

# USA SOFTBALL OF MISSOURI HALL OF FAME 2011-2020

The USA Softball of Missouri (Missouri ASA) 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 USA Softball of Missouri 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 USA Softball of Missouri is required with demonstrated service through involvement within the framework of USA Softball of Missouri at the district, state, or higher levels.

## 2020 (No Banquet)

*Playing Ability*

**ALLEN YOUNG, St. Joseph**

## 2019 (Seven Springs Winery, Linn, MO)

*Playing Ability*

**CINDY HENDERSON SNEAD, Springfield**

**TERRY LUSTER, Bunceton**

**TODD JOERLING, Defiance**

*Meritorious Service*

**KRISTY DILLEY-RICH, St. James**

**BOB GARNER, Jackson**

**TERRY BEAS, Clinton**

**RICK BERRY, Lathrop**

## 2017 (The Centre, Rolla, MO)

*Playing Ability*

**MIKE DRYER, Blue Springs** Dryer started his fast pitch career in 1991 with the Lexington Moose Lodge. He moved up to the Major level in 1994 with the Ozark Mountaineers, followed by a couple of years with the Topeka Travelers. In 1998, he joined the Meierhoffer Fleeman team from St. Joseph. His teams won four Men's Major Fast Pitch national championships. He was named a 1<sup>st</sup> team All-American in 2000 and 2002 and the tournament MVP in 2002. He was named 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-American three times. What may be the pinnacle of his career included being selected a member (1<sup>st</sup> base) of the USA Men's National team from 2002-2004. The team won the Gold Medal at the Pan American Qualifier in Guatemala in 2002 and a Silver Medal at the Pan American Games in Dominican Republic in 2003. Dryer hit 2 game-winning home runs to propel the team to the Silver. He also served as a member of the USA Men's National team selection committee in 2006-7. He currently umpires both fast pitch and slow pitch and has worked five national tournaments.

**KERRY SHAW, Bates City** An outstanding infielder, Shaw was named an All-American seven times at the Major level, his teams won Major Nationals four times, and he was selected the tournament's MVP in 2000 and 2001. He was named to the USA Men's National team from 2001-03. The team won the Gold Medal at the Pan American Qualifier in Guatemala in 2002 and a Silver Medal at the Pan American Games in Dominican Republic in 2003. He later participated in three 40 & Over Men's Fast Pitch Nationals and was named MVP of the prestigious Kelso (Mo) Classic in 1999. His college baseball career included numerous honors and he in the 1980's and his high school and college baseball coaching career spans 25 years.

## 2016 (Seven Springs Winery, Linn, MO)

*Playing Ability*

**G. SCOTT HUFF, Farmington** Huff's was a part of nine Missouri ASA Slow Pitch State Championships, participated in one regional (1997) and four national championships (1993-1998). His career spanned more than 35 years and his resume includes numerous USSSA and NSA state and national tournaments.

**CHRIS MILJAVAC, Easton** Miljavac was known as a 5-tool player and excelled at the national and international level. He was a four-time All-American and a part of five Men's Major Fast Pitch National Champions. He was a 10-time member of the USA National team and played in two ISF championships (2004, 2015), two Pan American Games Qualifiers (2002, 2014) and was a Silver Medalist in 2003. He was also a Men's 40 & Over National Champion in 2013 and a 23 & Under National Champion in 1994. He competed in the 1995 U.S. Olympic Festival where his team took the Silver Medal.

*Meritorious Service*

**TIM GLASCOCK, Hannibal** Tim has coached women's and girls' fast pitch teams for over 40 years, starting with a women's fast pitch team in 1971. In some years, he coached as many as five teams at the same time under the Silver Streaks banner. He took four teams to Class "A" Nationals (2006-09). He first became the District Commissioner for Missouri ASA softball in 1997. He is highly dedicated to the girls' fast pitch game and continues to operate numerous tournaments each summer in the northeast part of the state.

