

Port Washington Youth Activities

PYA HALL OF FAME

BILLY OMELTCHENKO



Billy Omeltchenko has been a member of the PYA board of directors since 1998. He served as President from 2005 – 2009, and before that had a 2-year stint as VP. Prior to that, he was a PYA coach (a total of 4 years as a head coach or assistant for basketball) and commissioner for both basketball (12 years) and baseball (6 years). He was also an assistant baseball coach for 2 years, and helped introduce the fall baseball program. His administrative talents also extended to a year as assistant football commissioner.

An effective fundraiser (he has spent 10 years on the PYA fundraising committee), Billy was instrumental in the capital development for the renovated Lions Field, as well as procuring donations for PYA's annual Hall of Fame Dinner Dance. He is in his 4th year as chairman of the Dinner Dance Committee. He also volunteers his time on the board of directors of St. Peter's CYO basketball.

Omeltchenko was raised in Great Neck, where he graduated from Great Neck North High School in 1974. An exceptional athlete, he received 9 varsity letters – 3 each for soccer, basketball, and baseball. As a senior, he was named All-Long Island in soccer, and was voted an All-Long Island basketball player in 1973 and 1974. He was also named to the All-Nassau County baseball team in 1974. These accomplishments led to his induction into the Great Neck Sports Hall of Fame and its basketball hall of fame.

Heavily recruited by numerous colleges for soccer, he opted instead for a collegiate career in basketball, his first love. Heading to Princeton University after high school, he was captain and MVP of the Tigers basketball team, graduating in 1978. He earned All-Ivy honors in both his junior and senior years for a team that was consistently ranked in the top 20 all 3 years he played on the varsity, including Ivy League championships in 1976 and 1977, and NCAA berths in both those years, too.

After graduating from Princeton, Billy briefly pursued a professional basketball career with the Tucson (AZ) Gunners of the Western Basketball Association (absorbed by the Continental Basketball Association).

Billy has worked on Wall Street for most of his post-basketball career with large broker-dealers and hedge funds. He is currently with Burke & Quick Partners in Uniondale as Co-Head of Equity Trading.

Billy and his wife Tonia are the parents of 3 children. Their oldest, Nick, just graduated with honors last month from Clemson University in South Carolina. Their younger son Nate will be entering his sophomore year at Clemson as well. Their daughter Maddie is their youngest, entering her senior year at Schreiber this fall. All three children played multiple sports in PYA – basketball, baseball, lacrosse, football, flag football, roller hockey, field hockey, and softball. They carried these skills and experiences to Schreiber High School as the boys were on the Viking football, basketball, and lacrosse teams. In addition, Maddie rows for the Viking crew team and is inspiring Billy to add that as the next PYA spring sport!