

Hall of Fame 2006

INDUCTION BREAKFAST



Sunday August 13, 2006

Delta Hotel, Kitchener, Ontario

Sponsored by the City of Kitchener and City of Cambridge

BRAD UNDERWOOD – Owen Sound, Ontario



Pitching prowess is a result of hard work, and can be augmented by solid athletic genes. Brad Underwood epitomizes both, as he followed in the “spike-strides” of his father Bill, an accomplished flame-throwing pitcher in Owen Sound, Ontario. Only difference is that Brad brought it from the south side, and quickly earned fastball respect, and a nickname-“Lefty”.

As a minor-age hurler, Brad and team-mates won numerous Ontario provincial titles, but the era of “Undy-dominance” commenced in 1979 and 1980 when the Owen Sound King Farm teams promoted junior-aged Brad to the senior league. He quickly established himself (9W – 3L and 110 Ks) and remained with the team for a dozen years.

During that period, Brad and the Owen Sound club won four Ontario Championships and two Canadian titles. Even more impressive were the accomplishments in the ISC. In 1987, Brad and the Owen Sound Canadian Tire squad gave notice, finishing 8th, and he was selected as a First Team All-World player (5-2, an ERA of 0.40 and 98 Ks). A year later, in 1988, Brad led his mates to 3rd place, tying for the highest finish ever by a Canadian-based squad. Brad was 4W-2L, with a superb ERA of 0.64 and 81 Ks, and another All-World selection.

The defining moment for Brad and the Tiremen was at the ISC Worlds in Sioux City, IA. It was a storyline on which movies are produced and legends are born. On Saturday afternoon August 17, 1991, Brad defeated the defending ISC Champions Bellevue (Seattle) WA Seafirst 2-1. Scant hours later, he threw a perfect game against Aurora IL Colonial Baking. The pair of wins advanced Owen Sound to the Sunday morning semi-final. The opposing team Rohnert Park CA Guanella Brothers gave veteran Kiwi Chubb Tangaroa the call for pitching, and Chubb and “Undy” battled. 7 innings (no score)... 14 innings (scoreless)... 21 innings (still scoreless). In the top of the 22nd, Brad, a menacing batter and a “tough out” in his own right, singled.

Displaying his all-round athleticism, the 32 year old stole 2nd base to set the table, and scored on an ensuing single. In the bottom of the 22nd, Brad sensed victory and once again shut down the Guanella Brothers.

But wait, there's more.... the marathon win vaulted Owen Sound into the championship game of the 48 team event, with the Opening Pitch just moments away. Brad dug deep and threw nine shut-out innings against the host Sioux City's undefeated Penn Corp team, finally allowing a pair of runs in the 10th inning. Owen Sound's 2nd place finish was the highest ever by a Canadian team up to that year. Brad was 6W-2L, with 110 Ks punctuating his 0.89 ERA, and was awarded the Top Pitcher award. He was also named top pitcher in the 1994 ISC, with the Champion Green Bay All-Car Roadrunners.

Brad retired initially in 1999, but returned for the ISC 2002 tourney in Kitchener, helping Owen Sound to a 5th place finish, followed by a Canadian national gold medal, and then retired for the 2nd time – permanently. Brad is currently 2nd in career ISC wins by a south-paw (8th overall) with 36 wins.

Brad and his wife Jody and children Jenna 17, and Bobby 15 reside in Owen Sound, Ontario. Continuously employed for 29 years with the Miller Corporation, he has recently devoted time to coaching minor hockey and lacrosse.



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GREG SEPULVEDA – Mission Viejo, California



Following fun years as a youthful baseball player in High School in Santa Ana, CA, Greg Sepulveda was enticed to try softball with a local team, Cine Yost, in 1972-73. He enjoyed the pace of the game and in 1974, Milt Stark, manager of the Mission Viejo Vaqueros, convinced Greg to compete at a higher level in the Western Softball Congress. The Vaqueros team program described Greg by stating that he "... is very fast

and aggressive and will be an outstanding player for many years." How prophetic!

Greg adapted to the strong competition at the ISC Championships, and in 1976 played for the Lakewood Jets, finishing second to the talented All American Bar team from St. Paul, MN. The following seven years he delivered solid defence for the Cine Yost team, and in 1983 the Lancaster, CA Chameleons picked him up for the ISC Championships in Bakersfield, CA. This time it was a gold-medal performance by Greg and his team-mates, with the Chameleons knocking off the Budweiser Kings of St. Louis, MO in the championship final.

The following year, Greg drew All-World tournament recognition, patrolling shortstop for the Chameleons who finished in 3rd spot. In '86, Lancaster lost the first game of the tough "double knockout" format, but Greg repeated as an All-World shortstop and his team-mates were poised when facing adversity, clawing their way back to the championship game, eventually succumbing to Pay'n'Pak of Bellevue, WA.

