USA Softball of Wisconsin Hall of Fame



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Class of 2017



RICHARD DAMON







DAN STUHR



USA Softball of Wisconsin to Welcome 5 New Inductee's

Hall of Fame Committee Announcement

The USA Softball of Wisconsin will proudly welcome 5 new members into its exclusive Hall of Fame on Saturday, October 7th in Fond du Lac.

The committee reviewed over 75 nomination's and voted in 5 new inductees for the USA Softball of Wisconsin Hall of Fame.

Richard Damon	Girl's Fast Pitch	Madison	
Scott Pomerenke	Girl's Fast Pitch	Watertown	
Mark Roedel	Men's Modified Pitch	Fond du Lac	
Dan Stuhr	Men's Fast Pitch	Holmen	
Tony Walters	Men's Modified Pitch	Rosedale	

Congratulations to all the worthy nominations and to the 5 selected.

Tom Raimer

Hall of Fame Director Commissioner Emeritus



Wisconsin ASA Hall of Fame Classes 1984 - 2015

1984

James Ganther, Eau Claire Shirley Martin, Milwaukee Bill Pecnick, Kenosha Jerry Proft, Melrose

1985

Don Creola, Pittsville Helen Jaeger, Milwaukee Ron "Gomer" Schroeder, La Crosse

1986

*Jim Chambers, Racine Norm "Nummy" Derringer, Racine Roger Regez, Eau Claire Carol Townsend, Milwaukee

1987

Don Amundson, Eau Claire Larry Barr, Eau Claire Ervin "Tex" Books, Eau Claire Ron Buckli, Eau Claire George Gannon, Chippewa Falls Katie Hamilton, Greenfield Dick Smith, Portage

1988

Rob Barnes, La Crosse Clarence "Swish" Beranek, La Crosse Milt Berman, Milwaukee Bill Brandt, La Crosse Dave Faschingbauer, Bloomer Mike Geary, La Crosse Don Kottke, Stevens Point John Salsman, Galesville Richard White, Stevens Point Bob Yeskie, Hixton Dennis Yeskie, Hixton

1989

Don Bentz, Pell Lake Robert "Tilly" Delaura, Wautoma Fred Fels, Maribel Jerry Lardinois, Green Bay Lois Miller, Manitowoc Dave Rasmussen, Menomonie Rudy Suchomel, Sun Prairie Bob Splan, Oneida Kelly Stevens, Menomonie Verna Tuschel, Manitowoc

1990

Earl Flamme, Racine Milton, Held, Milwaukee Bob Moore, Beloit Jane Pamperine, Green Bay Dean Puccinelli, Milwaukee Ellen "Hornet" Tronnier, Palmyra Jill Wiedmann, Brown Deer

1991

Jerald Fangmann, Milwaukee Leonard Ringle, Milwaukee Keith "Whitey" Steinagel, Mosinee John Stone, Milwaukee Al Thomas, Milwaukee Bruce Weinkauf, Stevens Point

1992

Steve Firtko, Racine Ray Keller, Madison Phil Metzger, Milwaukee Cecil Pittack, Madison Nelda "Rusty" Reese, Madison

1993

Dick Huther, Medford Louis Kittilstad, Eau Claire JoAnn Polzin, Embarass Harv Tomter, Eau Claire

1995

Phil Higgins, Milwaukee Ted Lahner, Eau Claire Frank Markle, Fond du Lac/Waukesha John "Red" Rommelfanger, Kenosha Gary "Sarge" Seidl, Green Bay

1997

Tom Blaken, Tomah Doug Gardner, La Crosse Allen Lundberg, Osseo *Rick "Crusher" Scherr, Slinger Bruce Stuhr, Galesville

1999

Dan Adams, Melrose *Dennis Graser, Waukesha Allen "Curly" Hanson, Eau Claire Dave Holland, Marshfield Aubrey T. Olson, Eau Claire Willie Taylor, Madison

2001

Roy Berg, Green Bay Richard Brodie, Janesville Steve Frank, Chippewa Falls Dennis Kostac, Green Bay Bill Ryan, Pulaski

2003

Mike Disher, Stevens Point Harry Kraft, Kenosha *Rod Peterson, Madison Tom Raimer, Portage Bud Smith, La Crosse Larry "Kirby" Stuhr, Melrose

2005

John Becker, Holmen
Dale Ferron, Madison
Jeanine Kramer, Green Bay
Scott "Scooter" Marotz, Green Bay
Tom Rausch, Fond du Lac
Rick Weiterman, West Bend
Randy Wievel, Stevens Point

2007

Todd "Odie" Albrecht, Ripon Judy Cmeyla, Green Bay Denny Delorit, Green Bay Mike Haley, Chippewa Falls Silas G. Johnson, Madison/Mt. Horeb

