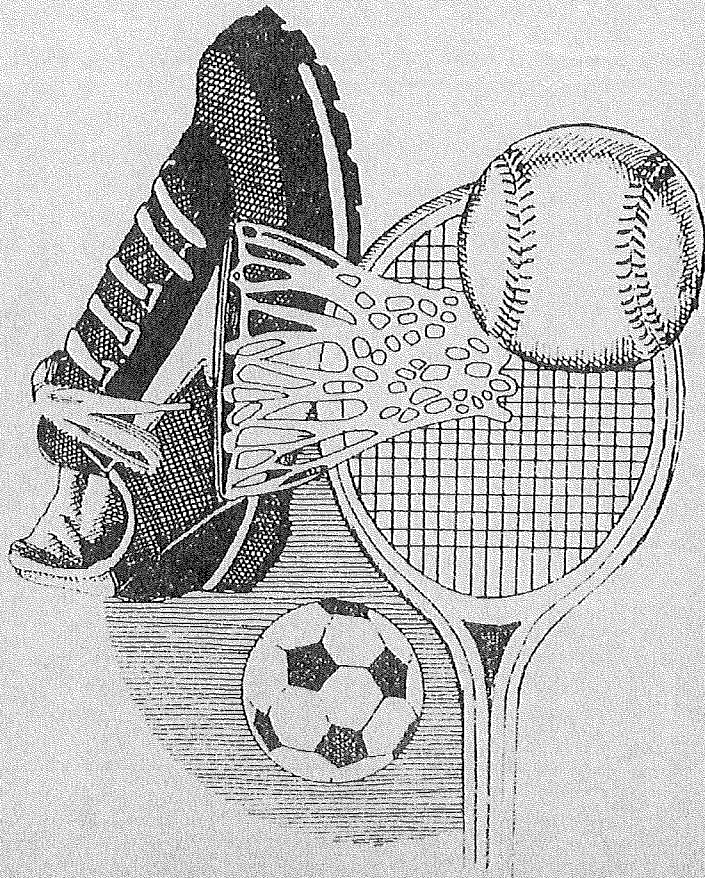


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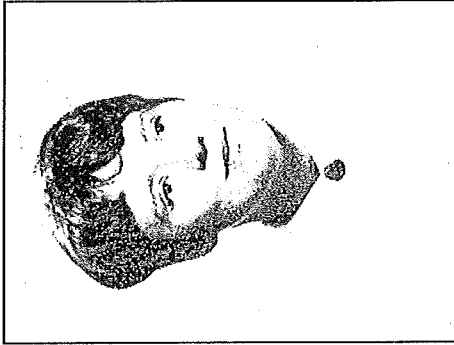
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Carol Torcellini

Class of 1969

Carol, a native of Ridgefield, lettered for three years in girls varsity basketball, field hockey and softball. In 1969 she was named Ridgefield High School Girl Athlete of the Year. Carol was the varsity forward in basketball, the center halfback in field hockey and the team catcher in softball. After high school Carol and Jay Seeley organized the Ridgefield Girls Softball Association. Carol played in the Ridgefield slow pitch league for thirty years alternating as a catcher, first base man, and shortstop and she also played for the Danbury Debs. She was the catcher on the Ridgefield Rockettes fast pitch softball team and played with teammates: Jay Seeley, Marie Frulla, Margaret Moylan, Elizabeth Stabile, Joanne Larvaierre, Cathy Shaw, Lynn Fenn and Kerry Molyneaux. In addition to her team participation Carol has been a coach of the Bethel Girls Youth Softball league and an active participant in the Cancer Relay for Life.

Carol was employed at the New England Institute for Cancer Research in the 70s and has been employed as a research scientist at Boehringer-Ingelheim for the past 25 years. She is currently active in road races and has placed in her age group on many occasions.

