



MEDIA RELEASE

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ISC Hall of Fame Class of 2014 Induction Breakfast



On **Sunday morning August 10**, the International Softball Congress Hall of Fame will host its annual induction breakfast at the **Grand Halle of Concordia Club, 429 Ottawa Street South, Kitchener, ON.**



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The Class of 2014 induction will be held as part of the ISC Championships and build on the successes of the previous Hall of Fame celebrations that have been held annually since the initial induction in 1965. The event was previously held in Kitchener in 2002, 2006 and 2007.

The 2014 host facility Concordia Club venue has been providing Kitchener and surrounding communities with authentic German cuisine, culture and festivities for over 130 years. Concordia Club is the original home of K-W Oktoberfest, the 2nd largest Oktoberfest in the world and each year 40,000 people participate in the Bavarian Festival at the Concordia Club

For more information about the Concordia Club, visit www.concordiaclub.ca

Doors will open at **7:30 am**, with breakfast at **8:00** and the program and inductions at 9:30. The event will adjourn at **11:30 am**, in advance of the Sunday scheduled games.

All attendees are required to have a ticket, available as follows:

TICKET SALES

ON-LINE and RESERVED TABLES OF EIGHT

Tickets, **\$30 each**, and/or reserved **tables of eight (8) for \$200**, may be purchased on-line using VISA/MC credit cards by contacting Breakfast Event Chair John Thompson at sstj99@gmail.com or 519-884-4050.

2014 INDUCTEES

ISC HALL OF FAME – ILLUSTRIOUS CLASS OF 2014

Authorized by Robert Gray, Chair, ISC Hall of Fame Selection Committee

The International Softball Congress Hall of Fame Selection committee is pleased to confirm that the ISC Board of Directors approved a slate of seven nominees for induction into the ISC Hall of Fame as the Class of 2014.

Included are three elite players, two successful field managers and two impact builders of the sport.

PLAYERS

Denny Delorit, Egg Harbor WI

Denny Delorit, born in 1946 in Wisconsin, competed for 21 consecutive years in ISC World Tournaments and 20 years at the ASA Nationals. In high school and college he played baseball and was an outstanding fullback in football, attracting attention from professional ranks. In 1970, he began to play fastball and became one of the most feared hitters in the game. Suiing up with Sioux City IA Penn Corp that claimed three consecutive ISC titles in 1988-1990, Denny was selected a second time as a first –team ISC All-World player in 1988, following his inaugural selection in 1976 as a member of Tommy’s Angel’s from Oshkosh WI. In 1981, he travelled with the ISC World Champion Aurora IL Home Savings team in a seven city tour through Japan. Denny closed out his career playing along side his sons Jesse and Aaron for the Des Mones IA Bombers.

Lou M. Ferrero (deceased), Hanford CA

Lou Ferrero, born in Piosasco (close to Torino), Italy in 1922, immigrated with his family to Lindsey CA and later moved to Hanford CA. Graduating from high school in 1941, be

commenced his fastball career with the Hanford CA Kings until he was drafted into the US Air Force in 1943. Following his discharge in 1945, he resumed his career with the Kings who won the 1947 ASA Tournament held in Stockton CA. When the National Softball Congress (NSC) and International Softball League (ISL) held separate championships in the late 40s/early 50s, Lou played on three championship teams – Taft CA Merchants (1948); Hanford CA Kings (1949) and Fresno CA Hoak Packers (1952) and three finalists – Hanford (1950 and 1951) and Dinuba CA Condors (1954). Lou retired from the Hanford CA Kings in 1955.

Trent Rubley, Clearwater FL

Trent Rubley's fastball career spanned 16 seasons in ISC competition, beginning in 1989 with the champion Sioux City IA Penn Corp squad. During his career, his teams claimed four ISC Championships and finished in the top four in nine different summers. Trent was named ISC All World four times – Decatur IL Pride (1994); Madison WI Farm Tavern (1997 & 2001) and Calgary AB Diamonds (2004). In 2001, Trent led the ISC with four home runs, and in his last season with the Diamonds, Trent won the ISC Batting title (.522). In ASA competition Trent won six Major Nationals and suited up for the US National team numerous times, winning multiple silver medals in the Pan Am Championships. At present, Trent is a high school coach in Clearwater FL.

