



# ISC Hall of Fame Class of 2015 Induction Breakfast



**Sunday August 9, 2015**  
Waterford Estates Lodge  
52890 SR 933 North  
South Bend IN 46637



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## Inductee Patrons

*Fireman Lawyers (Jack Fireman), Toronto ON ..... Terry Challis*  
*ISC Hall of Fame 2015 Host Committee ..... Dean Holoien*  
*Murphy's Fish and Chips (Dave Anderson), Truro NS ..... Colin Abbott*  
*Ohio Battery and Supply, Ashland OH ..... Nick McCurry*  
*Scout Logistics (Lorne Swartz), Toronto ON ..... Jack Fireman*  
*Sports & Scholarships (John Thompson), Waterloo ON ..... Gary Baughman*

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Dean Oscar (President, ISC) – Reedsburg WI

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# Colin Abbott

Portugal Cove – St. Philips NL – Born: October 1, 1970

Outfielder / Designated Hitter

Presenter: Todd Martin

Colin Abbott is quite simply, one of the most prodigious hitters in the annals of ISC competition.

From modest beginnings in his hometown Portugal Cove NL (named after the country Portugal the community of 6,000 is nestled in the eastern Avalon Peninsula bordering the capital St. John's) Colin started playing softball as an eight-year old. He was influenced and motivated by his siblings – brothers Keith and Vern and sister Valerie, all of whom enjoyed the sport - and all advancing to compete at the senior level

Spanning 18 seasons from 1992 to 2009, Colin consistently displayed a rare combination of an astute batting eye, while swinging mightily for extra-base-hits. This was the "talk of the park" during his 1996 performance, as Colin sported a sterling .486 average with more than half his 17 hits for extra bases, including five homers. Colin's career stats are impressive, with a .337 batting average and the ISC leader in ABs (326), hits (120) RBIs (86) and a remarkable 320 total bases. Further, he ranks second in HRs (26) and doubles (24). As the feared "go-to" guy in the batting order, he led Wisconsin-based teams three times to ISC Championships, with Madison Farm Tavern in 1999 and 2007, and Green Bay All-Car Roadrunners in '94. His team also finished 2nd three times, and Colin was a regular on closing days, his teams finishing in the top four in 13 ISC championship tournaments.

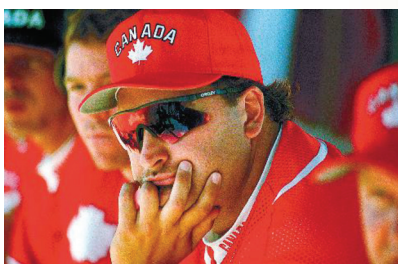
Colin's favorite personal memory is winning his 1st ISC Championship by hitting a "walk-off" single for a 5-4 Green Bay come-back rally to beat the defending champion Toronto Gators.

Following his secondary education from Prince of Wales Collegiate, Colin entered Memorial University, where he graduated with double Bachelor degrees in Economics and Commerce. He immediately joined Investors Group, carving out a solid career as a financial advisor.

From his high-level fastball days, Colin has great memories of the many career highlights that he shared with friend / team-mate / room-mate Todd Martin, as well as the multitude of late night discussions on fastball's finer points with other team – mates including Rob Gray and Todd Budke.

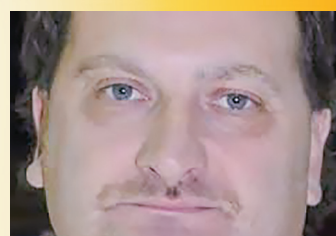
In addition to fastball, Colin enjoys hockey and golf and he and his wife Michelle have two sons – Joel and Steven – both of whom Colin enjoys coaching in hockey and baseball.

