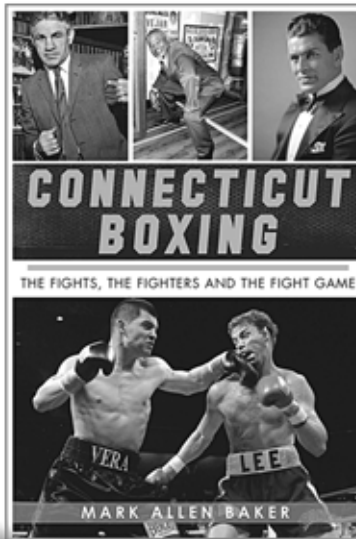
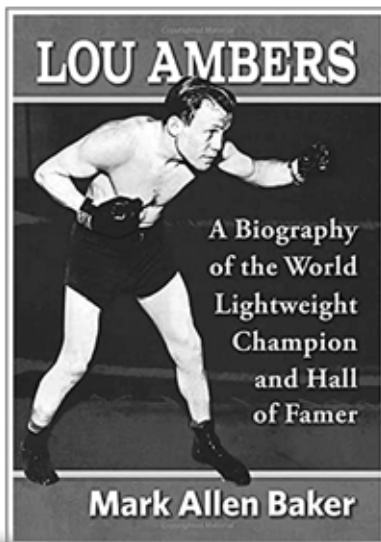
MIKE OLIVER

Trying on boxing gloves for the first time when he was just 3 years old, Hartford native Mike “Machine Gun” Oliver was hooked. He would accomplish a lot in the ring in the next 39 years. After winning several amateur titles, Oliver would have a successful pro career. He won the IBO world super bantamweight title as well as the USBA super bantamweight title. Oliver also captured the USA New England super bantamweight crown. Most of his accomplishments would come in the first 10 years of his pro career, which began in 2001. He raced to 25-2 record before finishing his career in 2021 with a record of 26-12-1.



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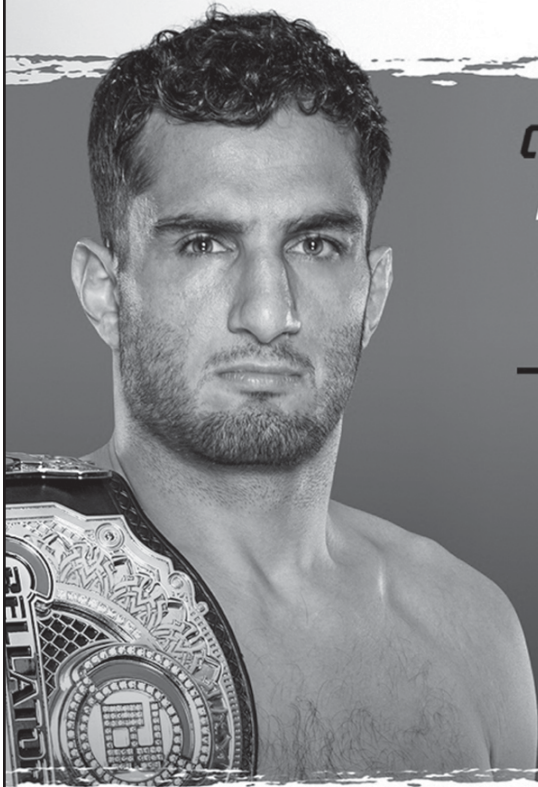
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In his 19 yrs in the ring, Hartford native Danny Schiavone has become one of the most accomplished referees in the sport of boxing. A former Division 1 college baseball player and graduate of Hofstra University, Danny has refereed over 500 professional bouts, the most in the history of Connecticut boxing, of which 47 were title fights. Schiavone has refereed such prominent names as, Roy Jones Jr, Vasiliy Lomachenko, Adrian Broner, Gary Russell, Hasim Rahman, Ray Mercer, David Tua amongst other champions. Danny also refereed the Chris Arreola/ Adam Kownaki Main Event at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn. This bout set a Heavyweight record for most punches thrown. In addition to being a professional boxing referee, Danny has played a role and acted as boxing advisor in the movie *Back In The Day* and currently plays a role in seasons two and three in William DeMeo's critically acclaimed television series, *Gravesend*. He is also appearing in the upcoming movie *Pep*, the story of CT and International Boxing Hall of Fame inductee, Hartford's own, Willie Pep.



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STEVE CARR

His pro career was just seven years, but Carr made quite an impression during that time. Starting in 1932, the Meriden native would go on to win 52 fights while losing 14 and forging 8 draws. Fighting during the Great Depression, Carr became a fan favorite on New Haven shows, and could boast a victory over Nathan Mann among his conquests. Carr died young, passing away at age 41 in 1954.



