

# PYA Hall of Fame

## **ROGER SEXAUER**



Talented both athletically and academically, Roger Sexauer, Paul D. Schreiber High School class of 1976, came up through the ranks of the PYA programs of the late 1960's and early 1970's. He participated in PYA football, lacrosse, and archery. Roger reached early success as a PYA participant as a key member of Bill Pizzarelli's fourth grade football team that finished the season undefeated, untied, and unscored upon in 1968. Participation in championship teams continued in his midget lacrosse years under Harvey Cohen, and followed him to high school.

While he dabbled in wrestling and winter track at Schreiber, Roger went on to become a 2-sport star in high school and achieved the most success as captain of Port's football and lacrosse teams in the 1975-1976 school year. Under the helm of varsity coach Dan Biro, Roger and Schreiber sported two consecutive championship seasons, and went undefeated both years. He was named to the All-New York State football team in 1975 as a first team defensive back, as well as All-Long Island, All-Nassau County, and All-North Shore. Accordingly, he was voted outstanding player on that team in winning the Leo Costello Award.

Roger's all-around ability also came through in lacrosse as he was named an All-Division goalie on Port's lacrosse team in 1975 (the first year ever that the team qualified for the playoffs), and followed that up with All-Division and All-North Shore honors as a midfielder in 1976. He wrapped up his high school career with Schreiber's Scholar/Athlete and Sportsmanship awards as well.

Appointed to the US Naval Academy after high school, Roger played JV football as a freshman, and varsity lacrosse for 4 years. As a junior, he received a nomination to the USILA All-America team. Also during those 4 years, Navy was consistently ranked among the top 5 teams in the country each year. He received his degree in Naval Architecture in 1980.

Upon receiving his commission, he put in 8 years of active duty as a Naval Nuclear Submarine Officer. During that time, he received numerous personal and unit citations for operations in the Mediterranean Sea and Arctic Ocean during the cold war. Roger then served as a US Naval Reserve Officer, retiring as a Commander in 2000. Since then, he has been a Vice President of Program Development of General Dynamics Electric Boat Corp., the division that designs and builds nuclear submarines.

Roger has used his fine abilities and stellar background to continue to play post-collegiate club lacrosse over the past 20 years. He has starred for the Orlando (FL) Lacrosse Club, garnering All-Florida honors, the Maine Lacrosse Club, the Newport (RI) Lacrosse Club, the Annapolis Geezers (over 35) Lacrosse Club, and the Navy Old Goats (over 40) Club in the Vail, CO tournament. He has also coached collegiate lacrosse for the US Coast Guard Academy Club in New London, CT in 1986 and 1987, and at the high school level for East Catholic High School in East Hartford, CT from 1988-1989.

Roger still finds the time to be a devoted family man to his wife Jane (a Schreiber High School classmate) and their three sportsactive children Lindsey (19), Roger III (16), and Stephen (12).