

Mark McGwire makes Hall of Fame, but Cooperstown's not it

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Foley's NY owner Shaun Clancy (third from r.) inducts Mark McGwire (below) and midtown pub's other Irish-American Hall of Famers with (from l.) Pete Flynn, Jeff Horrigan, Kevin Brofnahan, Mark McGraw.

McGwire may not be in Cooperstown...
but now he has a plaque somewhere.

[Mark McGwire](#) made it into the Hall of Fame Tuesday.
No, not *the* Hall of Fame.

The shamed retired slugger was inducted not in [Cooperstown](#)
but in midtown - as one of the inaugural members of Foley's NY
pub's Irish-American [Baseball Hall of Fame](#).

[Shaun Clancy](#), owner of the sports bar on W.33rd St., said he
created the Irish Hall of Fame to celebrate his two greatest loves:
baseball and his home country.

Picking McGwire, Clancy said, "wasn't about being confrontational,"
but based on his achievements on and off the field.

Although McGwire once held the single-season record for home runs,
he didn't come close to being elected to the real Hall in the past two
years because of suspicions of steroid use and his embarrassing
2005 testimony in Congress when he repeatedly refused
"to talk about the past."



McGwire, who rarely appears in public these days, was invited to Tuesday's ceremony but never replied.

The other Irish Hall of Fame inductees were: [Sean Casey](#), the [Red Sox](#) current backup first baseman; Yankees broadcaster [John Flaherty](#); Mets and Phillies pitcher Frank (Tug) McGraw; [Connie Mack](#), who managed in [Philadelphia](#); former Daily News writer and pub namesake [Red Foley](#); longtime Mets groundskeeper [Pete Flynn](#); baseball writer [Jeff Horigan](#), and [Kevin Costner](#), who starred in "Bull Durham" and "Field of Dreams."

"[Their] accomplishments transcend the game and honor their heritage," Clancy said before awarding brass plaques during the noon ceremony.

