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By Ray Wilson

Everyone loves an underdog, that is, someone who rises up and achieves something no one expected of him. Such a person was (and is) Bill Ring, the former and very popular San Francisco 49er running back who will grace the hallowed OTA podium this Autumn.

Everyone rooted for Bill, a slightly undersized - at 5'10" and 210 lbs -back, and relatively slow of foot (though way faster than you or I).

Picked up by Bill Walsh in the Spring of 1981 after an earlier tryout the previous Summer with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Bill stayed with the 49ers until 1986, collecting two Super Bowl rings along the way.

Bill did everything that was asked of him, playing fullback (and taking special pride in his blocking for Joe Montana), returning kicks and punts, and catching passes.

His career stats were modest, but then no back flourished under Walsh (save for Roger Craig) who would pass for five yards rather than run for it.

Bill's best season was 1983



when he played all 16 games, carried 64 times for 254 yards and caught 23 passes for 182 yards, culminating in his being selected by his teammates to receive the "Len Eshmont Award" as the most

courageous and inspirational 49er player.

Born in Des Moines, Iowa in 1956, Bill attended and graduated from Brigham Young University. Married to wife Connie, the Rings have three children.

Son Billy, following in the old man's footsteps, played football at San Jose State, and daughters Katie (UC, Santa Barbara) and Christie (San Diego State) are volleyball athletes.

To those paying attention, it was manifest that everytime that Bill Ring stepped onto the field in whatever role, he gave his maximum effort and devotion to the aim at hand. For this he will forever rank high in the hearts of 49er fans.

The OTA is privileged, therefore, to hear his story firsthand from Number 30, former underdog.



A SON REMEMBERS DAD

By Ray Wilson

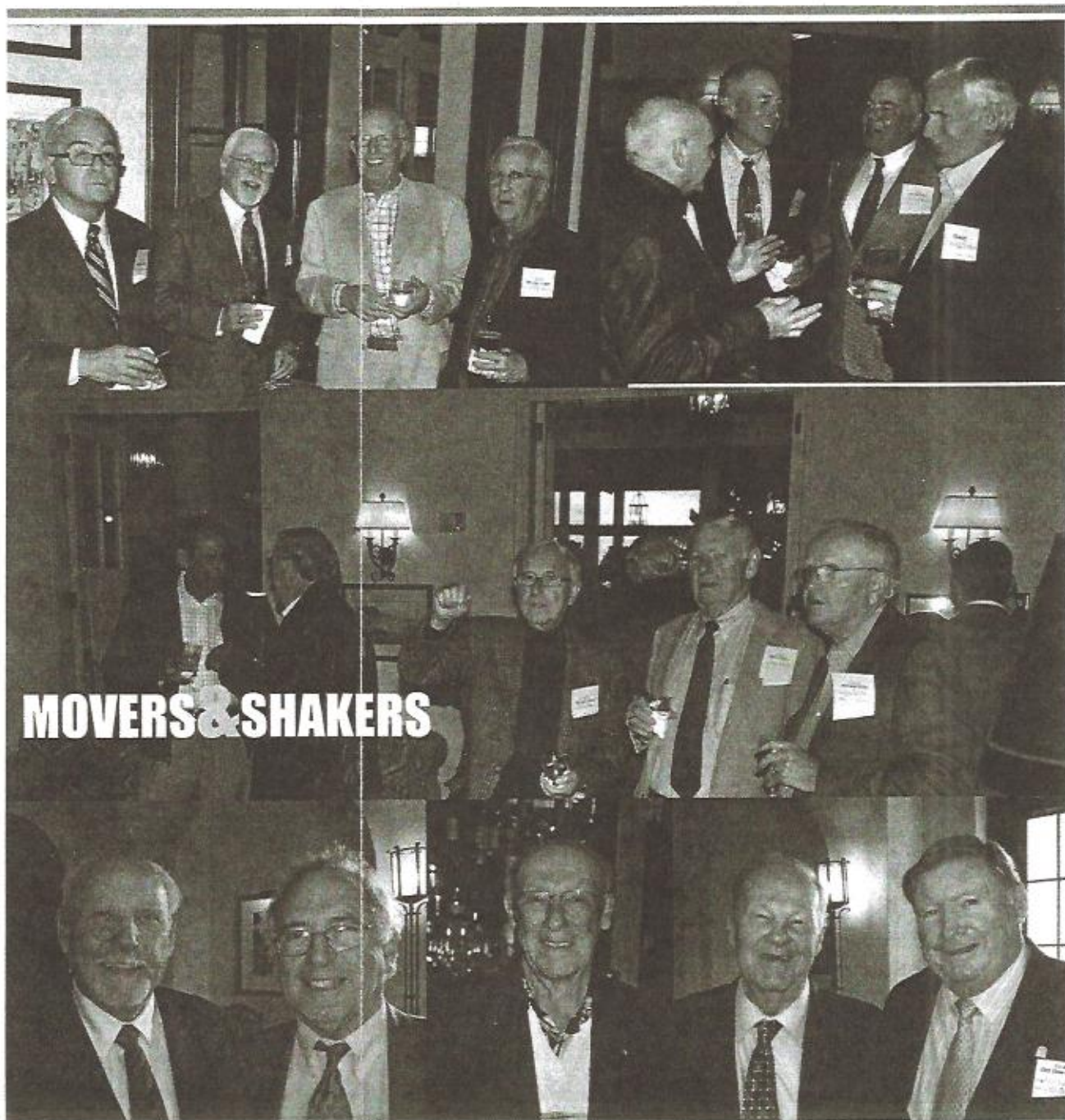
Mike Conn, our Spring speaker and raconteur, remembered with a natural Irish storyteller's charm, his famous father's exploits in and out of the ring.

It was Billy Conn who

came closest to wresting away Joe Louis's heavy-weight crown during the latter's glory years before America's entry into the Second World War.

Later, Mike recalled that his father insisted that his children get an education. They followed Dad's advice with Mike embarking on a career as a financial consultant.

Rapt OTAers responded with many questions, and everyone seemed to agree that it had been an educational and always salubrious evening.



NewKIDS

We Welcome the following New Members

John O'Neill

St. Mary's High School '56, Stockton, CA. 4 years Football, 4 years Basketball & 3 years Baseball. USF '60. 4 years Baseball. 9 years Semi-Pro Baseball. 8 years Basketball Official

Charles Norton

S.I. '54. 4 years football, 2 years boxing, CYO. 26 years USMC

Ron Schroth

Sacred Heart '60.
2 years Tennis - All City & 2 years Basketball.
C.C.S.F '61. Tennis.
37 years member of Dolphin Swimming Club.

MOVERS & SHAKERS



TIME OUT

By Manny Agorastos, CAL '57

Mark Avelar

A long time OTA & Olympic Club member, Mark fired a hole-in-one at the Apple Mountain Golf Resort this last July. He used his 9-iron on the 154 yard 2nd hole.

John Abendroth, Andy Burke, Sam Citron, Robert Kahl and Al Monaco.

All OTA & Olympic Club members, were inducted into the Olympic Club Hall of Fame at the 6th Annual Awards Dinner this past September. John was a four time Club Champion, PGA Golf Member, and Founder of the Hooked on Golf Foundation. Andy, Sam and Robert were members of the 1957 - 1959 O.C. Water Polo Team that won 63 out of 69 games and won 2 National AAU Championships. Al, a 50 plus year member was recognized for his accomplishments as a player - coach and volleyball commissioner. A volleyball Hall of Fame member, he was also a representative to the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Bill Ring and Bill Walsh

College of San Mateo inaugural Athletics Hall of Fame Class inducted our Oct 27th guest speaker, Bill Ring at The Schools Awards Dinner this past Sept 23rd. Bill was honored for his achievements while playing football for CSM, BYU and winning a Super Bowl Ring with the S.F. 49ers. Bill Walsh an OTA Member, and our speaker in the Spring of 1997 was also honored Posthumously.

Last of the Ninth

Since our last Round Table we have lost the following friends:

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Art Dykes Mike Nelson
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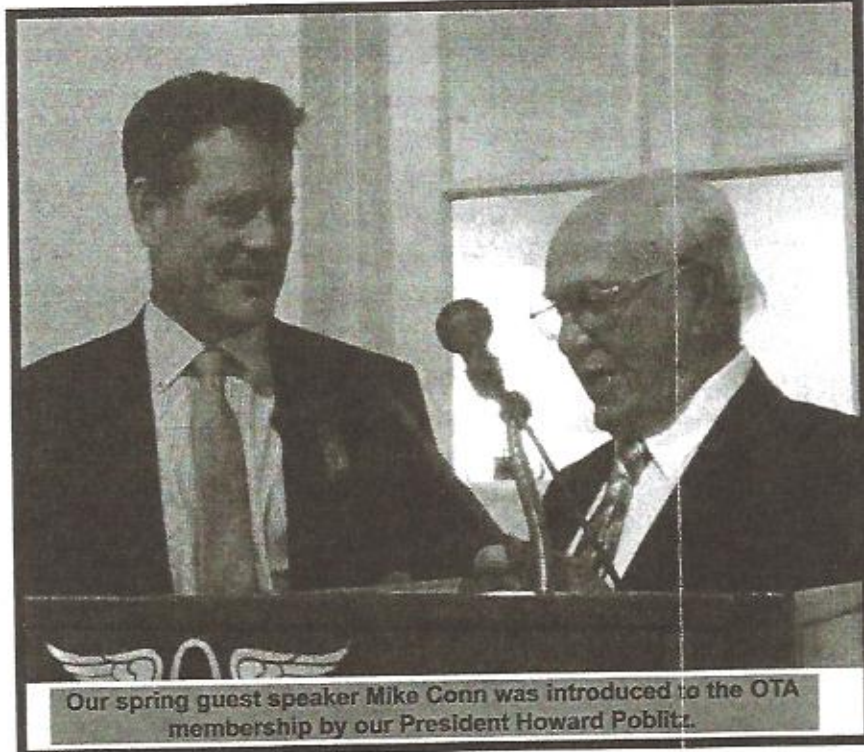
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 Quentin Kopp
 John Kristovich
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 Leo LaRocca
 Charley Leach
 Bob Lee
 Phil Lellman
 John LeTourneau
 Art Lidstrom
 Bill Lynch
 Bob Macaluso
 Dave Mackin
 Mike Maffei

Roger Major
 Al Marinia
 Allen Martino
 Joe Martino
 Al Massucco
 Robert Max
 Walt McCall
 John McCarthy
 Ray McDonald
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 Don McPhail
 Allen Menicucci
 Bob Mitchell
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 Al Monaco
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 Lou Murgo
 Rich Murphy
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 Bob Norton
 Don Novitzky
 Dennis O'Connor
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