## **2015 (No inductees)**

## 2014 (Seven Springs Winery, Linn, MO)

### *Playing Ability*

**RAYMOND "BABE" BROWN, St. Joseph** Raymond Brown was a machinist for Quaker Oats plant in St. Joseph for 40 years. "Babe" was one of the pioneers of fast pitch back in the 1930's and 40's. His teams won every state championship from 1935 through 1939. Brown was considered one of the best pitchers in his day, and pitched for hometown teams including The Mokin Roosters, Schweins, Beaty's, Quaker Sparkies and the Goetz Brewers. Brown most notably won the 1937 state title game which was a 1-0 14 inning game in front of 10,000 fans. He pitched his team to the St. Joseph district championship, a 3-1 victory in 31 innings. It is interesting to note that in both of these games, the losing pitcher was Allen "Ace" Young, considered to be one of the great pitchers of the day and a former teammate of Babe Brown.

### *Meritorious Service*

**ROBERT DAVIS, Savannah** Davis has worked with boys' fast pitch softball for nearly 30 years and served as a District Commissioner from 1992-2015. He umpired 15 years and coached boys' and men's' fast pitch teams for 15 years. He first started in softball in 1967 as a young boy who worked at the ball park hanging numbers on the score board. He coached teams that won 14 state championships and at the national level, his teams won four national championships, 4 second place finishes, 3 thirds, 2 fourths and 2 fifths. He has also served at the Boys Fast Pitch State Commissioner for many years.

**CAROL RINEY, Columbia** Riney worked for the Columbia Parks and Recreation Department for just under 30 years, retiring in the spring of 2014. She has served in several Central District assignments including deputy district commissioner (1984-1998) and district commissioner (1998-2014) She played softball from a young age, and in local leagues and competitive tournaments from 1985 until 2010. She assisted in hosting the 1990 Missouri ASA State Convention and has served on a variety of hearing panels and other administrative duties.

**KEN KWANTES, Rolla** First began playing fast pitch softball in 1963 in Grand Rapids, Michigan and moved to Rolla in the mid 1970's, playing and coaching softball for a total of 40 seasons. He was first named an ASA deputy district commissioner in 1983 and has served in a variety of positions including At Large Player Representative on the national level for 10 years, District Commissioner, Deputy State Commissioner and has umpired for over 30 years. Kwantes was selected to the National Indicator Fraternity in 2008 and inducted into the Missouri ASA Hall of Blue in 2009. He served as tournament director for numerous state tournaments and one national championship. He umpired in four national tournaments and has been assigned as an ASA National Tournament Representative four times.

**DARRELL LEE HIATTE, Holts Summit** Hiatte's coaching career started in 1993, mostly with the Diamond Wildcats. His teams participated in 13 state tournaments, winning four state titles. His teams advanced to four ASA regional tournaments and four national championships. A very high percentage of his players have gone on to play college, and two have played in the College World Series Division I. Darrell Hiatte exemplifies leadership, sportsmanship and knowledge of the sport of softball. While his teams have played in other organizations' events, his commitment is to ASA softball.

## 2013 (Seven Springs Winery, Linn, MO)

### *Playing Ability*

**LLOYD DUKE, St. Joseph** Lloyd Duke's career started in 1943 on a 12U boys team that won the national championship that year. His 15U and 18U teams won several state titles as well. At age 18, he was signed by the St. Louis Cardinals for 1 year. Lloyd played in 12 state championships, seven regionals and later in three 40& Over nationals, including one national title. He played softball for 45 years and umpired for 25 years. His teams included Northside Merchants, Morris Plan, Polsky's and Walnut Products.

### *Meritorious Service*

**JAMES V. O'DONNELL, Hannibal** The O'Donnell family has sponsored softball teams since the 1930's, starting with James O'Donnell's father Harold. As the family business grew (O'Donnell Funeral Home), so did the sponsorship of softball teams. The O'Donnell's men's fast pitch team of the 70's, 80's and 90's was Mr. O'Donnell's pride and joy. In later years, he also sponsored women's fast pitch and women's slow pitch teams, as well as boys and girls fast pitch teams. When he sponsored, he went all in, providing complete team uniforms and much more. O'Donnell also helped financially with school teams and private teams including many teams in fall and winter sports. O'Donnell-sponsored league teams were in nearly every local league. As a committed sponsor, O'Donnell never got in the way of the team manager, and he even played in games over the years. O'Donnell's

men's fast pitch teams' success included no less than four state titles. Mr O'Donnell passed away from a heart attack in 2003 at age 52.

## 2012 (Seven Springs Winery, Linn, MO)

### *Playing Ability*

**RICHARD "GENE" BARR, Springfield** Gene Barr began pitching fast pitch softball at age 15 in Marshall, Missouri. He quickly moved into the men's fast pitch state scene, in 1958 playing for Sweet Springs and no-hitting the defending state champ from Cape Girardeau. He was promptly picked up to play with Springfield in the Regional Tournament and in 1959 pitched in his first ASA National tournament. His teams played in over a dozen state tournaments, at least ten regional tournaments including five titles, and seven national events. He played with Clearwater Bombers in 1961 but came back to Springfield for the balance of his career. He was inducted into the Springfield ASA Softball Hall of Fame in 1973.

**SCOTT LOVELAND, Springfield** Loveland's career spanned nearly 40 years and featured a start with the Empire Bank/Schlitz Bulls famed Junior Boys teams in 1976-81. The Junior team finished second in the ISF World Tournament in Edmonton, Alberta, CA. Loveland played in more than a dozen nationals and played in the 1987 Olympic Sports Festival in Raleigh, NC. His career was mostly in Springfield, but he also played with the Jeff City Jazz in 1992 and Savannah Meierhoffer-Fleeman who were crowned the 1998 Men's Major Fast Pitch National Champions. He played on the national champion 40 & over team in 2002 (Harold's Supermarket) and the 2008 Miller Lite 45 & Over National Champions (Springfield). He was part of the Springfield Sister City team that played in Isesaki, Japan in 1993.

## 2011 (Seven Springs Winery, Linn, MO)

### *Playing Ability*

#### **CLAYTON FLEEMAN, Pleasant Hill**

Clayton Fleeman has won numerous awards in men's fast pitch, including no less than eight All American selections in Masters Divisions of play and two 2<sup>nd</sup> team selections. His 40 and over teams won the 2002 national championship and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 2000 and 2003. His team also won 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the 1992 Class "B" Nationals.

**MIKE CAVENDER, Jefferson City** In a resume too lengthy to list here, Cavender played on three Missouri state champion teams, four regional championship teams and in a total of ten Men's Major Fast Pitch nationals, dating from 1987 to 2002. At the 40 & Over level, his teams took the national title in 2002 and 2009 and three runner up finishes. At the 45 & Over his teams won a championship in 2008 and runner up in 2006. In the 50 & Over division, his team won the 2008 national championship. He was named to four first team All American awards and two 2<sup>nd</sup> team All American. He has coached youth teams from 2000-2008 and has conducted numerous instructional clinics for girls ages 9 and above.

**DON EDWARDS, Jefferson City** As a first baseman and outfielder, Edward's career batting average was well over .300. He played at the Major Fast Pitch level for over 15 years and finished as high as 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Men's major Fast Pitch Nationals in 1986. He was also selected for the 1987 National Sports Festival. His teams won three national Masters (40O, 45O, 50O) fast pitch championships and four second place finishes. He was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All American four times and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All American twice.

### *Meritorious Service*

**MIKE HALLORAN, St. Joseph** Mike Halloran began his ASA administrative career in 1989 when he joined the St. Joseph Parks and Recreation Dept. He served as Missouri ASA District Commissioner from 1989-2010 and was MASA President from 2005-2010. He served as tournament director for more than 35 state tournaments, 5 regional tournaments and 8 National Championships. In addition, he was the tournament director for the Air National Guard National Championships and the NCAA Div II Softball World Series. He worked in numerous projects for the Missouri ASA Board of Directors.