

WASA HALL of FAME

1984 – PRESENT

HISTORY OF THE WISCONSIN ASA HALL OF FAME

The Wisconsin ASA Hall of Fame actually took 8 years of on and off planning before the first banquet was held. The original idea came from State Commissioner Aubery Olson back in 1976. Olson added former Hall of Fame Chairman, Roger Regez to his staff as State Historian. Regez took over as State Commissioner in 1980 but the Hall of Fame did not function as a reality until 1984 when State Commissioner David Markow organized the first banquet in Milwaukee.

The first nominations to the Wisconsin ASA Hall of Fame were made in Wautoma, Wisconsin on March 24, 1984. Hall of Fame Chairman, Roger Regez nominated Bill Pecknick, a pitcher from Kenosha and Shirley Martin, a player/manager from Milwaukee for the Hall of Fame. Jerry Proft of Melrose was nominated for the Hall of Honor. The Membership Council voted unanimously to accept the nominations. Milwaukee would be the site of the first Hall of Fame Banquet. History was made. The dream of State Commissioner David Markow came true.

About thirty people attended the first banquet. Shirley Martin was the first person inducted. As of 2002, the WASA Hall of Fame will number eighty-two (82). The Hall of Fame is located at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Hall of Fame Inductees

1984

James Ganther	Eau Claire	Slow Pitch
Bill Pecnick	Kenosha	Fast Pitch
Shirley Martin	Milwaukee	Fast Pitch
Jerry Proft	Melrose	Manager

1985

Don Creola	Pittsville	Fast Pitch
Helen Jaeger	Milwaukee	Fast Pitch
Ron Schroeder	La Crosse	Fast Pitch

1986

Jim Chambers	Racine	Fast Pitch
Carol Townsend	Milwaukee	Fast Pitch
Norm Derringer	Racine	Fast Pitch
Roger Regez	Eau Claire	Commissioner

1987

Don Amundson	Eau Claire	Fast Pitch
Ervin Books	Eau Claire	Fast Pitch
Ron Buckli	Eau Claire	Fast Pitch
Kathryn Hamilton	Greenfield	Fast Pitch
Larry Barr	Eau Claire	Sponsor
George Gannon	Chippewa Falls	Umpire
Dick Smith	Portage	Manager

1988

Ron Barnes	La Crosse	Fast Pitch
Dave Faschingbauer	Bloomer	Fast Pitch
Clarence Beranek	La Crosse	Fast Pitch
Dennis Yeskie	Hixton	Fast Pitch
Don Kottke	Stevens Point	Fast, Modified, Slow Pitch
Milt Berman	Milwaukee	Fast Pitch
Mike Geary	La Crosse	Fast Pitch
Bill Brandt	La Crosse	Manager
John Salsman	Galesville	Manager
Richard White	Stevens Point	Manager
Bob Yeskie	Hixton	Manager

1989

Verna Tuschel	Manitowoc	Fast Pitch
Don Bentz	Pell Lake	Slow Pitch
Kelly Stevens	Menomonie	Slow Pitch
Dave Rasmussen	Menomonie	Slow Pitch
Fred Fels	Maribel	Fast Pitch
Lois Miller	Manitowoc	Fast Pitch
Rudy Suchomel	Sun Prairie	Fast Pitch
Bob Splan	Oneida	Manager / ASA Officer
Robert Delaura	Wautoma	Sponsor / League Official
Jerry Lardinois	Green Bay	Manager

1990

Bob Moore	Beloit	Fast Pitch
Jill Wiedmann	Brown Deer	Fast Pitch
Ellen J. (Hornet)		
Tronnier	Palmyra	Fast Pitch
Earl Flamme	Racine	Fast Pitch
Jane Pamperin	Green Bay	Fast Pitch
Milton Held	Milwaukee	Manager
Dean Puccinelli	Milwaukee	Manager

1991

Bruce Weinkauff	Stevens Point	Fast Pitch
Jerald Fangmann	Milwaukee	Fast Pitch
Keith (Whitey) Steinagel	Mosinee	Fast Pitch
Al Thomas	Milwaukee	Fast Pitch
John Stone	Milwaukee	Slow Pitch
Leonard Ringle	Milwaukee	Umpire

1992

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

1993

JoAnn Polzin	Embarrass	Fast Pitch
Harv Toter	Eau Claire	Fast Pitch
Dick Huther	Medford	Manager / WASA Officer
Louis Kittilstad	Eau Claire	Umpire

1995

Philip Higgins	Milwaukee	Fast Pitch
John Rommelfanger	Kenosha	Fast Pitch
Gary Seidel	Green Bay	Modified Pitch
Ted Lahner	Eau Claire	Fast Pitch
Frank Markle	Waukesha	Manager

1997

Tom Blaken	Tomah	Fast Pitch
Doug Gardner	La Crosse	Fast Pitch
Allan Lundberg	Osseo	Fast Pitch
Rick Scherr	Slinger	Slow Pitch
Bruce Stuhr	Galesville	Fast Pitch

1999

Dan Adams	Melrose	Fast Pitch/Mgr./WASA
Allen (Curly) Hanson	Eau Claire	Slow Pitch
Dave Holland	Marshfield	Slow Pitch
Aubrey T. Olson	Eau Claire	State Commissioner
Willie Taylor	Madison	Fast Pitch
Dennis Graser	Waukesha	Slow Pitch

2001

Roy Berg	Green Bay	Modified Pitch
Dick Brodie	Janesville	Slow Pitch/Mgr./Sponsor
Steve Frank	Chippewa Falls	Slow Pitch
Dennis Kostac	Green Bay	Umpire
Bill Ryan	Pulaski	Mgr./Sponsor

2003

Mike Disher	Stevens Point	Slow Pitch/WASA
Harry Kraft	Kenosha	Fast Pitch
Rod Peterson	Madison	Fast Pitch/Mgr./Sponsor
Tom Raimer	Portage	Fast Pitch/WASA/Commissioner
Bud Smith	La Crosse	Fast Pitch
Larry Stuhr	Melrose	Fast Pitch

2005

John Becker	Holmen	Fast Pitch/Manager
Dale Ferron	Madison	WASA Officer
Jeanine Kraemer	Green Bay	Fast Pitch/Mgr/WASA
Scott (Scooter) Marotz	Green Bay	Modified Pitch
Tom Rausch	Fond du Lac	Modified/Manager/WASA
Rick Weiterman	West Bend	Slow Pitch
Randy Wievel	Stevens Point	WASA Officer

2007

S. G. Johnson	Madison	State Commissioner
Todd (Odie) Albrecht	Ripon	Modified Pitch
Judy Cmeyla	Green Bay	Fast Pitch
Denny Delorit	Green Bay	Fast Pitch
Mike Haley	Chippewa Falls	Slow Pitch

2009

Harold "Nook" Blank	La Crosse	Fast Pitch
Todd Buetow	Fond du Lac	Sponsor
Hal Case	Madison	Umpire
Jo Ann Krueger	Denmark	Fast Pitch
Rusty Kryzanowski	Fond du Lac	Modified Pitch
Jeff Moon	Eldorado	Modified Pitch
Lud Nordahl	Hixton	Slow Pitch
Jean Rivett	Green Bay	Fast Pitch
Bob Tomlinson	Poynette	Fast Pitch
Guy Wertz	Waukesha	State Commissioner

2011

Tom Bonlander	Fond du Lac	Modified Pitch
Doran Geissler	Eau Claire	Fast Pitch
Phil Perlongo	Milwaukee	Slow Pitch
Susan Schill	Wisconsin Rapids	Coed Slow Pitch
Terri Sheridan	Fond du Lac	Slow Pitch
Lew Smith	Green Bay	Umpire
Paul Wagner	Green Bay	Modified Pitch
Ken Walters	Lake Mills	JO Fast Pitch Coach

2013

Todd Bonlander	Fond du Lac	Modified Pitch
Richard Buskov	Madison	Umpire
Jim Corbett	Green Bay	Modified Pitch
Peter Duesterbeck	Wild Rose	WASA Officer / Modified
Greg Flees	Stevens Point	Slow Pitch
Fred Golden	Eau Claire	Fast Pitch
Jim Mitchell	New Richmond	Umpire
Brenda Mueller	Fond du Lac	Slow Pitch
Sue Stoddardt	Fond du Lac	Slow Pitch

INDUCTEE PROFILE

1984

JAMES GANTHER

EAU CLAIRE

SLOW PITCH - PITCHER / MANAGER

Played in 17 State MSP tournaments managed in 15. Managed four state championships, played on five state championship teams. Appearances as player and manager may be state records. Managed and played on three Regional championship teams in 1979-80-81. 34-18 in state tournament play as a SP pitcher. May be a state record for most wins. 44-22 record as a manager in state tournament play. May be a record for most wins. Overall has over 800 wins as a manager. Probably tops in the state. Holds all-time Eau Claire fast pitch winning streak of 39 victories. Has won over 1,500 softball and baseball games as a pitcher. Hosted ASA Regional and directed Class A industrial MSP Tournaments in 1980.

BILL PECNICK

KENOSHA

FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Was the winning pitcher in the first ASA MFP National tournament championship game. Pitching for Ke-Nash-A he defeated Toledo, Ohio 2-0, fanning 13. From 1929-33 Pecnick won 311, lost 37, pitched 27 no-hitters. Has one perfect game, 27 (9 innings) at bat, 27 strikeouts. In one 13 inning game he fanned 38 of 39 and allowed one hit. Had an 83-7 record in 1932.

SHIRLEY MARTIN

MILWAUKEE

FAST PITCH – PITCHER / MANAGER

Has played fast-pitch softball for 42 years, beginning in 1942. Hurlled four wins in the 1957 State WFP Tournament in pitching Rohr Jewelers to the title. Her teams have several Metro Milwaukee titles. Won the Leading Pitcher Award in the 1956 National Invitational Tournament. ERA 0.00 in 42 winnings. Helped organize the West Allis Softball League. Also the girls FP league in Milwaukee. Has received honors in Indiana and Illinois for her efforts on behalf of women's fast-pitch. Probably played on and managed more ASA registered teams than any other person in the state.

JERRY PROFT

MELROSE

MANAGER / LEAGUE ORGANIZER

Managed Melrose FP softball team. Organized Melrose Merchants Round Robin Tournament in 1977. Helped other organizations begin their own tournaments such as Melrose Rotary and Melrose Area Jaycees. He was tournament director of the Wisconsin ASA State Class C MFP Tournament in 1982. 1978 was Chairman of the Melrose Recreation Park Furn. Organized the Melrose-Mindoro Athletic Banquet for ten years. Died of cancer May 13, 1983.

1985

DON CREOLA
PITTSVILLE
FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Pitched from 1957 to 1983. Won 806 games and lost 154. Had 38 no-hitters and 279 shutouts. Defeated five-time state champ Eau Claire Peters in Marshfield. Defeated defending state champ Madison Stone at DeForest in 1971. In 1966 defeated state runner-up Brad's Sporting Goods of Wausau ending their 20 game winning streak in Wisconsin Valley League. Pitched Little Rose Bar & Grill to 1983 Class C State Title. Named MVP winning six, losing one, and saving one. Won 28 MVP trophies.

HELEN JAEGER
MILWAUKEE
FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Began pitching in 1948 at the age of 13 for a church team in Evanston, IL. As of July 15, 1976 she had 368 wins, 119 losses. Was selected on 9 all-star teams, and was named MVP three times, has two awards for strikeouts, and one sportsmanship award. Had 12 no-hitters, one perfect game. Combine 1974 and 1975 she was 35-9 0.79 ERA, 253 strikeouts in 300 innings. Pitched 44 consecutive scoreless innings in 1972. Was named 2nd team All-Tournament in the 32 team National Invitational in Houston, TX in 1969. Pitched 32 innings, struck out 36. 1968 she was 21-4 and batted .365.

RON SCHROEDER
LA CROSSE
FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Won 210 games in his final four years with Galesville Wilber Lime. Had 98 shutouts and four perfect games. His ERA's from 1980-83 were 0.87, 0.69, 0.37, and 0.43 respectively. Named MVP in the Eau Claire Classic in 1982. Named MVP 1982 Great Lakes Regional. MVP 1983 of La Crosse Classic League. La Crosse Classic League All-Star from 1977-83. Played in two national tournaments. Threw six no hitters in 1982 and 1983.

1986

JIM CHAMBERS
RACINE
FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Played on six Wisconsin ASA state champion teams. Three times voted MVP. Played in eight Regional ASA Tournaments. Voted MVP 1946 National Tournament setting a strikeout record of 40 in a 19 inning game. Member of the National ASA Hall of Fame, Illinois Hall of Fame, and Orié Chandelier's Hall of Fame in Indianapolis. Hurlled 209 no-hitters, fanned 4,380 batter in career. Set National record with 117 strikeouts in 1946 tournament, has since been broken. Has received the ASA Gold Bat Award and the Racine Sportsman Award. His 40 strikeouts in one game made Ripley's Believe It or Not.

CAROL TOWNSEND
MIKWAUKEE
FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Threw two shutouts, one no hit perfect game in the 1983 state tournament. Was MVP in 1983 State Tournament, fanned 9, walked none, allowed two hits in championship game as Bankettes topped Nakoma Lanes 4-1. Second team All-American in 1976 ASA National Tournament. Pitched 55 innings with 0.42 ERA, allowed just 19 hits and fanned 33. Went 2-2 for the tournament. Second team All-American in the 1977 ASA National Tournament. Won 2, lost 1 with 0.30 ERA, 23.2 innings, 9 hits, 37 strikeouts.

NORM DERRINGER***RACINE******FAST PITCH – SHORT STOP***

Played on ten state championship teams from 1934 – 46. MVP in the 1934 ASA National Tournament for Ke-Nash-A. Was named All-Star short stop seven times between 1934 and 1942. Twice chosen All-Star short stop in the National Fast Pitch League, 1948 and 1949. Playing in Racine, the team won the 1948 championship of the National Fast Pitch League.

ROGER REGEZ***EAU CLAIRE******COMMISSIONER / EDITOR***

1976 Wisconsin ASA State Historian and Chairman of the Wisconsin Hall of Fame Committee. 1980- 1981 Wisconsin ASA State Commissioner. 1982 Editor of the Wisconsin ASA newspaper the “Messenger.” 1978 & 1982 Great Lakes Regional Fast Pitch Tournament Director. Roger has taken an active role in the Wisconsin ASA by his leadership and devotion to the game of softball. He was the motivating force in the establishing the Wisconsin Hall of Fame. He is the first editor of the Wisconsin ASA Messenger and has kept Commissioners, teams, and umpires informed on what is happening in the Wisconsin ASA.

1987***DON AMUNDSON******EAU CLAIRE******FAST PITCH – CATCHER***

Played on nine Men’s Major Fast Pitch State Champion teams, three runner-ups, one third, and two fourth place teams. From 1957-74 batted .300, 643 hits, and hit 184 home runs. Caught and won more state championship games than any other catcher in state history. Hit in excess of 200 home runs, was the leading home run hitter in the 1960’s. Hit home runs in 14 State Tournaments, six championship games 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967 (2), 1971, 1972. All State in 1957, 1963, 1965, 1966, 1970, 1977.

ERVIN BOOKS***EAU CLAIRE******FAST PITCH – PITCHER***

Nineteen year career, pitching Eau Claire Peters, he retired in 1968 with a lifetime record of 326 wins and just 40 losses. His .891 winning percentage is the best we have on records of any state pitcher. Named Outstanding Pitcher in 1961 and 1963 Mens Open Fast Pitch State Tournaments. Allowed 1 earned run in 31 innings in the 1961 State Tournament for an ERA of 0.23; the first of eleven state tournaments the Eau Claire team was to win. Appeared in 11 state tournaments and played on six state championship teams. Fanned tournament MVP four times in the 1964 State Championship game winning 5-0.

RON BUCKLI***EAU CLAIRE******FAST PITCH – THIRD BASE***

Played on nine state Men's Major Fast Pitch championship teams; three runner-ups, a 3rd, and two 4th place finishers. State Tournament MVP in both 1962 and 1963, the only non-pitcher in state tournament history to be MVP two years in a row. Hit .443, 13 hits and 4 homers in 1962 State Tournament. All-Sate in 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, and 1971. All-West regional in 1966 and 1970. Between 1963 and 1968 played in 350 consecutive games. Hit home runs in nine state tournaments, four state championship games, 1961, 1963, 1967, and 1971. From 1957-74 batted .345, 945 hits, 632 RBI, and 134 home runs, playing 887 games.

KATHYRN HAMILTON
GREENFIELD
FAST PITCH – PITCHER / MGR.

Thirty five-year softball career, 28 in Wisconsin. Played for Rainbow Cleaners, Brill Uniforms, Martin's maids, Hub Auto, G&W Construction, B&G bar, Dream Lanes, and West Allis Bankettes. Lifetime batting average .348. managed five state champion teams and three Milwaukee Metro champion teams. Played in 23 Regional Tournaments, 17 with Wisconsin teams. Played in two World tournaments, Toronto in 1953 and Orange CA in 1954. Was MVP as a pitcher in 1964, 1966, and 1967. Was MVP as a catcher-hitter in Pennsylvania three times. Pitched four games in one day in a state tournament in Janesville, won three, one was a no-hitter.

