



USA SOFTBALL™
of Wisconsin

Hall of Fame Banquet



October 5, 2019

Wausau, WI

USA Softball of Wisconsin to Welcome 6 New Inductee's

The USA Softball of Wisconsin will proudly welcome 6 new members into its exclusive Hall of Fame on Saturday, October 5th in Wausau.

The committee reviewed over 75 nomination's and voted 6 new inductees into the USA Softball of Wisconsin Hall of Fame.

Bob Bagniewski	Coach/Player - Co-Ed	La Crosse
Scott Hermes	Girl's Fast Pitch Coach	Trevor
Timothy Joly	Umpire	Seymour
Dale Madson	Men's Fast Pitch Player	Eau Claire
Mark Mallow	Girl's Fast Pitch	Ixonia
Chad Mitchell	Umpire	Hagar City

Congratulations to all the worthy nominations and to the 6 selected.

Tom Raimer

Hall of Fame Director
Commissioner Emeritus



Class of 2019



BOB BAGNIEWSKI



TIMOTHY JOLY



SCOTT HERMES



DALE MADSON



CHAD MITCHELL



MARK MALLOW

Wisconsin ASA Hall of Fame Classes

1984 - 2019

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 Weinkauff, 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, Embarrass
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 Raimor, 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 Schlieve, Horicon
Jack Tracy, Kenosha

2017

Richard Damon, Madison
Scott Pomerence, Watertown
Mark Roedl, Fond du Lac
Dan Stuhr, Holmen
Tony Walters, Rosendale

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



Bob "Baggie" Bagniewski

Class of 2019 - Coach/Player Co-Ed - La Crosse

- ◆ Played and managed:
 - Pogy's Pizza Fastpitch team from 1963 – 1972
 - Sport's Inn 16" team from 1973-1978
 - Sport's Inn 12" men's slow pitch team from 1976-1984
 - Sport's Inn Co-Ed team from 1981-1991 (also under the name of Riversteel Co-Ed)
- ◆ His co-ed team won 6 state championships in 1982, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, and 1990.
- ◆ Was an ASA umpire and a WIAA football referee.
- ◆ He also coached girl's 16 and 18 fast pitch softball under the name of Riversteel. He loved working with the pitcher's, throughout his career.



Scott Hermes

Class of 2019 - Girl's Fast Pitch Coach - Trevor

- ◆ Started his career on the adult side of the game playing and coaching Men's fastpitch. In 1998, he started coaching youth T-ball.
- ◆ 2006 Career as a volunteer member/founding member of the Wisconsin Lightning Youth Athletics (LYA) organization.
- ◆ Scott's love of softball isn't just about his success on the field. He focuses on the life lessons that are learned on the field, in hopes that they will carry these forward for the rest of their lives. He demonstrates his strong faith and character on a daily basis and reminds all athletes that play for him to do the same.
- ◆ Scott's various teams have placed in the top 50 of the National Tournaments through USA Softball. This includes four top 15 finishes. Wisconsin Lightning under Scott's tutelage has seen repetitive success at the Class A State Tournament since the program's inception.



Timothy Joly

Class of 2019 - Umpire - Seymour

- ◆ Started umpire career in 1980 in Green Bay, WI.
- ◆ The first 20 years umpired both modified pitch and fast pitch, now only umpiring girl's fast pitch
- ◆ Has been invited to work more than 30 National tournaments
- ◆ Served as Deputy UIC for over 10 years
- ◆ Awarded umpire of the year twice
- ◆ Umpired the plate for the 16 and under Gold in 2014
- ◆ Achieved "Elite" status in fastpitch in 2016



Dale "Moose" Madson

Class of 2019 - Men's Fast Pitch Player - Eau Claire

- ◆ Softball career spans 25 years (1953-1978) including Army Service Ball in Germany, Church League Fast Pitch, Industrial League Fast Pitch, and Major League Fast Pitch.
- ◆ Wisconsin State Tournament Most Valuable Player in 1961
- ◆ Led the Eau Claire Major League in home runs, doubles, hits, and RBIs in 1961 - .397 batting average
- ◆ Western Wisconsin District Tournament Most Valuable Player in 1961 and 1963; Best Pitcher in 1963
- ◆ Selected to the Wisconsin State All Tournament team in 1961
- ◆ Won the Eau Claire Major League Batting Title in 1963, batting average of .458
- ◆ Played on five city championship teams, in seven District and State tournaments; four times in finals, and in National Regional Tournament in Aurora, Illinois
- ◆ Three hundred plus wins as a pitcher including five no hitters
- ◆ Lifetime Major League Batting Average of .315
- ◆ Selected to five Major-League all-star teams
- ◆ Pitched Town and Country Bar to Chippewa County Championship
- ◆ Pitched Chippewa Valley Sporting Goods to Superior Invitational Championship



Mark Mallow

Class of 2019 - Girl's Fast Pitch - Ixonia

- ◆ Began playing softball competitively in 1979.
- ◆ Served on the board of the Ixonia softball league for many years and helped organize and coordinate numerous leagues and tournaments.
- ◆ In 1997, organized and developed the girl's fastpitch program in Watertown along with Scott Pomerence
- ◆ Contributed to the planning and coordination to lead community volunteers to host the ASA Girls State A and C State tournaments, ASA National Qualifiers and ASA National Tournaments.
- ◆ Mark and his wife Diane live in Watertown. Mark continues to promote the game and is proud of the positive impact his work has had on his community.