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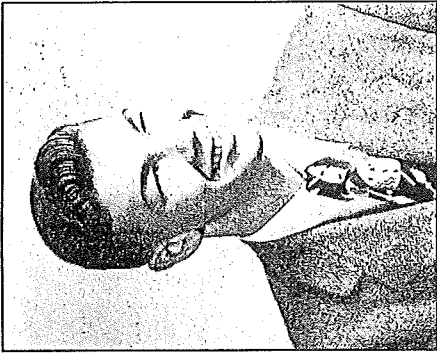
Thomas Cesca  
Class of 1973

Tom Cesca started for the RHS varsity basketball team in his sophomore, junior and senior years and started in the high school baseball line-up in his junior and senior years. He received All State honorable mention for basketball in his junior year. In his senior year he was named to the All FCIAC first team and was also named to the All State Class A team, the first FCIAC player in 34 years to be so honored. Cesca holds the RHS record for the most points scored during a basketball season, 515 points. In his senior year he averaged 27.1 points per game, 10 rebounds and 5 assists.

During his senior year he scored 87 points in merely one week of play against the Stamford Catholic and Roger Ludlowe varsity teams. Cesca was selected to play in the Albert Schweitzer tournament, a junior Olympic event, in Mannheim Germany. His team was the first U.S. team to win the tournament and his team members included Pickent Benson, a future NBA first round draft pick, and Marquette University star, Ulice Payne.

Cesca attended Alderson Broaddus College inn West Virginia on a basketball scholarship. After college he played softball for a number of years in the Ridgefield town league winning three championships while playing with the Gippers and one championship while playing with the Ancient Mariner team. He has coached Little League and Babe Ruth baseball in town and coached travel basketball in the RBA for both the boys and girls teams.

Cesca lives in town with his wife Celia and is the owner of Cesca Construction Inc. The Cesca's son, Tom Jr., attends Harvard University and their daughter, Kristin, is a freshman at Purdue University.



**DOUGLAS O. MAIN**  
Civic Award  
Class of 1949

Doug Main is a true "townie". Doug grew up in Ridgefield and learned the sports of basketball and baseball under the tutelage of Boys Club Director Ralph Crouchley. At Ridgefield High School under Coach Bill Allen Doug lettered in both football and basketball.

As a boy Doug was one of the treasured pinsetters at the Ridgefield Bowling Alleys (for newer residents, yes, we had bowling alleys and, no, pinsetting was not by machine) and set-up shotgun targets at Jim Smith's Turkey Shoots during the autumn Sundays. Doug served in the Navy during four years of the Korean War (1950-54) and returned to Ridgefield and began work at EMR. He also managed the company softball team in the Ridgefield Softball League. During the winter months Doug bowled for EMR, first in Ridgefield's Duck Pin League and later in the Danbury Ten Pin League.

Doug received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Western Connecticut State University. In 1958 he married Louise Torcellini at St. Mary's in Ridgefield. Doug and Louise have three children, Nancy, Stephen and Elizabeth and two grandchildren, Courtney and Stephanie.

In 1955 when the Ridgefield Volunteer Fire Department organized a drum and bugle corps named the Flamesmen Doug joined as a bugler. The Flamesmen rehearsed at the firehouse and for many years supported the volunteers at parades and official functions.

In the early sixties Doug worked on the construction of the Ridgefield Little League Fitzgerald Field and later, in the sixties and seventies, he managed and coached several Little League teams. Doug was also the Ridgefield Press reporter for the Red Raiders games and covered some of his daughter's softball league games.

Doug Main was chosen by the Old Timers as a co-recipient of the ROTA Civic Award for 45 years of outstanding service that he and Rene Franks have performed for the town and the American Legion in planning and coordinating Ridgefield's Memorial Day Parade. From 1958 to the present, this traditional New England town parade has grown from a small march from the center of town to the North Street Cemetery and back, to a large winding parade with numerous marching bands and floats and many, many children. Doug has also been involved with the other veterans groups in marking the approximately 550 town veterans' graves with wreaths and flags for Memorial Day.

Since 1991 Doug has also been actively working with the Ridgefield Graveyard Committee repairing and restoring broken and fallen gravestones.

