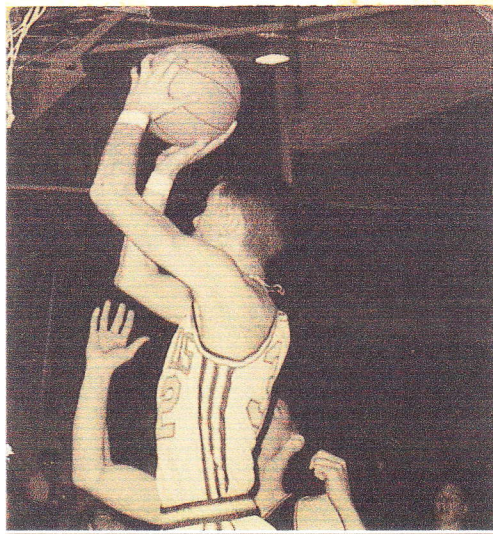
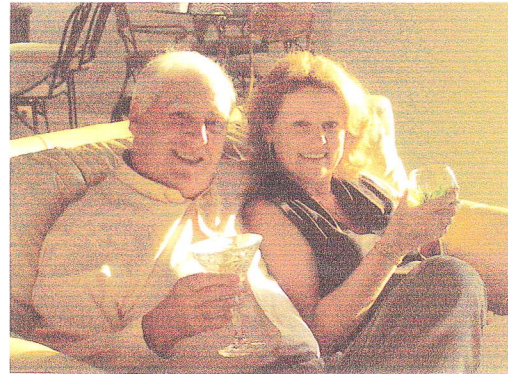


2007 SAUGERTIES SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Tim Murphy



Tim Then



Tim Now with wife Jo Ann

Tim Murphy was born April 28, 1948 to Bud and Dolly Murphy. He and his siblings (Tom, Jim, Bill, Peg and Patty) grew up around sports in Saugerties. He married his wife JoAnn on January 31, 1970 and they had four children (Melissa, Erin, Brian and Kevin). Their family has been enriched with their grandchildren Scott, Shane, Jace, Jack, Mikayla. Another grandchild is on the way.

After high school Tim went on to graduate from Siena College, where he served in the ROTC program, in 1970. He then went on to graduate from the Albany Law School in 1973. After which he served in the United States Army. He was discharged in 1977 as a captain. He has been a practicing attorney in Saugerties since 1974. He served as Town Justice, Ulster County Assistant District Attorney and Ulster County Public Defender. He was a member of the Post 72 Sports Committee for 15 years. He is a former member of the Lions Club and SAA Board of Directors. He is a current member of the New York State and Ulster County Bar Association, the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, Associate of Trial Lawyers of America and the American Legion.

Tim's involvement in sports began at the age of 8. He played in the Saugerties Little League. He was a catcher/first baseman for the Yankees playing for Hugo Knauert and Ernie Schirmer. Around this time he was asked to serve as batboy for the Saugerties High baseball team by Coach Bill Straub. He went on to play in the Babe Ruth League on the American Legion team for Ike Perks and George Woods. In his three years in the league his team won three championships. He played one year of varsity baseball as a catcher for the Sawyers. After high school he began playing softball for Ted's Exxon in

1968. He went on in the 1970's to play for AJ Farms, coached by Joe Mayone, the Flamingo and Eveready Beverage teams. During his softball career he captured two home run titles and two batting crowns. He has also appeared in the SAA Labor Day Tournament with Murphy's Pub. Tim remembers fondly "being the oldest guy on the team and he was the catcher, and throwing out the first runner attempting to steal and hitting a home run in my first at bat." While he was active as a player Tim also coached. He served 18 years as coach of the Dodgers in the Saugerties Little League. He went on to serve as an assistant to Tony Konopka with Cardinals in the Babe Ruth League. As a sponsor he has served the youth of Saugerties by sponsoring teams in the Little League, Babe Ruth League, soccer league, SAA basketball and softball teams for many years.

In addition to baseball, Tim also played basketball. He started out in the SAA Biddy League on the Nationals team coached Jack Welton and Mike Sommers. In 1961 he was selected to the all-star team. This special team earned its way to the New York State Biddy League finals. In the semi-finals they defeated Syracuse in a real thriller which they won on a buzzer beater shot by teammate Bobby Whitney. The team lost in the finals to a powerhouse team from New York City. He went on to play on the Saugerties High School 7th and 8th grade team, JV team for two years and two years of varsity basketball, which was coached by Bud Smith. In his senior season he was named captain. After high school many years of basketball followed. He was a founding captain in the Saugerties Premier League for the Irish team. He played most of his years for the Naccarato Insurance team with his long time friend Jack Naccarato. He also played in the SAA Half Court League where he won a few scoring titles and was awarded the Bud Smith Award while playing for Murphy's with his three brothers. He then ended his playing career by playing in the Kingston Over 30 League for five or six years.

As this is not enough Tim also competed in track and field at Saugerties High School for three years. He participated in the long jump, triple jump, high jump and relay team events. He is also an avid golfer belonging to the Wiltwyck Country Club where he is a 16-handicap player while enjoying his time on the links. He still enjoys watching his favorite teams, the Boston Red Sox, Boston Celtics and Washington Redskins, on TV.



Tim tees off

When asked who his greatest inspiration in sports is Tim quickly answered “My father”, Hall of Famer Bud Murphy. In addition when asked what his greatest sports thrill he replied, “Watching my four children playing sports.” The memories and good times watching all of his kids accomplish so much in all their sporting endeavors. Can you imagine the joy derived from watching your children playing competitive field hockey, cross country, basketball, lacrosse, baseball and softball. It is obvious when speaking with Tim that although he has accomplished so much in his own contribution to Saugerties sports, that his love of family far surpasses any of his personal achievements.



Tim's dad and inspiration, Bud Murphy

Congratulations and thank you for your many contributions to Saugerties sports. Your induction to the Saugerties Sports Hall of Fame is well deserved.