LARRY BARR
EAU CLAIRE
SPONSOR

Sponsored many fast pitch and slow pitch teams in Eau Claire, all were Wisconsin ASA registered. His sponsored teams won three Mens Major Fast Pitch State titles. His sponsored teams won two Mens Class A Slow Pitch State Titles. Sponsored five teams that qualified for Mens Class A Slow Pitch National Tournaments. Sponsored Houligan's Mens Slow Pitch team that won 80 consecutive league games and qualified for five consecutive Men's Class A national Tournaments.

GEORGE GANNON
CHIPPEWA FALLS
UMPIRE

Registered ASA umpire for 24 years. Umpired the Women's Major Fast Pitch National Tournament in Stratford, Conn. in 1976. The first Wisconsin umpire to work a national tournament. Umpired the 15 + under national Tournament in Rice Lake, WI in 1986. Umpired the 1978 Great Lakes Men's Class A Fast Pitch Regional in Taylor, WI. Umpired the 1979 Great Lakes Women's Major Fast Pitch Regional in Green Bay, WI. Eau Claire Umpire-of the -Year in 1985. Wisconsin ASA Umpire-of-the-Year in 1986. City of Chippewa Falls declared a "George Gannon Day" in 1987.

DICK SMITH
PORTAGE
FAST PITCH – MANAGER

Involved with softball for over 25 years. Has over 1,200 career wins as a manager. His teams won 19 league championships and 70 invitational tournaments. Entered 10 Men's Fast Pitch Class A State Tournaments. Finished third in 1979, fifth in 1984, fifth in 1985, and first in 1986. Class A national Tournament in 1986. Has directed the Kaki Lawton Invitational Tournament in Portage for many years, regarded as one of the top tournaments in the state.

1988

RON BARNES
LA CROSSE
FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Won 527 games lifetime with 7 no-hitters. Appeared in 21 ASA State Tournaments and two regionals. Player / Manager on nine district champions. Career spanned six decades. Pitching career spanned five decades. Played or managed on 24 city championship teams. Managed two State Tournament championship teams and two teams that played in national tournaments. Was given the Clair Raith Memorial award in 1961. Received the Merle Hale Award in 1979. Won 789 games as manager. The 1958 Quality Lumber team finished 2nd in the ASA State Tournament and 52 – 6.

DAVE FASCHINGBAUER
BLOOMER
FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Has won more than 700 games lifetime. Pitched Bloomer Hotel to runner-up in Class A State Tournament in 1978. Was 10 – 0, 1.30 ERA with 64 strikeouts in 59 innings and batted .388 in the Eau Claire National League in 1976. Began his career in 1961, has pitched 28 seasons. Recorded seasons of 35-5 and 36-9 in 1982 and 1983 respectively. Pitched in 1987 Wisconsin ASA 40 + Over State Tournament.

CLARENCE BERANEK
LA CROSSE
FAST PITCH – PITCHER

From 1929 to 1942 was regarded as the predominate pitcher in the Tri-State area (Wis., Minn., and Iowa). Played with La Crosse Northside Merchants in 1930, La Crosse Bodegas 1931-34, La Crosse Peerless Beer 1935, La Crosse cavaliers 1936, and La Crosse Heileman Brewery 1937-42. Entered military service from 1942 to 1946, 1947-50 Old Style. Played with Lake Mills Wemcos in 1933. From 1930 to 1942 he pitched on the city champion every year except once, 1935. The 1932 La Crosse Bodega team won the National Diamondball Tournament in Wausau, Beranek hurled the championship game. 1933 pitched in championship game for lake Mills Wemcos winning the International Softball Tournament. Won over 500 games lifetime. Once fanned 24 in a nine inning game.

DENNIS YESKIE
HIXTON
FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Won 650 games lifetime, approximately 35 no-hitters. Lifetime batting average tops .300. Once struck out five batters in one inning. Pitched two perfect no hit games one tournament in Galesville. Pitched Club 95 to Class A State title hurling seven games in one day! Struck out more than 2,500 batters between 1973 and 1976. Pitched and won five Class A State Championship games. Pitched all but three games during 52 game league winning streak in the Dairyland Softball League. Was undefeated from 1973-76 in league play. Named to the All-American team in 1975. Pitched Club 95 to one 4th place and two 7th place finishers in ASA Class A National Tournaments.

DON KOTTKE
STEVENS POINT
FAST, SLOW, MODIFIED PITCH

Played in over 2,500 games (1961-present). Teams he played on won over 1,500 games in slow pitch, 500 in fast pitch and 500 in modified. Lifetime batting average of .666 in slow pitch, .380 in fast pitch, and .500 in modified. Hit over 1,000 homeruns in career. Played in ASA State Tournaments in all levels of play; fast pitch, slow pitch, and modified. Top hitter in tournaments over 15 times and MVP over 10 times. Played in 54 of 78 possible tournaments and league championships in the Central Wisconsin area (1961-78). Played all outfield and infield positions equally well. Pitched over 250 wins in his modified career. Still active in slow pitch and modified pitch at age 49.

MILT BERMAN
MILWAUKEE
FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Hit 312 career homeruns and had 341 career pitching wins. Appeared in 1933 International Softball Tournament, 1935 and 1936 ASA Men's Fast Pitch Tournaments. 1936 playing for Watch Ten, (Pennsylvania) team won league (first half), state and made nationals. Team was withdrawn from league for the second half of season because Berman was "too good". Named All-State Roving Shortstop playing for Appleton Ponds in 1935. Won five league titles in four years, 1931-34. 1935 he hit 25 homeruns in Fox valley league, the previous record was ten. Blasted a 300 foot homerun off ASA National Hall of Fame Pitcher Shifty Gears winning the game 3-1.

MIKE GEARY
LA CROSSE
FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Began pitching in 1959 in La Crosse Midget League. Started pitching in the La Crosse Classic League at the age of 16. Awarded the Clair Raith Memorial Trophy in 1974, an award that honors both athletic ability and sportsmanship. Named MVP in 1971 District ASA Tournament striking out 18 in the championship game for Handy Builders. Named Outstanding Pitcher in 1971 men's Major Fast Pitch State Tournament. Pitched Handy Builders to second place. 1970 and 1971 he won 67, lost 15, with 828 strikeouts and 27 shutouts. Beat Eau Claire She-Nannigans 1-0 in the championship game of the Men's Major ASA 1973 State Tournament. He was named MVP. It was the first and only time a La Crosse team has ever won the ASA Major Fast Pitch Tournament. Won more than 300 games lifetime. At least three sportswriters called him the best pitcher in the Midwest.

BILL BRANDT
LA CROSSE
FAST PITCH – MANAGER

Active in softball for more than 40 years. Coached and managed teams from 1949 to 1987. Was a recipient of the Merle Hale Memorial Trophy. Was a member of the Wisconsin ASA staff. Was tournament director of many La Crosse invitational fast pitch tournaments. Always entered his teams in the Wisconsin ASA Class A State Tournaments. His team won the 1986 City Championship. Began his playing career with Tomah of the Tri-County League in 1948.

JOHN SALSMAN
GALESVILLE
FAST PITCH – MANAGER

Has won more than 1,100 games as a manager over 18 year career. His teams won 48 invitational tournaments, two state tournaments and two Great Lakes Regional Tournaments. His teams finished 17th in the ASA Nationals Class A in 1980 and 5th in 1982. His teams won the Centerville League title four times, Arcadia League two times, won the Western Wisconsin League two times, The La Crosse Classic League three times, and the Eau Claire Major League once. He also managed Critzman Auto Body to the Tri-County League title in 1987. His teams played in eight consecutive Great Lakes Regional Tournaments, probably a record. Finished third twice, second three times, and first once. Finished third one time in the Eau Claire Classic, the highest finish ever of a Class A team. His team won the 1988 Class A men's Fast Pitch Qualifier in Fargo, ND.

RICHARD WHITE
STEVENS POINT
MANAGER

Manager / player 1955-1985. Managed and played all levels; fast pitch, modified pitch, and slow pitch. Managed over 1,900 wins in 30 year career. 80% winning percentage. While playing; lifetime average in fast pitch over 300. Managed over 375 wins in fast pitch, 300 in modified, and over 800 in slow pitch. From 1961 to 1978 he managed team to 54 championships out of 78 tournaments and leagues in central Wisconsin area. Appeared in ASA Modified State Tournament 3 times, placing 3rd in 1985. In 30-year career, managed and played for only 2 teams: Willies bar, plover and Moore Barn, Plover.

BOB YESKIE
HIXTON
FAST PITCH – MANAGER

Won over 500 games as a manager over a 10 year career. His teams won five Wisconsin ASA Class A men's fast Pitch State Titles. His teams finished 4th once and 7th twice in the ASA National Tournaments. His team won 52 consecutive league games in the Dairyland Softball League, going unbeaten four years in a row. His Club 95 teams won 14 of 19 tournaments in 1975 and 1976. His teams won eight straight league titles. His teams won two Great Lakes Regional Tournaments. From 1973 to 1976 his managerial record was 224-33!

1989

DON BENTZ

PELL LAKE

SLOW PITCH – SHORT STOP

Played 16-inch slow pitch from 1980 to 1981. Played on seven Wisconsin ASA State Championship teams with Pell Lake Danan's Inn. Named ASA All-American five times. Regarded as the top shortstop in the US in the 1970's. Batted .500 in the 1972 ASA National Tournament. Batted .429 in the 1975 ASA National Tournament. Was the first Wisconsin player to be named First Team All-American on 16-inch slow pitch. Played shortstop bare handed and threw out baserunners both right-handed and left-handed.

FRED FELS

MARIBEL

FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Played fast pitch from 1959 to 1978. Lifetime record of 603-198 as a pitcher .753 winning percentage. Batted .381 and hit 130 homeruns lifetime. Played on 30 league championship teams; 10 Green Bay city Champions, and 12 Manitowoc Co. title teams. His teams won 51 tournaments. Played on four state runner-up teams, three with Green Bay 616 Club and one with Military Golfland. Lost championship game to Eau Claire Peter's in 1967, was picked up by Peter's for the Regional Tournament. Won four games in the ISC World Tournament in Rock Island, IL in 1973, allowing no earned runs in 24.1 innings. Enshrined into the Elks Lakeshore All-Sports Hall of Fame – Manitowoc. Had 50 career no hitters, two perfect games, and more than 100 shutouts. Named MVP 23 times and top hitter two times in his career.

LOIS MILLER

MANTOWOC

FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Career in 1951 to 1967 fast pitch, 1968 to 1982 slow pitch. Approximately 200 lifetime pitching wins and 50 homeruns. Pitched Manitowoc Jets to state titles in 1954, 1956, 1957, 1958 and 1960. Pitched Madison Dream Lanes to state titles in 1960, 1961, 1962, and 1967. Named All Regional in 1959 and 1963. Named All-State in 1954, 1957, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964. Appeared in two Nationals, 14 Regionals and 16 State Tournaments. Had a career batting average of .385 with a one year high of .455.

DAVE RASMUSSEN

MENOMONIE

SLOW PITCH – OUTFIELDER

Slow pitch career spans 20 seasons. Played in more than 3,000 games, hit 2,500+ homeruns, with a career batting average of .615. All-State 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979. Named National ASA All-American, 1977. Played for 27 different Wisconsin teams totaling 55 league championships. Teams he played for won 103 tournaments and finished second 75 times. Voted team MVP 19 times. Appeared in 17 National Tournaments. Appeared in 20 ASA Slow Pitch State Tournaments and six Great Lakes Regional's. Hit 318 homeruns in six years with Eau Claire Houligans. "Softball Player of the Year-Marshfield" 1979, 1980. Believed to have played in more slow pitch games than any other player in Wisconsin history.

KELLY STEVENS

MENOMONIE

SLOW PITCH – SHORTSTOP

Career spans 19 years. Played in 11 National Tournaments, 6 Regional's and 14 State Tournaments. Hit 242 homeruns in six years with Eau Claire Houligans. Hit 70 homeruns in 1971; 67 in 1972; 63 in 1979. Hit 329 homeruns in seven years with Hedlund's. Hit 244 homeruns in six years with Eau Claire Houligans. Top hitter in 1976 ASA State Tournament. All-State 1976, 1988. Regarded as one of the best slow pitch shortstops to ever play in the state.

RUDY SUCHOMEL
SUN PRAIRIE
FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Playing career spans from 1933 thru 1989. Has more than 1,000 fast pitch wins lifetime. Appeared in one ASA National Tournament, six State and several district tournaments. Had a 48-0 pitching record playing for Co. B 12th Infantry in 1942 and 1943. Pitched for 23 teams during career. Had 35 no-hitters and four perfect games. In 1968 he allowed just two earned runs in 161 innings, 0.09 ERA! Member of Rude's Lanes in 1967, champions of the ASA Regional in Madison. Teams he pitched for won 17 league championships. Named District tournament MVP in 1956 with Portland. Hurlled no-hitter in 1959 ASA District Tournament with Sun Prairie Bob and Tip's bar. Probably the longest playing career in state history.

VERNA TUSCHEL
MANITOWOC
FAST PITCH – PLAYER / MANAGER

Played and managed from 1947 to 1969. Had 329 career wins as a manager. Her teams finished second in three regional tournaments. Managed Manitowoc Kingsbury Jets to state titles in 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959 and 1960. Named All-State in 1958. Her team won the Milwaukee Invitational Tournament in 1956. Her teams won league titles in Milwaukee, Fox Valley, and Wisconsin State league. Appears in six Regional Tournaments and 20 State Tournaments. Led her team in batting in 1958 with a .423 average. Had a lifetime batting average of .315.

ROBERT DELAURA
WAUTOMA
MODIFIED PITCH – SPONSOR

Credited as one of the originators of Modified Pitch Softball in Wisconsin. Organized Tri-County "No-Windmill" league in 1961. The Tri-County League did not allow their pitchers to raise their arm above their head and delivery had to be made within 6 inches of the hip. Sponsored softball teams from 1961 through 1985. Sponsored two ASA national Tournament teams.

JERRY LARDINOIS
GREEN BAY
FAST PITCH – MANAGER

Manager from 1965 to 1984 with a 64-273 lifetime record, a winning percentage of .702. Founder of the Tournament of Champions and served as President from 1973-80. Led a campaign for uniformity of softball rules. Classified teams for the Wisconsin ASA in 1978 when the organization began Class B and Class C state Tournaments. His team won eleven league titles, 47 first place finishes in tournaments, and had a tournament winning streak of 28 games which included five straight tournament championships. Originated and directed Duck Creek Fast Pitch softball tournament from 1971 to 1984. His teams won 30 or more games 13 times, best year was 1971 with 37-7, and highest win number was 57 in 1979.

BOB SPLAN
ONEIDA
MODIFIED PITCH – WASA OFFICER

Founded the Wisconsin ASA modified Pitch program. Began playing modified pitch in 1958 and has been involved with the game, as player, manager, or State Modified Pitch Commissioner for 32 seasons through 1989. Helped support first ever 10-man Modified ASA National Tournament in Meadville, PA in 1981. Managed Green Bay Tri-Star to three state championships and three ASA national Tournament berths. Has attended every ASA State Modified Tournaments in history, numbering 29 through the 1989 season. Has attended the longest running Modified Invitational Tournament in the state, at Pholx, every year numbering 16 tournaments through the 1989 season. Began the ASA Modified program in 1979 with two registrations. As of 1989 registrations topped 200.

1990

EARL FLAMME

RACINE

FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Played from 1931 to 1959, had more than 500 pitching wins. Appeared in 3 ASA Nationals, 5 ASA Regionals, and 10 ASA State Tournaments. Played with ASA defending national champion Ke-Nash-A in 1935. Pitched three perfect games, and 43 no-hitters. Hit more than 100 career homeruns. Named National Softball League #1 Pitcher in 1946, 1947 and 1948. Member of Regional Champions St. Joe Auto Specialists (MI) in 1937, 1938 and 1939; also Racine Dumore 1942, 1943. Member of State Champion Racine Dumore 1942, 1943, 1944, Racine Massey Harris 1945, Webster Electric 1946; St. Joe Auto Specialists (MI) 1937, 1938 and 1939. Once hit three homeruns in 3-2 ten inning win for Racine Higgins. In 1937 and into 1938 season with St. Joe Auto Specialists, pitched 112 and 2/3 consecutive scoreless innings. The streak began in championship play and continued into the 1938 season. In 1934, he had a streak of 13 consecutive hits.

JANE PAMPERIN

GREEN BAY

FAST PITCH – INFIELDER

Appeared in eight ASA Regional's and 15 ASA State Tournaments. Named All-Regional three times. Named All-State six times, including 1977, 1984 and 1985. A member of six State Champion teams. Was a pickup for 1976 Regionals by State Champion La Crosse Hardees. Named MVP in 1984 State Tournament, had the game winning hit in second championship game.