2009

Harold "Nook" Blank, La Crosse Todd Buetow, Fond du Lac Harold "Hal" Case, Madison Jo Ann (Paider) Krueger, Denmark Rusty Kryzanowski, Fond du Lac Jeff Moon, Eldorado Lud Nordahl, Hixton Jean Rivett, Green Bay Bob Tomlinson, Poynette Guy C. Wertz Sr., Waukesha

2011

Tom Bonlander, Fond du Lac Doran Geissler, Eau Claire Phil Perlongo, Milwaukee Susan Schill, Wis. Rapids Terri A. Sheridan, Fond du Lac Lew Smith, Green Bay Paul Wagner, Fond du Lac/Green Bay Ken Walters, Lake Mills

2013

Todd Bonlander, Fond du Lac Dick Buskov, Madison Jim Corbett, Green Bay Peter Duesterbeck, Wild Rose Greg Flees, Stevens Point Fed Golden, Eau Claire Jim Mitchell, New Richmond Brenda Mueller, Fond du Lac Sue Stoddart, Fond du Lac

2015

Chris DeLarwelle, Forestville Don Garvey, Appleton Milt Krueger, Plymouth Bud Olson, Onalaska John Peterson, Madison Roger Schliewe, Horicon Jack Tracy, Kenosha

^{*} Member of National Softball Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. Chambers inducted in 1966, Graser in 2000, Scherr in 2001, & Peterson in 2011.



Richard Damon

Class of 2017 - Girl's Fast Pitch - Madison

- ♦ Started his dedicated umpiring career in 1971 in San Diego, CA while in the service.
- ◆ Upon moving to Madison umpired men's and women's fast pitch from 1975-1978 at the Bowling Green Complex.
- ♦ In 1978 and through 2009 he worked for the Madison Schools and Community Recreation umpiring men's and women's fast pitch, slow pitch and co-ed games.
- ♦ 1984-1989 umpired Home Talent games around southern Wisconsin.
- ♦ ASA umpire 1990-2009, working girl's fast pitch softball.
- ♦ ASA training umpire from 1998-2014 including both classroom and field training. Participated in 3 National ASA Umpire Schools and 10 local or regional ASA umpire schools.
- Served as an off-site UIC at State and National Qualifiers.
- ♦ Currently serving as a USA Softball of Wisconsin Deputy JO Commissioner.



Scott Pomerenke

Class of 2017 - Girl's Fast Pitch - Watertown

- ♦ Career began in 1986 coaching and managing women's slow pitch teams.
- ♦ Placed first in the 1991 Wisconsin Class C State Championship.
- ♦ In 1991, finished 26th out of 70 in the Women's ASA Class C National Championship.
- ♦ In 1997 organized and developed the girl's fast pitch program in Watertown.
- ♦ Along with Ken Walters, helped develop the ASA Windmill Softball League based out of Lake Mills. Together they started with 8 teams in one age group, and watched it grow to over 100 teams now in six age groups.
- Along with Scott's organizational skills, he has planned, coordinated and led an army of volunteers to host the ASA Girls Class A State Tournaments, ASA National Qualifiers and ASA National Tournaments.
- ♦ Scott and his wife Darlene live in Watertown. Scott continues utilizing his leadership skills to grow the game and is proud of the positive impact his work has had on his community.



Mark Roedl

Class of 2017 - Men's Modified Pitch - Van Dyne

- Member of the Class A Modified State Championship Team with Dillinger's in 1996, 1998, and 2000.
- ♦ National Class A Modified Championships with Dillinger's in 2003, 2006 and National Runners-up in 2002 with Cheers.
- ♦ Named 2000 MVP of the State Tournament.
- ♦ National All-American First Team in 1998, 2001, 2002 and 2006.
- ♦ 2003 Home Run Champion of the National Tournament.
- ♦ In 22 years of competition, he was never thrown out while stealing a base.
- ♦ Mark, his wife Chris and their 2 children live in Van Dyne. Mark says that he has been fortunate to have played with a lot of great players and been involved with lot of great coaches and sponsors.



Dan Stuhr

Class of 2017 - Men's Fast Pitch - Melrose

- ♦ Playing career spanned over 30 years, starting in 1982.
- Received all-tournament honors at seven different positions throughout his career.
- ♦ A member of three Class A Fast Pitch State Championship teams, two regional championship teams and two national qualifiers.
- ♦ Played in nine ASA Men's Fast Pitch National Tournaments, finishing in the top ten in five of those years.
- ♦ 1988 ASA All-State, 1989 ASA All-American and batting champion in the 2012 ASA National Tournament.
- ♦ A member of over one hundred Invitational Championship teams.
- ♦ Lifetime batting average of .330 with 325 home runs in his playing career.
- ◆ Dan has been described as "a class act both on and off the field, with a tremendous respect for the game".



