

2016 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Jim Gagnon, Male Player Category

Jim began his USSSA playing career in the late 1980's with POE Construction. After seeing the competitive level of softball in Washington Jim wanted to move up in his level of play and began playing for some of the better teams in the state. Jim has played alongside of current Hall of Famers Steve Leighton, Darren Idler, Mike "Oly" Olsen, Jerry Herrington, Jack Orweiller, Billy Wallace, Nat Lawson and Dan Lowery. For the last five years Jim has been playing senior softball with some of the best players in the history of Washington USSSA. Jim is currently an active umpire for USSSA.



Mike Terrell, Male Player Category

Mike has been playing USSSA for over 35 years, and is still currently playing with his two sons on a local team. He has been involved in both the Men's and the Church programs, and has been named to numerous All Tournament teams. His team, "The Nest" won the 1994 Men's "B" State Championship, where he was awarded the Tournament MVP with a batting average of .720. In 2006 he was a member of Lund Trucking when they won the Men's "C" State Championship. In Church "B" his team won the 2004 and 2005 Church State Championship with God Squad, in 2006 the Church "B" State and National Championship with New Creation, and again in 2009 his team won the Church Major State Championship. His most memorable moments were winning the 1994 Men's "B" State Championship and being named to the "All Mickey Merriam Team" in 2006. Mike wants his softball days to be remembered, not by the statistics, but as someone who was a great teammate and a person that others wanted to play alongside of.



Kim Stewart, Male Player Category

Kim started playing USSSA in approximately 1983 for the Coachmen Tavern. The next year Kim joined the Ballard Goofy's team, where he quickly became one of the leaders, not only with homeruns, but with his ability to make a difference at first base. In a very short time frame he became well known throughout the softball community for his line drive, over-the-fence home runs, and his full-body layouts at first base. Kim was not only a great teammate, because of his skills, but also because of his approach to the game. He was elected to many all-tournament teams, and was a constant support to his teammates throughout his playing career. Kim says that "The memories we created were the greatest award I ever earned". Later in life, his days on the hardwoods at the University of Washington took its toll on his legs, and he retired from softball in the early 2000's to put 100% of his efforts into his job as Activities/Athletic Director at Mountlake Terrace High

School, and to his family, who, as far as Kim was concerned, never came second to anything, or anyone. The way Kim has lived his life has served him well, as a role model to all he has been in contact with.



Amy Scholl-Streavel, Female Player Category

Amy began her softball alliance with USSSA in 1988, when she was playing for one of the top youth teams in the state, The Coasters. She went from her youth team to the adult program in 1989, and played on some of the best teams in the state, such as Salt N Peppas, Soul 2 Soul, Seattle Hawks, Threads, Seattle Express, Risan Athletics, Karphone Express out of Southern California, and currently with the 2012 Women's B World Champions, Bully's. In 2009 Amy played on the Black American team Gametime 24/7, based out of North Carolina, and traveled consistently to the southeast to compete on the weekends and to play in the Black American World Championship. Over the years she has been awarded many All Tournament awards, which include 3 MVP awards in Washington USSSA in Women's and Mixed State Championships. Amy was All World at the Women's D in 1995, Women's C in 2007 and 35+ Masters in 2012. Her proudest moment came at the Women's B World Championship, in 2012, when she was named the tournament MVP. Amy's

career batting average is around .590. She is known throughout our state, as well as around the nation, as one of the nicest and most accomplished pitchers in the women's game today. One of the comments that stuck with her throughout the years, is when an opposing coach told her before a game, "facing you on the mound is going to make our team better". Her desire to win, make new friends and enjoy the game is still keeping her playing today.



