

Nomination Biography of Nat Lubell



1948 Olympic Foil Team

left to right: *Nat Lubell, Dean Cetrulo, Silvio Giolito, Dernell Every, Gus Prokop, Danny Bukantz*

Nate Lubell attended City College of New York (CCNY), graduating in 1936. He later became an artist and designed over 15 US postage stamps. During the Nuremburg Trials after World War II, Lubell was one of the courtroom artists. Lubell was US foil champion in 1948, while fencing for the Fencers Club of New York. He also helped his club win the team foil in 1949-51, 1953, and 1955-56 at the Amateur Fencers League of America (AFLA) Championships. In addition to his three Olympic appearances, Lubell competed at the 1951 Pan American Games, winning gold medal in team foil and team sabre, a silver medal in team epee, and a bronze in individual foil. He was a lifelong member of The New York Fencers' Club, serving as its President during the 1970s, and also coached fencing at West Point from 1962-66. Lubell was inducted into the CCNY Athletic Hall of Fame in 1969.

Nat Lubell lived to the age of 90. His obituary was published in the New York Times, Sept. 2006. Here is an excerpt – “Nathaniel Lubell was born in 1916. He graduated from the City College of New York, where he first began to achieve renown as a world-class fencer. His 1936 CCNY Fencing Team won the New York City Championships, and he is a member of the CCNY Athletic Hall of Fame. He went on to become a three-time Olympian (1948, '52 and '56). He was the U.S. National Foil Champion in 1948, and at the 1951 Pan American Games, he won the bronze medal in the individual foil and helped the team capture the gold medal in the team foil and saber. He was a lifelong member of The New York Fencers' Club, serving as its President during the 1970's. He also coached fencing at West Point from 1962-1966. Fiercely independent and aggressively iconoclastic, his acerbic wit and characteristic irascibility were a source of considerable family lore. He was an institution among his many descendants, and he will be greatly missed.”

If elected to the Hall of Fame, he will join his teammates Albie Axelrod, Dan Bukantz and Hal Goldsmith all Alumni of CCNY and lifetime members of the Fencers Club, the oldest Fencing Club in America since 1883. His nomination is well overdue and is only in posthumously. If selected, his step-son Robert Dow will be happy to receive this well deserved honor.

This nomination was submitted by Jack C. Lee Alumni boardmember, Fencer and member of the Fencers Club.

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