



Gary Carpenter, Male Player Category

Gary has participated in USSSA for approximately 20 years. He has earned a reputation as a proficient hitter that can place the ball anywhere between the lines. Some of the teams he has played for include Auto Barn, B & F Construction, J.K. Athletics, Olympia Softball Club, The Valley, Tacoma Dodge and Team DeMarini. The majority of his career has been spent in the outfield and he has compiled a lifetime batting average of over .650. Gary was named to the All State Team in 1991, '93, '94, '98 and '02. He was named to the Regional All Star team in '93 and was named the MVP of the 1992 State Championship Team.



Chad Munger, Male Player Category

Chad began his playing career with USSSA in 1991, playing for the USS Georgia on Submarine Base Bangor. Over the next ten years he played mainly with the top "B" and "C" teams here in Washington, such as Uptown Auto, Ace Paving, Dobbs & Fox and Gatorline. During this time Chad was named to numerous All Tournament teams, while winning "C" State twice and "B" State once. During this time Chad wanted to give more to the game than just his time, so he became an umpire in 1995, and by 2001, when he retired from umpiring, he had become one of the best in the State. He followed his play here in Washington playing for BMA out of California and EAS/Pollards out of Colorado. In 2005 Don Cooper made the call to Chad and asked him to come out and play a weekend for Team Combat/Kluever/SnapOn, and from there his playing career took on new dimensions. He played the next five and a half seasons with GTL/Cartel, winning back to back "A" World Championships in 2009 and 2010. In 2011 he finished the season with Team Combat/Laservision which placed third in the Men's Major World Series. Chad has also been a member of two Hispanic World Championship teams and during his last six years of ball, was named to 10 All Tournament teams, including the "A" World MVP and a Defensive MVP. Chad was named to the All Conference team in 2010. He is a tenacious opponent and has the respect of every team that he has pitched against.



Steve "Doc" Mundell, Umpire Category

Steve has been umpiring for 29 years, 25 of which have been for USSSA. Interest began back as a player when he would observe umpires and thought, "What can I do to improve the quality?". Steve was then recruited by Tim Birmingham and began working USSSA games in Tacoma. After two years, Steve moved to King County and approached Dale McGregor about umpiring in the Seattle area. Dale then sent him to the King County umpire training, and while attending that class he thought, "What can I do to improve on this format?". Since then Steve has been instrumental in developing and leading the training of King County umpires for 23 years. He is always on the hunt to recruit new umpires and his favorite recruiting statement is "I challenge you to become an umpire if you think you can do better". Steve has umpired all over the state for all programs and at all levels of play. He has worked several State, Divisional, Regional, and World Tournaments. He has also been the tournament Umpire-In-Chief for many area tournaments for many years. Steve has been an invaluable ambassador for Dale McGregor and USSSA and has been awarded the Chan Chilton award for his umpiring efforts. Because of his passion for the sport and knowledge of the game, Steve is known as one of the best umpires in Washington State and has earned the respect of his fellow umpires, players, coaches, tournament directors, and Park and Recreation Directors.



Laurie Plumb, Female Player Category

Laurie has been participating in USSSA for over 25 years in the youth, women's and mixed programs. Laurie was included on many All Tournament teams while participating in the youth program, along with being named the State Tournament MVP in 1988 on the 14U team, and again in 1992 on the 18U team. In her 12 years of competition in the Women's Program, Laurie has accumulated numerous State Championship titles, along with many selections to the All State teams. In 2003 she was named the Most Valuable Defensive Player at the Women's A World Series, where Seattle Express finished second. In 2005 she was again named the Best Defensive Player at the 23rd Annual Worth NIT, in Rockford, Illinois. In 2005 her team, Seattle Express, won the Women's A World Series, which she considers to be one of the most exciting years of softball of her entire career. While playing in the Mixed Program her teams have won five State titles, along with many other championships. Currently, Laurie is enjoying watching her son and daughter play USSSA baseball and softball, and is still playing ball whenever she can.



Dave Davies, Special Category

Dave began his involvement with USSSA over 21 years ago, as a player and a coach. As a coach, Dave has won 5 Men's State Championships and 1 Mixed. He has taken his teams to 6 World Championship tournaments, which include teams such as Axis, Gatorline, Dead Sailors and Seattle Mash. In 2009, Dave helped to form and coach Casey's Bail Bonds, which continued on to win the Men's "C" World Championships. Any team that Dave has been associated with has fast become one of the best at whatever classification the team was playing. Dave has been an integral part of the Men's Classification Committee for the past 12 years and has been a part of the Program Committee that has formed and adopted some of the rules that USSSA uses to this day. He has been a major part of the Mixed Program for many years and has served on the Mixed Classification Committee for the past 6-7 years. As Dave's playing career came to a close he became involved with the tournament system and today runs tournaments in the Men's, Women's, and Mixed programs. He considers himself lucky to have made so many friends, that he considers "family", and to have had the opportunity to travel to so many places that he would not have otherwise been able to. His friendships and the camaraderie that he enjoyed through his experience in softball will stay with him forever.



Joe Hightower, Special Category

Joe was with USSSA Washington during our early years here in Washington. Joe began with USSSA in the early 80's and continued his involvement until the late 90's, at which time he broke away from the USSSA association to pursue other avenues open to him in softball. Joe was very instrumental in our having the city of Longview softball program and was the UIC of the area for most of those years. Joe umpired in almost every State Tournament during his career with us, and was thought of very highly by both teams and directors alike. Joe continues to run USSSA tournaments on an annual basis.



Skeet Hammett, Manager/Coach Category

Skeet coached teams in USSSA from 1982 to 2002. He coached both men's and mixed teams during this time. His men's team went to two different 'D' World tournaments at a time when the World Tournaments were limited to 32 teams each. Both of these tournaments were in Michigan. To advance to these World Tournaments teams had to win an NIT tournament or a Labor Day weekend tournament.. His teams ultimately won two large 'D' NIT tournaments. Skeet's team's best finish was 7th place one year at the 'D' World Championship. His men's teams went to the USSSA Washington State tournaments every year. His teams finished in the top 5 six times, with the best finishes being a 2nd place. The teams also went to the men's 'D' Regional each year. The teams took a 5th place out of 170 teams in Salt Lake City, Utah and a 4th place out of 95 teams in Tacoma, WA. His men's teams played an average of 15 tournaments every year. Skeet's teams were loaded with base hitters with excellent defense, but they had very little power. The teams were true examples of what men's 'D' teams should be. Along with coaching men's ball, Skeet took many teams to the USSSA Mixed State Championships, finishing 2nd in his best season with his mixed team. Skeet was an outspoken pioneer for USSSA Washington in the Everett, Marysville and Lynnwood areas throughout those 20 years, encouraging teams to play in USSSA tournaments as well as league. Skeet credits USSSA for giving him and his players the opportunity to play in an organization that was well organized in both tournament and post season play, while providing excellent umpires along with a fun brand of softball to play.



Paul Hunsinger, Sponsor Category

Paul is the owner of Limback Lumber in the Ballard area of Seattle. Over the past 25 years the company has sponsored numerous teams, either for a season or for a tournament during a season. While Paul's sponsorship has been mainly towards his employees, both current and past, his financial support has allowed many individuals to play the game of slow pitch knowing that they have his support in any way he can. Tony Reichert, who is currently nominated for the Hall of Fame, has been sponsored by Paul for over 20 years, and has faithfully supported USSSA Washington during that time.