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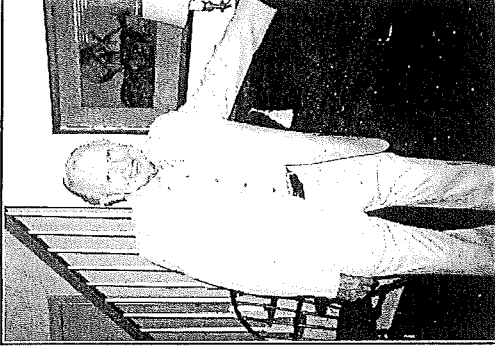
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Jim Bacchiochi

Jim was the youngest of the four Bacchiochi brothers. Joe was the oldest brother, Aldo was the family's ace mechanic; John was one of Ridgefield's best baseball players and Jim enjoyed operating the heavy equipment for the family construction business.

Although Bacchiochi makes light of his high school athletic prowess (telling Paul Baker that he spent more time chasing young ladies than fly balls) Jim was a stalwart first baseman for the RHS and was on the team led by Chuck Walker that lost in the finals of the league championship game to New Milford. In basketball he scored 18 points to lead Ridgefield's defeat of Bassick High, one of New England's best teams at the time.

Bacchiochi married Gloria Ciccarone in 1945 capturing her heart as a young piano player in an orchestra that included Dick Venus, Paul Waldarke and Val Vaturi at the Ciccarone family's Avalon Inn.

Bacchiochi was a co-pilot in the Army Air Force and flew B-24s. But flying was an unexpected military pursuit for Jim, he said that he had been talked into becoming a pilot prior to WWII while he was operating heavy equipment at a construction site in Bermuda.

Bacchiochi studied classical piano under Charlotte Boyce on New Street but learned that dance music was profitable and enjoyable. Old Ridgefielders will remember dancing to his music with the Hank Noble orchestra at the Three Pines. Jim still "tinkers" with the piano at home and will probably be at the keyboard when he and Gloria celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year along with their three children, Jim, Lynn Hill and Lisa Auer and their seven grandchildren and three great grand children

## Best Wishes to

## All the Old and New Old Timers

## Thanks for the Memories!

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**THOMAS SANTINI**  
Class of 1968

Thomas Santini, son of Julius and Angelina (nee Lavatori) Santini of Bailey Avenue was a home-grown, in-town champion all of his life. Playing basketball at St. Mary's School in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, he and his teammates won the Danbury Parochial School League championship. Bill Elliot, past Old timers' honoree, was the coach and his team members included familiar names in town sports from the late sixties, including Jim Tarsi, Tom's brother, Peter Santini, Bob Petri, Jim Warner, John Pierandri, Mark Mulvaney and Harry Bennett. Tom played Red Raiders football under Coach Bill Anthony, Little League under Jack Yellock and Babe Ruth, where he was Rookie of the Year under Coach Ray Nicholas. In track and field, Tom won the first Ridgefield Boys Club Summer Decathalon in 1964.

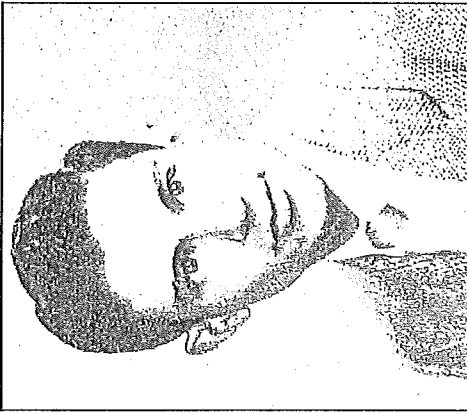
Tom played RHS football for four years and lettered in three of those years. He was a starting lineman in his junior and senior year and in his senior year he co-captained the Tigers with John Stolle in RHS' first and only undefeated/united team. Tom earned both All-Area and All-WCC honors in his senior year and still holds the single game RHS record for most consecutive kicked points following touchdowns.

Tom played four years of RHS basketball. He was the Tigers' starting guard for two of those years and earned All Area and All WCC honors in his senior year.

Tom also lettered in RHS baseball. As the team catcher in his junior and senior years, RHS won the WCC championship both years.

After graduating from RHS Tom entered the U.S. Army and served from 1969 to 1971. He was in the Honor Guard stationed at Fort Meyers, Virginia and his duties included guarding the President and foreign dignitaries.

Tom currently operates his own business, Santini Lawn Cutting.



