



MEDIA RELEASE

ISC Hall of Fame Class of 2016 Induction Breakfast

On **Sunday morning August 14**, the International Softball Congress Hall of Fame will host its annual induction breakfast at the **Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Centre, 2021 State Street, Bettendorf IOWA.**



The Class of 2016 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. This is the **4th time** that the event will be hosted in **Quad Cities IA/IL.**

The 2016 inductees and their brief bios are listed below.

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.

For more information about the 2016 Championship, please visit the following websites:

ISC Fastpitch – www.iscfastpitch.com **Host Committee** - www.iscquadcities.com

All breakfast 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 using the attached form or on-line using VISA/MC credit cards by contacting Breakfast Event Chair John Thompson at sstj99@gmail.com or **519-884-4050**.

ISC Hall of Fame "Class of 2016" Induction Ticket Order Form

Induction Breakfast Event – Sunday August 14, 2016
Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center, 2021 State Street, Bettendorf IOWA
(Connected via Skywalk to Isle Casino Hotel)

7:30 am – doors open; 8:00 am – Breakfast; 9:15 – Program/Inductions

ADVANCE TICKETS

Individual tickets - **\$30** Reserved Tables of (8) eight - **\$200**

___ **Yes**, please reserve _____ tickets @ \$30 each, or a table of 8 for \$200 = \$ _____

If reserved table, requested name on table _____

Name _____

Company/Team/ISC position etc. _____

Address _____ Suite # _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

PAYMENT ___ **VISA** - OR - ___ **MasterCard**

Name on Card _____ Expiry Date _____

Name of Bank/Institution _____

Number _____ CVV (3 digit code on back of card) _____

For tickets, e-mail this form, or a message with the required information to
John Thompson, Chair – Breakfast Event Committee sstj99@gmail.com
ISC Hall of Fame Class of 2016 Induction – Phone 519-884-4050

LIMITED NUMBER of tickets **MIGHT** be available for sale at ISC Registration-Sat. Aug. 13

ISC HALL OF FAME – TRULY INTERNATIONAL 2016 CLASS

By John Thompson

The International Softball Congress Hall of Fame Selection committee is pleased to confirm that the ISC Board of Directors approved a slate of six nominees for induction into the ISC Hall of Fame as the Class of 2016.

Included are four elite players, one umpire and a prominent softball sports' builder family.

PLAYERS

Thomas Makea – Christchurch, New Zealand

Thomas Makea, born on Feb.20, 1975, competed in ISC tournaments for 14 summers, making his inaugural appearance with the Decatur IL Pride in 1994 and completing his successful career in 2009 with Bondurant IA Midwest Stamped. He helped lead his teams to four ISC Championships – twice with Broken Bow NB Travelers/Spirit (2001 & 2003) and twice with Marathon WI County Materials (2005 & 2006). Thomas earned ISC All-World distinction on six occasions between 1999-2009, including a superlative tournament in 2000 when he batted .611, plated 10 RBIs and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

As gifted as he was offensively, Thomas was equally competent patrolling the outfield, with great anticipation and speed and a dependable and accurate throwing arm.

Many regard Thomas as New Zealand's greatest outfielder, consistently performing in international competition for 18 years, and helping his Black Sox national squad to four ISF World Championships. Thomas was voted as New Zealand's "player of the decade" for the 2000s and continued in the game as Head Coach of the Black Sox Junior team.

Jarrad Martin – Strandon, New Plymouth, New Zealand

Jarrad Martin, born on February 5, 1973, was the epitome of quiet, but very strong leadership in a career that spanned 18 ISC seasons. In his rookie campaign, he suited up with Sioux City IA NHCD and won his first ISC Championship in Salt Lake City UT. Over his lengthy career, he won five more titles, including an incredible four straight from 2003 – 2006 with Broken Bow NB Travelers/Spirit and Marathon WI County Materials.

Jarrad's sterling, consistent performances earned him ISC All-World honours seven times in ten seasons between 1999 – 2008. He was selected the tournament's MVP in 2006 (Marathon WI) and non-traditionally as an outfielder with the runner – up team - Broken Bow - in 1999.

As one of the most consistent performers for the New Zealand Black Sox national team, he won four ISF World Championships and was named New Zealand's "player of the decade" for the 1990s. Following retirement he gives back to the game as an assistant coach for the Black Sox Jr. national team.

Todd Martin – Aurora ON, Canada

Todd Martin, born January 8, 1970, possesses a rare combination of extraordinary skill combined with a genuine respect from his peers as one of the best team-mates ever. Todd burst upon the ISC as a hard-throwing 22 year old in 1994 in Summerside PEI with Napanee ON Express, surprising and eliminating Tampa Bay FL Smokers 1-0. That performance vaulted Todd to the next level as Smokers lured him to Tampa Bay in 1996 where he won four games in leading the Smokers to his and their first ISC Championship.

Todd won five more ISC titles, was named as an All-World player on nine occasions and was selected as the tournament's top pitcher three times (Tampa Bay 1996 & 1998 and Kitchener 2008). Todd ranks tied for 6th in career ISC wins.

As a member of four Canadian Sr. Men's Championship teams, Todd was also a valued asset of Team Canada, competing internationally 1998-2009.

Competing tenaciously on the mound, Todd embraced the "big picture" of fastball – that it's a game to be enjoyed. No-one enjoyed the off-field camaraderie of the sport more than Todd Martin – his quick wit and endearing personality endeared him to his team-mates. For proof, simply ask any of the hundreds of players who shared "time with Todd" on the bench and on the road.

Robert "Chubb" Tangaroa – Russell, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand

Robert "Chubb" Tangaroa is an original softball trendsetter. In the 1980's he was among the early wave of New Zealand pitchers to cross the Pacific and truly internationalize the ISC. In his 1984 ISC debut season, "Chubb" toed the rubber for Lancaster CA Chameleons and finished 3rd in the ISC Championship in Allentown PA. Five years later he joined a competitive Rohnert Park CA Guanella Brothers squad that finished in the final four on three consecutive occasions, losing to Sioux City IA Penn Corp in the 1989 Championship tilt in Kimberly WI.

With Guanella Brothers, "Chubb" was 11-4 courtesy his sharp-breaking rise ball, was named ISC All-World for all three tournaments, threw a no-hitter, struck out 32 batters in one 15-inning game, and led all pitchers at the 1989 tournament, with 98 Ks in 51 innings. In total "Chubb" has pitched 25 wins spanning his 13 ISC seasons.

As a member of the New Zealand Black Sox, "Chubb" posted an impressive 12-1 ISF record in leading the Kiwis to medals in three consecutive World Championships - silver (1988 & 1992) and silver (1996). "Chubb" later served as New Zealand's national pitching coach and has been inducted into both the New Zealand (2004) and ISF (2011) Halls of Fame.

UMPIRE

Tom Boyd – New Tripoli PA

Tom Boyd, born November 10, 1950 got his start in softball officiating near the end of the 1972 season. He started working ISC qualifiers in 1975 and was added to the ISC World Tournament umpires roster in 1981. In that inaugural tournament in Saginaw MI, he worked the plate in a 28 inning marathon featuring Tulsa OK and Ashland OH.

A decade later in Sioux City IA, Tom was again behind the dish when HoF lefty Brad Underwood and his Owen Sound ON Canadian Tiremen locked horns with “Chubb” Tangaroa’s Rohnert Park CA Guanella Brothers. That match-up was a 22-inning squeaker semi-final from which Owen Sound emerged with a 1-0 win to advance to the finals.

Tom’s on-field arbitrating has taken him to many legendary softball communities, including Allentown PA, Central Park NY, Kimberly WI, Las Vegas NV, Midland MI, Owen Sound ON, Rochester NY, and countless other “Fields of Dreams” throughout Ontario, the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic ISC regions.

Other highlights include serving as plate umpire for HoF Michael White’s first championship with Cedar Rapids IA Teleconnect in Saskatoon SK (1987) and Gerald Muizeallar’s first championship for HoF Doc Simmons’ Travelers in Eau Claire WI (2001).

Tom worked 21 ISC World Tournaments in a stellar career upon which the sun finally set in 2005 in Eau Claire WI.

BOB WELBY MEMORIAL “Recognition of Service Award”

The Daniel D. Dolan Family – Aurora IL

Daniel D. Dolan, born in February 1931 is a life-time citizen of Aurora IL, except for a brief stint in the navy. The year 1965 was pivotal as Daniel and his business partner James A. Murphy formed Dolan & Murphy and have enjoyed success in and contributed to the local business community.

In 1982, the Creative DJs, a City League team in Aurora was seeking support and Dolan & Murphy, then a commercial real estate company, agreed to sponsor the team and ventured into the fastpitch world.

Five years later, Robin Reder, a member of the Aurora IL Home Savings & Loan team that won the 1980 ISC Tournament in Tempe AZ, was managing a local team with aspirations of representing Aurora at the ISC. Dolan & Murphy agreed to serve as the sponsor - a relationship that still exists today.

Fastpitch was very competitive in Illinois in the 1980s. It took five years before Dolan & Murphy Shamrocks won the local qualifier in 1992 and travelled to Salt Lake City UT for its first ISC World Tournament. The team didn’t qualify in 1993, but in 1994 re-qualified and has never since missed ICS’s world-class event.

The entire Dolan family, including patriarch Daniel D. and his sons Dan T., Brian and Ryan and daughter Karen have enthusiastically supported the Dolan & Murphy fastpitch team. The team sponsorship is only one of numerous civic activities, including food pantries, in which the family is involved.

INDUCTION 2016

The ISC Hall of Fame Class of 2016 induction continues the tradition of recognizing the “best of the best” of ISC participants. This 2016 roster of six new inductees will be honored in fashion similar to previous recognition ceremonies that have been hosted annually since the initial presentation in 1965. This year’s event is scheduled for **Sunday August 14, 2016 at 8 am** at the **Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center** in **Bettendorf IOWA**, as part of the 2016 ISC World Tournament hosted in Quad Cities IA/IL.