**Colin Abbott's induction proudly sponsored by Murphy's Fish & Chips / Dave T. Anderson, Truro NS**

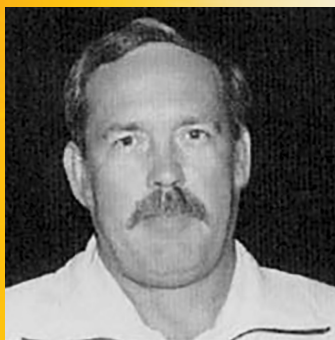


**All-Car's Abbott set to swing on world stage at Kimberly**

By Jim Hayes  
 Press-Gazette  
 As a hockey player growing up in Newfoundland, Colin Abbott skated against current NHL all-stars Jeremy Roenick, Joe Sakic and Rod Brind'Amour.  
 Abbott was good enough to be drafted into the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League – one of the top three junior leagues in Canada – but somehow managed to keep his hockey talents in perspective.  
 "I could always score goals," Abbott said. "But I think my skating could hold me back. I didn't think I could make it as a pro."  
 Abbott, however, isn't shy to make the same concessions to the other sport of his youth, fastpitch softball. In two seasons as an outfielder with the All-Car Roadrunners of Green Bay, Abbott has developed into a bat commodity – a dangerous hitter in a pitcher's game.  
 "Having already made a name for himself in the Wisconsin Classic League, Abbott has an opportunity to shine on a much bigger stage when the International Softball Congress World Tournament begins its 10-day run Friday at Sunset Park in Kimberly.  
 "I guess I'd be recognized as a pretty good hitter," Abbott said last week without a hint of ego. "I think I can compete and do well, but I'm still not close to being a Mark Sweeney or Jody Hennislager. Hopefully I can get to that level. I don't think I'm that far away."  
 Abbott is a top hitter for National Health Care Diagnostics of Sioux City, Iowa, the defending ISC champion, while Hennislager is a standout for The Farm of  
 both physical and mental – to blossom into a premier player. "Colin probably is one of the better ballplayers in the world," said Lou Ciardi, All-Car's general manager.  
 Abbott is strong and lanky at 6-foot-2 and 215 pounds. He came to Green Bay last season when All-Car pitcher Andy Jackson, another Canadian, told him All-Car was looking for a good hitter who could cover ground in the outfield.  
 "Abbott made a big impression last year, leading All-Car to the ISC state championship. The Roadrunners went 0-2 at the world tournament, but Abbott didn't think I could make it as a pro."  
 "The world tournament is what everyone looks at," Abbott said. "If I can have a good tournament and the team does well, it would help the team out and it would help me out personally."  
 "Abbott, as they say, could go places in softball. Though he's happy playing in Green Bay, Abbott has big-time potential.  
 As an example, Abbott hit a ball so hard a couple of weeks ago that it stuck in the outfield fence at Circle Day in Denmark. "I've been umpiring 34 years and that's the first time I've ever seen that," said Doug Hettiger of Green Bay.  
 "Abbott came to Green Bay, in part, because of the opportunity to face better competition. Newfoundland is an island, and Abbott said it was generally because of travel restraints.  
 Abbott's brothers, Keith and Vern, won bronze medals in the Canadian national championship, Abbott's sister, Valerie, also is a talented player.  
 "There may be some natural talent there in the family for



Press-Gazette photo by John Peltz  
 A knee injury is one of the few things holding Abbott back. He had surgery last winter and expects to have another operation when the season is over.  
 "It slowed me down in the field," he said. "I probably wasn't the quickest person to be gin with. I probably don't run the bases as well as I did last year."  
 During the winter, Abbott will return to Canada to continue his education in business administration and marketing. He already has a B.A. degree in economics as well as the hard-earned distinction. Softball is a pitcher's game, you have to adjust.  
 "It's a very intelligent individual," Ciardi said. "Colin Abbott is a pitcher's game, you have to adjust."



**Gary Baughman (1995)**  
ISC STATISTICIAN



# Gary Baughman

**Cedar Rapids IA – Statistician**  
**Presenter: Bret Baughman**

Growing up in Cedar Rapids IA, Gary Baughman enjoyed sports participating in church league softball, as well as competing in football & wrestling and running on the track team at George Washington High School.



Jack Ogden, a sports reporter for the Cedar Rapids Gazette, shared the intricacies of scoring softball games with Gary and he became “hooked on stats”.

Gary served as statistician with the Cedar Rapids Major Open city league, a local loop that boasted Welty Way (1971 ASA Champs) and Teleconnect (1987 ISC World Champions). As well, he did game announcing and stats for the Iowa Area tournaments throughout the Midwest spanning 40 years, and in 1984 assumed some P.A. chores in Allentown PA for the 1984 ISC world tourney.

In 1991 he compiled stats for the Cedar Rapids IA Bosch-Rausch Financial team that won the ISC and ASA state titles, and competed at the ISC Worlds in Sioux City IA.

Gary recalls the play of his friend and fellow pipe-fitter Mike Pallesen, a terrific power-hitting local Hall of Famer in Iowa.

In 1993, ISC Commissioner Pat Sullivan, who was aware of Gary’s stats skills from the Iowa Area qualifiers, suggested that Gary assist ISC Statistician Art Cashion at the World Tourney in Kimberly WI. Two years later Gary was invited by ISC Executive Director Milt Stark to assume the role of ISC Statistician. Gary accepted the opportunity and tackled the numbers responsibilities and challenges.

Gary had access to ISC memorabilia and he pounced on the significant amount of material that had been archived by Art Cashion. After a decade of meticulous research and compilation, Gary assembled stats for every player that competed in the ISC, and every game since 1975 is now summarized. Much of this detail is available on the ISC website [www.iscfastpitch.com](http://www.iscfastpitch.com)

Gary’s passion for “the numbers” in fast-pitch helped create a legacy as his being the consummate statistician. Since his appointment in 1995, Gary has been a fixture in the annual tournaments, painstakingly completing and summarizing game reports that add to the history of the game and the quality of the yearly-up-dated ISC Championship guide.