**Robert P. Pambianchi**  
Class of 1952

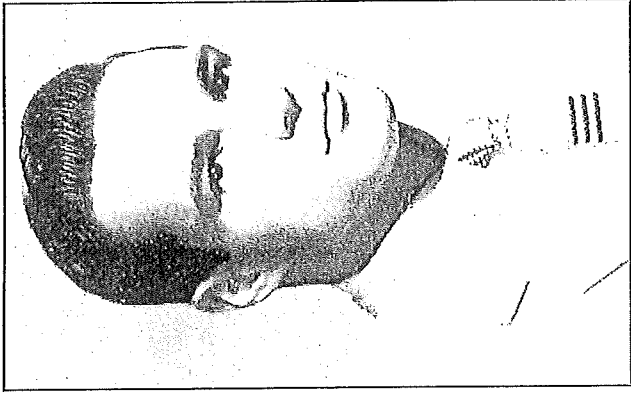
Like most of our honorees Bob Pambianchi began playing organized sports at the Ridgefield Boys Club under the direction of Ralph Crouchley. At age 16 he began working at Edgar Rapp's Bissell's soda fountain under Squash's direction. When Squash moved across the street to Finch's United Cigar Store Bob followed him to work at the soda fountain.

The RHS Class of 1952 was small and there were only six boys in the class ("it was too small to even have a senior prom."). As a result the same boys played on all the teams. Bob played football, basketball and baseball for four years at RHS. He was the captain of each team. Bob played quarterback for the six-man Orange and Black football squad and was a centerfielder and third baseman for the baseball team. Bob said that he played just about every position in the basketball squad except cleaning out the gym after games. In 1952 he was awarded the Knights of Columbus Athletic Award.

Bob attended the University of Connecticut and then served in the Army for two years. Stationed in Puerto Rico he described those years as some of the best of his life, "Where can you play baseball for two years and get paid for it." Lt. Pambianchi was discharged in 1957 and returned to Ridgefield before moving to Monroe.

Bob worked in the insurance industry for fifteen years and then purchased a liquor store in Monroe. After a few years he open another in Bridgeport. After thirty-five years of retail operations he recently retired.

Bob and his late wife, Sheila, had two children, Kathleen and Stephen.



**BILL POLVERARI**  
Class of 1956

Native Ridgefielder Bill Polverari began playing organized sports under Ralph Crouchley's direction at the old Boys Club on Governor Street. Bill was the RBC pitcher and Art Keeler was his catcher.

Bill played four years of football, basketball and baseball at RHS. With a class of only 32 students, all of the teams were pretty much filled with the same players. Bill was the Orange and Black quarterback on a six man football team that included fellow seniors, Dick Bellagamba, Jack Hughes, Art Keeler, Jack Ralston and others. Bill pitched for the RHS baseball team and was a guard on the basketball squad.

Following graduation in 1956, Bill attended Danbury State Teachers College and spent three years in the U.S. Army stationed first with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborn at Fort Bragg and then in Germany. In 1959, while playing halfback for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborn football team, Bill and his teammates won the United States Armed Forces in Europe Championship.

After completing his military service, Bill returned to his hometown and began working as a mason for his father. Years later Bill opened his own masonry business. He moved to Florida in 1992 and worked as a production manager for Sears' Roofing Services South Florida Region. He joined Home Depot in the same capacity and finally retired last year. Bill has four grown children.

# Congratulations

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## Old Timers

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2005: Jim Bacchiochi  
Renzo Falcinelli  
Bill Polverari  
Bob Pambianchi  
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Carol Torcellini  
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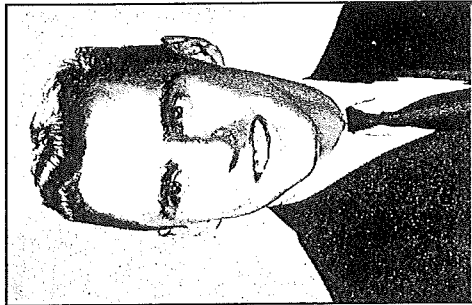
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Richard Polverari

Class of 1965

Richard Polverari, a native of Ridgefield, started in Ridgefield sports at an early age and continued his achievements in athletics throughout his school years at Ridgefield High. Polverari was a member of the Ridgefield midget football team that coaches Peter Yanity and George Fasola brought to the national championship game in the Orange Bowl in 1958. As a youth he played basketball for St. Mary's both during the regular season and in tournaments throughout the state and in neighboring New York. Polverari was also one of the team members of the nearly formed Ridgefield Little League and the town's Babe Ruth team. Like his teammates, Julius "Bugsy" Santini, Harry Pierandri, Paul Carboni, Joey Korczynski, Chip Bliss and Brad Mortensen, Polverari was one of the town's star athletes who propelled Ridgefield High into league championship play in the mid 60s.

