

2017 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Scott Riley, Male Player Category

Scott has been playing softball for over 30 years, with the majority being in USSSA. He played many years in the 80's for Shippers/Gateway, a men's "B" team, and was an integral part of that team taking second place in State that year, 3rd at "B" Regionals and 9th at "B" Worlds. Scott's team was one of only two teams that competed at Worlds after the inception of the B, C and D NIT's, and the World's being limited to 16 teams. Throughout the years Scott has won numerous All Star and MVP awards on the many teams that he played on, and has moved on to play in the Master's Program with Goodman Racing/NW Legends, where this past season he led his team in RBI's, batting average and home runs. He plays alongside many of our current members of the Hall of Fame and is considered to be every bit the player that many of them are to this day.



Pat Paschal, Male Player Category

Pat has been playing USSSA softball for over 22 years, beginning in 1992 in the church program. Pat later played at the men's "C" level with Batrack, WL May, Universal Mad Dawgs, Peterson Brothers, Texaco Express Lube, Snap-On Tools, Hara's and Doerflinger Softball. In 2009 Pat was an integral member of the Casey's/Bail Bonds/Worth men's "C" team that won the Men's "C" World Championship, and was named to the All-Tournament team. In 2010 he became a member of the Doerflinger/Combat, Team USA Conference team, and traveled around the US playing against the best teams in the country. His team qualified to play in the Men's Major World Series in Orlando, Florida and Pat got his first opportunity to compete in a Major league stadium. He repeated that feat in 2011 while playing with West Coast Easton. Pat is currently on the Conference "A" team, Combat/Blockers/Dirty softball squad. This season he has played various positions, and has settled in at first base, where he has had an extremely good year. Pat estimates that he has a lifetime batting average of around .675 and has hit over 750 homeruns in his softball career. Pat's softball career is winding down, but his involvement with the game will continue on, as he is currently helping to coach his wife's team, along with his daughters Fast Pitch team.

Kat Sherer, Female Player Category

Kat began playing softball in 1992 while attending college in Boise, Idaho. Since that time, she has spent over 30 years living and breathing softball for 10 months of every year, until she retired in 2014. During those 20 years Kat was a player, coach, manager, umpire and a tournament director. Though she lived the majority of those 20 years in Oregon, she played much of her career in Washington, in support of Washington USSSA. Her mixed team won three National titles while she was with a team that was co-sponsored by ESPN sports. During that time, ESPN filmed 30 minute segments about the game of softball, which aired all across the country. Along with a few teammates, she formed a company, Softball Northwest Inc., that sold softball and baseball equipment to both the youth and adult teams around the northwest. Softball was inducted into the Oregon USSSA Hall of Fame in 2004. She played on two of the most prestigious women's teams in Washington USSSA, Softball Soul and Derby Girls. Over her 20 years of participating in the USSSA association, Kat won 4 State Championships, 8 National Championships, 2 World Championships and has finished in the Top 5 at Worlds another 7 times. Her personal awards during her career are way too many to list here, but suffice it to say that she has earned individual honors way too many times to mention. Kat is still remembered for her presence on the mound and her approach to how to pitch to each and every batter she faced. Kat was not only one of the top pitchers in the northwest, but also one of the more feared hitters. She brought intensity, desire to win, love of the game and support of her teammates to everything she did.



Albert "Al" Chalker, Manager Category

Al has been the assistant coach to many of our top coaches within our Women's program. He has assisted with current Hall of Fame coaches Steve Rundle, Gene Johnson (West Coasters and Bandits), Russ Christiansen (Case Construction and All Medley (Seattle Express)). Al has played a pivotal role in the success of all of the teams that he has been associated with by being a consistent first base coach, pitching BP during the week to whoever asked him and by sponsoring individual players when needed. He never missed a practice, traveled to all games throughout the state and the country, and was constantly scouting his teams' next opponent. Former players have stated that Al was in better shape than most of them. The impression Al has left on his former players continues to this day. Even though he is no longer coaching, many of his former players still consider him a friend and many still stay in touch with him. This is a testament to his influence as a coach, and to his ability to continue to be a role model to those around him.



John Barabe, Umpire Category

John began umpiring for USSSA in 1993, and has always embodied the professionalism and integrity associated with USSSA. During his 24 years of service he has had the pleasure of working alongside many accomplished umpires, which include many of our current Hall of Fame members as well as many more that will be considered in the future. John has worked numerous State and National tournaments, as well as being picked to do the Men's "C", "E" and Women's World Series in 2015 and also in 2017. Other notable accomplishments include his work at the Men's "D" Regionals in Lancaster, CA and Salt Lake City, UT, along with working the Hispanic Worlds in Arizona. John has been a UIC for the Seattle area Umpires association for the past 16 years. He was also the recipient of the Chan Chilton Award for outstanding and continued service, dedication and loyalty to USSSA in 2004. All of these principles still apply to John today.



Dan Caramandi, Special Category

On May 18, 1980 Dan ran the first USSSA tournament in the State of Washington. Pierce County Parks and Recreation wouldn't let him use the fields, so Dan ran the tournament at the Charlie Cap Peterson Fields in Tacoma. There were 16 Men's B teams in the tournament. Dan was the coach of Little Vic's Tavern for 15 years. Little Vic's finished 2nd at B Nationals one year, and 2nd at the Washington USSSA C State several years later. Dan went on to run several USSSA tournaments over the years. Dan stepped up to promote USSSA in Washington, even though ASA was threatening to black ball any individual that was involved with USSSA in any way, including umpires and teams. Thank goodness someone had the courage to step forward and run that first tournament. Thirty years later, the rest is history, as USSSA, in Washington, is the number one softball program.



Paul Edminster Sponsor Category

Paul Edminster has been involved with Slo-Pitch Softball for nearly 40 years as a player, a coach and a sponsor. Paul was actively involved with the Church program for many seasons sponsoring and coaching Woodbrook Chapel from 1978 -1985. He then moved to Meridian Christian Ministries and played and sponsored the team from 1986 – 1992. Finally, he settled in with Peoples Church/Projects West/Worth and was the main sponsor for the three-time Church World Champions (1991-1993-1995). Peoples Church was a perennial power in the USSSA Slo-Pitch program winning numerous awards and titles, and much of their success was due to Paul Edminster and his financial support. Paul and his wife Peggy are strong Christians and were ardent supporters of the church softball program, investing not only their time, but substantial dollars for nearly 40 years. Paul is a contractor/builder who owns Projects West, Inc., and is a man of integrity in the local community.

(Not pictured) Adolfo Capestany, Umpire Category

Adolfo was specifically sought out by the Olympia USSSA Softball Board, due to his outstanding reputation and ability level while with another association. He began umpiring with USSSA in 1985, and was one of the original eight Umpires that established the Olympia Area Umpires Association. The following year he was appointed as the Olympia Deputy UIC, and served in that position from 1986 thru 1988. While in this position, Adolfo was the key in expanding teams and leagues for USSSA. He worked with USSSA Director, Carl Reidel in promoting tournaments in the Olympia area and recruiting and training umpires. He also developed the first ever rating system for umpires in the area, along with a written criteria for post season assignments. He then served as the Olympia area UIC from 1988 thru 1990, continuing to expand umpires and tournaments in the area. During his career as an umpire, Adolfo earned the respect of the players at all levels of play, for both his hustle and fairness while working a game. He has worked many local and regional championships, and was selected to work the 1985 Hispanic World Championship in Tucson, Arizona, as well as the 1990 Women's World Series in Concord, California. Adolfo was always a first-rate ambassador for USSSA.