Greg suited up for the Chameleons in 1987 and then spent 1988 with the Long Beach Nitehawks, before a seven-year stint with the Stout Tower Stars, of Long Beach, CA., compet-

ing primarily in the North American Fastpitch Association (NAFA). In the twilight of his career, Greg was awarded 1995 NAFA 1st team honors.

Kevin Herlihy, the legendary Kiwi hurler, himself an ISC Hall of Fame inductee and a five-time All-World player (three consecutive years with the Chameleons), lavished praise on the lanky shortstop Greg. In Herlihy's fastpitch book "Striking Out", he states: *"Our Lancaster shortstop Greg was a complete player. Despite his large build, he covered a tremendous amount of ground, and had an excellent throw, which he reserved for occasions that demanded it. As a batter, he could drop a bunt and beat it out, he could slap hit and drive the ball hard. Over the years he took some outs behind me that I had given up on. Greg was a very humble person, and I really enjoyed his company."*

For a twenty-year period, those close to Men's Fastpitch Softball were very much aware of the prowess and achievements of Greg, a bona-fide all-star shortstop, an awesome team-mate and a well deserving inductee into the ISC Hall of Fame.



MEMORIES – LAVERNE "Red" REICHERT 1943-2004 – Waterloo, Ontario

Laverne "Red" Reichert liked to be involved. Whether it be hockey, working with people with disabilities through the Kinsmen Club activities, or fastball, he was enjoying life to his fullest when he could be a part of the action. When the puck hit the ice, or the ball met the bat, Laverne was either directly involved or active behind the scenes.

His humanitarian side was most visible when he joined the Kinsmen Club in the 1980s, advancing to the vice-presidency in 1987-88. He volunteered enthusiastically to support people living with disabilities, and received numerous awards for his "Kin" work.

Laverne was very passionate about athletics, and as a life-long resident of Waterloo Region, his love for community was best on display when he could volunteer in sport venues. Arguably, his favorite was fastball – at the highest available level of competition.

In the late 1960s, he sponsored the first senior men's fastball team in Waterloo, and in the 1970s, he also sponsored intermediate men's teams. Most notable sponsorship was the Waterloo Bridge Sports, and later later Laverne was a director and trainer for the Waterloo CHYMrs, the forerunner of the modern day Kitchener Hallman Twins. He also volunteered with the Kitchener Evergreens Senior team until 1984.

From 1985-95, he served as President of the Waterloo Ontario

Fastball Association, volunteered on the Ontario Amateur Softball Association Executive Council in 1990 and chaired the OASA Men's Committee 1994-96. Working to promote the game of fastball, and helping to bring tournaments to the community, he was Vice-President for 1993 – 2004 of Kitchener Fastball Promotions, the host organization for both the 2002 and the current 2006 ISC Championships.

In 2005, Laverne was inducted into the Waterloo County Hall of Fames builder.

The 2002 ISC was a success, due in no small part to the efforts of Laverne in promoting Kitchener as a community that could adequately and professionally serve as the ISC host city. The fact that the ISC is back in Kitchener for 2006 and 2007, is proof positive that YES, Laverne – you were right. Kitchener is a great community that can set a standard for ISC successes. With those great box seats in Heaven, Laverne will be watching over this morning's festivities and enjoying the competition on our local Fields of Dreams.





Hall of Fame Breakfast Program

7:30 Doors Open

7:45 Guests to be seated

8:00 Processional of Head Table and Inductees – Piper **Nigel Moore**

8:05 Welcome – John Thompson, MC

Appreciation to Sponsors – J M Schneiders

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Introduction of Head Table Guests

8:10 Greetings

Mayor Carl Zehr – City of Kitchener

Mayor Doug Craig – City of Cambridge

Ken Seiling, Chair – Regional Municipality of Waterloo

Dick Mason, President – International Softball Congress

Ken Hackmeister, Executive Director – International Softball Congress

Tom Clancy, Chair – Schneiders 2006 World Tournament Host Committee

8:30 Buffet Breakfast

Grace – **Rev. Willis Hunking**

9:20 Special Presentations

Bridge to the Future Fastball Skills Clinic – **Pete McIlwraith**

Testimonial – **Johnathon Baker**

Tribute to **Laverne “Red” Reichert** – **Tom Clancy**

Presentation to Carrol Forbes Foundation

9:40 Carrol Forbes Foundation

Appreciation and Recognition to Donors – **Charlie Smith**, Treasurer, CFF

9:55 Induction Ceremonies

Introduction – **Royce Heath**, Chairman, Hall of Fame Selection Committee

Ed Klecker – introduced by **Dave Blackburn**

Greg Sepulveda – introduced by **Milt Stark**

Brad Underwood – introduced by **Jamie Simpson**

Bob Welby Memorial Recognition of Service Award

Art Gillis – introduced by **Marc Gillis**

10:40 Closing Remarks

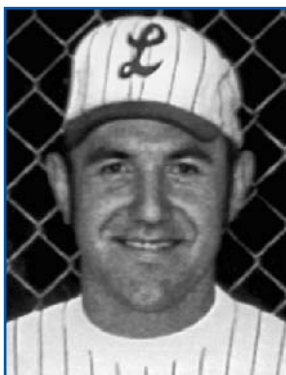
Inductees are requested to remain for photos immediately following the program