Chad Mitchell

Class of 2019 - Umpire - Hagar City

- ◆ Started umpiring in 1988 at the age of 15 and worked his first Co-ed Slow Pitch Softball game in 1990 near New Richmond, WI.
- ◆ Selected to umpire in his first National at the 1995 Men's D Slow Pitch National Championship in Battle Creek, MI as one of two father/son umpire combinations.
- ◆ Completed the 2008 ASA Slow Pitch advanced umpire school in Cincinnati, OH
- ◆ Selected to umpire in Slow Pitch National Championship tournaments in 2008 – 2011, 2013, and 2016. Often assigned the plate of the championship games at Nationals as well as a televised game on CBS Sports.
- ◆ Earned the classification of "Elite Umpire" for Slow Pitch in 2009 by receiving "Excellent" ratings in his prior 4 national assignments. At the time, only the second umpire in the history of Wisconsin ASA to achieve this level.
- ◆ Wisconsin ASA State Umpire-In-Chief from 2011 - 2015. Improved the umpiring standards for Wisconsin umpires and was able to assign over 100 National tournament umpires and get four (4) umpires to the "Elite" level.
- ◆ Earned his Slow Pitch International Certification (ISF or WBSC) after completing a certification camp in Portland, OR in 2014.
- ◆ Selected to umpire in his first fast pitch national at the 2018 Girl's FP 14B Northern National Championship in Rochester, MN alongside his son (Max).
- ◆ Over the course of his State umpire career, he worked over 50 Wisconsin ASA State Championships and at least a thousand softball games in Slow, Modified, and Fast pitch.
- ◆ During his State UIC tenure, he taught over 20 State Umpire Clinics, organized an ASA National Umpire School in 2014, and was the tournament UIC of countless Wisconsin State Championships and National Qualifiers.
- ◆ Mentoring and training youth umpires has taken a higher importance over working games and this new passion will help to create the next generation of championship umpires.



Umpire of the Year



2017 - Pat Lund, Antigo

Pat has been a registered USA Softball umpire since 2008. In 2018, Pat earned and became an Elite Modified Umpire for USA Softball. Pat has also worked as an Assistant UIC for a number of years, and in 2019, was the UIC for the State C tournament in Watertown. Pat devotes a tremendous amount of time to work with, mentor and develop new and youth umpires in the State. Pat is a great example and inspiration to all umpires to see how far one can go, if you put forth the effort, time and willingness to achieve one's goals.

2018 - Paige Kitzing, Racine

Paige has been a registered umpire for USA Softball for 6 years. She is a second generation umpire, following in her father's footsteps, but has also made her own way through hard work and dedication to the umpire craft. Paige worked and excelled at all three State tournaments this year, as well as a number of local USA softball tournaments. During these tournaments, Paige was helpful by mentoring other female youth umpires, working with them to understand aspects of the game and the challenges of being a female umpire. Paige is an inspiration to all of us as she worked these tournaments while studying for her Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and preparing to go to Dental School.



Umpire of the Year

Year	Name	Year	Name
1982	Ken Gracner, Madison	2001	Ron Deutsch, Eau Claire
1983	Ed Johnson, La Crosse	2002	Tim Townsend, Greenfield
1984	John Baltus, Eau Claire	2003	Bill Gongoll, Wausau
1985	Clyde Schuette, Green Bay	2004	Mike Mikalsen, Cottage Grove
1986	George Gannon, Chippewa Falls	2005	Tom Ueberroth, Hales Corners
1987	Arden Geisler, Wis. Rapids	2006	Bill Bartingale, Eau Claire
1988	Fred Kratz, Montello	2007	Richard Kummerow, Mosinee
1989	John Peterson, Madison	2008	John Peterson, Madison
1990	Joe Hamilton, Eau Claire	2009	Tim Joly, Seymour
1991	Tim Joly, Green Bay	2010	Jim Davidson, Stevens Point/Plover
1992	Mike Lipp, Madison	2011	Lewis Cory, Franklin
1993	Joe Cyran, Stevens Point	2012	Joshua Brandsma, Portage
1994	Wes Templeton, Madison	2013	Al Waldvogel, Birnamwood
1995	Jim Mitchell, New Richmond	2014	Leslie Anderson, Berlin
1996	Tim Irish, Onalaska	2015	Jeremy Hanson, La Crosse
1997	Lorn Roehm, Sparta	2016	Chad Mitchell, Hager City
1998	John Eckendorf, Stevens Point	2017	Pat Lund, Antigo
1999	Pete Dake, Eau Claire	2018	Paige Kitzing, Racine
2000	Lew Smith, Green Bay		

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 Raimier
1969 - 1970	William Oliver	2015 - Present	Tom Rausch
1973 - 1974	Walter Wombacher		

Hall of Fame Induction Banquets

Year	City	Year	City	Year	City	Year	City
1984	Milwaukee	1990	Milwaukee	1999	Stevens Point	2011	Fond du Lac
1985	Stevens Point	1991	Wausau	2001	Marshfield	2013	Fond du Lac
1986	Madison	1992	Wisconsin Dells	2003	Stevens Point	2015	Fond du Lac
1987	Eau Claire	1993	Stevens Point	2005	Fond du Lac	2017	Fond du Lac
1988	La Crosse	1995	Stevens Point	2007	Ashwaubenon	2019	Wausau
1989	Green Bay	1997	La Crosse	2009	Fond du Lac		