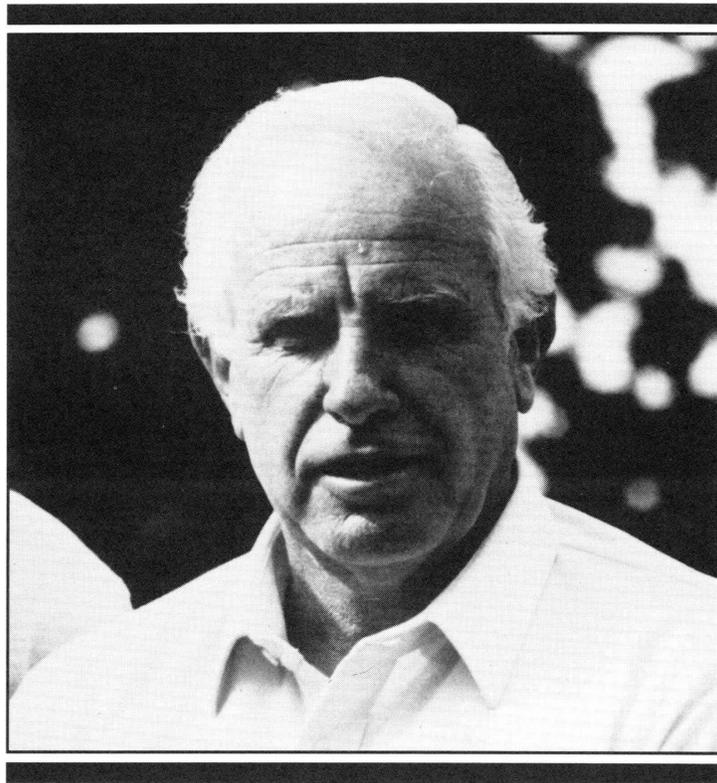


1998 HALL OF FAME



John Hamson *Special Achievement*

John Hamson is a fast guy: he swam and ran Track at Van Nuys High School, ran Track and Cross Country at Chapman College. He married Nadine and has 4 sons and two stepsons, runs Midco Construction with his oldest son Greg, and has 9 grandkids.

For 25 years he has participated in stock car racing competition, carting and mini stocks. He has raced against Winston Cup drivers at Riverside and Ontario raceways, has competed at the national level and won regional championships as late as 1992. He won the *Hard Charger* award for passing 45 competitors in a 30 minute race.

So how with all this going on has John Hamson had time to contribute so much to this community? It's called dedication and unselfishness. From 1971 when he coached his first Youth Football League team to the 1997 Santa Barbara County High School All Star Football Game, he has given to our kids.

That's 27 years of community service! He coached, served as Athletic Director, Vice President and President of the Youth Football League, and was President of the Santa Ynez YFL and the AD of the 85 Coastal Valleys YFL teams (organizing over 1850 players!). He is presently scheduling director for the YFL, the CVYFL and the CVYFL North.

Not enough? He coached JV football at Santa Ynez HS from 1989 to 1992 and founded the *Wall of Honor* to honor student athletes who graduated from college while participating in athletics.

Hamson is proud that he lead a dedicated YFL Board out of serious financial problems in the 1980's in only 2 years. He is equally proud of his 15 year effort to resurrect the All-Star Football Game from near cancellation to a popular and well attended athletic event. John epitomizes the ideals of our Round Table.