

More than a dozen Maynard athletes will be able to relive their glory days as they are inducted into the Maynard High School Athletic Hall of Fame later this month.

"It's very exciting," said Bill Mullin, a member of the 1970 football team.

The **induction** ceremony has been held bi-annually since 2006. This year's inductees are Steve Aulenback, Charles D'Agata, David Duggan, Cathy Kulevich, John Lent, the Mancini Family (Maynard Bus Service), Peter Mariani, Sean Morgan, Paul Shaw, Lynn Dakis Sorg, Donald Torppa, and the 1970 Football Team.

The mission of the Hall of Fame is to honor and perpetuate the memory of the town's student-athletes, coaches and those associated with them. Edward Mullin has been the chairman of the Hall of Fame board since its creation. Before the organization was founded, according to its website, there was no vehicle in Maynard to honor those athletes who stood out.

"You have to be nominated," Ed Mullin said, adding that nominations can be submitted by any interested party. "It's usually exceptional athletes who have been great contributors to the high school."

A graduate of Maynard High School, class of 1957, Ed Mullin said he has always been involved in the history of Maynard, and he coached football and basketball for many years.

"We have a long and storied history," he said.

Maynard, Bill Mullin agreed, is a town that knows its sports and remembers outstanding seasons.

"The 1938 football team was undefeated, and if you mention that team, people still know what that means," he said. "We were a very good team; a special group of people. We felt we were the best team since 1938."

The 1970 team lost its first game, but went on to win the rest.

"We had six shutouts," Bill Mullin said. "We had very good defense."

More than 40 years later, Bill Mullin still talks to many of his teammates.

"I think when you play on a team like that the bonds you have cannot be broken," he said. "To this day I am in touch with people, and I talk to someone almost every week."

Inductee Lynn Dakis Sorg, who now lives in Georgia, said she was both humbled and honored to find out she had been selected. Sorg played several sports for Maynard High School, including field hockey, basketball, softball and track. Her field hockey team was the Midland League champs for three out of her four years of school, and her basketball team took the championship once as well. Currently, Sorg coaches youth soccer and boys basketball and is helping her children's school create its first middle school sports teams.

"There are so many wonderful memories of my athletic days in Maynard High," she said via email. "My coaches, Barb Moynihan and Coach Curcio, taught us how to be great athletes by giving 100 percent of themselves everyday they coached our teams. They never gave up on us and we never gave up on the field or court."

Sorg said her favorite memory was a 1-0 victory over Uxbridge in the 1983 District semi-finals.

"It was by the grace of God, an incredible coach and an awesome team that I was able to score the only goal of the game," she said. "I'll never forget the rain and the mud, and then the way the sun came out when we scored."

Each inductee will receive a silver bowl and team members receive smaller mementoes.

The athletes will be formally inducted at a banquet scheduled for 6 to 11:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Maynard Lodge of Elks, 34 Powder Mill Road, Maynard. The banquet is open to all. Tickets are \$35 and are available until Nov. 15 (or until sold out) by calling 978-764-5279 or 978- 897-7894 or by sending an email to mjtbrannelly@comcast.net or edmully@msn.com. To see the previous years' inductees, visit the organization's Web site at web.maynard.ma.us/civic/mhsahf.

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