To complement his 42 years as a union pipe-fitter/welder, Gary has carved out an admirable sports administrative volunteer career, continuously adding to the ISC’s historical archives.

Now, with 20+ years behind him, he is reminiscent of the old TV series “Dragnet” as Detective Joe Friday would be duty-driven by “The facts, Ma’am, just the facts”.

While his other main focus is family with his son Bret and grand-children Breanne, Karissa and Kole, Gary does spend the majority of his time on ISC responsibilities – and he shares that “our great game is my life and is all that I want to do”.

**Gary Baughman's induction proudly sponsored by John Thompson, Sports and Scholarships, Waterloo ON**



# Terry Challis

Whitby ON – Born: December 29, 1962

Outfielder

Presenter: Roddy Wetherell

Terry Challis was born in Toronto and his childhood home backed onto a softball park – it was destiny at its purest. Following his minor ball days, Terry immersed himself into work, all the while developing a strong commitment to fastball. Initially it was recreational with co-workers and friends. In time, Terry's skills were obvious and he was recruited into the Richmond Hill League – an initial step on what proved to be an amazing journey.

In due course, he joined the fabled York Merchants, who morphed into the York Gators and eventually gained international prominence as the Toronto Gators.

Terry was an original founding player with the Jack Fireman Gators and Terry quickly gained a reputation as a player who thrives on “the moment”. As a skilled fleet-of-foot player for 12 years at ISC tournaments, he patrolled the outfield for notable teams including the Gators as well as Green Bay All-Car, New York Spirit and Owen Sound Canadian Tire,

Terry is best remembered for being the “game-breaker” on many occasions. His superb defence coupled with always being a “tough out”, earned him ISC all-world status five times.

His pinnacle ISC tourney was 1993 in Kimberly WI when he led his Toronto Gators to the ISC crown, the first Canadian team to do so. With 10 timely hits, resulting in a .455 batting average, Terry was named as the tournament's MVP. In a dozen ISC seasons, Terry batted .330, taking the ball deep nine times for homeruns and was named ISC All-World on five occasions – twice with the Gators (1993-94) and three times with the NY Spirit (2000-01-02).

Terry affirms that the “Gator family” has had significant importance in his life both on and off the field. He credits softball for allowing him to grow as a person, and travel extensively while being surrounded by great team-mates, who were even more importantly, great people.

As a member of Canada's national team Terry earned a Pan-Am gold medal and an ISF silver medal.

Terry shared “I have had the privilege of playing with and against some of the great players of all time and I feel very lucky to have had that opportunity. Trying to list them all would be a book in itself. I learned a little something from each and every one and used that to become as good as I could possibly be not only as a player but also as a person.”



Terry continues to suit up with the “Gator family” in Masters competition, alongside those same team-mates and friends, under the leadership of team sponsor and long-time friend Jack Fireman.

For the future, Terry projected – “When Jack and our family are done playing, I'm done, but not until then”.

While Terry continues to enjoy high level competition as a Gator alumnus, he balances his life with commitments to family - two children Kyler and Logan – along with his career and coaching minor hockey.

