

## 2002 HALL OF FAME



*Richard S. Olmstead*  
*Special Achievement*

Dick Olmstead is called the *Father* of the Tri-County sports officials. Dick and his wife Jackie moved to Carpinteria in 1944. Athletics were an important part of Dick's life, and he began volunteering with Carpinteria's high school football program.

Dick's career with the Pacific Telephone company lasted thirty seven years. His occupation allowed him to become involved with the city he loved and called home. Whether he volunteered as a lifeguard, a fireman, an ambulance driver, a fundraiser for the Lions Club, a Scout Master or track official for the Russell Cup, he was always professional and prepared.

Dick's passion for officiating turned into a lifelong hobby. For 37 years, Dick could be seen with his trusty whistle, big voice and watchful eye. His fair interpretation of the rules always placed him in the thick of action during Tri-County Championship football and basketball games.

Dick was the consummate professional in his approach to officiating. He was always on time, knew the rules, and believed in fair play and good sportsmanship. In his own words: "The student-athletes and coaches have worked hard all week long for this contest, and I owe it to the athletes and coaches to give them my best effort." Dick mentored a number of local officials who today are officiating major college sporting events. His support, leadership and compassion towards young officials will always be appreciated by his officiating colleagues.

Due to his outstanding service and dedication to inter-scholastic athletics in the Tri-Counties and Southern California, Dick was inducted into the California Interscholastic Federation Hall of Fame in 1986. If the measure of a man's life is that of his deeds, then the distance to describe Richard Olmstead's contributions to Tri-County officials has not yet been discovered.

## *Honorary Chair Andy Granatelli*



*Andy Granatelli*

Andy personally donates to over 120 charities and is an active fund raiser for at least a dozen of them. He also does pro-bono television commercials, telethons and sometimes acts as auctioneer. His support of Santa Barbara causes includes the Boys Camp, Girls Club, Boys Scouts, Cottage Hospital, the Page Center, Girls Inc., Unity Shoppe, the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Council and many others. He even raised \$250,000 for the Rehab Institute in 35 minutes at an item-less auction. Unprecedented!

We appreciate your energy, enthusiasm and support of the Athletic Round Table and with this year's Hall of Fame Banquet



## *Special Recognition*

*David Edelman, Director of Public Affairs for Cox Communications,* deserves a standing ovation from this community and SBART. We can only imagine the thrill young people experience when viewing their moment of honor on local television. Without the help of David and his staff, we could not provide this level of acknowledgement.

*Gerry Fall, Sports Director of KEYT-TV Channel 3,* has earned our gratitude for all he does to honor athletes. His extra efforts in producing videos of the highlights of each year's sports events demonstrate his commitment to the young athlete. We are fortunate to have such an enthusiastic sports reporter keeping score.

*Randy Lee, Sports Director of KEYT Radio,* does a remarkable job of recognizing our area's student-athletes and teams on his radio sports reports. Randy also provides the introductions this evening for each of our high school, college and open Athletes of the Year.