Tony Walters

Class of 2017 - Men's Modified Pitch - Rosendale

- ♦ Team member of 11 Wisconsin Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Modified State Championships.
- Member of Fond du Lac's 1st ASA Modified State Championship Team, Arbuckle's in 1993.
- ♦ Member of 1994 Modified State Championships Team, Sports Page.
- ♦ Member of Dillinger's Modified State Championship Teams in 1995, 1996 and 1998-2004.
- ♦ All-State Tournament Team Selection in 1993 with Arbuckle's and 1996 and 1999 with Dillinger's.
- ♦ Member of Dillinger's National Championship Teams in 2002 and 2003
- ♦ Member of Dillinger's 2nd place National Championship Teams in 1995 and 1998.
- ♦ Member of Dillinger's 3rd place National Championship Team in 2001.
- ♦ Tony, his wife Gina and their 3 children live in Rosendale where he continues to stay active in youth sports clubs. Tony is humbled and honored for the entrance in the USA Softball of Wisconsin State Hall of Fame.





Umpire of the Year



2015 - Jeremy Hanson, La Crosse

Jeremy Hanson is the nominee for Umpire of the Year for 2015. He has served as part of Wisconsin ASA and Wisconsin USA Softball for the past four years as the Southwestern Deputy UIC. Jeremy was an integral part of the training staff for National School held in Wisconsin in 2014. Jeremy was selected by the ASA National Office to work the Canadian Men's Senior tournament and he was able to earn and become an elite slow pitch umpire in 2014.

2016 - Chad Mitchell, Hager City

Chad has been a great leader for ASA of Wisconsin as he helped change the culture of umpiring here within the state. Through his leadership, Wisconsin has become a recognized leader within the USA Softball umpiring community. Realizing that there soon could be a shortage of umpires, Chad helped develop opportunities for training new and youth umpires. With this vision, Wisconsin has become a leader in training and retaining youth umpires. Chad continues to train youth umpires and has even expanded his skills to the Fast Pitch side of softball. Chad is a recognized Elite Slow Pitch umpire and in 2015 became the first Wisconsin USA umpire to attain ISF certification.



Umpire of the Year

Year	Name	Year	Name
1982	 Ken Gracner, Madison	2000	 Lew Smith, Green Bay
1983	 Ed Johnson, La Crosse	2001	 Ron Deutsch, Eau Claire
1984	 John Baltus, Eau Claire	2002	 Tim Townsend, Greenfield
1985	 Clyde Schuette, Green Bay	2003	 Bill Gongoll, Wausau
1986	 George Gannon, Chippewa Falls	2004	 Mike Mikalsen, Cottage Grove
1987	 Arden Geisler, Wis. Rapids	2005	 Tom Ueberroth, Hales Corners
1988	 Fred Kratz, Montello	2006	 Bill Bartingale, Eau Claire
1989	 John Peterson, Madison	2007	 Richard Kummerow, Mosinee
1990	 Joe Hamilton, Eau Claire	2008	 John Peterson, Madison
1991	 Tim Joly, Green Bay	2009	 Tim Joly, Seymour
1992	 Mike Lipp, Madison	2010	 Jim Davidson, Stevens Point/Plover
1993	 Joe Cyran, Stevens Point	2011	 Lewis Cory, Franklin
1994	 Wes Templeton, Madison	2012	 Joshua Brandsma, Portage
1995	 Jim Mitchell, New Richmond	2013	 Al Waldvogel, Birnamwood
1996	 Tim Irish, Onalaska	2014	 Leslie Anderson, Berlin
1997	 Lorn Roehm, Sparta	2015	 Jeremy Hanson, La Crosse
1998	 John Eckendorf, Stevens Point	2016	 Chad Mitchell, Hager City
1999	 Pete Dake, Eau Claire		

State Commissioners

1935 - 1942	 Silas G. Johnson	1975 - 1979	 Aubrey Olson
1943 - 1945	 George M. Phelan	1980 - 1981	 Roger Regez
1946 - 1950	 George Driggett	1982 - 1995	 Dave Markow
1952 - 1968	 Guy Wertz	1996 - 2014	 Tom Raimer
1969 - 1970	 William Oliver	2015 - Present	 Tom Rausch
1973 - 1974	 Walter Wombacher		

Hall of Fame induction Banquets

Year	City	Year	City	Year	City
1984	Milwaukee	1991	Wausau	2003	Stevens Point
1985	Stevens Point	1992	Wisconsin Dells	2005	Fond du Lac
1986	Madison	1993	Stevens Point	2007	Ashwaubenon
1987	Eau Claire	1995	Stevens Point	2009	Fond du Lac
1988	La Crosse	1997	La Crosse	2011	Fond du Lac
1989	Green Bay	1999	Stevens Point	2013	Fond du Lac
1990	Milwaukee	2001	Marshfield	2015	Fond du Lac



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