**Terry Challis' induction proudly sponsored by Jack Fireman, Fireman Lawyers, Toronto ON\_**



# HONORABLE MEMBERS – ISC HALL OF FAME

## 2014 – Kitchener ON

### DENNY DELORIT

Infielder/DH - Egg Harbor WI

### \*LOU FERRARO

Outfielder - Hanford CA

### STEVE KOOSER

Field Manager - Topeka KS

### TRENT RUBLEY

Infielder - Clearwater FL

### CHRIS SANTOS

Field Manager - Pueblo CO

### JOHN THOMPSON

Recognition of Services - Waterloo ON

### GLENN VERGE

Recognition of Services - Newmarket ON

## 2013 – Quad Cities IA/IL

### \* JIMMY DEAN

Recognition of Services – Seattle WA

### DAVID BOYS

Infielder – Decatur IL

### RON BRINKMAN

Umpire – Appleton WI

### WAYNE FISHER

Administrator – Iowa City IA

### BRIAN MARTIE

Infielder – Bloomington IL

### STEVE SCHOTT

Outfielder – Kelso MO

### RON “Doc” SIMMONS

Field Manager – Broken Bow NE

## 2012 – Midland MI

### PAUL ALGAR

Pitcher – Lexington IL

### TODD BUDKE

Infielder – Lancaster CA

### DICK MASON

Administrator – Littleton CO

### JOHN MILLER

Recognition of Service – Green Bay WI

### SHAWN RYCHCIK

Outfielder/Infielder – Salamanca NY

### ADAM SMITH

Infielder – Hagersville ON

## 2011 – Quad Cities IA/IL

### \* DAVE BLACKBURN

Recognition of Services – Santa Monica CA

### ROBERT GRAY

Administrator - Wetumpka AL

### JODY HENNIGAR

Pitcher/Infielder – Halifax NS

### JERRY HOFFMAN

First Base – Irvine CA

### BRIAN PATON

Outfielder – Woodstock ON

### \* LANNY RUPP

Field Manager – Lakewood CA

## 2010 – Midland MI

### JOE AVILA

Infielder - Hanford, CA

### JOHN BECKER

Manager - Holmen WI

### DENNIS JOHNSON

Administrator - St. James MN

### ALAN ROHRBACK

Outfielder - San Diego CA

### THE SONNENTAG FAMILY

Recognition of Services - Marathon WI

### MARK SORENSON

Catcher - Lower Hutt New Zealand

### DARREN ZACK

Pitcher - Garden River ON

## 2009 – Quad Cities IA/IL

### WES HAYMOND

Manager/Administrator - Salt Lake City UT

### \* TOM MCAVOY

Manager - Stillwater NY

### DAN NESSLER

Infielder - North Mankato MN

### MIKE PIECHNIK

Pitcher - Victoria BC

### MICHAEL WHITE

Pitcher - Eugene OR

### BOB WILLS

Outfielder - Rancho Murieta CA

## 2008 – Kimberly WI

### HAL BRITTON

Catcher - Fresno CA

### DENNY BRUCKERT

Manager - Gillespie IL

### DOUG CHASE

Catcher - Port Alberni BC

### AL DORAN

Recognition of Services - Richmond Hill ON

### FLOYD “Blue” LA VERGNE

Outfielder - Los Angeles CA

### GORDON WISE

Administrator - Piqua OH

## 2007 – Kitchener ON

### LARRY LYNCH

Manager - Kitchener ON

### PETER MEREDITH

Pitcher - Salt Lake City UT

### \* LLOYD SIMPSON

Administrator - Owen Sound ON

### BOB TOMLINSON

Contributor - Poynette WI

### TIM WAHL

Catcher - Grayland WA

## 2006 – Kitchener ON

### \* ART GILLIS

Recognition of Services – Saginaw MI

### ED KLECKER

Pitcher - Sunset Beach CA

### GREG SEPULVEDA

Shortstop – Mission Viejo CA

### BRAD UNDERWOOD

Pitcher - Owen Sound, ON

## 2005 – Eau Claire WI

### MARGARITO (Maggie) BANALES

Umpire – El Paso TX

### RANDY BURNSIDE

Catcher – Seattle WA

### ART CASHION

Administrator – Fort Worth TX

### PETER FINN

Pitcher – Midland MI

## 2004 – Fargo ND

### ED DANIELS

Catcher – Fresno CA

### BOB OSBURN

IF/OF – Balboa Island CA

### JERRY RALFS

Pitcher- Davenport IA

### MARK SMITH

Pitcher – Falmouth NS

### NORB THURMER

Manager/Sponsor - St. Louis MO

## 2003 – Kimberly WI

### JOHNNY APPELL

Player/Manager – Waco TX

### BILL BOYER

Outfielder – Seattle WA

### JIM RUBBELKE

Manager – St. Paul MN

### 2002 – Kitchener ON

\* CLARENCE “Butch” CHAMBERS

Catcher – Las Vegas NV

### NEIL FENNELL

Administrator – Perth ON

### MARTY KERNAGHAN

Infielder – Sioux City IA

### LARRY NOLAN SR.

Outfielder – Rancho Cucamonga CA

### LES NOVAK

Umpire – New Hope MN

### DAN YANTZI

Pitcher/Contributor – Waterloo ON

## 2001 – Eau Claire WI

### BRAD BURRUP

Catcher – Salt Lake City UT

### BOB GUY

Infielder – Lakewood CA

### HICE STILES

Outfielder – Lakewood CA

### \* CLYDE WOODS

Outfielder – Oklahoma City OK

