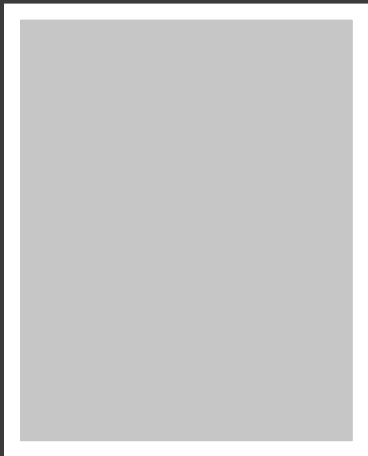


Phil Casey



Originally from Ireland, Phil Casey is credited with having built the first New York 4-wall handball court on Brooklyn's DeGraw Street in 1882.

He also was cited as having standardized the rules of the game. A champion of the sport, he became so well known for his superior conditioning derived from playing handball that he was asked, when 48 years old, to train Heavyweight Boxing Champion John L. Sullivan. Casey established the Brooklyn Handball Club as his site, and players were invited to compete there on a regular basis.