EDDIE DOLAN

Fought in the same era as Jimmy Leto, and even recorded a victory over Leto in 1940. Dolan was just 18 when he turned pro in 1931. He finished his pro career with a 89-9-3 record, which included wins over Cocoa Kid and Fritzie Zivic. In 1939, Dolan went the entire year without losing a bout. The Waterbury welterweight was just 51 when he died in 1964.

BARBARA DUNN

When she was named the Connecticut Commissioner of Consumer Protection in 1971, Newtown native Dunn also took on the role as the nation's first female boxing commissioner. She wasn't afraid to ruffle feathers, denying boxing legend Willie Pep a referees license due to alleged associations with persons of questionable character. That brave stance earned her respect in the boxing community. Dunn would later employ Pep in another capacity. A University of Connecticut graduate, Dunn was 90 when she passed away in 2017.



AL GAINER

Recording 41 knockouts while compiling a record of 77-23-6, Gainer was a formidable light heavyweight. The New Haven product notched victories over James J. Braddock and Tony Galento in a career that spanned from 1930-1941. Gainer also had a draw with Maxie Rosenbloom. Had streaks of 12 consecutive wins and 13 straight victories. Born in 1906, Gainer died in 1973.

MOSEY KING

After a brief pro career as a lightweight, King became the head boxing coach at Yale University in 1907. The New London native held that post until 1952 when boxing was dropped as a sport. King was so highly regarded, however, that he became Connecticut's first boxing commissioner in 1921, serving in that capacity for two years. Born in 1884, King passed away in 1956.



BILL LEE

From 1939-1974, Bill Lee was the sports editor and columnist at the Hartford Courant, who became known for his skilled writing about boxing. Lee's boxing stories were so popular that the makers of the upcoming movie "Pep" have a character portraying Lee in the movie about Willie Pep. The Connecticut Sportswriters Alliance have an annual Bill Lee Male Athlete of the Year award, which was bestowed upon Marlon Starling in 1988. Starling was part of the first CBHOF induction class in 2005. Lee passed away in 1979.

JIMMY LETO

Hartford native took on all comers in compiling a 125-29-12 record in a welterweight career that spanned 19 years from 1924-1943. Managed by the legendary Lou Viscusi, Leto had notable victories against Chalky Wright, Cocoa Kid, and Fritzie Zivic. He passed away in 1986 at the age of 75.







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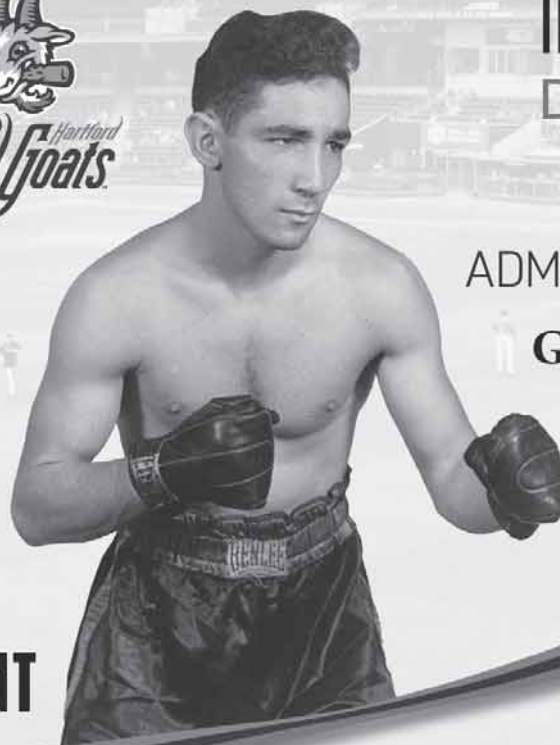
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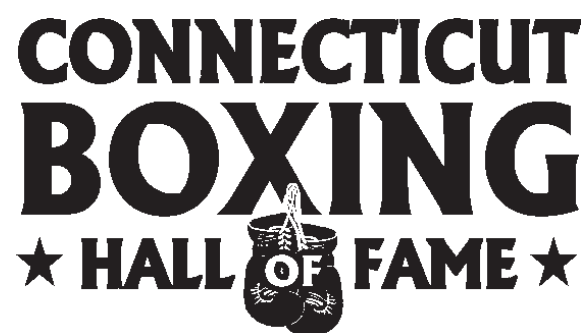


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