At RHS Polverari received four varsity letters for baseball, three varsity letters for basketball and two varsity letters for football. He also was awarded the Ridgefield Townies Sportsmanship Award in his senior year. Polverari said that one of his most memorable high school games was the 1964 Ridgefield-Ellington semi-final state championship when in the last seven seconds he sank two foul shots to put Ridgefield ahead in the game.

After graduation Polverari received his Bachelor of Science degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation from Southern Connecticut State. He continued his graduate studies at Southern in the fields of vocational education and architecture.

Polverari taught physical education at Branchville School from 1970 until 1974. He left the Ridgefield school system to open his own sporting goods company. He also began teaching in the Connecticut vocational schools throughout the state including Abbott Tech in Danbury where he later became head of the education department. Polverari retired from state service in 2003.

In addition to varsity athletics Polverari played in the Ridgefield Slow Pitch softball league from 1970 until 1979 and was the league treasurer from 1970 until 1973. He also coached the East Ridge Junior High basketball team in the 1970s.

Polverari married Kathleen McClellan, a fellow member of the Class of 1965 and RHS varsity cheerleader. They have been married for 37 years and have two children, Stephanie and Scott, and four grandchildren. The Polveraris currently live in Holland,





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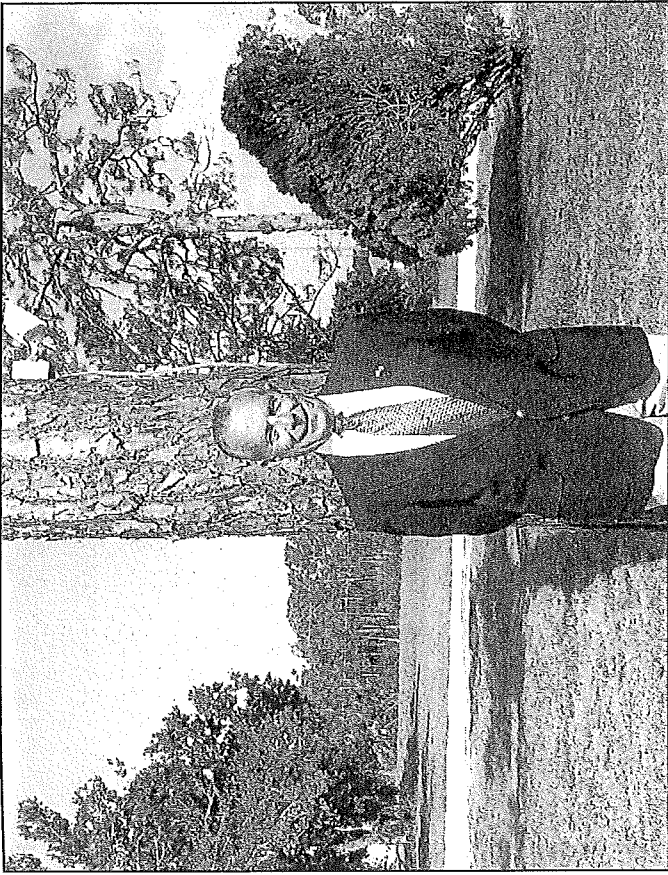
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RENE E. FRANKS  
Civic Award

