

The PYA HALL OF FAME



BARRY COHEN

Barry's entry into the Hall of Fame this evening establishes a precedent -- the recognition of the first father and son inductees. Guided by his father Harvey (our 1991 honoree), Barry very early on in his PYA playing days carved out his own niche as an athletically talented and versatile leader in our youth programs, Schreiber High School, and a stellar career at Ithaca College.

Following PYA football and lacrosse activity from 1966 to 1972, Barry continued these sports on the high school varsity level. Earning 8 varsity letters (3 each for lacrosse and wrestling, and 2 in football), his scholastic accomplishments saw him captain all three sports, and win Coach's Awards in each sport as well. From his North Shore wrestling championship victory in 1976 (where he was named Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament), to his being named a conference all-star in lacrosse that Senior year, Barry capped off his high school career by being named the winner of the John Michael Marino award for best male athlete at Schreiber in 1976.

Barry moved on to Ithaca College as a four year varsity starter, and each year from 1978 to 1980, he progressed from Honorable Mention, to Second Team, to First Team All-American honors in lacrosse. He was elected team captain in 1980, and consistently was a team scoring leader throughout his career as he helped lead Ithaca to an NCAA playoff berth in 1980. To this day, he remains 2nd all-time on Ithaca's list for career goals, assists, and total points. He was named to play in the North-South collegiate all-star lacrosse game at the end of his Senior year in 1980.

His post-collegiate athletic involvement consisted of stints with the Long Island Lacrosse Club in 1981, and with the North Hempstead Lacrosse Club from 1982 to 1985. He also kept active in the summer with Harvey's Lax Club in the renowned Freeport and Cantiague Park leagues.

While at Hofstra Law School where he concentrated in environmental law, he was president of the Hofstra Environmental Law Society and was a founder and contributing editor to the Hofstra Environmental Law Digest. Barry is currently a partner with the law firm of McMillan, Rather, Bennett & Rigano, PC. He chairs the Suffolk County Bar Association Environmental Law Committee, and is a board member of the Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation.

Continuing his involvement in youth sports that began with his refereeing of PYA midget football and lacrosse games while in high school, Barry has coached Port Washington high school players in the summer lacrosse programs, and has coached in the Three Village Youth Lacrosse Program for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders. He and his wife Kathleen live in Setauket with their three children, Danny, Teddy, and Katie Mae.

