

# 2003 INDUCTEES



## KENNY CASOLA BOXING

In a boxing career spanning seven years and nearly 100 fights with only 27 losses, Sault Ste. Marie's Kenny Casola became a notable amateur boxer at home and Nation wide. He was recognized by fellow athletes and fans as a real contender in both National and International Boxing. It became clear early on that Kenny was going have a great career, when in 1977 he won The Golden Gloves Championship in his weight class after only two rounds. He continued to bring great honour and recognition to the Soo Boxing Club.

His accomplishments include:

- 1976 Junior Olympics Provincial Silver Championship-Silver Medal
- 1978 Milwaukee Golden Gloves Championship Runner Up
- 1978 International Competition - Cranbrook B.C. – Ontario Golden Glove Champion.
- 1978 Bronze Medal, New Zealand's Summer Games
- 1978 Bronze Medal, Acropolis Greece
- 1978 New York State Runner Up-Golden Gloves
- 1980 Ontario Championship Silver Medal, Mini Olympics Africa



## KARL HULT POWERLIFTING

In powerlifting there are three movements at which the 'pure' strength from the participant is tested; the squat, the bench press and the deadlift. The sport, which requires extreme dedication, was adopted locally in 1972 after the International Olympic Committee added the sport to the 1976 Summer Games. Karl Hult was one of the original members of the Soo's first powerlifting club. By the end of 1979, Karl was ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the world, lifting an overall total of 1,707 lbs. at the Ontario Powerlifting Champs. He was recognized nationally when he was awarded the National Achievement Award for his distinguished performance in the field of amateur sport.

His accomplishments include:

- Set a Canadian record benchpressing 425 lbs. in the 242 lbs. weight class at the Northern Ontario Championships. At 220 lbs., he set new Canadian records lifting 558 lbs. in squat and benchpressing 430 lbs.
- Member of the Canadian Powerlifting Team and competed at the World Powerlifting Championships: Quebec City, Canada 1974; York, Pennsylvania, USA 1976; Turku, Finland 1978; Dayton, Ohio, USA 1979; Norway 1986; and Hamilton, Canada 1993.
- **1996** Canadian Record at the Masters Bench Press Championships in Leduc, AB, Windsor, N.S., and Cornwall, ON
- **1998** Canadian Record at the Masters Bench Press Championships in Guelph and Kitchener, ON.



## BRUNO OCHMAN WRESTLING

Bruno's wrestling career took off in 1956 at the Canadian Amateur Wrestling Championships in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Bruno won gold in his division and was awarded the honour of representing his country in the Summer Olympics later that year in Melbourne, Australia. Bruno was an exceptional athlete in his day, and his achievements demonstrate the very best of an amateur's career. He not only represented Canada, but also his community at a level of athletic excellence deserving of celebration.

His accomplishments include:

- **1956** Canadian Amateur Wrestling Champion
- **1956** Olympics in Melbourne Australia.
- **1959** Canadian Wrestling Champion.
- **1959** Silver Medal at the Pan Am Games
- **1960** H.P. Broughton Memorial Trophy recipient.
- Fourth Recipient of the Sault Ste. Marie Sportsperson of the Year



## RUSS RAMSAY BUILDER

Russ Ramsay was a leader in local sport broadcasting who tirelessly highlighted and promoted every sport in our city. He was a good will ambassador who strived for excellence and always made time for the people in Sault Ste. Marie, especially for our sports community. He was recognized as a local sports historian and for his enormous pride in our community and its athletes. He also organized, coached and managed a multitude of recreational teams, including hockey, softball, basketball and volleyball.

His accomplishments include:

- **1993** For his service as executive vice-president and general manager of the Industrial Accident Prevention Association, his dedication to improving the quality of life in work places and communities and his many years as the City's representative at Queen's Park, he was awarded with Canada's most prestigious and highest honour, the Governor General's Order of Canada
- **1977** Medal of Merit, the City's highest award for a major contribution to the community
- **1973** Inducted into Sault Ste. Marie Hockey Hall of Fame as a builder
- Established the Rotary Russ Ramsay High School Sports Hall of Fame award and was the first inductee
- President and Manager of the senior Greyhounds
- **1975** Inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame
- **1952 - 1969** Single-handedly initiated, organized and managed the Rotary Sports Celebrity Dinners
- Organized, coached and managed recreational sports teams: hockey, softball, basketball, and volleyball
- **1967** Citizen of the Year Award by B'nai B'rith
- Created a high school B'nai B'rith award, which goes to the male student who best combines athletic ability and academics



## ROMI KANJO RINAS

### JUDO

Judo develops self-discipline and respect for oneself and others. It provides the means for learning self-confidence, concentration and leadership as well as physical coordination, power and flexibility. In 1972, Judo attracted the attention of Soo native Romi Kanjo Rinas. An enthusiastic and active participant in the Judo club at the local YMCA, Romi was a student and a well recognized and awarded competitor. In February 1976, 15-year-old Romi claimed victory at the Ontario Winter games, winning the gold medal in the women's under 121 pounds class and bringing great honour and recognition to Sault Ste. Marie.

Her accomplishments include:

- **1977** Canadian Judo Championship - Silver Medal
- **1977** Canadian Judo Championship – Bronze Medal
- **1978** Canadian Judo Championships – Gold Medal
- **1979** Highest degree Black Belt – Shodan