Rene Franks is the co-recipient of the ROTA 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Civic Award. Rene has resided in Ridgefield since 1946. Most Ridgefielders know Rene for his work and dedication in organizing and coordinating the Town's annual Memorial Day parade. Rene first began working on the parades with Harold Scott and continued to work with Harold for several years. After Harold Scott died, Rene took over management of the event and, despite kidding from the Police Department that he had created a "monster" parade that continued to grow every year, the Memorial Day event always ran smoothly under his coordination. After many years of managing the parade, Doug Main came to Rene's assistance and, Rene says, "I now helped him." Rene also began coordinating the Town's Veteran's Day ceremonies about the same as began working on the parade and has continued to coordinate it to the present time. Rene worked with Dick Venus on the Town's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee and when the Selectmen wanted a Flag Day celebration, they turned to Rene. He has been responsible for it ever since. He worked on the renovation of the American Legion Hall with his fellow Legionnaires and designed and built a replica of the Cass Gilbert fountain to 1/8th scale, won first place at the Town's 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade. Rene and his wife of 59 years, Dottie, have served as co-chairmen of the Girl Scout's Camp Catoonah. The Franks had three children, Donna, Carol and one son, Rene (or, "Rip"), who passed away in 1976. There are now three grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren to carry on the Rene tradition of continuous public service.



## Our History continued

The award of the scholarship changed in Oct 1996 when our first female Scholarship Athlete Janine Murphy was honored. She was involved in three sports and numerous civic endeavors. 1997 saw another change when we honored two scholar athletes with two scholarships, Charles Bliss and Kerry Bennett; this practice holds true today and the value of the award has grown thanks to the hard work of the club members traveling about the town gathering new Ads and sponsors. The popularity of the event has also created a ticket shortage as the supporters (You All) now buy early and the event is sold out by the first week in October.

In our second year, we introduced the Civic Award and the first recipient was Bob Tulipani; who is still a very active club member. As numerous names came up for the first Civic award a list was formulated, just as had been done for possible sports recipients. In our third year of operation Beth Yanity became the first female Civic Award winner. The first female members joined the board in 1999 when Sandy Pierandri Mosiello became our third secretary. Over these many years often both a Civic and Special Award were presented in the same year. A changing club, and a very good master of ceremonies, created another problem. The motivational guest speakers once thought necessary for a good event began to stretch late into the evening, guests desired to hear more from the award winners: so when the event ran until 11:10 in 1999 the speakers were eliminated. With the era of the guest speaker now gone, Paul Baker has much more time for his colorful stories and "tall tales" (carefully polished to protect the innocent). In 2002 Tom Belote began to co-host with Paul.

In summation to paraphrase the USMC "*we are always looking for a few very good hard working members.*" So if you wish to join us send a note to Chairman ROTA Post Office Box 436 Ridgefield, CT 06877-0436. We want to put you on our list of members, and have you join us at our new year meeting in March, 2006.

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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

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As the club continues its efforts in meeting the needs of tomorrow's scholars/athletes, it also cannot survive without your support. And your support can come not only from your financial participation, for which we are very thankful, but also from your volunteering. We ask that any of you who have either been recognized in the past or share our interest in helping tomorrow's youth, come forward and become part of a wonderful organization. The time commitment is minimal and the emotional return is great!

I would like to extend my many thanks to the usual cast of characters who reliably pitch in and do their share whether on selection committees or in the routine of running the organization. Also special thanks to the American Legion for the use of their facility for our meetings.

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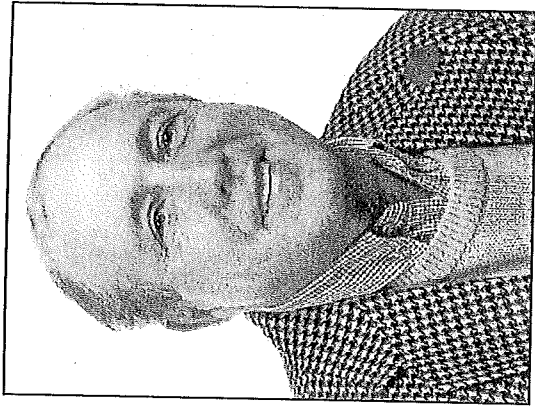
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**ALCINO DINIZ**  
**ROTA 2005 Special Award**

The Ridgefield Old Timers Association voted unanimously to honor Al Diniz with their 2005 Special Award. Ridgefield can boast of a robust youth soccer program and successful high school soccer programs because of the many years of volunteer service given to the town by Al Diniz.