## 2000 – St. Joseph MO

### \* LEO “Lefty” BARTOS

Team/Program Administrator – Midland MI

### GARY DOBEREINER

Catcher – Moline IL

### BOB MINSHALL

Umpire/Administrator – Burlington ON

### DICK THOMPSON

Infielder/Pitcher – Quincy IL

### HERB WISDOM

Manager – Tumacacori AZ

### DICK ZUCCATO

Catcher – Woford Heights CA

## 1999 – Sioux City IA

### \* JIM ALLEN

Administrator – St. Charles MO

### JAY BOB BICKFORD

Pitcher – Phoenix AZ

### JERRY FLORY

Outfielder – Long Beach CA

### CARL HANSEN

Sponsor – Salt Lake City UT

## 1998 – Kimberly WI

### CHAD “Corky” CORCORAN

Infielder – Seattle WA

### \* GEORGE PEARSON

OF/Pitcher – San Pedro CA

### RAY UNRUH

Infielder – Dinuba CA

### JOHN WILSON

IF/OF – Long Beach CA

## 1997 – Victoria BC

### LARRY BODASHEFSKY

Outfielder – Oshawa ON

### LES CIGEL

Sponsor – Green Bay WI

### GALE KURTZ

Manager – Sioux City IA

### DON LESLIE

Infielder – Murieta CA

# HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

## 1996 – Kimberly WI

### \* RUSS BOICE

Manager – St. Louis MO

### JOHN EGE

Infielder – Sioux City IA

### KEN HACKMEISTER

Administrator – Salt Lake City UT

### JIMMY MOORE

Pitcher – Seattle WA

## 1995 – Sioux City IA

### LARRY FISHER

Administrator - Findlay OH

### DON FRAZIER

IF/OF – Long Beach CA

### \* PAUL MAGAN

Pitcher – Sioux City IA

### TOM STASIK

Administrator – Frankenmuth MI

## 1994 – Summerside PEI

### \* FRANK ARRIGONI

Administrator – Fresno CA

### DAVE BALL

Manager/ Commissioner – Downey CA

### ALAN COLGLAZIER

Pitcher – Pueblo CO

### \* FLOYD HAMMEN

Administrator – Little Chute WI

### JAMES KENNEMER

Catcher – Tula OK

### ROD PETERSON

Manager - Madison WI

## 1993 – Kimberly WI

### \* RAY ANDERSON

Publisher, Fastpitch Bulletin, Tulsa OK

### \* JIM AVERSING

Outfielder – Rock Island IL

### \* KEVIN HERLIHY

Pitcher – Hamilton NZ

### PAT SULLIVAN

Administrator – Dubuque IA

### \* CARL WILSON

Administrator – Tulsa OK

## 1992 – Salt Lake City UT

### GIL ARAGON

Pitcher – Phoenix AZ

### NICK HOPKINS

Shortstop – Long Beach CA

### \* LARRY MILLER

Sponsor – Salt Lake City UT

### \* BILL VAN DINE

Administrator – Sun City Centre FL

## 1991 – Sioux City IA

### \* SARAH CALHOUN

Tournament Sponsor – Rock Island IL

### BOB TODD

Pitcher – Long Beach CA

### \* BOB WELBY

Administrator – Florissant MO

## 1990 – Victoria BC

### BOB BEYERS

Administrator – Seattle WA

### ARMANDO SAMBRANO

Umpire – El Paso TX

### FRANK TREJO

Third Base - Phoenix AZ

## 1989 – Kimberly WI

### DUTCH AUSMUS

Second Base- Sapulpa OK

### ED KIRNER

Administrator – Montgomery IL

### \* CARL GRIECO

Administrator – Juniata PA

### KENNY WYCOFF

Pitcher – El Paso TX

## 1988 – Decatur IL

### DUTCH ELBERS

Administrator – St. Paul MN

### \* IRVIN “Red” MEARS

Catcher – Long Beach CA

### DICK POBANZ

Pitcher – Decatur IL

## 1987 – Saskatoon SK

### DUDE AUSMUS

Outfielder – Sapulpa OK

### \* LES DIETZEN

Administrator – Kaukauna WI

### \* DICK GONZALES

First Base – Phoenix AZ

## 1986 – Sioux City IA

### \* JIM BOEDNER

Pitcher – Manlius IL

### K.G. FINCHER

Pitcher – San Rafael CA

### \* L.G. “Tulie” STANSEL

Administrator – Deer Park TX

### \* DALE VAN HOUTEN

Administrator – Columbia City IN

## 1985 – Kimberly WI

### SAM BEAVERS

Pitcher – Fort Worth TX

### \* JACK GRAFMEIER

Administrator – Kimberly WI

### \* HOWARD HEUSTON

Pitcher – Bartlesville OK

### \* BOB WALSH

Umpire – Bethlehem PA

## 1984 – Allentown PA

### DICK BRUBAKER

Pitcher – Aurora IL

### ROYCE HEATH

Administrator – Arlington TX

### TY STOFFLET

Pitcher – Coplay PA

## 1983 – Bakersfield CA

### CHARLES SMITH

First Base – El Paso TX

## 1982 – Kimberly WI

### \* PAUL “LUCKY” HUMISTON

Outfielder – Long Beach CA

### \* BRYAN VOIGT

Pitcher – Tampico IL/Dinuba CA

## 1981 – Saginaw MI

### \* MILT STARK

Catcher – Taft, Long Beach CA

### \* JERRY WELLS

Pitcher – Prescott, Phoenix AZ

## 1980 – Tempe AZ

### DON SARNA

Pitcher – Culver City, Long Beach CA

### \* STU ZINK

Catcher – Phoenix AZ

## 1979 – Bakersfield CA

### RICHIE STEPHEN

Pitcher – Mountain Green UT

## 1978 – Kimberly WI

### \* CLAYTON DUGGER

Pitcher – Waco TX

### KARL NEILSON

Administrator – Phoenix AZ

## 1977 – Phoenix AZ

### \* EDDIE “SPOTTS” WILLIS

Catcher – Phoenix AZ

### BOB NEELY

Outfielder – Phoenix AZ

## 1976 – Long Beach CA

### \* JIMMY JONES

Shortstop – Long Beach CA

### \* VIRGIL JONES

Pitcher – San Pedro CA

## 1975 – Kimberly WI

### \* MARVIN CASTEEL

Administrator – Ogden UT

### \* CLINT HERRON

Third Base – Long Beach CA

## 1974 – Sun City AZ

### \* PAUL LOPEZ

Pitcher – El Paso TX

### \* LARRY SILVAS

First Base – Long Beach CA

## 1973 – Rock Island IL

### \* CLYDE FORTUNE

Administrator – Waco TX

### JACK RANDALL

Pitcher – Long Beach CA

### CHARLIE TOPPERT

Catcher – New Bedford, Rock Island IL

## 1972 – Kimberly WI

### AL COTTI

First Base – Fresno, Hanford CA

### \* LES HANEY

Pitcher – Taft, Fresno CA

## 1971 – Tulsa OK

### \* CARROL FORBES

Founder/Executive Director – Greeley CO

### \* CLEO GOYETTE

Second Base – Long Beach CA

### \* PAUL FORCHE

Administrator – Tulsa OK

### \* FRANK PORTH

Administrator – El Paso TX

## 1970 – Kerman CA

### \* JOE RODGERS

Manager – Long Beach CA

### \* STAN WHITE

Catcher – Long Beach CA

### \* LEROY ZIMMERMAN

Pitcher - Fresno CA

## 1966 – Rock Island IL

### \* KENNY LAW

Pitcher – Phoenix AZ

## 1965 – Rock Island IL

### \* LOU NOVIKOFF

Outfielder – Long Beach CA

\* - denotes deceased

## BOB WELBY MEMORIAL "Recognition of Service Award"

# Jack Fireman

Toronto ON – Team Sponsor / Softball Patron

Presenter: Larry Lynch (HoF 2007)

The tale began simply and modestly - Jack Fireman grew up in Toronto and played elementary school softball.

Dedicated to academics, Jack received multiple degrees from University of Toronto (BA); Osgoode Hall Law School (LLB); New York University (LLM) and was appointed as Queen's Counsel. At this time in his life, Jack became hooked on softball, initially in the lawyers' co-ed lob-ball league, where, not surprisingly, his team did not lose a game in five years.

In 1992, friends Mark Bendahan and Bob Green successfully engaged Jack in fastball, and the York Merchants became the York Gators (short for LitiGators in deference to Jack's legal career).

His squad instantly became a competitive force. In their 1993 ISC debut season, Jack's Toronto Gators became the first Canadian team to win the coveted ISC Championship, downing the powerhouse Sioux City IA NHCD. A week later in Waterloo ON, Gators captured the first of three Canadian Championships.

In 1994, Gators lost the championship game to Green Bay WI All-Car Roadrunners, but followed up with a 2nd ISC title in 1995. That second run-to-the-championship featured the memorable epic 11-game win-streak following the Gators' surprising opening round loss.

In 1999, following a two-year hiatus, the team re-emerged as the Oshawa Gators. In 2002-03, Jack aligned with the Waterloo Twins, finishing 3rd and 5th respectively.

Jack's sponsorship has been significant as well for the Maccabi Canada program, providing eligible players opportunities to compete in Israel in the "Jewish Olympics".

In 2010, with an emphasis on local players, the Toronto Gators were yet again resurrected and continue to compete in the ISC.

Jack Fireman is many things to many people. To the fastball world he is passionate, generous, competitive, flamboyant – and a winner. Jack is staunchly loyal to his alumni and has rekindled enthusiasm in his 1990s players highlighted by a gold medal at the 2013 World Masters' games in Italy, and continuing participation in the ISC Masters competitions.

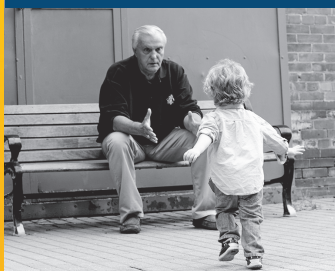
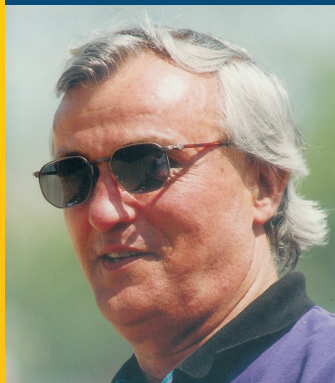
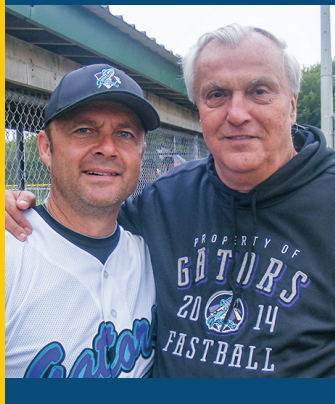
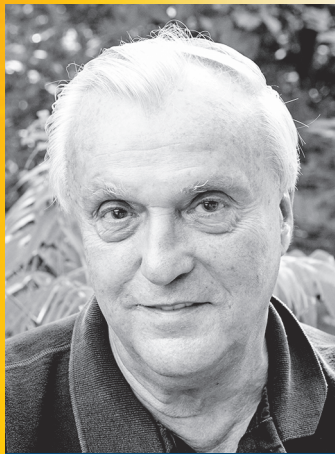
Citing his own personal greatest accomplishment, Jack stated "keeping a group of guys together for 22 years and building close personal friendships with the boys. Little did I know when I started down this road in 1992, that some of my closest friends would come from the Gator fraternity".

In response to his opinion on the most memorable players, Jack shared that Darren Zack was the best pitcher, Mark Sorenson the best hitter and relative new-comer Ben Enoka is the best all-round player.

While Jack's career as a trial lawyer for half a century has earned him prosperity and respect in the legal profession, his quarter century in fastball has truly been equally as successful.

Jack is the proud father of son James, who with wife Emily have provided grandson Sam, and daughter Belinda who has twin daughters Olivia and Zoe, and son Cyrus.

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# Dean Holoien

**Regina SK – Born: April 18, 1969**

**Pitcher / Designated Hitter**

**Presenter: Keith Mackintosh**

Dean Holoien grew up in Melfort SK watching his dad Doug play fastball as a pitcher with the Melfort 222's organization. Obviously inspired by his father, and motivated by the thrill and competitiveness of the game, Dean became hooked. Following initial t-ball initiation, Dean's bantam team won the 1984 Western Canada Championship, followed two years later by a midget Canadian title, and a junior national title in 1989. His skills developed quickly under the watchful eye of Doug. Dean recalls – "I remember pitching in the yard to my dad until the moon came out. There were many times when I would have rather done other things, but he had me pitching. But I'm sure glad he did."

The result – at his peak, Dean could create or stymie momentum of a game in so many ways – and usually to the chagrin of opposing teams. In his seventeen year career in the ISC, Dean was a "triple-threat". A hard-throwing pitcher (35 wins – 12th most in ISC) and a dangerous batter who was capable of dispatching a pitch over the outfield fence. And, possibly more memorably as a much-admired and focused team-mate who was a leader on the bench and in the huddle – players truly enjoyed being in his company. His all-world credentials during the decade 2001-2011 prove the point – three times All-World as a pitcher (Saskatoon SK twice and Marathon WI County Concrete) and another three times as a DH – Madison WI Farm Tavern twice and Kitchener ON Rivershark Twins, and All-World in supporting his team-mates each and every season.

In retrospect Dean loved all the different teams for whom he played, and has great memories with the Men's National Team. He stated that possibly "the most memorable moment was winning an ISC championship in 2009 with the Kitchener Hallman Twins."

As well, Dean was an accomplished junior Canadian hockey player, competing in the high-level Western Hockey League with the Saskatoon Blades spanning five seasons 1985-90. He was an 8th round draft of the Washington Capitals in 1989 – he followed with a 43 goal, 92 point season with the Blades in 1989-90.

Dean had shoulder surgery in 2012 and retired following that season, completing 20 years of action at the elite level.

Friend and team-mate Todd Martin affirms that there was no one who was a tougher or more fierce competitor in the (pitcher's) circle than Dean – and he was a terror in the batter's box as well.

Dean's career in sales of the Kubota line of construction equipment with Young's Equipment Inc keeps him busy, and family time is enjoyed with wife Dina, daughters Jaymin and Sidney, son Joey and grand-daughter Willow.

**Dean Holoien's induction proudly sponsored by ISC Hall of Fame Committee**



## BOB WELBY MEMORIAL "Recognition of Service Award"

# Nick McCurry

Ashland OH – Born: February 18, 1946

Manager / Coach / Sponsor

Presenter: Tyron McKinney

"For the love of the game!". There is no-one in the great game of softball who embodies that oft-quoted phrase quite like the venerable Nick McCurry.

Nick is the heart and soul of grass-roots fastpitch, having spent 33 years participating in the ISC including the Legends division, and 56 summers involved in softball.

Nick has legitimately earned the moniker of being a true "character" within the sport. He personally kept softball alive in Ashland OH, selflessly sponsoring teams and recruiting players who had that common bond of enjoying "fast-pitch at its finest" in dozens of tournaments and venues throughout North America.

Larry Lynch states that "I doubt there is anyone who has told more stories, strung together more rag-tag teams and given better huddle speeches than Nick McCurry.... With the heart of a lion and a core group of players he never once missed a tournament commitment regardless of what he had to do to field nine guys. Dozens of players, kids or over-the-hill veterans pulled on his sweaters and they always made the Ashland name proud."

