

## ARLINGTON SPORTS HALL OF FAME

### 1964 Inductee – Charlie Butt Jr.



**Charlie Butt Jr.** was the crew coach at W-L starting in 1949. From 1957 to 1964, his team won nine straight varsity championships, eleven National Schoolboy Championships and the Henley (England) Royal Regatta. Butt helped start crew teams at numerous area high schools and was instrumental in establishing programs at Georgetown and George Washington in the late 1950s. In 1964, his team was the first American high school to ever participate in the Henley regatta and that year won the Princess Elizabeth Cup. His crew retained the cup in 1969.

Between 1961 and 1980, Butt hosted and coached boats comprising parts of the Junior Men's National Team out of the Potomac Boat Club. He has also coached many Olympians. Over the years, his crews earned 19 scholastic national titles and numerous Stotesbury Cup and Northern Virginia Championships.

The creation of new rowing venues was also a passion for Butt. He helped create the Sandy Run Regional Park rowing facility on the Occoquan River (site of many local regattas) and consulted on the development of Thompson Boat Center, a public rowing facility in Washington, D.C.

He continued to coach into the fall of 1991, and died in 1992. In his honor, The Charlie Butt Regatta was created as a Virginia Scholastic Rowing Association event held annually on the Potomac River.