

## *Nick Melfi*



**N**ick Melfi is another of the growing number of former athletes who have devoted most of their sports lives working with the youth of Norwalk.

For two years during that same period, he played end for an outstanding baseball player in Stamford during his scholastic years, he organized the East Norwalk Community Baseball League and remained active in the Little League as a manager and coach. In fact, he still is coaching the Small Fry League.

Nick has served as vice president of the International League, after 35 years as a coach and manager.

Earlier, he organized the community Little League before becoming associated with the International Little League.

Melfi was born in Stamford, in the Springdale area, attending Springdale Grammar School and Stamford High School. He graduated from Wright Tech and embarked upon an electrical career, from which he is now retired.

In the mid 1930s, his baseball career encompassed Wright Tech and the old Springdale AC in Stamford. He played many times in competition with Norwalkers who have since been honored by the Norwalk Old Timers.

Melfi is a lifetime member of the South Norwalk Boat Club, has been a member of the Strawberry Hill AC for 40 years, and is a member of the Stamford Rod & Reel, Sons of Italy, and the New Milford Fish and Game.

Nick and his wife, the former Jenni Rissolo, have been married 46 years. They have four children and 10 grandchildren.

Melfi was honored by the Norwalk Jewish Center at the annual sports award dinner in September 1978.