Statistics are usually depicted in numbers. For Nick, it's about longevity and relationships forged and close bonds and life-long friends accumulated along the way. The teams he played with compile a cross-section of the sport – Ashland Myers, Orrville Orr Park, West Liberty Cavemen, Ashland ESS, Ashland Merchants, Ashland DSS Dodge Boys, ESS Planggers, Ashland Abbott Labs, Findlay OH, Ashland Faultless Garber, Fedlock Falcons, Ashland Stockpack. Masters teams include Clearwater 45s, Maryland Masters, Texas Stars, Tulsa Greysocks, California Airtronics, Super Sound Tape and Ohio Battery.

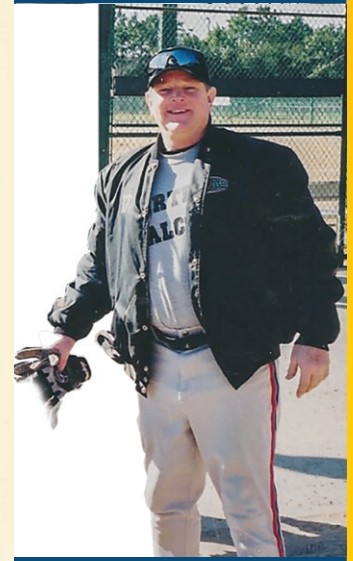
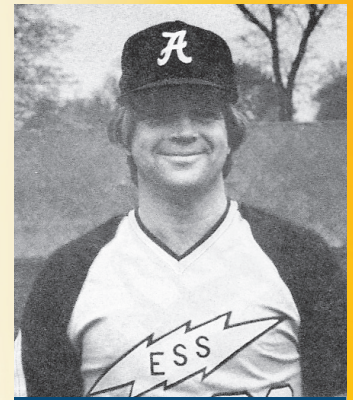
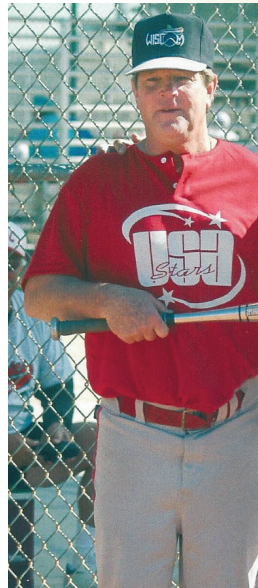
Nick's roster of most memorable team-mates reads like fastpitch's "Who's Who" – including Deano Neptune, Peter Meredith, Lorne Algar, Darren Zack, Brent Stevenson, Shane Hunuhunu, Mike Groves, Matt Arminio, Jeff Mcfarlane, Michael White, Jody Hennigar, Rob Scheller and Rick Plangger.

It's fitting that Nick has embraced the "Legends Division", re-engaging many retired players to once again don their uniforms extending the sport timelessly. A high point for Nick was his Ashland OH Ohio Battery team winning the ISC 2013 Legends tournament.

Jeremy Spear recognized Nick's accomplishments in the 2000 documentary movie "Fastpitch" which focused on heart-of-America softball as Nick's Ashland Merchants/-Abbott Labs, led by Maori Shane Hunuhunu, competed in the 1996 ISC tournament in Kimberly WI.

In 2013, Nick was appointed as assistant coach with the US Men's National Team. In that role with team USA, Nick recently participated in the 2015 Pan-Am games in Toronto ON.

In taking a small liberty from Yogi Berra, Nick might be prone to state – "Love is the most



important thing in the world – but softball is pretty good too!"

**Nick McCurry's induction proudly sponsored by Ohio Battery and Supply, Ashland OH**





# Carrol Forbes Foundation



Carrol Forbes  
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The Carrol Forbes Foundation, established in 1995 in memory of ISC Founder Carrol Forbes (1909-1982) provides funding for youth development programs to "invest in the future" of this great sport of fastball.

**Funding and membership** – In August 2005, the ISC Board of Directors supported a recommendation from the CFF Committee that for the immediate future, half of the annual earned income will be available the following year, to fund various projects designated for youth development.

Eligible programs include local clinics fostering the aims and objectives of fastball for youth, the inaugural ISC Scholarship Program (annually offering one \$500 college scholarship) and

other projects that fall within the criteria. Eligible applicants include all organizations or students that are affiliated with or have a relationship with the ISC.

Resource development for the CFF originates from donors who become "members" in the Forbes Foundation. Membership is open to individuals, families, teams, sponsors, businesses, organizations etc. Donors are eligible to receive IRS charitable tax receipts to offset income tax payable. For full details, see Page 44 of the ISC 2015 World Championship Guide.

**Donations, payable to ISC, can be directed to CFF Treasurer Charlie Smith, 10317 Sugarberry, El Paso, TX 79925 (email csmith2@elp.rr.com).**

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