

## *Romas "Rocky" Bossone*



Romas "Rocky" Bossone was an outstanding coach, manager, and umpire in Norwalk after a playing career that spanned nearly 15 years in the 1940s and '50s. He played baseball, basketball, and football but his greatest claim to fame occurred in 1960, '61, and '62 when he won local championships as manager of the Hilltop A.C. baseball team. In 1962 his team also won the Mayor's Trophy in the Stamford Twilight League.

As a youngster, he played infield and outfield for the Junior Aces, advancing to the Highlanders, Sterlings, and Pastimes. A .300 hitter who could field his position, Rocky was a steady influence on his teams. In one season with the Pastimes he batted .428.

He once scored 43 points against Roger Ludlow, playing basketball with Benjamin Franklin. He was a running guard for the Canaries, a team that won Junior, Intermediate, and

Senior titles in consecutive years in the Norwalk Recreation League. He also played with the Senior Aces and the Pastime A.C. in 1946-'47.

His football activity consisted of two years with Frank Virgulak's Springwoods in 1943 and 1944.

When the Pony League was newly formed in early 1950, Rocky was the first players' agent. In 1956 through 1958 he managed in the Norwalk Babe Ruth League, winning a championship in 1958.

He spent a number of years as a baseball umpire, as a member of the Fairfield County Association of Approved Umpires, was active as a coach in the Biddy Basketball League, and served as a commissioner in the Bob Cousy League in the mid '50s.

Bossone holds various trophies in bowling, both duck pin and big pins. He is a life member of the Neptune Boat Club where he served as Rear Commodore, a member of Eagles Club and Laurel A.C., and holds memberships in The Association of Safety and Health Professionals and the National Rifle Association. He is an avid hunter and fisherman.

Bossone is employed with the U.S. Department of Labor as a Safety and Health Compliance Officer. He is married to the former Florence Yuficzak with three children and two grandchildren.