Al was a soccer star who for 35 years played for many teams in the Connecticut League. He was named the Outstanding Player in the ASL and CSL during the 1950's and 1960's. Al was elected to the Danbury Portuguese Community's Soccer Hall of Fame in 1997 and to the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame in 2005. He was also honored for his soccer achievements at the Embassy of Portugal in Washington, D.C. and in 1981 and 1986 was named Coach of the Year by the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association. Al has received special recognition from the United States Soccer Federation Association as well as from the F.I.F.A.

Al Diniz was one of the three founding members of SCOR. The SCOR Annual Scholarship Award is named after him. In 1981 Ridgefield dedicated the Diniz Soccer Field in his honor. As a coach for SCOR, Al's 14-16 boy's teams won two State titles in 1978 and 1981 and his under 19 year old teams won the McGuire Cup in 1978, 1985 and 1986. Al coached the RHS soccer team for 31 years and accumulated a record of 343 wins, 140 losses and 40 ties. He has 4 LL titles, 2 State titles (1983 and 1984), 5 FCJAC championships, 8 division titles and 7 FCJAC finals to his credit. Al was named high school Coach of the Year in 1998 and 2003. He received the Southern Connecticut Soccer Officials' Golden Whistle Award and the Sportmanship Award from Western Connecticut Soccer Officials Association. In 2003 Al was named National Coach of the Year for Connecticut.

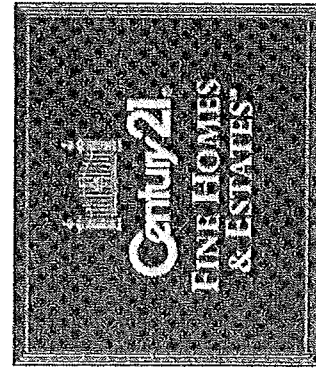
Al has coached three high school All-American players, seven All New England players, numerous All-State players and one National Olympic Team player who is now an Assistant Coach of a national team.

# Congratulations 2005 Ridgefield Old Timers!

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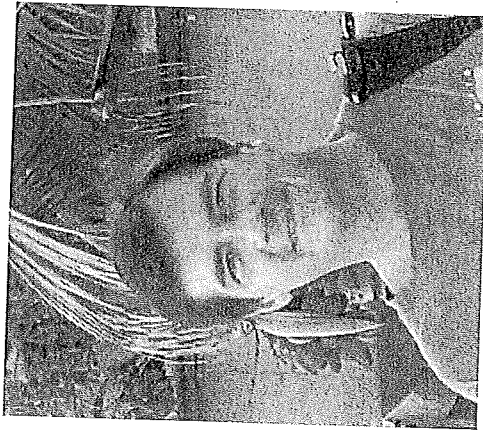
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**GREGG HUTCHINGS**  
Class of 1976

Greg Hutchings was one of Ridgefield's best athletes of the mid-seventies. Gregg moved to Ridgefield in 1974 after completing a championship ice hockey season in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. He quickly established himself on the Ridgefield varsity hockey squad and lettered in the two years before his graduation in 1976. In his senior year, Gregg was named All-FCIAC East and received an honorable mention for All-State. He attended the University of Connecticut and was four-year letterman on the UConn ice hockey team. In 1979 he led the team in scoring with 37 points and, in 1980, became the defense all-time leading scorer with 102 points. Gregg was on the Dean's List throughout his four years at UConn and, at graduation in 1980, was named the University Scholar/Athlete.

After college, Gregg returned to Ridgefield and, in 1981, was appointed the RHS assistant ice hockey coach. In 1987 he became the team's head coach, a position until his resignation in 1992.

Since 1986 Gregg has been a partner in Barbeau-Hutchings Advertising, a business-to-business advertising firm. He is married to Ridgefielder Manette Courtney and has four children: Mariah, the RHS 2005 Class President who now attends Boston College, Brendan, who plays ice hockey and Lacross at RHS, Madelaine, a dancer and field and ice hockey player and Melissa, who is also a dancer and field and ice hockey player.