BOB MOORE

BELOIT

FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Men's Fast Pitch pitcher from 1957 thru 1990. Played Major Fast Pitch every year won 1273 games and hit 183 lifetime homeruns through 1989 season. Appeared in eight Nationals, 28 regional and 21 State and metro tournaments. Member of regional Champions 1971 Anixer Bros. 1982, 1983 Madison Farm tavern, 1984 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988 St. Paul, MN. Member of State Champion 1962 Beloit Yates-American, 1964 Cherry Valley, IL, 1966 Eau Claire Peter's, 1967 Decatur, IL, 1969 St. Louis, 1970 Cedar rapids, 1972, Detroit, 1975, 1976 Eau Claire She-Nannigan's, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, Madison Farm tavern, 1984 St. Paul, MN. Named All-Regional 1974, 1978. Named All-State 1967, 1968, 1969, 1973, 1975, 1978 (ISC) 1979, 1980 (ISC). Member of 32 league championship teams. Hurlled 47 no hitters, 4 perfect games, and batted .302 lifetime. Once fanned 50 in a 22 inning with Edgerton, WI Danielson's TV: Opposing pitcher Don Rue fanned 49, game ended 0-0 (1965).

ELLEN TRONNIER

PALMYRA

FAST PITCH – OUTFIELDER

Played Women's fast Pitch from 1941 to 1968. Played left field, had a lifetime batting average of .320. Played in three Nationals, 17 Regionals and 10 State Tournaments. Member of 1956 national Invitational champion Rohr Jewelers. Named National All-Tournament in 1956 National Invitational. Member of Regional Champion 1951, 1952 Franklin Sports; 1953, 1954 GEW Construction. Member of State & Metro Champion 1942 West Allis; 1944, 1945 Freidman; 1947, 1948 Sal's; 1950 Van's; 1952 Franklin Sport's; 1953, 1954 G&W Construction; 1957 Rohr Jewelers. Member of 14 league championship teams. Named All-State in 1952. In 1943 played in Professional Girl's baseball League at South Bend, IN at age 15. On November 5, 1988 the national Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, NY honored the Professional Girl's Baseball with a display entitled "Women in Baseball," honoring every player in the league.

JILL WIEDMANN
BROWN DEER
FAST PITCH – INFIELDER

Played women's fast pitch softball from 1957 to 1979. Played for Madison Dream Lanes from 1957-67; Milwaukee Kuglitsch 1968-75; West Allis State bank 1976-79. Member of state champion 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966 Madison dream Lanes, 1975 Milwaukee Kuglitsch, 1976, 1977 1978, 1979 West Allis State Bank. Member of Regional Champion 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979 West Allis State Bank. Appeared in 4 ASA National, 17 Regionals and 10 state Tournaments. Named all Regional in 1973. Named All-State in 1964, 1965. Named Kuglitsch MVP on 1971, Kuglitsch Best defensive Player in 1972; Commissioner's Trophy for Most Improved in 1975. Named to the "All-Time Madison" women's fast pitch team in 1974.

MILTON HELD
MILWAUKEE
SLOW PITCH – MANAGER

Managed teams from 1957 to 1976, winning a total of 568 games, 451 with Copper Hearth. Appeared in 15 Nationals, 21 Regionals, 17 State and Metro Tournaments. Winning manager of the first ever 1970 ASA Slow Pitch World Series. Managed Copper Hearth to the 1969 ASA national title. Managed Copper Hearth to 2nd place in the 1970 ASA Nationals. Manager of Regional Champions 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975 Copper Hearth; 1964 Cities service. Managed team to State and Metro championships in 1966, 1967 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974. Managed team to ten Big Eight titles and ten Milwaukee City championships. Named Big 8 All-Star manager nine times. ASA registered umpire from 1959 to present. Named 1989 Umpire of the Year; WI Umpires Association.

DEAN PUCCINELLI
MILWAUKEE
FAST PITCH – MANAGER

Softball career spans from 1952 to 1990, totaling nearly 800 wins as a manager. Appeared in 1 National, 12 Regional, 5 State and 12 Metro tournaments. Managed 1988 Pitch's Lounge in WI ASA Class B State title. Managed Metro Champions, 1963, 1964 1965 Lakeview Lounge; 1967, 1968 Commercial Maint.; 1969 Ed Raatz Inn; 1971, 1972 Raabes; 1973 Kelly's; 1975, 1976 Lakeshore Twins; 1979, 1980 1981, 1982 Kelly's. His teams have won league titles in 1963, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1986, 1987. Credited for saving fast pitch softball in Milwaukee.

1991

JERALD FANGMANN
MILWAUKEE
FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Men's fast pitch, pitched from 1957 to 1988. Appeared in 16 Major Class Regionals from 1963-1978, 3 Major Class State tournaments, 10 Class A Regional and State tournaments. Member of the 1988 ASA Class B State Champion Pitch's Lounge. Member of 1963 Cloggy's, 1964 Questions Marks, 1965 Brenner's Pub, 1966 American Trailer, 1967 Otto's Liquors, Minneapolis, MN ASA Metro championship teams. Member of 1968 Commercial Maintenance, 1969 Milwaukee Mets, 1970 Fisherman's Cove, 1971 and 1972 Raabe's, 1973 and 1974 Kelly's, 1975 and 1976 Lakeshore Twins, 1977 Finney's, 1978 Poole's, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982 Kelly's, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986 Milwaukee Fastpitch Club, 1987, 1988 Pitch's Lounge Metro championship teams. Had more than 900 career victories, 40 no-hitters, and over 200 shutouts.

KEITH STEINAGEL

MOSINEE

FAST PITCH – SHORT STOP

Beginning in 1972 played 18 seasons, appeared in 1045 games with the same teams and same sponsor, Wausau Marksmen. Appeared in 1 National Tournament, 7 Regional's and 12 State Tournaments. Named All-State in 1978, 1979 (ISC). Batted .302 lifetime. Member of 1981 ASA Class A State Championship team. Member of 1982, 1983 and 1986 ASA State runner-up teams. Member of 1988 ASA Great Lakes Regional Championship team. Member of 13 Wausau AAA League championship teams. Member of 6 Kelly Athletic Club Championship teams. Named MVP or All-Tournament 11 times in invitational tournaments. Team record while a member, 703 wins, 342 losses.

JOHN STONE

MILWAUKEE

SLOW PITCH –

Men's slow pitch, played from 1960 to 1970. Appeared in 6 ASA National or World Tournaments, 6 Regional, 6 State or Metro Tournaments. Member of 1962 Milwaukee Enterprise Bar ASA, 1963 Milwaukee Lud and Angie's, 1964 Milwaukee Cities Service, 1965 Milwaukee Electric, 1966 Milwaukee cactus Club and 1967 Milwaukee Copper Hearth ASA national Tournament teams. Named All-World in 1962, 1963, 1965 and 1967. Led ASA National tournament in homeruns in 1962, 1963 and 1965. Named All-Regional six times. Named All-Metro six times.

AL THOMAS

MILWAUKEE

FAST PITCH – FIRST BASE

Men's fast pitch, played from 1932 to 1951, a first baseman. Appeared in 4 ASA national Tournaments, 3 ASA Regional's, 10 ASA state and metro tournaments. Member of 1936 harvester motors Milwaukee Metro Championship team. Member of 1938 Kenosha Somers ASA State runner-up team. Member of 1939 Ke-Nash-A State Championship team. Member of 1940 Ke-Nash-A State runner-up team. Member of 1942 Kearney Treckers Milwaukee metro championship team. All-State in 1938, 1939 and 1940. Had game winning hit in 1939 ASA State championship game in the 12th inning in a 1-0 win over Racine Western Printers. Appeared in ASA national Tournaments in 1936, 1937, 1938 and 1939. Pictured on the cover of the 1937 ASA Official Guide and Rulebook.

BRUCE WEINKAUF

STEVENS POINT

FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Men's fast pitch, played from 1971 to 1984. Appeared in 1 ASA National Tournament, 6 ASA Regional, 5 ASA State Tournaments. Member of 1977 Atlanta Days Inn SE ASA Regional Championship team. Member of 1981 Wausau Marksmen Wisconsin ASA State Championship team. Member of 15 league championship teams. Named MVP or All-Tournament in 13 major invitational tournaments. Named ASA Class A All-State in 1981 and 1982. Named Class A State Tournament MVP in 1981. Named ASA Southeast Regional All-Regional in 1977. In ASA State Tournaments from 1981-1983, won 13, lost 2, ERA 1.19 in 112 innings, 107 strikeouts, 12 walks, batted .344. In ASA regional Tournaments from 1981-1983, won 4, lost 1, batted .357. From 1978-1984 averaged just 0.57 walks per 7 innings. Career won 362, lost 103, .779. Served as Wisconsin ASA District 7 Commissioner 1981-1984. Served as tournament director for the 1984 great lakes regional. Made pitching debut on August 4, 1965 in ASA district 6 Tournament at the age of 13. At the time the youngest player to ever participate in an ASA men's tournament.

LEONARD RINGLE
MILWAUKEE
UMPIRE

Umpiring career spans from 1939 through 1991 and still active. Umpired in 40 ASA State and Metro Tournaments. Umpired metro Tournaments under five Milwaukee Metro Commissioners; Bill Davis, George Driggett, Larry Harris, Pete San Filippo and Ray Kalski. Probably holds state record for consecutive years of ASA umpire registrations – 52 years through 1991. Member of the Wisconsin Umpires Association 51 years, 35 as an officer. Member of the Executive Board of the Wisconsin Umpires Association. Served as President Secretary and Treasurer of the Wisconsin Umpires Association. Member of the Old-timers Hall of Fame. In 1934 organized the Southside Independent Softball League. Organized 60+ Softball League. Served as Metro UIC.

1992

STEVE FIRTKO
RACINE
FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Men's fast pitch – infielder/pitcher. Career 1932 – 1965. Member of 1940, Racine Western Printers; 1941 Racine Wehster; 1946, 1952 Racine Metal Parts; 1956 Racine Raiders ASA and Wisconsin Rec. state Championship teams. Member of 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950 Racine Metal Parts National Fastball Western Division Championship teams. Member of the 1945 US Army Engineer Command team that won the European championship; 1950, 1951 Racine metal Parts of the Wis.-Ill. league. Member of 1939 Racine Western Printers; 1951, 1953 Racine Metal Parts that won ASA District title. Named MVP of 1956 ASA State Tournament. Drove in both runs in the championship game in a 2-0 win over Appleton. Named All-Star third baseman of the National Fastball League 1947, 1948. Named captain of 1950 National Fastball Western Division Champion Racine Metal Parts. Member of 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1960, 1961 teams that won the Racine major League titles. Began pitching after the 1956 season. Pitched six no-hitters including two perfect games in Racine Major League. Faced National Hall of Fame pitchers Bill West, Herb Dudley, Johnny Spring, Jim Chambers, Charlie Justice and Harvey Sterkel. Member of 1948 WRDA state Champion Racine Metal Parts basketball team. Jan. 7, 1990 scored 70 points in a CYO basketball game on 35 field goals.

RAY KELLER
MADISON
FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Men's fast pitch pitcher, played from 1949 to 198?. Appeared in 22 State Tournaments, 14 regional Tournaments. Member of 1956, 1957 Beloit Century Super Market; 1959 Beloit Bwyer Trucking; 1960, 1961 Rockford, IL. Arve's; 1964 Rock Falls; 1968, 1969 Madison Stone; 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974 Madison Carpet; 1975, 1976, 1977 Oak Park; 1980 Madison WTSO; 1981, 1982, NASR (MI); 1983 VFW (MI); 1984 Kermit's (MI). Named All-State in 1955, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1968, 1972, 1974, 1982, 1983, 1984. Named All-Regional 1970, 1971. Pitched both championship games of 1968 State Tournament. Lost first game 3-2 on four hits and fanned 14, won second game 2-0, allowing three hits and struck out 11. Pitched a no-hitter in 1977 State Tournament.

PHIL METZGER
MILWAUKEE
FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Men's fast pitch pitcher. Played from 1947 to 1967. Appeared in 7 Regional Tournaments, 12 Metro Tournaments. Member 1951 Real refrigeration; 1955, 1956, 1957 Westowne Club; 1959, 1960, 1961 Transfer Bar; Milwaukee Metro Championship teams. Threw a no-hitter in 1955 Milwaukee Metro Tournament. Named All-Regional in 1956. Threw seven no-hitters in 1956. Named Best Pitcher in Aurora Sealmasters Tournament in 1951, 1952, 1955, 1956 and 1957. Led Milwaukee White Fast Pitch League in wins and strikeouts in 1956, 1957, 1958 and 1959. Led greater Milwaukee Fastpitch League in wins 20-8 and IP 216 in 1960. Won 74 of 75 games in one stretch during the 1956-1958 seasons.

NELDA REESE
MADISON
FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Women's fast pitch pitcher. Played from 1938-1962. Appeared in 17 State Tournaments, 8 Regional Tournaments, 2 National Tournaments. Played on state ASA Championship teams in 1938, 1940, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1947, 1949, 1961, 1962. named All-State in 1943, 1945, 1947, 1949. received the navy's Letter Award and MVP Award in 1951 for Great Lakes Naval team. Played softball for the Navy from 1950-1953. Played one season with National Girl's Softball League Inc. in 1946 for \$40/wk. plus room and board. Pitched four consecutive shutouts in the 1949 NSC WI Women's Fast Pitch State Tournament. Pitched two one-hitters and a three hitter in the 1941 Women's Fast Pitch State Tournament. Most memorable game: last game (B&G Bar, Madison) in the 1962 ASA Regional's in Kewaunee, IL.. a 2-1 victory vs. Gerry "Big Red" Hammerstand in 14 innings, allowing five hits.

CECIL PITTACK
MADISON
FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Men's fast pitch pitcher. Played from 1962 – 1992, still active. Appeared in 3 nationals, 5 Regionals, 20 state Tournaments. Member of 1978 Madison Chief Auto Parts; 1979 Middleton Bowling Green ASA State Championship teams. Named All-State in 1978, 1979, 1991. Named Leading Pitcher in 1978 Class A State Tournament. Won 8 lost 1 in 1978 ASA Class A State Tournament, pitching 64 2/3 innings with an ERA of 1.29, and 94 strikeouts. Pitched eight games on Sunday, including one no-hitter at age 48. During 1990 season, threw two consecutive perfect games, a total of 12 innings, fanning 11 of the last 12 batters he faced...at age of 60. Appeared in 1972 ISC World Tournament. Member of 1970 Ed Raatz Inn, 1971 Oregon Clothing, and 1972 Oregon Clothing ISC State Championship teams. Member of All-Navy regional Champion 1963 and 1964. Member of All-Navy national Runner-up 1964. Member of Wis. Air National Guard national Tournament Championship teams in 1974, 1977, 1978. Lifetime won 2,976 games, lost 579, and has 829 shutouts thru the 1991 season. Won 19 MVP and Best Pitcher Awards between 1969 and 1985 in invitational tournaments.

1993

JOANN POLZIN
EMBARRASS
FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Played women's fast pitch, modified pitch and slow pitch from 1968-1991. Pitched in 9 ASA state Tournaments in women's fast pitch and modified pitch. Pitched in 3 ASA national Tournaments in women's modified pitch. A member of 3 ASA State Women's Modified Pitch championship teams, 1983, 1985 and 1991. Was the winning pitcher in all games and had the game winning hit in the 1991 championship game. A player on 12 league championship teams in women's fast pitch and women's modified pitch from 1981-91. 1971 ASA State Women's Modified Pitch Tournament leading hitter award. 1988 ASA State Women's Modified Pitch Tournament All-Tournament team. Compiled over 235 wins in fast pitch and modified competition, and batted over .400 in career. received best pitcher, hitter or MVP awards in 12 tournaments. A player on 12 championship teams in invitation softball tournaments. A player on several slow pitch tournament and league championship teams from 1976 to 1990. Numerous individual awards. pitched several no hitters and 2 perfect games.

HARV TOMTER
EAU CLAIRE
FAST PITCH – FIRST BASE

1960, 61, 63, 64, 66, 67 played on the WASA Men's Major Fast Pitch State Champions Peter's Meats of Eau Claire. 1969 & 70 played on the WASA Men's Major Fast Pitch State Champions Sammy's Pizza – Eau Claire. 1971 played on the WASA Men's Major Fast Pitch State Champions The Bar – Eau Claire. 1959, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 70, 71 and 73 named to the WASA Men's Major Fast Pitch All-State team. 1966 was selected as Honorable Mention ASA West central All-Regional team. 1969 and 71 named to the ASA West central All-Regional team. 1971 named MVP of the ASA West Central Region. In WASA Men's Major Fast Pitch State Tournaments batted, 1967 "9 for 22", 1967 "15 for 32", 1969 "5 for 15", 1970 "7 for 15", 1971 "6 for 17", 1972 "8 for 26", and 1973 "9 for 26". While playing for Peter's Meats, Sammy's Pizza and The Bar his hitting totals were 747 and 2,231 for an average of .335. One of the finest hitters in Men's fast Pitch Softball.

DICK HUTHER
MEDFORD
SLOW PITCH – MGR/ WASA OFFICER

Wisconsin ASA State president 1990-1993. Wisconsin ASA District Commissioner 1984-1987. Wisconsin ASA men's Master Commissioner 1988-1993. managed men's Baseball and Softball teams from 1967-1993. Managed in 12 ASA State Tournaments from 1982-1993. managed in 8 ASA national Men's Masters and Senior Slow Pitch Tournaments. Manager of Roger Bar, Marshfield from 1982-90. Manager of All American Bristol, Wisconsin rapids from 1991-92. Manager of the 1982 Men's Over 35 Slow Pitch State Champions. In 1987 managed two teams in ASA State Tournaments: Men's Masters Slow Pitch Over 35 Champions & men's Master fast Pitch over 40 – 2nd Place. Manager of the 1988, 89, 90, 91 Over 45 Slow Pitch state champions.

LOUIS KITTLSTAD
EAU CLAIRE
UMPIRE

Umpired baseball and softball for over 20 years. Umpired in 5 West central Regional Men's major Fast Pitch tournaments. Umpired in 2 Men's Major Fast Pitch State Tournaments. Umpired in 5 Eau Claire Classic Men's Fast Pitch Tournaments. Umpired in 1968 Umpire in Blue Grass men's Fast Pitch Tournament in Lexington, KY. Umpired in 1969 national ASA Men's Major Fast Pitch All-Star Game in Aurora, IL. Recognized in 1972 as Dean of Eau Claire Umpires by the Wisconsin ASA. Eau Claire Umpire-of-the-Year.

1995

PHILIP HIGGINS
MILWAUKEE
SLOW PITCH – OUTFIELD

Played in five National ASA Tournaments. Member of 1984, Men's Major ASA Tournament winner Lilly Air Systems in Garland Texas. Won batting title in 1984, Men's Major Tournament (.843) ave. Named most valuable player in 1984, Men's Major Tournament. Named 1st Team All-American in 1984, Men's Major Tournament. Won Milwaukee ASA metro titles in 1971, 72, 73, 74 with Copper Hearth. Won ASA Regional titles in 1971, 72, 73, 74 with Copper Hearth. Member of six Milwaukee All-City M.U.N.I. league Championship Teams. Won Milwaukee County "Big 8 Classic League" in 1971, 72, 73, 74, & 76 with Copper Hearth. Won "big 8" batting titles in 1974 (.689), 1975 (.628), 1976 (.650). Won two consecutive triple crowns in "Big 8 Classic League". Played professional Slo-Pitch softball 1977 through 1982, (Copper Hearth/Milwaukee Schlitz). Won 3 Professional Softball Championships 1979, 1980, 1982. Voted All-Pro 4 times in Professional Softball League.

JOHN ROMMELFANGER
KENOSHA
FAST PITCH – MID FIELDER

Played from 1930 – 1940. 1932 batting average .436 – 69 games. 1933 Nationals lost in finals. 1934 national Champions with Ke-Nash-A. Played in 4 State Tournaments, 1 Regional. 1940 played on All-Star team – 12” ball. 1931 City Champs – 16” ball. 1930 – 1940 played 100 indoor games – 17” ball. 1030 – 1940 hit 200 home runs. Hit three home runs in a game, twice.

GARY SEIDL
GREEN BAY
MODIFIED PITCH – PITCHER

Pitched fast pitch and modified for 37 years. Had more than 650 wins. First modified pitch player named to WASA Hall of Fame. Received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the WASA in 1993. Pitched on first Badger State Game modified pitch championship team, Williams Auto Body, 1987. One-half or only father-son pitching duo to win state modified pitch tournament, Hilgers, 1992. Received 31 MVP awards, including 2 modified pitch State Tournament MVP’s 1982 – 1984. Pitched 5 no-hitters, lifetime. Had five seasons of 25 or more wins. Had three seasons of 30 or more wins. Pitched in all 15 state Modified Pitch Tournaments. Pitched in 14 national Modified Pitch tournaments. Pitched for 6 State Championship teams. Tri-Star 1979, 1980, 1982, 1984 Hilgers, 1989, 1992.

TED LAHNER
EAU CLAIRE
FAST PITCH – SHORT STOP

Played short stop for Peter’s Meats, Sammy’s Pizza, The Barr and She-Nannigan’s all of eau Claire. Could beat you with his glove, his bat or his base running. Played on 9 State championship teams in an eleven year span. Had over 590 hits in a 25 year softball career with a 270 lifetime batting average. Made the All-State team in 1957. Was on the All-Regional team in 1966. Two biggest career moments were hitting home runs off Chicago’s Ray Burlison and Canada’s Reno Petenuzzo – two of the top fast pitch pitchers at the time. A sensational defensive short stop. One of the headiest players in the game of softball in the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s.

FRANK MARKLE
WAUKESHA
SLOW PITCH – MANAGER

1966 – 1971 Becker’s Sporting Goods – Waukesha (Managed) Six Men’s Slow Pitch Open State Champs. 541 Won – 143 Loss, Becker’s Sporting Goods in that span. 1966, 67, 69, 70 – Won the Waukesha City League. 1968 – CO-Champions of the Wisconsin/Illinois League in which featured three national champions. Schlitz of Fond du Lac – managed to state wide and national prominence. finished as high as fourth in National Tournament.

1997

TOM BLANKEN
TOMAH
FAST PITCH – OUTFIELD

Tom began playing fast pitch in 1962 and was still active during 1997, the year of his enshrinement in the Hall of Fame. Considered by many experts to be the greatest position player in Wisconsin ASA Class A fast pitch history. Named ASA Class A 1st Team All-American for Hixton’s Club 95 in 1975. Named ASA Class A 2nd Team All-American for Club 95 in 1976. Selected on five Class A All-State teams and also made the 1976 All-Great lakes Regional Team. Won the home run title in the 1989 ASA men’s Masters 40 + Over national Tournament as his Bank of Melrose team brought home the National Championship. Player on four ASA regional Champions and 21 State Champions while with Mindoro, Wilber Lime, Club 95 and Ebner Construction. Has approximately 300 home runs through 1997 and three times has blasted three home runs in a single game. In 1988, played one game for the King and His Court in Tomah and came through “royally” with three home runs and five RBI’s.

DOUG GARDNER***LA CROSSE******FAST PITCH – PITCHER / OUTFIELD***

Fast pitch career spanned from 1965 to 1990. Attained career totals of 254 home runs, 120 triples, 278 doubles, 398 stolen bases plus a .380 batting average. Won 235 games and lost 48 as a pitcher. He also threw five no-hitters and one perfect game while compiling a career ERA of 1.19. Named to ASA All-State and All-Regional teams. Played on ASA State Champions Keg Bar and Ebner Construction, both from La Crosse, and the Farm Tavern from Madison. Homered in eight ASA State Tournaments. Hit .537 with 11 home runs and 63 RBI's for Keg Bar in 1977 while striking out just 10 times in 203 at bats. Named MVP of the Wisconsin ISC State Tournament that year while being selected for the ISC World All-Star team. Versatile performer who excelled at bat, in the field, on the mound and on the bases. Led his teams in over 150 yearly statistical categories versus Major and Class A competition.

ALLAN LUNDBERG***OSSEO******FAST PITCH – PITCHER***

Began his fast pitch career at the age of 14 in 1970. Still active in ASA Masters play in 1997 when he was selected for the Wisconsin ASA Hall of Fame. Has over 800 lifetime wins. Hurlled 21 no-hitters and 8 perfect games for Galesville's Wilbur Lime. Has 11 perfect games in all, which includes one in the 1997 ASA masters 40 & Over National Tournament. Tossed consecutive perfect games in 1992 Arcadia Tournament. In 1977, he ended the 57 game league winning streak of eventual Class A State Champions Club 95 of Hixton by beating WASA Hall of Famer Dennis Yeskie, 3-1. Named ASA Class A 1st Team All-American for Wilbur Lime in 1989. Named ASA Class A 3rd Team All-American for Wilbur Lime in 1982. Most memorable tourney was the 1989 ASA Class A National where he suffered a broken cheekbone after being struck in the face by a pitch but recovered to go 4-0 while surrendering but one run in 30 innings. Won two regional and two state titles while with Wilbur Lime and twice was named All-State. At the Class A level, he pitched in six national, five regional and 11 state championships. Won numerous MVP and All-Tournament honors while being named Best Pitcher in 17 invitational's. A class act who never argues with umpires... instead he lets his arm do the talking.

RICK SCHERR***SLINGER******SLOW PITCH***

Legendary slow pitch slugger whose nickname stemmed from his abilities with a bat. Instantly identifiable at softball diamonds throughout the country just by his nickname alone. Unquestionably, the greatest slow pitch power hitter ever to come out of Wisconsin. Named to numerous All-American teams at softballs highest level. Played on many national Champions with such famous teams as Howard's Furniture, Howard's / Western Steer, Ritch's / Superior, Superior / Apollo, and Milwaukee's Copper hearth. At the 1984 ASA Slow Pitch National Tournament he established a tourney home run record with 20 despite being intentionally walked 15 times. Even though he often was his team's leadoff hitter, opponents were known to walk him intentionally to start a game. 1981 Most Valuable Player of the World Series for Howard's. One of the biggest and brightest stars of Milwaukee's awesome Big 8 Classic league in the 1960's 70's. Retired in the early 90's after more than two decades at the apex of slow pitch competition.

BRUCE STUHR***GALESVILLE******FAST PITCH – SECOND BASE***

Fast Pitch career began in 1971. Still active in 1997, the year of his induction into the Hall of Fame. One of the finest Class A infielders in Wisconsin ASA history while performing for such powers as Snapper's Bar, Wilbur Lime, Freddie's Bar and Millis Transfer. Member of four ASA Regional Champions and five Wisconsin ASA State Champions plus 15 League Championship teams. Played in nine ASA Class A Nationals and two ASA 40 + Over nationals. Has also played in seven Class A Regionals and 16 Class A State Tournaments. Named Great Lakes Regional Most valuable Player in 1979 after going 15 for 18 at the plate, an amazing .833 average. Also named Great Lakes Regional Most

Valuable Player in 1980, thereby becoming the first player ever to win such honors in consecutive seasons. Three-time WASA Class A All-State Second baseman. Has won two MVP and two Best defensive Player awards in invitational tournaments while being selected to four all-tourney teams in invitationals. Lifetime batting average of over .350 at the conclusion of the 1997 season.

1999

DAN ADAMS

MELROSE

FAST PITCH/MGR./WASA

Excelled at many facets of the fast pitch game during his career, which spanned from 1968 to 1998. At various times was a player, manager, coach, commissioner, organizer and tournament director. One of the winningest managers in WASA history in ASA national competition. His clubs won two national titles, were runner-up twice, had one fourth and three fifth place showings at ASA nationals. The ASA national champs were of Melrose in the 1989 MFP Masters 40 & Over and the 1998 51 Classics from Portage in the 50 & Over category. His Bank of Melrose and Black River Country Bank teams won an astonishing 12 WASA Masters state championships in as many tries. Overall managerial record was 388 – 153. Hit over .300 for his career with 180 homers. Named to three WASA All-State Tournament teams and one Great Lakes Regional team. Appeared in 14 ASA nationals, 3 regionals and 28 state tourneys. Helped organize the ASA Masters Fast Pitch division in Wisconsin and served as its commissioner for a decade. Also served two years as the WASA Fast Pitch Commissioner. Started the Melrose-Mindoro High School girls fast pitch program and was head coach there for three seasons. Helped create and coach the Melrose recreational softball program for girls. Won the Jerry Proft Memorial Trophy and the Charles Timm Memorial Award for his local promotional work in softball. Played in the Cincinnati Reds farm system in 1965-66 until a ruptured Achilles tendon ended his professional baseball career, which turned out to be amateur softball gain in Wisconsin.

ALLEN (CURLY) HANSON

EAU CLAIRE

SLOW PITCH – PITCHER

One of the greatest power-hitters in WASA slow pitch history. The left handed slugger anchored the middle of the batting order for Class A state champions Houligan's (Eau Claire) and Miller Premium Brands (Stevens Point) in the 70's and 80's. He continues to do so in the 90's for WASA Masters kingpins Bankers Life of Eau Claire and Brite-Way from Wausau. Through 1998 had played in 41 ASA state tourneys, 26 nationals and 4 regionals. Named to two ASA All-American teams in 1998; third team for Julson's Auto of Eau Claire in 35 & Over and 2nd for Bankers Life in 45 & Over. 1st Team ASA Class A All-American for Houligans in 1977. Helped lead mighty Houligans to five ASA national tournaments in the teams six years of existence plus three WASA Class A state crowns and a trio of Great Lakes Regional conquests (1978-80). Hit .575 for Houligans with a team-leading 347 home runs. Named WASA Class A All-State in 1976-78 with Houligans and in 1977 for Eau Claire's Budweiser. Earned MVP honors in 1994 in both the WASA 35 & Over and 40 & Over state championships. Held a career batting average of over .600 going into the 1999 season. Won Top Slugger Award for Miller Premium Brands in 1988's Stevens Point Classic, the top Class A tournament in Wisconsin. His popularity was such even the visiting player with Houligans at Stevens Points Iverson Park the kids behind the fence in right would spell his nickname in the fence with paper cups while awaiting one of his towering blasts to land in their midst. Softball career began in 1969 and showed no signs of fading away in 1999, the year of his induction into the WASA Hall of Fame.

DAVE HOLLAND

MARSHFIELD

SLOW PITCH – INFIELDER

This "Ace" of diamonds could just as easily be nicknamed "Iron Man" since he's estimated to have played in between 5,000 and 6,000 games heading into the 1999 campaign. Started playing softball in 1956 at 17. Currently has 44 years of slow pitch, 21 years of fast pitch and three seasons of modified to his credit. Through 1998 had performed in 18 nationals with basically the same team, many times under the WASA Hall of Fame manager Dick Huther. A six time All-American at either shortstop or third base in Masters or Seniors slow pitch. Member of 17 state championship teams

and three time WASA state tournament Most Valuable Player. Overall has won 18 MVP awards in various tourneys: 14 at shortstop and two at second base in slow pitch with two at the hot corner in fast pitch. Has played with the same team, Felker Bros., in Marshfield city league since 1966. Complete an unassisted triple play for Felker's in 1969. Holds a career batting average of .290 in fast pitch and over .650 in slow pitch. Career homer total is approximately 600. Won Outstanding Hitter Award in 64-team Marshfield MAC Tournament in 1972. Displayed his versatility by moving to the mound and pitching his Hooty's 55 & Over club from Baraboo to a WASA state title with five wins while hitting .900. Inducted into the WASA Hall of Fame in 1999 at age of 61 and still playing three nights a week.

AUBREY T. OLSON
EAU CLAIRE
STATE COMMISSIONER

Was the Wisconsin ASA's seventh state commissioner, in office from 1975-79. Becomes the second state commissioner to be elected to the WASA Hall of Fame. Wrote the first Wisconsin ASA by-laws in 1976 and also wrote the same for the Great Lakes Region. Proposed establishing an ASA Hall of Fame for Wisconsin in 1976. Served three years as the organizations Umpire-In-Chief. Instituted the two Umpire-In-Chief system. Published the first Wisconsin ASA yearbook. Umpired for 24 years (1964-1987) in the Eau Claire Municipal Softball Association and was the Umpire-In_Chief for the last eight years.

WILLIE TAYLOR
MADISON
FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Began remarkable career as a fast pitch pitcher at the age of 12 in 1945 and kept firing away until age 64 in 1996, stepping down after helping Lake Mills Merchants win the Marshall Major League pennant. Exact number of mound victories is unknown, but "well over 1,000" is a very solid estimate. Pitched in 10 WASA state tourneys, leading Quality Lumber of LaCrosse to second place in 1958 and duplicating that effort in 1968 with Rude's Lanes from deforest. Won 25 games versus only 2 losses for Quality Lumber in 1958 while piling up 300 strikeouts in 195 innings. Went 33-2 in LaCrosse Classic League from 1957-1960 for Quality Lumber and was named league MVP in 1958. Received the LaCrosse areas coveted Clair Rath Award in 1960. Won MVP honors in numerous tournaments in Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota. Was especially tough in the Hawkeye state, going unbeaten in tournament competition for four years in northeast and north-central Iowa. "Presented" himself with a birthday no-hitter three separate seasons. Opened a 1959 tournament game in Platteville against Stockton, IL with 16 strikeouts, finishing with 20 in a 1-hit victory. Served in and pitched for the U.S. Army during his early 20's. Won the 1953 MRTC crown with a 19-strikeout effort. Also won the 1955 Ft. Jackson post title and fashioned a two-year 54-12 mark that included four no-hitters and an average of 14 strikeouts per game. Contributed immeasurably to the sport during his 23-year stint as a pitching instructor for Madison recreation. Even in retirement, he continues to help others learn and enjoy the game. "I love it very much," he stated when asked about his unwavering involvement striving to enable young athletes to better themselves.

DENNIS GRASER
WAUKESHA
SLOW PITCH – 1ST BASE

Bum Phillips, the former head coach of the Houston Oilers, once said of his great running back, Earl Campbell, "He might not be in a class by himself, but it sure doesn't take the teacher long to call the roll." The same can be said for Dennis Graser and slow pitch softball in Wisconsin. During the '70's, '80's and '90's, the lanky, left-handed-hitting first baseman performed throughout the United States at the highest level of the slow pitch game. Among the storied teams he starred for were Ritch's/Superior (Connecticut), Steele's (Ohio), Starpath (Kentucky) and Spectrum (Minnesota). A member of eight national championship clubs. Named to 23 All-American teams. Hit for both average and power and employed his speed on the base paths to turn singles into doubles and doubles into triples. Played six seasons of professional softball with Milwaukee Schlitz, winning three titles during the late 1970's and early '80's. Spent the final years of his career with Spectrum and was named All-World in both 1994 and 1995 for the Minnesota-based team. Retired following the 1996 season with Spectrum. In 1992 helped Trysting place of Menomonee Falls become the last Wisconsin team this century to win the Stevens Point Classic. Honored at the 1996 Dudley Classic in Minnesota for his service and contributions to the sport of softball. Ironically, a teammate of his on the first softball team he ever played for in college at UW-Stout was Curly Hanson, a fellow member of the Wisconsin ASA's Hall of Fame Class of 1999.

2001

ROY BERG

GREEN BAY

MODIFIED PITCH – 3RD BASE

Played Modified Pitch from 1965 – 1998. Career offensive numbers include 600 home runs, 2000 runs batted in and a .450 batting average. One of the foremost power hitters of his era who was also known for his sterling defensive work at the “hot corner”. Hall of Fame classmate Dennis Kostac, who umpired many of Berg’s games, stated “Nobody played closer to the batter at third base than Roy did and nobody had a quicker glove.” Played on the first ASA registered Major class modified team in Wisconsin in 1979. That team, Tri – Star of Green Bay, won the very first WASA Major Modified Pitch state crown. Won six WASA major state championships with Tri – Star, the original dynasty in WASA modified competition. Tri – Star’s titles came in 1979, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1988 and 1990. Most Valuable Player of the 1980 WASA Men’s Major Modified State Tournament. Competed in 17 ASA National Championships. Appeared in 26 tournaments at Phlox, the longest-running modified pitch invitational in Wisconsin. Served as tournament director of an ASA Class A national Invitational held in Green Bay.

RICHARD BRODIE

JANESVILLE

SLOW PITCH -PITCHER/MGR./SPONSOR

Softball career began in 1953 after he returned from the Korean War. “Hodgie” took up slow pitch in 1958 and is still playing in 2001, the year of his Hall of Fame induction. A very prominent figure in the success of the WASA Senior and Masters Slow Pitch programs. Worked closely with the Hall of Famer Dick Huther to establish the first WASA 55 & Over State Tournament and also organized the WASA’s initial 60 & Over State Championship. Has compiled over 1,000 wins as a pitcher and owns a lifetime batting average of .533. Named ASA All-American at pitcher in the 1988 45 & Over Nationals in Alabama while leading his Brodie Trophy club to a sixth place finish. Selected to WASA All-State teams at both pitcher and second base. His teams have won five state championships and over 130 league pennants. As a player, manager and sponsor he has accumulated more than 5,000 victories. In 1981 he hurled a perfect game in slow pitch during a tournament at Richland Center. He’s also been involved in five triple plays on defensive end. Elected to Poynette’s Winter Softball Hall of Fame in 1987. Served as WASA Senior Slow Pitch Commissioner for South central Wisconsin. First Janesville native to be enshrined in the WASA Hall of Fame.

STEVE FRANK

CHIPPEWA FALLS

SLOW PITCH – OUTFIELDER

This smooth-swinging southpaw ranks as one of the most prolific and consistent hitters in Wisconsin slow pitch softball history. An ideal leadoff man with speed, a keen eye, a lofty batting average and power when necessary. Started his softball career in 1968 and was still playing very proficiently this year when he entered the WASA Hall of Fame. Maintains a career batting average of over .650 while playing for Eau Claire based WASA powers Houligan’s and Bankers Life, among others. Through the 2000 season he had been on 17 WASA State Champions and had played in 27 ASA National Tournaments with a trio of top four finishes. A three time ASA All-American. In 1998 he made both the 35 & Over and 45 & Over All-American teams. Ripped 30 hits in 39 at bats in the 2000 Senior World Championships in Winnipeg, Canada and was named All-World in the 50 & Over division. Named to seven WASA All-State teams in Class A, C and Masters play between 1989 – 2000. MVP of 1995 WASA 45 & Over State Tournament in Hudson. Leading hitter of the first Stevens Point Classic in 1982 and that year’s USSSA Class B State meet. Also led the ASA Class A Great Lakes Regional in hitting. Eau Claire’s Slow Pitch Athlete of the Year in 1983. Joins long time Houligan’s and Bankers Life teammates Jim Ganther, Curly Hanson, Dave Rasmussen and Kelly Stevens in the WASA Hall of Fame.

DENNIS KOSTAC
GREEN BAY
UMPIRE – WASA

Wisconsin ASA Umpire-in-Chief from 1982 through 1998. At the conclusion of the 2000 season had umpired in eight ASA Modified Pitch National Championships, seven at the Major level, the apex of the game. Worked national finals in the 1988-1989 and at Fond du Lac in 2000. ASA National Tournament Umpire-in-Chief in Rice Lake in 1989 and Stevens Point in 1996. Coordinator of ASA National Umpire School held in Green Bay in 1998. A featured speaker at ASA National Umpire-in-Chief clinics in 1991, 1993 and 1995. Has spoken on umpiring at four National Association of Sports Officials conventions and also before the National Federation of High Schools. Named to ASA National Indicator Fraternity in 1988. In 1989 was selected as a modified pitch umpire by the ASA International Softball Federation. Earned Gold Level of Excellence in ASA Medals Program in 2000. Helped the NFHS write the National Softball Umpire Training Program in 1999. Did likewise for the WIAA in 1994. A member of Referee magazine's editorial staff since 1992. Appointed to the NASO Board of Directors in 1994. Umpired in seven WIAA state tournaments and one WISAA event. Has also officiated in WIAA and WISAA state basketball tournaments plus WIAA state volleyball and American Legion state baseball. NFHS Wisconsin Umpire of the Year in 1986 and 1993. Pulled off remarkable "double-play", with inductions into both the WASA Hall of Fame and the Hurley High School Hall of Fame.

BILL RYAN
PULASKI
MGR./COACH/SPONSOR

A classy pillar of support and dedication to softball in Northeastern Wisconsin for decades who placed special emphasis on the women's modified game. Coached, managed and sponsored teams for 35 years. Won 825 games as a manager with a .750 winning percentage. His clubs captured four WASA Women's Modified state titles and appeared in the same number of ASA nationals. The state champions were Joe's bar of Pulaski in 1983, Carver Boats of Pulaski in 1985, Bill & Terry's of Green Bay in 1991 and Employers Health of Green Bay in 1995. Managed Joe's Place to a fifth-place finish out of 20 teams in the 1993 ASA Women's National Tournament in Keene, New Hampshire. Provided many individuals with the opportunity to play the sport he loved. He organized the first women's tournaments in Pulaski and Suamico and the original women's league in Pulaski. He also founded a youth fast pitch league. Mr. Bill, as he was known to his players, self-sponsored successful men's, women's and girls' teams known, respectively as the Rascals, scamps and Rogues. Between 1974 – 1988 his modified and fast pitch teams won 17 league and 17 tournament titles and he was a three-time Coach of the Year. President of the Tri-County Modified League, 1970-74. Encouraged his players to "like one another." He told them, "If you do that and you're together two or three years, you're going to win." Indebted to all of his players, sponsors and especially his family.

2003

MIKE DISHER
STEVENS POINT
SLOW PITCH/WASA REP./REG DIR.

An energetic, outgoing individual who has had an enormous impact on softball in Wisconsin, both on and off the diamond. Played slow pitch from 1969 – 1998 and was one of the premier power hitters of his era. Launched over 1,500 home runs while attaining a .500 career batting average. Managed and played for six WASA Class A State Champions in the 1980s under the sponsorship of Miller Premium Brands and The Flame of Stevens Point. Also part of five WASA State Champions during the 1990s with Bankers Life of Eau Claire and the Point Merchants. MVP of the 1976 WASA Men's Class A Slow Pitch State Tournament and the 1995 WASA Men's Masters 40 & Over Slow Pitch State Tournament. In 1996 he was named 2nd Team All-American as a catcher in the ASA's 45 & Over national Tournament in Meridian, Mississippi. Set Point Classic home run record in 1986 with 12 during rugged Class A event. Has been extremely involved in the administrative end of the sport for over three decades. Since 2000 has served as the ASA Great Lakes Regional Director and on the ASA's Board of Directors. WASA Player Representative from 1996 to the present (2003). WASA Slow Pitch Commissioner from 1989 to 2000. Directed numerous ASA National, Regional and State Tournaments in Stevens Point, including the first ASA Slow Pitch National Tourney ever held in Wisconsin, the

Men's Class A in 1993. Founded the Stevens Point Softball Association in 1974 and has been its President for nearly 25 years. The driving force behind the development of Stevens Points Zenoff Park complex.

HARRY KRAFT

KENOSHA

FAST PITCH – PITCHER

A vital member of the 1934 ASA National Fast Pitch Champions, the Ke-Nash-A motors of Kenosha. Harry, who passed away on May 18, 2000 at the age of 87, established an ASA single-game national tournament strikeout record in 1934 that stood for 12 years. In the national quarterfinals in Chicago, the figure eight pitcher, only 21, struck out 38 in Kenosha's 2 – 1, 19 inning victory over Red Top Beers of Newport, Kentucky. Catching him in the epic contest was his older brother, Willie. Kraft posted a 132 – 34 record in five seasons with Kenosha before moving to South Bend, Indiana, where he pitched for Bendix Brakes, the 1942 national champions. Another prominent highlight came in 1937 when he went 8 – 1 for Bendix and defeated ASA Hall of Famer Shifty Gears at the national tournament. He continued to pitch until 1945, compiling a career mark of 525 – 75 with three perfect games and 32 no-hitters. In 2001 he was unanimous selection by the ASA Hall of Fame Committee for entrance into the National Softball Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. Already enshrined in the Indiana ASA Hall of Fame, Kraft was posthumously inducted into the Wisconsin ASA Hall of Fame in 2003.

ROD PETERSON

MADISON

FAST PITCH / MGR. / SPONSOR

A member of the Wisconsin ASA Hall of Fame of 2003, Peterson is one of the most successful and enduring managers in state history. He's built a fast pitch dynasty "down on the farm." Since 1975, Peterson has sponsored and managed Madison's The Farm Tavern, the dominant men's fast pitch team in the state for nearly 30 years. Under his guidance. The Farm has become contenders for the ASA Men's Major National Championship. The Farm owns five second place finishes at ASA Major Nationals, the most recent in 2002, plus numerous other finishes in the final four. Peterson has won 16 WASA Major State titles with the Farm, including 14 of the last 15. His club has also captured 24 Madison Major League pennants and took four consecutive Great Lakes Regional's from 1982 – 1985. Peterson began playing first in 1961 and started managing six years later. He's still at it. Heading into the 2003 season, Peterson has played and managed in more than 2,800 games. He hit .318 during his playing career with over 300 home runs, earning WASA All-State honors in 1976. In addition to its ASA success, The farm has won two ISC World Championships behind Peterson, who was elected to the ISC Hall of Fame in 1994.

TOM RAIMER

PORTAGE

FP-PITCHER/WASA/COMMISSIONER

Began his playing career in 1968 at the age of 14 in the Portage Men's Fast Pitch League. Pitched his first league game at 15 and continued to play fast pitch until the 2002 season. Has over 600 victories with a career high of 53 wins, against only 8 losses, in 1985. He was 24 – 0 in league competition that year. For his career, he pitched 22 no-hitters and two perfect games and registered 23 strikeouts in one 10-inning contest. A member of seven WASA State Tournament championship teams. Played in 26 WASA State Tournaments, eight ASA Regional's and six ASA nationals. During his career, the hard-throwing right-hander has played with several Wisconsin Men's Fast Pitch championship teams, including Martin Security, Portage Merchants, 51 Classics, Wausau Marksmen, Eau Claire Merchants and the Bank of Melrose. Became the first pitcher in WASA history to fire shutouts in three consecutive years (1984 – 1986) at the WASA Class A State Tournament. In 1995 was the winning pitcher for Portage Merchants in the WASA Class B State Championship game, a 6 – 1 conquest of Tully's from Madison. Elected the first ever Wisconsin ASA State Player Representative in 1985. In 1991 he became the first ASA At-Large Player Representative and represented the WASA as a voting member at the ASA National Council Meeting. Was appointed by the ASA in 1995 as the 10th Wisconsin ASA Commissioner and currently holds this position. One other man has been at the post for a longer tenure.

BUD SMITH
LA CROSSE
FAST PITCH – SHORT STOP / 3RD

Regarded by many followers of fast pitch softball as arguably the best hitter ever from the La Crosse area during a career that spanned from 1955 to 1994. Believed to be the only player in WASA history to be named MVP of a state tournament in Men's major Fast Pitch and also in 16-inch Slow Pitch. WASA State Tournament MVP in fast pitch for La Crosse's Quality Lumber in 1956 and 1958. Also won MVP honors in 1973's 16-inch state championship. Named to WASA All-State Tournament teams in 1957, 1958 and 1963. Led the 1963 event in hitting. In 1959 he was the leading hitter and made the all-tournament squad at the La Crosse ASA District championship. He earned MVP of the same event in 1962. One of his best seasons came in 1958 when he hit .455 for Quality Lumber while striking out only nine times in 143 at-bats and winning MVP honors at state. Played 14 games against The King & His Court and hit over .400 off the legendary Eddie Feigner, including six hits during a 1958 doubleheader. Turned down an offer from "The King" to join his barnstorming club that year. Never hit under .400 in any league he competed in ... including baseball. Managed or played for 16, 16-inch league championship teams between 1956 – 1979. He was also and outstanding 14-inch slow pitch player.

LARRY STUHR
MELROSE
FAST PITCH – THIRD BASE

This "Kirby" was a vacuum cleaner at the hot corner. Hall of Fame manager John Salsman simply calls Stuhr "The best fast pitch third baseman ever to come out of the Midwest." Started playing fast pitch in 1974; still active in 2003, the year of his induction. Maintains a .290 batting average with 270 home runs and 1300 RBI's. Known for his glove and clutch hitting. Routinely made the impossible play look easy. Spent the bulk of his career with Wilber Lime, Freddie's Bar, Millis transfer and 51 Classics, all distinguished names in WASA fast pitch annals. A member of 11 state championship teams and four Great Lakes Regional champs. Played on two ASA National runners-up in 2001. Named to ASA All-American teams in Class A, 40 & Over and 45 & Over. First team All-American in 2002 for 51 Classics in 45 & Over. Three time WASA Class A State Tournament Most Valuable Player while selected to seven Class A All-State teams. WASA 40 & Over State Tournament MVP in 1997. Twice named Great Lakes Regional MVP in Class A during the 1990's. Blasted three home runs in a game on three occasions, once during and ASA National tournament in North Dakota. A humble player who combined with substantial leadership skills and a high degree of sportsmanship. Joins older brother Bruce (Class of 1997) in the WASA Hall of Fame.

2005

JOHN BECKER
HOLMEN
FAST PITCH – CATCHER/MGR.

John excelled as a fast pitch catcher and outfielder from 1978 to 1996 before making a seamless transition to the managerial ranks. He's currently managing County Concrete from Marathon, WI., one of the elite teams in the world. Started his career with Wilber Lime's Class A giants from Galesville, then moved up and won seven WASA State Championships with the Farm Tavern and All-Car Automotive from Green Bay. Led the 1988 WASA Major State Tournament in batting average and home runs for The Farm. All-World catcher for All-Car's 1994 ISC World Champions, the first Wisconsin based club to take the crown. Player/manager in 1995 for All-Car's ASA Major National runner-up and was named All-American. In 1996 he was player/manager for All-Car's ASA Major National Champions, the first Wisconsin team to win the ASA's oldest event since 1934. Played in three ASA Olympic Sports Festivals, medaling in 1989 and 1991. Assistant coach for 1998 U.S. National Team that earned silver medal in Pan Am Qualifier in Venezuela. In 1999 was assistant coach of U.S. team that won silver medal in Pan Am Games in Winnipeg. Head coach of 2000 U.S. National Team that captured bronze medal in ISF World Championship held in the Republic of South Africa.

DALE FERRON
MADISON
WASA OFFICER

Dale joined the Wisconsin ASA family over 25 years ago as an ASA umpire. Since then, he has umpired numerous slow pitch and fast pitch games at the local, state, and regional levels. A love of the game led him to serve the WASA in a variety of capacities including Assistant State Commissioner, and Junior Olympic Commissioner. As JO Commissioner, Ferron conducts ACE Coaching Schools, annually attends all of the youth tournaments, and represents the WASA at Regional and National Qualifier tournaments. His continuing efforts as JO Commissioner have resulted in the tremendous growth of WASA youth enrollment from approximately 250 teams to over 1,100, making Wisconsin one of the top producing areas in the ASA. In 1997, Dale helped establish the WASA web site which has dramatically improved service to state teams and umpires. He continues to maintain and update the site with current information and fresh photos. He also supplied tournament photos and articles to "The Messenger", the WASA's newspaper. Dale has served in the following WASA offices: State Slow Pitch Commissioner, State Secretary, State Treasurer, Assistant State Commissioner, Deputy Sectional Commissioner, State Tournament Representative, ASA Regional Tournament Representative, ASA National Qualifier Representative, Northern National Tournament Representative, ASA Great Lakes Regional Committee member, ASA Midwest Committee member, ASA Northern Section Committee member, WASA Board of Directors, WASA Executive Committee, and WASA Web Site Director.

JEANINE KRAMER
GREEN BAY
FAST PITCH – OUTFIELD/MGR

Jeanine's career spanned from 1972 to 2002 and during those years she played prominent roles both on the diamond and off for the Wisconsin ASA and its women's fast pitch program. She's played, managed, and coached for some of the best fast pitch teams in Wisconsin and the cosmos, including Green & Gold Concrete, Lazars, All-Car, The Settlement, and Olympic Flames. Her teams won 11 WASA State Tournaments and took four gold medals at the Badger State Games. Green & Gold Concrete of Green Bay brought home WASA Class A state titles in 1995, 1997, 1999, and 2000. In 1998 Jeanine managed Green & Gold to a 5 – 2 mark and fourth-place in the Women's Class A National Championship in Phoenix. Green & Gold also garnered national top 10 finishes in 1995, 1996, and 1999. In 1985, Jeanine was named to the WASA's All-State Tournament squad as an outfielder for The Settlement. Her success on the field is augmented by her many contributions to the game as the WASA Women's Fast Pitch Commissioner, a post she held for over a decade. "Jean basically kept the women's fast pitch alive and growing in Wisconsin," stated WASA Commissioner Tom Raimer. "She always promoted the sport, usually behind the scenes in a quiet and classy manner and never took any credit for herself. She was an extremely valuable member of our organization."

SCOTT MAROTZ
GREEN BAY
MODIFIED PITCH – OUTFIELD

Scott began his career in 1970 playing on Sunday afternoons with the Green Valley team. Known throughout modified and fast pitch circles for his unmatched speed and exceptional bunting skills, he was never an easy out. He also had remarkable hitting power that belied his small stature. Marotz has appeared in 23 WASA State Championships, winning eight with Green Bay powers Merry-O Bar, and Tri Star, and DePere's Century Lanes. He was named to WASA's All-State teams in 1980, 1982, and 1990. Played in 16 national modified tournaments with Tri-Star and was selected 1st Team All-American in 1982 at Meadville, PA., for hitting .783 and throwing out two runners rounding first from left field. In his career, Marotz has amassed over 50 tournament titles and eight MVP awards while hitting over .500 in modified and .300 in fast pitch. Tri-Star teammate Doug Berry asserted that "If Scooter bunted the ball every time he was up, he would've hit .800." Scott has also played in 31 consecutive Pholx tournaments, a streak that continues to this day. WASA Hall of Fame umpire Dennis Kostac called Moratz "Just a tremendous player. A Craig Biggio type. He was always on base. And he was a great outfielder." 35 years and over 3,000 games from 1970, Scott is still playing two nights a week in the Green Bay area.

TOM RAUSCH
FOND DU LAC
MODIFIED PITCH / MGR / WASA

Tom is one of the most successful managers in the history of Wisconsin ASA modified pitch softball. Started managing in 1983. Since then, his teams have achieved over 780 victories and captured more than 70 league and tournament championships while winning at an .800 clip. He is the architect of Dillinger's modified dynasty which has produced 10 WASA state titles in the last 11 years. He guided Sports Page to the WASA crown in 1994, then it became Dillinger's and won in 1995 – 96. Dillinger's has won the state championship each year starting with 1998 and seeks to extend the run in 2005. Dillinger's has won two ASA 10-man modified national championships (2002 and 2003) and had second place finishes in 1995 and 1998 plus a third place in 2001. They've had 11 top 10 finishes in 11 years in ASA national tournament play. Tom's adult playing career began in 1969 at the age of 16 in the Oakfield Fast Pitch League and he made the all-star team relying on his speed and bunting prowess. Manning right-centerfield most of his career, he played for 14 league champions in the powerful Fond du Lac American League from 1975-1993. In 1979 he played with the Roadhouse wrecking crew that compiled a gaudy 76-4 record and opened the season with 44 straight victories. He's the only person in Fond du Lac recreation softball history to play on five league championship teams in one season (1990). Has been a member of the Fond du Lac Softball Board of Directors for 22 years, serving as president for four years. Elected to the Fond du Lac Hall of Fame as an inaugural member in 1999. WASA President from 1999-2002 and interim president in 2003-04. Appointed WASA Assistant Commissioner in 2005.

RICK WEITERMAN
WEST BEND
SLOW PITCH – PITCHER

Throughout America's slow pitch community, Rick's name is synonymous with "champion." Playing at the highest level of the sport, he traveled the country with some of the greatest slow pitch teams ever assembled and won nine ASA national titles, four professional championships and 22 national and world titles with other softball organizations. Among the legendary teams he starred for were Steele's Sports and Steele's Silver Bullets, Elite Coatings, Ritch's/Superior, Team TPS and Milwaukee's Copper Hearth and Schlitz. He was a seven-time ASA All-American and was named All-Pro in the American Professional Slo-Pitch League from 1979-82. In 1979 with the Milwaukee Schlitz he won regular season MVP honors and was also the batting champion. He hit .791 in that year's APSPL World Series to earn another MVP award while leading Schlitz to the crown. Thirteen years later his Ritch's/Superior outfit steamrolled to the slow pitch version of the Grand Slam, which included the ASA's Super Slow Pitch National Championship. A left-handed hitter with power, he concentrated on lashing line drives and getting on base for the big bombers that followed him. Rick's lifetime batting average of .760 demonstrates how successful his approach was. "He made an out or two a week," said one of his former managers, with only a slight bit of exaggeration in mind. On the defensive side, many slow pitch observers considered him to be the best pitcher in the United States at the height of his remarkable career.

RANDY WIEVEL
STEVENS POINT
WASA OFFICER

Became enamored with softball in 1965 when he and some high school friends formed the Warsaw White Sox and entered the Junction City slow pitch league. "I was a player/manager and we went 1-17, maybe 1-18. Shortly thereafter my hair began falling out," he recalls. Has undertaken a multitude of roles in the sport since then. They range from player to manager to umpire to scorekeeper/announcer to sports information director to tournament honcho to historian. Started up running tournaments for the Stevens Point Softball Association in 1975 and has never stopped. Entering 2005, he has approximately 75 Wisconsin ASA state tournaments under his director's belt in addition to 22 Point Classics and a myriad of ASA qualifiers and invitational's. Co-directed four ASA National Championships in Stevens Point during the 1990's, all of which received the organization's award of excellence. Since 1993 he's swerved as the WASA's Sports Information Director and editor of "The Messenger", the corporation's newspaper. Long-time WASA district and sectional commissioner; currently the state's acting slow pitch commissioner. Played and managed the majority of his career for two Stevens Point teams, Buffy's Lampoon and Joe's Bar. His Joe's Bar club won 57 consecutive SPSA league games in the early '90's. A member of one WASA Masters 35 & Over state champion, the Point Merchants in 1992, and three runners-up. WASA Meritorious Award recipient in 2003.

2007

S. G. JOHNSON ***MADISON*** ***WASA COMMISSIONER***

Known as “Si,” he could also be called the “George Washington of the Wisconsin Amateur Softball Association” since he helped establish the organization and served as its inaugural commissioner from 1935 to 1942. He was also said to have been involved in the creation of the ASA in the 1930s. Helped organize and run the first WASA state tournaments during the Depression when fast pitch drew huge crowds in many Wisconsin municipalities. In 1934 he was highly commended by team members and followers of Ke-Nash-A Motors, the WASA state champions from Kenosha, during the National Softball Championship in Chicago, now considered the ASA’s second ever national tourney. Teams from the USA and Canada competed in the weekend event staged in Lincoln Park that drew over 200,000 fans and was won by Ke-Nash-A with five consecutive victories. Newspaper accounts stated “Johnson was as enthusiastic as if he was the manager of the team. He assisted in every way possible to make the stay in Chicago a pleasant one.” Stepped down as WASA Commissioner in 1942 to concentrate on his business career and role as a community leader in Madison. A prep sports star from Mt. Horeb, he went on to excel in baseball and basketball at what is now UW-Whitewater and is a member of the university’s athletic hall of fame. Si, who passed away in 1965, has the honor of being 100th person inducted into the WASA Hall of Fame.

TODD (ODIE) ALBRECHT ***RIPON*** ***MODIFIED PITCH – PITCHER***

Dillinger’s right-hand man! Without a doubt the most decorated pitcher ever in the Wisconsin ASA’s modified pitch program. Since 1994 he’s thrown nearly every meaningful pitch for the Dillinger’s dynasty from Fond du Lac as they’ve steamrolled to 10 WASA 10-Man Modified state titles and three ASA national championships. The tireless right-hander’s career record is 700-80 (and counting), including a dazzling 53-5 in state tournament play and 52-19nat ASA nationals. He’s earned 10 WASA All-State awards plus five state tournament MVP trophies. Hurling Dillinger’s to ASA national titles in 2002, 2003, and 2006. The 2006 triumph was achieved at the Ashwaubenon Sports Complex where, less than a year later, he is being inducted into the WASA Hall of Fame. Named 1st Team All-American in 1995, 2002, 2003, and 2006 and 2nd Team All-American in 1998 and 2001. Won the Outstanding Pitcher award in the 2003 ASA National Championship in Fond du Lac. Has amassed over 100 career tournament championships while twice winning over 80 games in a season. Believes he has been very fortunate to play with a Dillinger’s group that’s like a family and that any honors he’s achieved are due to the combined efforts of his extremely talented softball team.

JUDY CMEYLA ***GREEN BAY*** ***FAST PITCH – THIRD BASE***

Judy anchored the “hot corner” for some of the dominant women’s fast pitch teams in Wisconsin during the late 1970’s and 1980’s. A superb defensive player known for her glove and arm as well as her hustle, intensity and ability to play through injuries. ASA Major class teams she played for included Rick’s Circle Tap, Ernie’s Happy Daze, the Olympic Sportswear Flames and The Settlement Bar, all from the Green Bay area. Compiled a career batting average of over .300 and displayed a penchant for delivering in the clutch. For example, her three-run double gave The Settlement a 3-2 win over Kimberly Credit Union in the championship game of the 1986 Kimberly Rec Association tournament. A member of five WASA state champions and was named to four WASA All-State Tournament teams between 1977-87. Played in five ASA Great Lakes Regional’s during a time when it was difficult just to qualify for regional play. Was MVP of the Kimberly Classic. Nominated for induction by former WASA Commissioner and Hall of Fame committee chairman Roger Regez.

DENNY DELORIT
GREEN BAY
FAST PITCH – THIRD BASE

Played fast pitch from 1970 – 2004 and was one of the most feared power hitters in state history. Known as a clutch hitter who won many games with the long ball, he hit .320 for his career with 850 home runs and over 2,500 RBI's. Enjoyed his greatest success with the mighty Penn Corp. of Sioux City, Iowa, with whom he won a pair of ASA Men's Major national titles. Earned ASA All-American recognition three times. In 1990 his Iowa teams won the ASA Major, the 45 & Over national and the ISC World. Competed in 20 ASA nationals and 28 ISC World tourneys. Made two ISC All-World teams and tied a tournament home run mark with two in one game, which stood for 22 years. Denny played for some of the most famous teams in the state annals, including The Farm, All-Car and Tommy's Angles. A three-time leading hitter of the prestigious Eau Claire Classic and tourney MVP in 1982. Toured Japan and New Zealand while with the national teams Penn Corp. and Home Savings and Loan of Aurora, Illinois. Played the final three seasons of his career with his sons Jesse and Aaron for the Des Moines Bombers. Concerning his election to the WASA Hall of Fame, he graciously stated, "I was very fortunate to play at the highest levels of the sport with some of the best-ever of my time period for, of course, the great sponsors who made it possible."

MIKE HALEY
CHIPPEWA FALLS
SLOW PITCH – INFIELDER

Mike's softball career began in 1970 and for most of the years since he's been an extremely valuable member of the Houligan's and Bankers Life teams from Eau Claire that have been winning slow pitch titles in Class A and various Masters and Senior age levels for over 30 years. Competed in 22 Wisconsin ASA slow pitch state tournaments and has been on 12 state champions and three ASA Great Lakes Regional victors. Consistently ranks among his team's leading batting average, home runs and RBI's. In 1979 he paced Houligan's sluggers with a .651 average and 80 homers. Maintains a lifetime average of over .600. A two-time ASA All-American selection. In 1996 he was the leading hitter in the 24-team ASA 45 & Over National Championship in Meridian, Mississippi as Bankers Life placed fourth with a 5-2 record. Named to 12 WASA All-State teams. A very versatile performer who played most of the infield positions, including pitcher, and could go to the outfield if needed. A member of three Senior Softball national champions and in 2006 he earned all-tourney honors in Senior nationals at Seattle and Las Vegas. Mike has played most of his career with, and now joins, his Houligan's and Bankers Life teammates Jim Ganther, Dave Rasmussen, Al (Curly) Hanson, Kelly Stevens and Steve Frank in the WASA Hall of Fame.

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HAROLD "NOOK" BLANK
LA CROSSE
FAST PITCH – SHORTSTOP

Nook played fast pitch from 1964 – 2004 and is considered by many to be one of the best all-around players ever from Wisconsin. Played shortstop for many WASA State Champions including Keg Bar, Farm Tavern, All-Car, Ebner's and Wilber Lime. Named to numerous ASA All-State tournament teams and earned many leading hitter and best defensive player awards. Played in multiple ASA Major National Championships. Named 1st Team ASA All American five times at shortstop and third base. Won two ASA National Championships and one second place at the Master's level with Bank of Melrose, Portage 51 Classics and St. James Minn. Hit over .400 in three ASA 45 & Over Nationals (1997, 1998 and 2000). Won the ISC World Championship in 1980 with Aurora Home Savings of Illinois. Represented the United States in Goodwill Softball Tour to Japan in 1981. Silver medalist at the 1981 International Sports Festival. Forged a lifetime batting average of over .330 while acquiring a well-deserved reputation as one of the finest defensive shortstops to ever play the game.

TODD BUETOW
FOND DU LAC
SPONSOR

Todd was not only a generous sponsor but also a special individual who contributed greatly to both the Wisconsin ASA and Fond du Lac softball communities. His co-sponsoring of softball tournaments in Fond du Lac over his short lifetime was unprecedented. Todd literally put Fond du Lac on the map not only on a statewide basis, but nationally as well. He sponsored two of the most successful teams in the history of Fond du Lac softball, and in the case of his men's modified pitch club, Wisconsin and the United States. Todd supported the Dillinger's women's slow pitch team from 1990 – 2002. In 200 they won the ASA Midwest National Tournament at the Class C level. The Dillinger's women also won the USSSA Women's Class C Great Lakes Nationals in both 1995 and 1998 and took third in Class B in 1999. The ultra-successful men's modified team that Todd sponsored came along in 1995 and is still sponsored today by his brother, Ted. From 1995 – 2004 his Dillinger's men won nine Wisconsin ASA state modified championships. Dillinger's men captured three ASA national titles, in 2002, 2003 and 2006 respectively, and they are the only team from Wisconsin to win three ASA national championships in any division of play. They also finished second nationally in 1995, 1998 and 2007, and added a third place ASA trophy in 2001. Tom Rausch, Dillinger's Hall of Fame manager, said of Buetow, "Todd's commitment far surpassed the financial support he provided. He was a dedicated friend to all of his players which made him the incredible individual he was. He was always there when anyone needed him. It was too bad he was taken at such a young age (38)."

HAL CASE
MADISON
UMPIRE

Hal started his venerable umpiring career in 1968 doing both 16-inch and 12-inch slow pitch plus fast pitch. He has been an ASA umpire every year since 1969. He's umpired for Madison Park and Recreation, Waukesha Park and Recreation, Milwaukee Metro Fast Pitch Association, Milwaukee Shirley Martin Fast Pitch Leagues and the Texas Association of Sports Officials and University Interscholastic League. Has worked numerous Wisconsin ASA Junior Olympic state tournaments in addition to many more ASA Regional and National Qualifiers from 1990 – 2006. Umpired the 1996 ASA Class A 16-inch slow pitch national tournament. Still active umpiring in both Wisconsin and Texas. Currently calls high school and ASA fast pitch in Texas from September through May and then does WASA games in the summer. His greatest legacy to Wisconsin softball may be as a teacher since he helped train umpires from the Madison Park and Rec leagues for years and his many grateful students include two of his daughters and Dick Buskov, the current WASA Umpire-in-Chief. He also helps train softball officials in Texas. WASA Southeast Section UIC Mike Brewer calls Hal an "invaluable resource to the WASA umpires' program and a perfect addition to the Hall of Fame."

JO ANN KRUEGER
DENMARK
FAST PITCH – PITCHER

One of the transcendent pitchers in state history, the hard-throwing right-hander won over 250 games while losing less than 50 during her brilliant career (1970 – 1993). Teamed with WASA 2009 Hall of Fame classmate Jean Rivett to form the "Double Trouble" mound duo for some of the most formidable women's fast pitch clubs ever from Wisconsin. Jo Ann was also a threat with the bat; she hit nearly .400 over her 24-year career, usually playing first when not in the circle. Won WASA Women's Major Fast Pitch state titles in 1979, 1981, 1984, 1985 and 1986. Named to the WASA Major all-tournament teams in 1975, 1978, 1979, 1981 and 1986. WASA Women's Major State Tournament Most Valuable Player in 1979 and 1986. WASA Women's Major State Tournament Most Valuable Pitcher in 1978 and 1981. 1979 ASA Women's Major Midwest Regional Most Valuable Pitcher. Fired 12 no-hitters, including one at the 1993 Class B national tourney. One of the gems was a perfect game versus Newport of Milwaukee in 1980. Most Valuable Hitter in the 1993 WASA Women's Major Modified state Championship. Served as an assistant coach at Denmark High School from 1982 – 1997 and the team won four WIAA state titles during that span. Since 1998 has been the head softball coach at St. Norbert College with over 200 wins, two conference championships and two NCAA berths to her credit. Midwest Conference Coach of the Year in 2007 and 2009. Received the WFSCA Outstanding Service to the Sport of Fast Pitch Softball Award in 2004 and 2007.

RUSTY KRYZANOWSKI
FOND DU LAC
MODIFIED PITCH – THIRD BASE

Dillinger's man at the hot corner in the 190's and 2000's. A titanic presence for Dillinger's men's modified pitch dynasty from Fond du Lac both at third base and in the middle of the power-laden batting order. The former Minnesota Twins farmhand hit for both average power while handling one of the toughest positions in the modified game with great aplomb. A member of 10 Wisconsin ASA state championship teams and also won three ASA national titles with Dillinger's in 2002, 2003 and 2006. Earned ASA All-American honors in 2002 and 2003. WASA state tournament Most Valuable Player in 1994 and 1998 and has been accorded all-state tournament team recognition multiple times. One play he'll never forget is the 5-4-3 triple play he started (Kryzanowski to Paul Wagner to Todd Bonlander) that secured Dillinger's first national championship in 2002 at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. His favorite part of softball is playing for Dillinger's manager Tom Rausch along all of the players. He says, "Playing for Dillinger's is just like having a pick-up game with your brothers in the back yard. We play our hearts out!" He greatly appreciates having had the opportunity to play for such a great team and for being able to provide his piece of the puzzle.

JEFF MOON
ELDORADO
MODIFIED PITCH – CATCHER

The blasting cap for Dillinger's powder keg. Jeff served as the lead-off man for Dillinger's modified pitch powerhouse out of Fond du Lac and routinely set the table for the big bombers that followed. A quick, scrappy leader, he quarterbacked the defense from his catching position. He's teamed with WASA Hall of Fame pitcher Todd Albrecht to become one of the winningest batteries in the history of Wisconsin softball. A member of 10 Wisconsin ASA state championship clubs, nine under the Dillinger's flag, and three ASA national champions as Dillinger's took the crown in 2002, 2003 and 2006. An ASA All-American selection in 2000, 2002 and 2003. Named to the WASA all-state tournament team as catcher in 1992, 1993, 1995, 2002 and 2004. He demonstrated his versatility in 2003 by moving to the outfield and earned all-state honors there as Dillinger's won still another WASA title. Chosen as the top offensive player in the 1995 WASA Major Modified tourney with a .655 performance. Paul Wagner, the WASA's modified pitch commissioner and a long-time teammate of Moon's and his 2009 WASA Hall of Fame classmate Rusty Kryzanowski, says of the two inductees, "It's simple. When they are there, we win!" Dillinger's manager Tom Rausch was just as assertive, calling Moon "the best catcher to ever play modified pitch softball in Wisconsin."

LUD NORDAHL
HIXTON
SLOW PITCH – OUTFIELDER

Few men in the history of Wisconsin ASA slow pitch softball could hit a ball higher or further than this imposing southpaw slugger. Class A playing career spans 17 years (1970-1986) but he is still active in senior competition. Competed in eight WASA state, four ASA regional and five ASA national tournaments. Played on five WASA state championship teams and one ASA Great Lakes Regional Champions. MVP of the 1982 and 1985 WASA Class A State tournaments. His .929 batting average and 11 straight hits in the 1982 state tourney are both believed to be WASA records. Went 13 for 17, 765, with six homers for Jake's-Sport Source of Menomonie in the 1982 ASA Class A national championship at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Won two outstanding awards at the Stevens Point Classic, for years the top Class A tournament in Wisconsin. He won the 1985 Top Slugger Award and, in 1986, the Classic's MVP award while playing for Midwest Dental Care of Eau Claire, the tournament champions. Eau Claire Slow Pitch Athlete of the Year in 1982. Started playing Senior softball in 2005 with the Wisconsin Masters and has won three Senior national titles. Earned all-tournament honors at the 2006 world tourney in Seattle. Acknowledges that awards are hard to get if you don't have great teammates. Proudly joins his 1980's and Bankers Life teammates Jim Ganther, Dave Rasmussen, Kelly Stevens, Al (Curly) Hanson, Steve Frank, and Mike Haley in the WASA Hall of Fame.

JEAN RIVETT
GREEN BAY
FAST PITCH – PITCHER / COACH

Jean's WASA career, which includes time as a player, commissioner and coach, spanned three decades (1972-2003). As a left-handed pitcher, Jean was often referred to as "The Lethal Lefty," and for good reason. She dominated the circle, winning more than 250 games over her career, chalking up numerous no-hitters and an impressive 1.90 ERA. She was also named to 15 all-state tournament teams, won numerous MVP honors, and helped lead her clubs to 12 WASA state titles and four ASA national tournament appearances. With her cleats long retired, Jean continues to enhance the game and make an indelible impact on all the young women who choose to play it. She served as president of the Fox Valley Classic League for four years, and has since carried her passion for the sport to the coach's box. She served as an assistant at St. Norbert College and Lawrence University for 10 years and four years, respectively. She was head coach at UW-Green Bay for three years, then at Green Bay East High School for five. She most recently returned to UW-Green Bay, where she recently completed her sixth season as head coach. Softball made an impression on Jean – from the moment she picked up a ball and started zinging pitches through the hanging tire in her backyard. In return, Jean has made an impression on softball – and all who have had the privilege of participating with her – through her infinite zeal and zest for the game.

BOB TOMLINSON
POYNETTE
FAST PITCH – THIRD BASE

Bob began his fast pitch playing career at 14 in the Poynette Men's League. 2009 is his 45th year playing the game. Primarily a third baseman, his versatility and understanding of the game saw him play all nine positions during his career. Teams he played on have won more than 90 percent of their games. These clubs include some of the most famous names in WASA history: Kraemer Tile, Packard's Auto Salvage, Legion Post 271, Fort Tavern, Sarbacker's Bar, Tamarack Pizza, Farm Tavern, Club 95, Wilber Lime, Martin Security, Melrose State Bank and more. A member of several WASA all-state tournament teams and a 1990 ASA All-American selection. He once hit five home runs in the championship game of an invitational in Pardeeville. He won numerous batting titles in invitational tournaments and won the WASA state tournament batting title at least once. Hit for a high average and with power throughout his career and was always considered a tough out. During the 1982 Eau Claire Classic, playing with Wilber Lime, he homered in five consecutive games on the final day. In the next game he had one bounce off the top of the fence and back into play, just missing six home runs in six consecutive games of that prestigious tournament. He finished runner-up for leading hitter of that tournament with twice the number of at-bats as the batting title winner. Once played in a Janesville men's league game on the same team as his son, son-in-law, and daughter, who was filling in, and lists it as one of the most memorable games he ever played. A tireless promoter of the fast pitch game as a player, coach, sponsor, clinician, writer and publisher.

GUY WERTZ
MADISON
WASA COMMISSIONER

"Physical education and recreation was his life's work." Lived from 1887 to 1973 and spent over six decades in athletics and recreation. The Wisconsin ASA's longest-serving state commissioner. Records vary but he held the position for at least 17 years and perhaps as many as 19. Helped promote and grow ASA softball throughout the state from the 1940's into the 1970's. At one point he was the ASA of America's oldest active commissioner, still going strong into his 80's. He helped build the national ASA into the leading softball organization in the country and also served as its vice president. ASA Life Member #27. Known affectionately as Mr. Softball of Wisconsin. Also served as President of the Wisconsin AAU, the Wisconsin Recreation Association and the Wisconsin Recreation Directors Association in addition to numerous other high profile recreational roles. Never played softball seriously, but was a talented baseball pitcher for Richland Center in high school and with a number of semi-professional clubs in the Midwest. The 1967 WASA Industrial Slow Pitch state tourney in Waukesha was dedicated to him for his outstanding job of building up the sport in that community.

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TOM BONLANDER

FOND DU LAC

MODIFIED PITCH – INFIELD / OUTFIELD

Stock in a great utility company can be extremely valuable to have. So can a great utility player in softball, and Tom Bonlander certainly fits that description. An adroit athlete who could play anywhere in the field while normally hitting in the third spot for Dillinger's modified pitch monarchs from Fond du Lac. Honored on nine ASA All-American teams out of 17 national appearances. Member of Dillinger's trio of ASA national champions in 2002, 2003 and 2006. Most Valuable Player in the 2003 ASA national tourney as Dillinger's annexed their second ASA title on their home diamond at Laseside Park over city rival Cheers II. Hit a scalding .842 for Dillinger's 2006 national titlists to walk away with the tourney's leading hitter trophy. Played with 10 Wisconsin ASA state champions and was the 1993 WASA state tournament MVP as an outfielder. He's also been named to WASA All-State teams as a catcher, second baseman, designated player and, of course, utility man. Called "the most versatile player in the modified game in America" by his Dillinger's skipper, Tom Rausch, who he joins in the WASA Hall of Fame. Possesses the unique ability to switch gears and excel at slow pitch with equal prowess.

DORAN GEISSLER

EAU CLAIRE

FAST PITCH – PITCHER

Doran began his pitching career in Chippewa Falls at the age of 16 in 1946 and kept firing away until he hit 60 in 1990. Here are some of the durable right-hander's most notable highlights from a career that touched portions of six decades. Won 1,702 games while losing only 296. Hurled five perfect games and 58 no-hitters. Member of Wisconsin ASA Men's Major Fast Pitch state championship teams with Eau Claire's Sammy's Pizza in 1969-70. In 1969 he went 13 – 0 with six shutouts and an ERA of 1.04 for Sammy's. Member of four WASA state runner-up between 1961 and 1966. WASA State Tournament MVP in 1966 at Rhinelander where he set a new record for wins, going 7 – 0, in leading Galloway Tap of Eau Claire to second place. He was also named the tourney's Outstanding Pitcher. Captured WASA District Tournament Best Pitcher Awards in 1961, 1963, 1965 and 1966 while garnering district MVP honors in 1965 and 1966. WASA All-State in 1956, 1959, 1961, 1965 and 1966. Member of championship teams in the rugged Eau Claire Major League in 1965 thru 1967. Eau Claire Major League ERA champ in 1962 and 1964. Eau Claire Major League Best Pitcher and Best Record Award winner in 1959. Fired a perfect game and a no-hitter in the 1965 WASA district tourney. Once went 7 ½ years without a loss in Chippewa League play. Pitched for 31 different Wisconsin teams during his career and also for a number of teams in Minnesota.

PHIL PERLONGO

MILWAUKEE

SLOW PITCH – PITCHER

Phil's slow pitch softball career spanned from the mid – 1940's to 1968. "Perlongo was the preeminent pitcher of his era in Milwaukee," asserted Doug Robinson, a former president of that city's Big Eight Classic League, for years one of the most potent and competitive leagues in the country. "He was not only a great pitcher, but was an excellent hitter as well." Nicknamed "Iron Arm" by the Milwaukee Journal for once hurling three games in a row to secure the city title and a national berth. Won countless league and tournament championships throughout the 1950's and 60's, many with 5 & 10 Tap, a top-level ballclub out of Milwaukee, as well as with several other teams. Highlight of his career came in 1957 at the ASA Men's Major Slow Pitch National Tournament in Toledo, Ohio when he hit .697 to pace all of the tourney's hitters. He also tossed 42 innings with seven fresh stitches on his pitching hand to propel 5 & 10 to a third-place finish. He was named to the national all-tourney team in 1957 as well as in 1947, 1951 and 1963 as his team consistently placed in the final four at the ASA's consummate national slow pitch event. Phil also played fast pitch and in 1951 won the Milwaukee AA League's batting crown with a .417 average.

SUSAN SCHILL
WISCONSIN RAPIDS
COED SLOW PITCH – OUTFIELD

A blur on the base path, this former track star at Wisconsin Rapids Assumption is also a trail blazer in Wisconsin ASA softball as she becomes the first player to enter the Hall of Fame primarily from the Slow Pitch Coed division of play. Played from 1982 – 2003. A five-time ASA All-American choice in Coed Major Nationals for Beltone of Wisconsin Rapids with a .675 average. Competed in 11 ASA Nationals from 1993 through 2003 and her team finished in the top six, five times and in the top 10 on eight occasions. Named to four WASA Coed Class A All-State teams (1992, 1994, 1998 and 2001) and won Class A titles in 2001 and 2002 with Marshfield's MetLife. Could hit for power and average. Her ability to use the entire field coupled with her speed produced many inside-the-park home runs to the opposite way, right field. She also hit a half-dozen over-the-fence bombs during league play at Mead Field in Wisconsin Rapids. Picked to the Wisconsin Rapids' best women's league's all-star squad 20 out of 22 years, missing out twice only due to injuries. In 1994 was a member of a perennial WASA Coed state champion Baggie's Bombers club from La Crosse that captured a National Invitational Tournament in Indianapolis. Never played fast pitch in high school and jokes that everyone said that's why she was such a good slow pitch hitter --- she didn't have fast pitch to mess her up!

TERRI SHERIDAN
FOND DU LAC
SLOW PITCH – OUTFIELD

As a standout at an early age in the City of Fond du Lac playground leagues, Terri Sheridan was quickly noticed and recruited to join the ranks of competitive Fond du Lac area ASA Women's Softball. Throughout the 1970's and into the mid-1980's, Terri was a permanent fixture playing left field for a number of Wisconsin ASA Championship women's slow pitch team's that represented the Fond du Lac area. Her athletic playing ability and dedication soon started winning her many awards. Each team she played for saw her batting average rise as she usually slotted in the lineup batting in the third through fifth spots. Terri's hitting and defensive play in left field earned her All-Star, All-Tournament and Most Valuable Player status on a regular basis for many years at the local, state and national levels while playing with Fond du Lac area Dog N Suds, Beer Hut, Downtowners, Bernward Hall and Samantha's Women's teams.

LEW SMITH
GREEN BAY
FAST PITCH – PITCHER / COACH

Anyone attending a Wisconsin ASA modified pitch state tournament during the past three decades may have encountered a sudden noise erupting from the dugouts the could've bee booing. It probably wasn't, instead it was likely just the teams greeting the arrival of umpire Lew Smith to the playing field with a prolonged "Leeeewwww." Since the 1980's, the charismatic Smith was a fixture at the biggest modified and fast pitch tourney's in the state and also selected to call 14 ASA National Championships throughout the country, including a number of Men's Major Modified nationals, the apex of the sport. Very popular with teams, fans and his fellow umpires, he was named the WASA Umpire of the Year in 2000. "Lew's been an extremely positive presence both on and off the diamond for the WASA," stated Tom Raimer, the organization's State Commissioner. "In addition to all of the games he's worked, he's also devoted many hours to clinics, schools, recruitment and meetings plus umpire-in-chief duties." Health problems forced Lew to prematurely cease umpiring a few years ago but the contributions he's made to his craft will continue to impact the WASA for many years to come. Nominated for induction by WASA Umpire-In-Chief for Slow Pitch Jim Mitchell.

PAUL WAGNER
GREEN BAY
MODIFIED PITCH – SECOND BASE

Second to none in the realm of modified pitch softball as a second baseman. Tom Rausch, Paul's manager throughout his career with mighty Dillinger's of Fond du Lac, considers him to be "the finest all-round second baseman to ever play the modified game in Wisconsin and on the national level." One of the emotional leaders of Dillinger's three ASA National Championship clubs in 2002, 2003 and 2006. Named an ASA All-American seven times. Most Valuable Player of the 2002 ASA Men's Modified 10-Man Class A event as Dillinger's rolled to its first national title in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. "Wags" hit .600 with a homer, three doubles, nine RBI's and 10 runs scored while playing flawless ball in the field as Dillinger's swept five straight opponents. Played for 10 WASA State Champions from 1994 through 2004 and was the 1999 state tournament MVP. His spectacular barehanded grab of a deflected shot behind second base and subsequent relay to first snuffed out a bases-loaded threat by Cheers II in the bottom of the sixth and basically clinched Dillinger's second ASA National Title in an Fond du Lac final in 2003. Middle man in a tourney-ending double play with Rusty Kryzanowski and Todd Bonlander in the 2002 National and turned nine double plays in 2007 as Dillinger's captured second in Georgia. Still active as a player in 2011, the devout Yankees fan also contributes to Wisconsin softball as the WASA's Vice-President and Modified Commissioner.

KEN WALTERS
LAKE MILLS
JO FAST PITCH – COACH / WASA

An energetic individual who has touched the lives of many, Ken joined the Wisconsin ASA family over 20 years ago by coaching his daughter's Junior Olympic team in Milwaukee. From this modest beginning he's made a huge impact at the local and state levels. He has been the area's ASA JO Deputy District Commissioner for many years and his involvement and organization with the area youth has been vital to the tremendous success of the WASA's JO girls fast pitch program. In 1996 Ken established the WASA JO Windmill Fast Pitch program for the girl's in Lake Mills and adjoining communities. Known as the Windmill Travel League, the enterprise began with 48 players and now boasts in excess of 1,100 players and over 100 teams in Waukesha, Jefferson, Dane, Walworth, Columbia and Dodge counties. "Ken's league has increased in size every year and he's a major reason why Wisconsin ranked sixth in the USA in Jo individual registrations in 2010 and seventh overall in team registrations," commented Dale Ferron, the WASA JO Commissioner. "He deserves enormous credit." Ken also continues to work closely with the WASA to provide umpire clinics and ACE coaching. Family plays an important role in the Windmill program as Walters, wife Pat, and daughter Barb have hosted an ASA JO tourney for Windmill participants each summer since 1998. "This event began with only six teams but has grown as of 2010 to 70 teams with over 700 girls competing. Ken and daughter Suzie started the Lakeside Lutheran High School girls fast pitch program in 1991. He was the Lakeside head coach in the 1990's, and then assisted at Wisconsin Lutheran while daughters Barb and Joanne attended college there. Ken is presently an assistant coach at Lakeside Lutheran and, with daughter Barb, coach's four age groups during the summer, which include several granddaughters. Ken acknowledges the role Jesus has played in his life, and that with Him all things are possible. Ken is very thankful to be involved with the most influential individuals in young people's lives, the parents and coaches. He feels that any honor he achieves in ASA softball is due to the combined efforts of the community organizers that head up their local Windmill League programs.

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TODD BONLANDER

FOND DU LAC

MODIFIED FAST PITCH – FIRST BASE

Todd has played on an unprecedented 3 ASA 10-Man Modified Pitch National Championship teams in 2002, 2003 and 2006. His Dillinger's team also finished 2nd in 1995, 2nd in 1998, 3rd in 2001, 2nd in 2007, 4th in 2008 and 3rd in 2009. 1st team All-American at Modified Nationals in 1995, 2001, 2003 and 2006. Was the batting champion at the 2003 ASA Modified National Championship. In 1989, playing for Ramjet's from Fond du Lac, had the game winning hit in the championship game of the only USSSA Modified Championship ever held in Wisconsin. Won the WASA State 10-Man Modified Championship 12 times, 1994 with Sports Page, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 with Dillinger's and 2011- 2012 with the Press Box. 1st team All State in 10-Man Modified pitch in 1993, 1994, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and won the Tournament MVP in 2004. At 6'6"1/2, Todd's agility at 1st base saved many an errant throw and solidified a defensive dynasty for the Dillinger's for 15 years. He is considered the best overall 1st baseman in the State of Wisconsin and at a National level in his generation to play modified softball by his Dillinger's manager, Tom Rausch.

RICHARD BUSKOV

MADISON

UMPIRE / ASA OFFICER

Richard has been true ASA blue for over 38 years. He built his resume with strong contributions as an umpire for 30 years, Deputy Umpire-In-Chief for 12 years, and the State Umpire-In-Chief for 9 years. He umpired in, and graduated to UIC of countless tournaments and state championships at all levels. He was selected to umpire in a National Tournament back in the 90s and was appointed assistant UIC for 3 National Tournaments in the past decade. By surrounding himself with a dedicated staff of umpires and deputy UICs, Richard successfully supported 25 youth FP, 22 adult FP, and 10 modified state championships. There was, or is, no challenge that he wouldn't take on. At the national level, he aided in organizing 3 ASA National Umpire Schools that were held in Wisconsin, attended many National Umpire Schools outside of WI, and was the state's representative at 4 National UIC Clinics in Oklahoma City. At two of these ASA UIC clinics, he spoke about methods of recruiting and retaining youth umpires and shared his knowledge with the National Staff. The training and mentorship of countless umpires and UICs including the late Dan Sonnenberg, Hal Case, John Peterson, and Mike Lip have led to a fulfilling career. From the umpire training perspective, he and his umpire staff put on an average of 25 clinics a year for the past 18 years to train our state's umpires. Outside of the umpire world at the Wisconsin ASA state level, he has held positions of Secretary and President and is currently serving as the State FP UIC and Deputy JO Commissioner. He has a knack for going into communities and promoting ASA by convincing teams and leagues to join ASA. The promotion and education of ASA primarily at the youth FP level has led Richard down a rewarding path. For over 20 years, Richard has been the State ADA specialist. He has been evaluating Umpires from around the Midwest to determine if they are able to umpire safely with their individual physical challenge. He has been an ambassador to other states by helping them resolve the issues associated with this great cause.

JIM CORBETT

GREEN BAY

MODIFIED FAST PITCH / FAST PITCH - OUTFIELD

Jim has played Men's Modified pitch softball from 1992 to the present. A member of 3 WASA State Championship teams, and an unprecedented 3 ASA Men's 10-Man Modified Pitch National champions with Dillinger's - 2002, 2003 and 2006. A 2- time selection for the ASA All-American team (2002 & 2003) and a 2 time WASA State Modified Pitch All-State team selection (1998 & 2002). He also played for William's Auto Body, Red's Excavating, 50 Yard Line, TPS (all from Green Bay), Hilger's (Antigo) and the Press Box (Fond du Lac). Played Men's Fast Pitch from 2003 to present for Townline of Green Bay, The Farm Tavern from Madison and Circle Tap from Denmark. Played in 4 ASA Major National Championship tournaments winning the 2009 championship in South Bend, Indiana in a historic tournament with the Farm Tavern going 10 – 1. Received All-American honors as well, while hitting 3 homeruns in the title games on Sunday to win the national tournament. The team shattered records for batting average, total hits and total runs scored in a Men's Major Fast Pitch National Tournament. Throughout his career he has amassed over 100 tourney titles in Modified and Fast Pitch. Numerous MVP tournament selections and all-tournament team selections, including the

prestigious Eau Claire Classic tournament and the Boys of Summer Tournament in Denmark, WI. Not only was Jim a powerful hitter, he was feared by base runners as he had an accurate cannon for an arm.

PETER DUESTERBECK

WILD ROSE

MODIFIED PITCH – COACH / WASA OFFICER

First became involved in modified softball by accident during summer of 1973. Long-time officer for Waushara Classic League from 1974 through 1996. Founded the Silver Lakers in 1976 and managed team over the course of the next 21 seasons. Silver Lakers won five league championships and numerous invitationals, in addition to making five appearances in national tournaments. As an engaged promoter of ASA softball, Dueterbeck organized series of fifteen consecutive State Tournaments and one Regional Qualifier, all involving men's, women's and youth programs. During this time the communities of Wautoma and Wild Rose developed stellar reputation for supporting quality events with large enthusiastic crowds from start to finish. Dueterbeck served three terms as President of the Wisconsin ASA from 1985 – 1989 and 1994 – 1996. Although he is often identified with the Modified Program, he actively sought input from all divisions of play, resulting in a wide variety of opinions and spirited debate during well-attended state meetings in both the spring and fall. During his time in office the WASA experienced a record growth of teams and umpires as well as overall participation in state tournament programs. Although his playing time on the field was ill-advised, he maintained an appreciation for the game and its relevance in Wisconsin's noted history of amateur sports.

GREG FLEES

STEVENS POINT

SLOW PITCH – SHORT STOP

A superb example of the five-tool player, Greg has impacted the ASA's slow pitch game both in Wisconsin and nationally during his distinguished career which began in 1987. The left-handed-hitting slugger has compiled a career batting average of around .675 with more than 2,500 (...and counting) home runs. Additionally, he's excelled defensively, mainly at shortstop although he's also spent plenty of time in the outfield. Greg's teams have won over 100 tournament titles and numerous league pennants and he's accumulated a vast array of individual honors while playing for ASA state Championship teams in Wisconsin and Minnesota. In 2007 he led his Long Haul Trucking/Miken club based in Albertville, MN to the ASA Men's Slow Pitch Class A national championship, the ASA's top slow pitch national tournament, in Oklahoma City. He hit .742 with 7 homers and 26 RBI's and was named Most Valuable Player while also sharing the tournament batting title and 1st Team All-American status. In the finale versus Chaney's of San Diego, Greg blasted three home runs, a triple, scored four times and drove in 11 as Long Haul demolished the defending champs, 33 – 5. "The MVP and All-American awards were nice, but winning the national championship was the nicest," Flees stated. "Anytime you can win against the best players in the world it's special." Greg also received 1st Team All-American in 2006 at the same event and narrowly missed MVP status as Long Haul finished second. Some of his other major accolades includes: - MVP of the prestigious Fireman's Classic in Bloomington, MN in 2007, - MVP of the Busch Pepsi Major NIT in Little Rock in 2005, - Top Slugger Award winner of the Stevens Point Classic in 2002 and 2005, - Leading Hitter Award winner of the 1998 Stevens Point Classic. He hit .833 for Aldo's/Doug's of Stevens Point in the 1998 ASA Men's Major National Tournament in his hometown, the only time the tournament was ever held in Wisconsin. Greg is also a long-time board member of the Stevens Point Softball Association who has been very active in helping run ASA events and promoting the game of softball.

FRED GOLDEN

EAU CLAIRE

FAST PITCH - OUTFIELD

15 year career, played in 11 state tournaments with Peter's Meats, Sammy's Pizza, The Barr and She-Nanigans. 8 tournament champions and 3 runner-ups. State tournament MVP in 1967 and 1969. Hit 1 or more homeruns in all 11 tournaments. Named to 3 West Central Regional All Tournament teams. 3 times All-Tournament team in Thunder Bay Canada. Leading hitter in 1977 at the Eau Claire Classic. In Colorado Springs, CO. in 1975 named to All-Tournament team. Hit 4 homeruns and had 9 RBI's in a game in Eau Claire. In 13 years of Major Fast Pitch compiled a .314 batting average with 673 hits and in excess of 150 home runs and over 500 RBI's. He also did some pitching and catching.

JIM MITCHELL
NEW RICHMOND
UMPIRE / WASA OFFICER

Before ASA took hold in his area, this ball player decided to start umpiring at the local level when he was just 18. Jim had no training, no mentor, and no official rulebook. Luckily, he had a lot of persistence and knowledge of the game. Back in those days, every country tavern had a ball field and a need to have an official that could take care of the leagues and tournaments. In 1980, this ball player/umpire bought his own country tavern and transformed the rickety ball field next to a corn field into a place where everyone wanted to play. During the 10 years of running this business, leagues were running 3 nights a week and tournaments were happening every weekend. There were very few umpires in the area and this field owner was a one stop shop: proprietor, field crew, tournament/league director and umpire. In fact, he umpired a minimum of 500 games a year which included an around the clock tournament where he alone would work the 1-umpire system for 40 games straight. Upon selling the business in 1990, Jim was asked to take his expertise and transform the leagues/tournaments in the neighboring town. This was the time when ASA really took hold in the area. With his help, the next 10 years saw the expansion of ASA to all of the local leagues around the area. During the 1990s, he was also assigned to umpire 3 Slow Pitch national tournaments and was selected the tournament UIC for countless state championships. Basically, for 17 years, he was the slow pitch guru that fostered and developed countless umpires at the state level. In 2006, he accepted the position of State Slow Pitch Umpire-In-Chief. During this time, he worked his final ASA National in 2009 and was able to umpire the last game of his career on Sunday with his son, whom he taught everything he knew about umpiring and the game of softball. With great honor, Jim recently received the Region 8 Award of Excellence at the 2013 ASA UIC Clinic in Oklahoma City. He is one of only two WI umpires to ever receive this award among the national body of ASA UICs.

BRENDA MUELLER
FOND DU LAC
SLOW PITCH

Brenda (Mouse) Mueller started playing softball in Fond du Lac in the mid 1970's, bringing an exciting style to the game. Her speed in the outfield and in running the bases was fantastic to watch. Her prowess in the outfield stole many base hits away and her accurate arm thru out numerous base runners. She had a stellar batting average year after year, which was inevitable as she won many awards and made numerous All-Star teams throughout her career. Mouse was inducted into the Fond du Lac Softball Hall of Fame in 1999, into the Wisconsin USSSA Hall of Fame in 1992, and received the Shirlee Cutler Award through the Fond du Lac Softball organization. Mouse played on many championship teams from 1970 to 2001 including Fond du Lac team's Bernward Hall and Samantha's, and other teams from Milwaukee. Always known as "Mouse" by her teammates and friends, she was characterized by her managers as a champion who played on championship teams. She was always a joy to be around and that attitude carried onto the field. Mouse's smile and attitude were contagious; she was a special player and person.

SUE STODDARDT
FOND DU LAC
SLOW PITCH

As an all-star for the City of Fond du Lac playground leagues, Sue Stoddart was recruited to join the Wilbur Pfeifer Woman's Softball team and became their starting left fielder at the age of 16. A position she played for the next 19 years. In 1968 the Wilbur Pfeifer team became the first team from Fond du Lac, to win an ASA State Championship. The team had various other sponsors throughout the years, including the Stretch Motel, Sport Haus, Tavern League and Schneider Decorating. The team also won numerous other state and regional championships throughout the years and represented Wisconsin at a dozen National Tournaments. Sue is best known for her defensive play and diving catches in left field but also maintained a high batting average as a place hitter in her role as the leadoff batter. Her athletic ability started winning her many awards on all-star teams at the city, state, regional and even the national level. Throughout all the years she played though, she attributes much of her success to the teammates that surrounded her and the competitive teams in Wisconsin and the surrounding states that produced a lot of talent throughout the late 60's into the early 80's. "There weren't as many competitive sport's for women back then as there are now, so all the best female athletes spent their summers on the softball diamonds."

WASA COMMISSIONERS 1935 – PRESENT

1935 – 1942	S.G. Johnson	8 years
1943 – 1945	George M. Phelan	3 years
1946 – 1950	George Driggett	5 years
1951	Pending	
1952 – 1968	Guy Wertz	17 years
1969 – 1970	William Oliver	2 years
1971 – 1972	Pending	
1973 – 1974	Walt Wombacher	2 years
1975 – 1979	Aubery Olson	5 years
1980 – 1981	Roger Regez	2 years
1982 – 1994	David Markow	13 years
1995 – 2014	Tom Raimer	20 years
2015 – Present	Tom Rausch	1 year

WASA PAST PRESIDENTS 1935 – PRESENT

1935 – 1978

1979	Cecil Pittack	Madison
1980	Cecil Pittack	Madison
1981	Cecil Pittack	Madison
1982	Bill Callaway	DeForest
1983	Bill Callaway	DeForest
1984	Bill Callaway	DeForest
1985	Peter Deusterbeck	Wild Rose
1986	Peter Deusterbeck	Wild Rose
1987	Peter Deusterbeck	Wild Rose
1988	Peter Deusterbeck	Wild Rose
1989	Peter Deusterbeck	Wild Rose
1990	Dick Huther	Medford
1991	Dick Huther	Medford
1992	Dick Huther	Medford
1993	Dick Huther	Medford
1994	Peter Deusterbeck	Wild Rose
1995	Peter Deusterbeck	Wild Rose
1996	Tim Irish	Onalaska
1997	Tim Irish	Onalaska
1998	Tim Irish	Onalaska
1999	Tom Rausch	Fond du Lac
2000	Tom Rausch	Fond du Lac
2001	Tom Rausch	Fond du Lac
2002	Tom Rausch	Fond du Lac
2003	Tom Lubus	Milwaukee
2004	Tom Rausch	Fond du Lac (Interim)
2005	Tom Monahan	DePere
2006	Tom Monahan	DePere
2007	Dick Buskov	Madison
2008	Dick Buskov	Madison
2009	Dick Buskov	Madison
2010	Dick Buskov	Madison
2011	Matt Disher	Stevens Point
2012	Matt Disher	Stevens Point
2013	Matt Disher	Stevens Point
2014	Matt Disher	Stevens Point
2015	Paul Wagner	Green Bay

UMPIRE OF THE YEAR 1982 – PRESENT

1982	Ken Gracner	Madison
1983	Ed Johnson	La Crosse
1984	John Baltus	Eau Claire
1985	Clyde Schuette	Green Bay
1986	George Gannon	Chippewa Falls
1987	Arden Geisler	Wisconsin Rapids
1988	Fred Kratz	Montello
1989	John Peterson	Madison
1990	Joe Hamilton	Eau Claire
1991	Tim Joly	Green Bay
1992	Mike Lipp	Madison
1993	Joe Cyran	Stevens Point
1994	Wes Templeton	Madison
1995	Jim Mitchell	New Richmond
1996	Tim Irish	Onalaska
1997	Lorn Roehm	Sparta
1998	John Eckendorf	Stevens Point
1999	Peter Dake	Eau Claire
2000	Lew Smith	Green Bay
2001	Ron Deutsch	Eau Claire
2002	Tim Townsend	Greenfield
2003	Bill Gongoll	Wausau
2004	Mike Mikalson	Madison
2005	Tom Ueberroth	Milwaukee
2006	Bill Bartingale	Eau Claire
2007	Richard Kummerow	Wausau
2008	John Peterson	Madison
2009	Tim Joly	Seymour
2010	Jim Davidson	Stevens Point
2011	Dan Cory	Brooklyn
2012	Joshua Brandsma	Portage
2013	Al Waldvogel	Biramwood
2014	Leslie Anderson	Berlin