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The Rams and the Snow Family present a \$25,000 check to the St. Louis Chapter. L-R: **Bob Bunton, Pam Benoist, Stephanie Snow-Gebel, Michelle Peters and J. T. Snow.**

## Jack Snow In Memoriam

This May, the **Tom Lombardo (St. Louis) Chapter** will present its inaugural Jack Snow Award. Named in honor of the late **Jack Snow**, who passed away in January of 2006, the award is sustained by a \$25,000 endowment. The St. Louis Rams and the Snow Family established the award with the proceeds from a recent charity golf tournament in memory of the former All-Pro Los Angeles Rams and Notre Dame All-America.

Prior to his passing, Snow, 62, worked with **Steve Savard** as the announcing team for the Rams radio network, forming one of the NFL's most respected and entertaining radio tandems.

"Jack was a frequent guest speaker at our chapter's monthly meetings," said Savard, a staunch chapter member and longtime banquet emcee. "He supported our mission of promoting amateur football. He'd be thrilled that proceeds from his tournament benefit young men who excel both on and off the football field."

Savard will play a key role in the selection process of the award, which will carry a \$2,000 scholarship for a scholar-athlete chosen for his combined excellence.

"We are very thankful to Steve, The Rams, the Snow Golf Committee and the Snow Family for making this generous contribution to our chapter and our mission," said chapter president **Bob Bunton**.

Prior to the Rams, Snow caught passes at Notre Dame, including a record-setting 1964 senior season with 60 receptions from Hall of Fame quarterback **John Huarte**.

Drafted eighth overall by the Minnesota Vikings, Snow was quickly traded to the Rams where he spent his entire 11-year career.

## CHAPTER PLAY-BY-PLAY

The **Eastern Massachusetts (Boston) Chapter** voted to rename itself the **Jack Grinold Chapter** in honor of its longtime leader. Grinold, the chapter's executive director for several decades, is also a past president. He received the chapter's 1993 Contribution to Amateur Football Award, and the national office has honored him with a 1996 Leadership Award.

The local media filled the void for the event, which normally attracts over 500 people, by publicizing the six scholarship winners, which were evenly split between backs and linemen from the Southwest region of Washington.



**WSU's Bill Doba**



**Jack Grinold & Chapter President Dave Harrison**

Grinold has served as director of sports information at Northeastern University for 45 years and associate athletics director for 20 years. He has been to over 450 Northeastern football games, and hasn't missed a game since Sept. 22, 1962. ■

Washington State head football coach **Bill Doba** was set to be the keynote speaker at the **Clark County Chapter Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet** on Jan. 17. A massive snowstorm forced the chapter to cancel the banquet.

"Mother Nature won this round," said chapter president **Gery Gehrmann** to the *Columbian*, the local newspaper. "We'll be back next year at the same place and same time."

The chapter distributed a total of \$15,000, including two \$3,500 scholarships that are sponsored by Buffalo Bills kicker **Rian Lindell** and by **LSW Architecture**. **The West Coast Bank** and **Buddy Brocker** sponsor the two \$2,500 scholarships, and **Chuck Furno** and **Curt Warner** sponsor the two \$1,500 scholarships. ■

Under the leadership of chapter president **Len Genova**, the NFF held two Long Island, New York functions in December with both

events attracting record numbers. The **Nassau Chapter** held its 11<sup>th</sup> annual banquet Dec. 3, attracting 300 supporters while the **Suffolk Chapter** banquet drew 340 people to its 12<sup>th</sup> annual affair on Dec. 10.

At the Nassau chapter event, QB **Jay Fiedler**, who played in the NFL for 11 seasons after graduating from Dartmouth, was honored along side **Howie Vogts**, the head coach at Bethpage High School for over 50 years and New York State's all-time winningest coach with over 340 victories.

At the Suffolk Chapter event, **Derric Rossy**, who played at Boston College, and **John Niland**, who played at Iowa before his NFL career with the Dallas Cowboys were honored along with Amityville coach **Lou Howard**. ■



**Jay Fiedler**

**Two Minute Drill**

**Ron Shrum** is the new president of the **Tri Cities (Tenn.) Chapter**, replacing **Arnold Whisnant** after 5 years... **Leo Sanford** replaces the deceased **Tony Sardisco** as president of the **S.M. McNaughton (Shreveport, La.) Chapter** with **Bobby Aillet** as vice-president and **Toni Goodin** as secretary/treasurer... **The Midlands (Columbia, S.C.) Chapter** president **Art Baker** reports a board expansion to 25 working members with a new membership drive underway. ■



**The Hawaii Chapter** will hold its annual banquet on May 6, distributing \$12,000 to 12 scholar-athletes. Last year, 350 people attended the chapter's event at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel to honor the scholar-athletes, who were adorned in leis, as the chapter also presented a Contribution to Amateur Football Award, a Coaches Award, and a Community Service Award. **Mufi Haanneman**, the mayor of Honolulu, served as the event's keynote speaker.



**The Gene J. Casey (New Haven, Conn.) Chapter** presented the Southern Connecticut Pop Warner League with a \$2,000 grant for a drug awareness program, facility improvements, and new equipment. The grant is part of the NFF's relationship with the NFL Youth Grant Program. The league covers communities in Southern Connecticut, Brooklyn and the Bronx.

(L-R): **Dave Scardera**, New England Pop Warner vice regional director; **Mike Last**, SCPW commissioner; **Katie Cooper**, SCPW vice president; **Bob Waters**, SCPW president; **Bill O'Brien**, Gene J. Casey chapter president; **Paul Criscuolo**, Gene J. Casey Chapter vice president; **Ed McCarthy**, West New Haven HS coach. Keeling: West New Haven Seahawk players **Sean Goldrich** (No. 4) and **Kevin Phillips** (No. 1).