Tracy Foshee, Female Player Category

Tracy began playing USSSA over 30 years ago, while still in college, in Louisiana. She played for a local Women's "A" team, and traveled to Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Georgia, Florida and Alabama. She played in her first National and World Championships in the 1980's. Tracy joined the Army in 1989 and was transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington in 1991, where she continued to play and coach USSSA softball. After the Army, Tracy still had the desire to compete at a high level of play, so she began a search for a competitive team to join. She had stints with Stixx, Angove, Pitcher's and Coors (Colorado), and then back to the Northwest where she joined Derby Girls and Bully's, along with competing in the mixed program for many years. Over the years she has competed in, and won All Stars in numerous State, National and World Championship events. In the end her injuries got the best of her and she retired from the game she loved. Tracy is very thankful for the impact that softball

has had on her life, including friendships, the meaning of team, respect for other athletes, and what winning and losing is all about. Tracy is currently an Umpire in the Olympia area as a member of OSSUA.



Ron Lytle, Special Category

Ron began his association with USSSA in 1981, while coaching a team in the Mixed Program. Over the years he has always been involved with a team in one of our main programs, and was the coach of the Locker Room Tavern, when they won the Mixed "A" State Championship in 1989. After many years of coaching in the Women's Program, his team, Seattle Thunder, won the 2008 Women's "B/C" State Championship. His teams have played in over 20 National and World Championship tournaments, and he has always believed USSSA to be the best program in the country. After many years of being on the field, in a variety of capacities, Ron took over the leadership of the Women's Program in 2009, and has surrounded himself with knowledgeable and caring individuals, that have helped to make the Washington USSSA Women's Program one of, if not the best Women's Program in the country. There is not a weekend that you cannot find Ron at the fields,

watching the teams, and being part of making that particular tournament the best it can be.

Jon Briggs, Umpire Category

Jon has been involved with Washington USSA for over 25 years. Jon began his umpiring career in 1999 and was named the Kitsap County Umpire Rookie of the year. The very next year Jon was named the Umpire of the year over all umpires in the Kitsap County Association. At the conclusion of his rookie year he was selected to go out of state and work a National tournament. Over the year Jon has worked over 10 Men's Major Tournaments, and works over 300 games per year, with approximately 200 of those games being outside the Kitsap County area. When baseball became part of Washington USSA Jon stepped up and became one of our first baseball umpires, and followed that up by doing the very same thing when Fast Pitch became a viable program in Washington USSA. He is currently the Kitsap County Fast Pitch UIC and serves on the umpire board. Jon is respected by both his peers and the players, and has the respect of the State UIC in all he does.



Emmett Dobbs, Sponsor Category

Emmett first became involved with Sponsoring teams in USSA in the 90's and over the years his teams won many tournaments including the Major NIT in Seattle, a "B" NIT in Las Vegas, and many State Championships, along with a 3rd place finish at the men's "B" Worlds. Kermit Strickland, a member of the Washington USSA Hall of Fame, was the coach of many of his teams. While he loved winning, Emmett says the best part of sponsoring was his association with the players on his teams and meeting the players from other teams. Today, he still believes that getting to know the players was far better than the winning.

John Leonardo, Manager Category

John "Big John" Leonardo was one of the better known players back in the early 80's in the men's program. When at a field that "Big John" was at, you always had a friend, even if you didn't know him. He loved the game, the people in it, and most importantly, his family. After his playing days came to an end, he turned his attention to coaching USSSA teams in the Co-Ed and the women's program. Along with those teams he coached Slow pitch and fast pitch at Foster High School from 1994-2002. He played with Pinoy, Hook, Line and Sinker, Triton Imports, Caddyshack and the White Sox. In Co-Ed John played for Top Dawgs and Who Cares. He also coached the Women's team Upper Deck. He constantly scouted all of the other teams in the program, and always knew something about each of the opposing players. One of the most important things in "Big Johns" life was his family, especially his daughters. They learned from their Daddy, and all of them can hit like their Daddy, far and hard. If you were fortunate to know Big John, you may not have always agreed with him, or the way that he presented his side of the story, but everyone had respect for the man and his teams. "Big John" passed away on September 15, 2015. He left behind a large legacy and a tremendous impact on Washington USSSA.