FIELD MANAGERS

Steve Kooser, Topeka KS

After playing fastball as an infielder in Topeka KS, Steve Kooser began managing the Topeka Hertz Rent-a-Car team in 1985, winning ASA state championships from 1985-89. His team won the Colorado/Kansas area tournament in 1989 and attended their inaugural ISC tournament in Kimberly WI. Bolstered with new players in 1990, the team finished 14th in the ISC's Victoria BC tournament. In 1995, Steve collaborated to form the Topeka Travelers, finishing 4th in the ISC Tournament in Sioux City IA. From 1996 until 2008, Steve was Assistant Manager with the Broken Bow NE Travelers, the team winning ISC titles in 2001- 03 and 04. In 2009, Steve managed the Bondurant IA Midwest Stampede, finishing 4th, and in 2010 re-joined the Travelers, now playing out of Jarvis ON, winning the ISC Championship in 2010-11-12, the first ISC three-peat in 55 years.

Chris Santos, Aurora CO

Born in Pueblo CO, Chris Santos grew up in ballparks following his father Joe, who was very active in the sport. Chris played as a youth before leaving Colorado pursuing a communications career in Denver CO. In 1988, Chris and his brother Jerry formed the Pueblo CO Bandits and Chris has managed the team for a quarter-century. The Bandits have appeared in 18 ISC World Tournaments and with a roster composed primarily of Colorado players, has earned two top-ten finishes. Off the field, Chris and his family contribute to area youth in sports, sponsoring 21 scholarships to athletes pursuing a college degree, providing time and funding to the Pueblo Athletic League for under-privileged youth and running the Pueblo Softball league for the past twenty years. Chris has also served as an ASA Deputy Commissioner, ISC Travel League Commissioner and is currently the ISC USA vice-president.

BOB WELBY MEMORIAL “Recognition of Service Award”

John Thompson, Waterloo ON

In 1993, John Thompson was approached by the City of Kitchener to organize a bid for a future hosting of the ISC Championships. John was involved locally in fastball, having coached / managed in the Kitchener Fastball League in the 1970s-80s, and volunteered with the Waterloo CHYMrs (later Twins) senior fastball team for a decade, and then coaching and managing the team in the mid 1980s. He served as Host Committee Chair for the 1996 Canadian Nationals, at which he launched the “Diamond Dirt” newsletter circulated at many ISC, Canadian National and local Legends tournaments, published/edited the 2002, 2006 and 2007 ISC championship printed programs and in 2010 authored the fastball biography “Z-MAN Darren Zack”. Since 2002, John has chaired the event committee and served as MC for multiple ISC Hall of Fame breakfast inductions. Locally, John is a past president of the Kitchener Sports Association, past chair of the Athlete of the Year and Waterloo Region Hall of Fame programs and is currently president-elect of the Rotary Club of Kitchener-Westmount.

Glenn Verge, Newmarket ON

For close to half a century Glenn Verge has coached, managed and sponsored fastball teams in Ontario, notably in Newmarket and Owen Sound. In the late 1970s, with encouragement from ISC founder Carrol Forbes and Owen Sound’s Lloyd Simpson, Glenn’s Newmarket ON Rays team became interested in the International Softball Congress. In 1980, the Rays and Grimsby ON Peach Kings competed at the ISC World Tourney in Tempe AZ. Both teams were competitive (Grimsby finished 3rd behind Aurora IL and Phoenix AZ), and their participation created controversy in Canada, specifically in Ontario. Fastball administrators deemed that players who competed in the ISC would not be allowed to play in OASA (Ontario) and Canadian Championships. Glenn lobbied and led opposition to the ruling, and through judicial courts was able to get the suspensions lifted. Glenn’s efforts were instrumental in Ontario-based teams competing in the ISC and provided the current opportunity for Ontario teams to claim the title for the last six years (2008-2013).