Gregg has been actively involved as a coach in youth hockey for the travel team, the girls' hockey team and the midget fall league. He is a member of the Ridgefield Ice Hockey Booster Club and is currently involved in its fund raising campaign. Gregg has played softball in the Ridgefield Men's League since 1981 and in 2002 was named MVP after his team won the C Division Championship.

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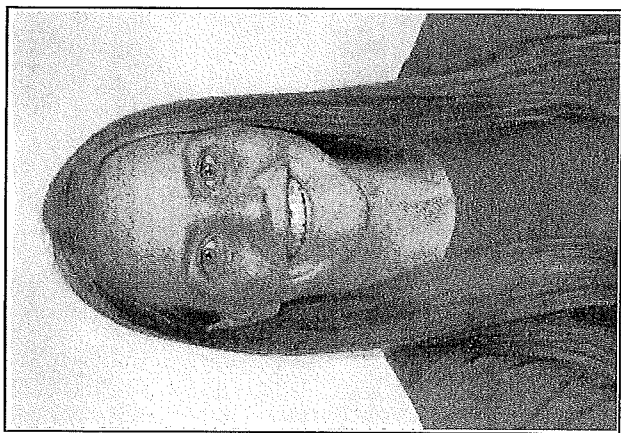
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**COURTNEY DOAK**  
2005 Scholarship Recipient

Courtney Doak is one of the two RHS scholar/athletes to be selected as 2005 ROTA scholarship recipients.

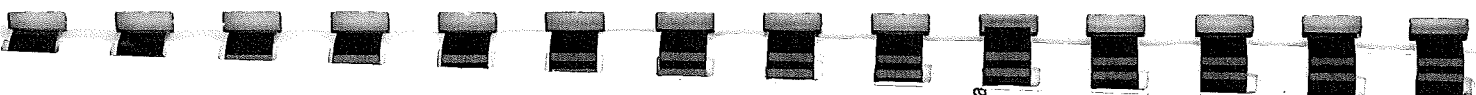
Courtney played varsity soccer at RHS for four years. Playing center midfielder, she was ALL FCIAC in both her junior and senior year and was named ALL-AREA by the Danbury News Times in her senior year. She was the recipient of the FCIAC Scholar/Athlete Award and led the varsity in scoring and assists for two years. Courtney also played JV basketball and ran outdoor track for two years. In addition to her RHS soccer achievements, her South Central Diamond Premiere team won the 2005 Connecticut State Championship.

Courtney excelled in academics just as she did in athletics. She was a member of the National Honor Society and ranked in the top ten of her class. Courtney was continuously on the High Honor Roll at RHS and received awards for Excellence for pre-Calculus honors, physics, chemistry, global history and English honors. She also achieved Advanced Placement in U.S. History and was an RHS scholar/athlete nominee.

Courtney was a member of the RHS Captains Council, the Student Union and Future Business Leaders and participated in the RHS Invitational Leadership Conference and Safe Rides.

Although Courtney worked throughout high school as a baby-sitter and camp counselor, she made time for public service. Courtney volunteered at the Ridgefield Library and was a volunteer Youth Soccer Coach. She participated in the Grassroots Soccer-Kick Aids program which raised money to train pro soccer players to promote HIV/AIDS prevention in Africa.

Courtney is attending Bucknell University and is a member of the university's soccer team.



**DEREK NAULT**  
ROTA 2005 Scholarship Award

Derek is one of the Ridgefield Old Timers Association's scholarship recipients. As a scholar/athlete at Ridgefield High School, he lettered in varsity Lacrosse and skiing for four years and played on the Tiger varsity football team for three years. Derek attended advance placement and honors classes throughout his four years at RHS and maintained a minimum grade point average of 3.8. He was the Captain of the high school ski team and President of the RHS Captains Council. He was a member of the Student Council and the Vice President of Ridgefield Safe Rides.

Derek was equally active outside RHS. He worked after school jobs throughout high school yet made time to be a volunteer coach for the youth Lacrosse program. He was a congregational Church H.O.M.E. Trip volunteer and participated for two years in the Dana Farber Cancer Center Pan Mass Challenge, a 200 mile fund raising bike ride from Sturbridge to the Cape Cod and Boston.

Derek is attending the University of Vermont where he has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship.