

## MISSOURI A.S.A. HALL OF FAME 2000-2010

*The Missouri A.S.A. Hall of Fame was instigated in 1986, with initial induction ceremonies held in Springfield in March of 1987. Nomination forms are available from each local district commissioner or from the Missouri ASA web site. The nomination deadline is September 15 for induction ceremonies during the Annual Convention the following year. The Missouri ASA Hall of Fame is divided into two categories: Playing Ability and Meritorious Service. Minimum requirements for Playing Ability include at least 10 years as an active player with proven ability at the state and national level. For Meritorious Service, a minimum of twenty years association with the Missouri A.S.A. is required with demonstrated service through involvement within the framework of the Missouri A.S.A. at the district, state, or higher levels.*

### 2010 (Seven Springs Winery, Linn, MO)

#### *Playing Ability*

#### **SPECIAL TEAM INDUCTION: Mid State Oil Men's Slow Pitch Softball Team (1974-1979)**

For only the second time in Missouri ASA history, a team was honored for its accomplishments. Mid State, sponsored by Jake Schenewerk, won six state men's championships and went to the ASA National Championship four straight years, (1976-79), finishing as high as 13<sup>th</sup>. This team reached a very high level of competition at a time when slow pitch softball was at its zenith and only one classification of play was offered.

**RAY REINAGEL, Kelso.** Reinagel was known for his excellent defensive skills behind the plate. His teams won four state championships in 1988, 89, 90, and 91. He played on two regional champions (1992 & 1996); he was twice named All-American (2003 and 2004) and in 1994 helped the South to a Gold medal in the Olympic Sports Festival in Denver. Overall, in a 29-year career, Reinagel played in thirteen state, five regional and twelve ASA nationals at the major fast pitch level. He has since helped coached girls fast pitch teams in the southeast Missouri area.

#### *Meritorious Service*

**MARK NELSON, Springfield.** Mark Nelson has worked with ASA softball with the City of Springfield Parks and Recreation Department since 1986. He assisted with the operation of the local leagues at first, and later began serving as tournament director. Since 1990, Nelson has overseen over a dozen regional events, fifteen national championships and over forty state tournaments in addition to dozens of local invitational tournaments. He has served on the Missouri ASA Board of Directors since 2003 and on the ASA National Council since 2002.

### 2009 (Seven Springs Winery, Linn, MO)

#### *Playing Ability*

**DARYL FLINT, St. Joseph.** Considered one of the best pitchers in the state in the 50's and 60's, Flint played for teams such as Morris Plan and Goetz, as well as Barnes Store (Springfield). His teams won four state titles. He played in one national championship in Indianapolis (1966).

**DAVID PFEIFFER, Winigan.** In a career which began in 1975, Pfeiffer actually played pro baseball, and started at the Men's Major Fast Pitch level in 1980 with Hy-Vee. He played on teams in Jefferson City in 1981-84 and then began a 25-year span with Harold's Supermarket, winning several state championships and advancing to nationals at the Major and 40 & Over Fast Pitch levels. Pfeiffer was All-American once, second team All-American once and third team once at the major level. He won similar awards in the 40 & Over division.

## 2008 (The Arena, Cape Girardeau, MO)

### *Playing Ability*

**JERRY BERNET, Pro Tem.** One of the best players to ever come out of the Springfield area, Bernet played Men's Major Fast Pitch from 1969-1981. He played in ten national championships, finished as high as 3<sup>rd</sup> place twice, won five Missouri State Championships and seven Mid-America ASA regional tournaments. He was named to an All-American at the 1975 national tournament in Hayward, California.

**STEVE SCHOTT, Kelso.** Schott excelled at the highest levels of ASA fast pitch softball. He was a nine-time All-American at Men's Major nationals and was part of three ASA national championship teams. His teams won the Missouri ASA State title each year from 1988 to 1991. He was a silver medalist at the 1995 Pan-American games and was named to the 2004 USA National team.

### *Meritorious Service*

**CARY FLANAGAN, Cape Girardeau.** While inducted under the Meritorious Service category, Flanagan was an outstanding ball player as well. Cary was ASA District Commissioner for Southeast District from 1996 until his untimely death in an automobile accident in February of 2005. He worked tirelessly with the local Parks and Recreation Department, serving on several committees and in administrative functions. Cary managed and played for Huffman Roofing for more than twenty years and advanced to numerous state tournaments, as well as one regional and two national tournaments.

## 2007 (The Resort at Port Arrowhead, Lake Ozark, MO)

### *Playing Ability*

**MARTY ALBERTSON Lancaster.** Albertson has a lengthy list of accomplishments over a 23-year career. He participated in ten Missouri ASA state tournaments, twenty ASA National Championships, and was named All-American four times. His teams won two Mid-America ASA Regional Championships, one state championship and he was named to the ISC All World First Team in 1988.

**DOUG MIDDLETON, Blue Springs.** Middleton is known as one of the best fast pitch pitchers ever to come out of Missouri. He was a member of USA national Teams in 1992, 96, and 98 and was named the recipient of the Herb Dudley Award for outstanding pitcher at the 1998 ASA Men's Major Fast Pitch National Championship. His teams also won national titles in 1991 and 1992 and he was named first team All-American in 1988 and 1998. As a junior player, his teams won four consecutive ASA National Championships. Doug originally comes from Springfield.

**CHARLEY SLAVENS, Springfield.** Mr. Slavens pitched softball for 26 years in Missouri. He was named to seven All-American and four All-Marine teams. He has played in 39 states and eight countries. Charley has been to twelve state championships and over thirty national tournaments. In 1973, he set the record of 660 (including 12 no-hitters and one perfect game). He also had the most strikeouts in one game: 42 (21 inning game, 1975).

## 2006 (February 10, Clarion, Springfield)

### *Playing Ability*

**TIM BLASI, Ozark.** Blasi's softball career includes: four ASA State Championships, three ISC State Championships, three ISC League Championships, 6 ISC World Tournaments. He was named ISC League MVP two times in 1990 and 1994; ASA 1st Team All-American (1993), 3rd Team All-American(1987); 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-World (1991); USOC Olympic Festival North Team Member (1994); 2004 40+ National 1st Team All-American.

**ROSS DEY, Sedalia.** Dey's list of accomplishments include: two years on the State Fair Community College (Sedalia) Baseball; he led the Central Missouri State University Mules to the MIAA Conference Championship; 2003 Pan Am Games Silver Medal; 2004 ISF Fourth Place World Championship; 2004 40+ National Tournament 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All Tournament Team; 2005 ASA National Board of Directors; and 2005 ASA Player Selection Committee.

*2006 (Continued)*

*Meritorious Service*

**RON CLAWSON, Warrensburg.** Clawson has had an extensive softball career, which includes participation in men's fast pitch softball for 45 years. His teams played 31 state tournaments, and he played or managed in twenty National tournaments, eight world tournaments, and managed the Bronze medal team in the 1987 Olympic Sports Festival. During the span of Clawson's management career, he had 34 players earn All-American status.

## **2005 (February 12, Zeno's, Rolla)**

*Meritorious Service*

**MARVIN MURPHY, Maryville.** For more than 40 years, Murphy coached youth softball, especially pitchers. Teams such as the Citizen Banksters, Northern Stars and Trojanettes have all benefited from his expertise. He also worked with pitchers from the four state area and his students included two All-Americans. He served as pitching coach for NWMSU in 2003-04 but volunteered his services!

**KERMIT DANIEL, Monett/Liberty.** Daniel's career at the state, regional and national level spans more than 30 years. He has been an ASA registered umpire every year since 1969. He served as UIC for 33 state tournaments, 15 regional tournaments between 1984 and 2003 and attended 11 ASA National Umpire Clinics in Oklahoma City. He has worked the Far East Armed Forces Championship (1976), NCAA women's softball (1981-1996), the MIAA conference (1995-96) and served as the Mo. Valley Conference Championship UIC in 1994. He has umpired in four ASA National Championships and served as National Tournament UIC for eight nationals. He has served as Missouri State Umpire-in-Chief (1987-2005; 2007-2010), served as a member of the ASA National Council since 1991-2003, is a member of the National Indicator Fraternity (1993) and the ASA Medals Program, Gold level.

## **2004 (March 13, Ramada Inn, St. Joseph)**

### **SPECIAL TEAM INDUCTION: Meierhoffer/St. Jo Casino Players Softball Team (1997-2003)**

First time in Missouri ASA history, the accomplishments of this team were inducted into the Hall of Fame. The team's unprecedented run in Men's Major Fast Pitch created so many outstanding statistics, they cannot all be included here. The team was sponsored by Meierhoffer Funeral Home from 1997-2000 and the St. Joseph Frontier Casino from 2001-2003. The team won the ASA Major Fast Pitch National Title in 1998, 2000, 2001 and 2002, finished 5th in 1997 and 1999, and wound up 9th in 2003. They won the ISC World in 2002.

*Playing Ability*

**JAMES H. "Lefty" VICKERS, Poplar Bluff/Springfield.** In a career spanning 1948 to 1974, Vickers compiled an impressive list of accomplishments, both on the mound and with the bat. His teams played in seven state tournaments and five regionals at a time when very few teams qualified for either. His 1950 Peer Hardware team, Springfield, finished 3rd in the National Softball Congress World Tournament in Phoenix, AZ.

*Meritorious Service*

**BILL R. MCKINNEY, St. Joseph.** McKinney played softball but was inducted due to his service to the sport. Following an honor laden high school career in track, basketball and football, he went to University of Missouri to play football for the Tigers. At age 10, he had started playing church softball. His Morris Plan men's team won the state championship in 1963 and he went on to play for Walnut Products in the 70's. McKinney served on the St. Joseph Softball Board in the 70's and 80's and served as the St. Joseph Parks and Recreation Director starting in the mid 80's. His total softball career spanned over 50 years.

2004 (Continued)

**DAVID CARROLL, Maitland.** The founder of the Trojanettes softball program in the early 80's, Carroll coached many hundreds of young ball players, expanding the program from a single team to nine teams in all age groups. He is known not just for his ability to teach softball, but to instill leadership skills, dedication, commitment and a desire for goal setting and attainment. He has been called the "glue" that holds the Trojanettes organization together and has volunteered thousands of hours to the betterment of that organization.

**HARVEY TAYLOR, St. Joseph.** A coach of boys' fast pitch teams in northwest Missouri, Taylor has taken numerous teams to state and national championships. His coaching career started in 1970 and his teams have finished well at each national tournament they participated in. His 1988 team won the national 12 & Under championship and other teams finished as high as third.

## 2003 (March 15, Best Western Capital Inn Jefferson City)

*Playing Ability*

**JOHN YOUNGER, St. Joseph.** A fast pitch player since 1970, Younger has played in an amazing 34 state tournaments, 15 regionals, and 24 national tournaments. Most of Younger's participation has been at the Major Fast Pitch level, and his participation has included one national title with Frontier Casino in 2001 and a third place finish with Harold's Supermarket in 1986. In 1995, he was named First Team All American. He is known for being a pure contact hitter and has given many young players in the St. Joseph area a chance to play by coaching teams for more than fifteen years. Younger played in five ISC World Tournaments and in 1999 at age 50, became the oldest player ever to hit a home run in the ISC World.

**HERBERT "JUNIOR" WILLIAMS, Springfield.** Junior Williams was one of the most versatile players ever to play in Springfield, Missouri. He could play any position, but he is most remembered for being one of the nation's top catchers, working behind the plate for the likes of Roy Burlison, Jack Burkhart, Gene Barr and many others. He had a tremendous throwing arm and few runners stole a base on him. He was also a speedy runner and a great base stealer. Williams played in twelve state tournaments, nine regionals and twenty-one national tournaments, including eight 40 & Over Fast Pitch Nationals and four 45 & Over Nationals. He was named Second Team All American for the Men's Major Fast Pitch Nationals in 1972, 73, and 74. Williams also played in three Boys Fast Pitch Nationals in the 1950's.

**DENVER DIXON, Springfield.** Dixon's 28 year career including playing time in Iowa and Florida, and his credentials are impressive. His participation includes 14 state tournaments (8 with Missouri teams), eleven regional tournaments (three with Missouri teams) and 22 nationals (ten with Missouri teams). With Missouri teams, he played in five Men's Major nationals and was named Second Team All America three times. He played in five Men's 40 & Over Fast Pitch Nationals and participated in two National Sports Festivals (1979 and 81). He is the only player ever to play every position during a season for the Clearwater, Florida Bombers.

