

I am truly honored to be included on the ballot for the USA Fencing Hall of Fame. There are many people responsible for my accomplishments in this great sport, but I'd like to mention two in particular — Giorgio Santelli and Csaba Elthes. These two immortal coaches are true icons in the history of American Fencing. Taking lessons for nine years with Giorgio and six with Csaba truly made me the person I am today. They helped guide me through years of fencing with their compassion and expertise. They will never be forgotten.

## The following is a recap of my years in fencing:

- 1. Started fencing at Martin Van Buren HS in Queens NY at the age of 15
- 2. Attended New York University. In 1972 at the NCAA championships, was selected First Team All American after finishing tied for second in the foil event
- 3. Inducted into the NYU Hall of Fame in 2012

## **National Results**

- 1. Individual Foil Finalist six times 1969, 1970,1976, 1977, 1978 and 1980
- 2. Individual Foil National Champion 1978
- 3. Foil Team National Champion five times 1968, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1977
- 4. Foil Team National Champion runner-up five times 1969, 1971,1975,1978, 1979
  International Teams and Results
- 1. Junior World Championships 1968 London, England and 1969 Genova, Italy
- 2. Senior World Championships 1969 Havana, Cuba, 1970 Ankara, Turkey and 1975 Budapest, Hungary
- 3. World University Games 1973 Moscow, Russia and 1977 Sofia, Bulgaria
- 4. Pan American Games 1975 Mexico City, Mexico. First Place Individual Foil and Second Place Team Foil
- 5. Olympic Games 1976 Montreal, Canada



## **Additional Information**

- 1. Fenced in 15 National Championships (1967-1981) and competed in 12 Team Championships. My teams were either first or second 10 out of the 12 times. I medaled for Salle Santelli 7 times and for the NY Athletic Club 3 times. My teammates of note, who were all National Champions, included Bobby Russell, Uriah Jones and Ed Ballinger.
- 2. From 1970-1980, I officiated in all Individual and Team, Men's and Women's National Foil Finals in which I did not compete. I was also asked to officiate in the 1984 Olympic Games. I received my international foil license at the World Championships in Ankara, Turkey in 1970.
- 3. Member of USA Fencing Board of Directors 2000-2002
- 4. Recently established the Lang Fencing Academy in Brentwood, TN
- 5. Married to Susan and have two sons, Joey and Danny
- 6. Currently reside in Spring Hill, TN