*Meritorious Service*

**JOE BRYANT, De Soto.** Joe Bryant's list of accomplishments with the Missouri A.S.A. is as lengthy and varied. He was been a registered umpire every year from 1962-2005. He served as a Deputy District Commissioner from 1971 to 1975, District UIC from 1974 to 1976 and was then named District Commissioner in 1976, a position which he still holds. He has umpired in three national tournaments and Tournament Director or UIC for countless youth and adult state tournaments over his 40+ year career. He was been a member of the Missouri A.S.A. Executive Committee from 1987 to 2003.

## 2002 (March 9, Clarion Inn, Springfield)

### *Playing Ability*

**LARRY HALE, Springfield.** An outstanding leadoff hitter, Hale had great speed, a knack to get on base and was a threat to steal a base at any time. He played first base and the outfield and his stats include twenty state, twelve regional and fifteen national championships. He also was selected to the US Sports Festival in 1979. He was a first team All-American in 1974 & 1975 and his teams won seven state and eight regional titles.

**SAM POTTER, Springfield.** An iron man of fast pitch softball, Potter's career at 3rd base has spanned five decades. His career includes 23 Missouri state tournaments, ten regionals, 23 national championships, one World Tournament in 1959 and the 1979 US Sports Festival. He was named second team All-American in 1966 and 1973 at the Men's Major Fast Pitch level. Six of his twenty-three nationals were at the major level and he has played in nine 40 & Over nationals, five 45 & Over and two 50 & Over nationals.

**BOB McCLISH, Springfield.** McClish is considered one of the greatest hitters ever to play softball and at one time held six records at the Men's Major Fast Pitch level. In 1973 he was the National Championship MVP in Seattle, WA and his Missouri career spanned from 1967 to 1978. His career totals included four national, four regional and six state tournaments. Bob did not start playing softball until the age of 30, following a baseball career at the pro and semipro levels. He played in seven National Baseball Tournaments in Wichita, KS and was voted All-American in 1960.

**CAROLE MYERS, Springfield.** Was a fast pitch and slow pitch player whose career began at age 13. She started at second base and outfielder, but moved to catcher. Her ASA career started in 1964 and includes two women's fast pitch state championships with Foremost. She played with Southwest Missouri State Univ. and helped guide the Lady Bears to a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the 1970 Xollege World Series and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes in 1971 and 1973. She is a member of the SMSU Hall of Fame. Myers played professional softball from 1976-79 with the Michigan Travelers, Buffalo Breski's and the St. Louis Hummers. Her slow pitch career was also impressive, with two state, one regional and five national championship appearances, including a 15<sup>th</sup> place finish in 1983.

**JANICE CRUMPLEY BLUEBAUM, Clever.** A Marionville, MO native, "Crump" started in major fast pitch in 1964 and switched to major slow pitch in 1974. Her teams won twenty-one state titles and she played in eight regionals and thirteen nationals, finishing as high as 5<sup>th</sup> with a Kansas City women's slow pitch team. She began as a left fielder but moved to infield for most of her career. She also served on the Springfield Amateur Softball Association Board for several years.

### *Meritorious Service*

**KENNETH WORMSLEY, Cowgill.** Well known in northwest Missouri, Wormsley has impacted hundreds of softball. His 27year career included work as a coach, team sponsor and team management, mostly with girls and women's fast pitch. his teams have been very competitive and he has helped many players move on to the collegiate level. Because of limited facilities in his hometown of Cowgill, Mr. Wormsley built and maintained his own softball field.

## 2001 (No Hall of Fame Inductees)

## 2000 (March 11, Best Western, Jefferson City)

### *Playing Ability*

**TIM DAVIS, Savannah.** At age 26, the youngest inductee into the Hall, Davis played in 13 state and national tournaments, finishing first in the 1994 nationals and taking the batting title with a .628 average. His first base skills earned him one All-American selection and an invitation to the USA/ASA Olympic Festival. Tim died in a boating accident on the Missouri River.