10:45 Adjournment

Former Inductees

- 1965 * LOU NOVIKOFF**
Outfielder - Long Beach, CA
- 1966 * KENNY LAW**
Pitcher - Phoenix, AZ
- 1970 * JOE RODGERS**
Manager - Long Beach, CA
- 1970 * LEROY ZIMMERMAN**
Pitcher - Fresno, Long Beach, CA
- 1970 * STAN WHITE**
Catcher - Long Beach, CA
- 1971 * CLEO GOYETTE**
Second Base - Long Beach, CA
- 1971 * CARROL FORBES**
Founder/Executive. Dir. - Greeley, CO
- 1971 * PAUL FORCHE**
Administrator - Tulsa, OK
- 1971 * FRANK PORTH**
Administrator - El Paso, TX
- 1972 AL COTTI**
First Base - Fresno, Hanford, CA
- 1972 * LES HANEY**
Pitcher - Taft, Fresno, CA
- 1973 CHARLIE TOPPERT**
Catcher - New Bedford, Rock Island, IL
- 1973 JACK RANDALL**
Pitcher - Long Beach, CA
- 1973 * CLYDE FORTUNE**
Administrator - Waco, TX
- 1974 * PAUL LOPEZ**
Pitcher - El Paso, TX
- 1974 * LARRY SILVAS**
First Base - Long Beach, CA
- 1975 CLINT HERRON**
Third Base - Long Beach, CA
- 1975 * MARVIN CASTEEL**
Administrator - Ogden, UT
- 1976 * VIRGIL JONES**
Pitcher - San Pedro, CA
- 1976 * JIMMY JONES**
Shortstop - Long Beach, CA
- 1977 * EDDIE (SPOTTS) WILLIS**
Catcher - Phoenix, AZ
- 1977 BOB NEELY**
Outfielder - Phoenix, AZ
- 1978 CLAYTON DUGGER**
Pitcher - Waco TX
- 1978 KARL NIELSON**
Administrator - Phoenix, AZ
- 1979 RICHIE STEPHEN**
Pitcher - Mountain Green, UT
- 1980 DON SARNO**
Pitcher - Culver City, Long Beach, CA
- 1980 STU ZINK**
Catcher - Phoenix, AZ
- 1981 MILT STARK**
Catcher - Taft, Long Beach, CA
- 1981 * JERRY WELLS**
Pitcher - Prescott, Phoenix, AZ
- 1982 PAUL (LUCKY) HUMISTON**
Outfielder - Long Beach, CA
- 1982 * BRYAN VOIGT**
Pitcher - Tampico, IL, Dinuba, CA
- 1983 CHARLES SMITH**
First Base - El Paso, TX
- 1984 DICK BRUBAKER**
Pitcher - Aurora, IL
- 1984 TY STOFFLET**
Pitcher - Coplay, PA
- 1984 ROYCE HEATH**
Administrator - Arlington, TX
- 1985 SAM BEAVERS**
Pitcher - Fort Worth, TX
- 1985 HOWARD HEUSTON**
Pitcher - Bartlesville, OK
- 1985 * JACK GRAMEIER**
Administrator - Kimberly, WI
- 1985 * BOB WALSH**
Umpire - Bethlehem, PA
- 1986 * JIM BOENDER**
Pitcher - Manlius, IL
- 1986 K.G. FINCHER**
Pitcher - San Rafael, CA
- 1986 * L.G. (TULIE) STANSEL**
Administrator - Deer Park, TX
- 1986 * DALE VAN HOUTEN**
Administrator - Columbia City, IN
- 1987 DUDE AUSMUS**
Outfielder - Sapulpa, OK
- 1987 DICK GONZALES**
First Base - Phoenix, AZ
- 1987 * LES DIETZEN**
Administrator - Kaukauna, WI
- 1988 * IRVIN (RED) MEAIRS**
Catcher - Long Beach, CA
- 1988 DICK POBANZ**
Pitcher - Decatur, IL
- 1988 DUTCH ELBERS**
Administrator - St. Paul, MN
- 1989 DUTCH AUSMUS**
Second Base - Sapulpa, OK
- 1989 KENNY WYCOFF**
Pitcher - El Paso, TX
- 1989 * CARL GRIECO**
Administrator - Juniata, PA
- 1989 ED KIRNER**
Administrator - Montgomery, IL
- 1990 FRANK TREJO**
Third Base - Phoenix, AZ
- 1990 BOB BEYERS**
Administrator - Seattle, WA
- 1990 ARMANDO SAMBRANO**
Umpire - El Paso, TX
- 1991 BOB TODD**
Pitcher - Long Beach, CA
- 1991 * BOB WELBY**
Administrator - Florissant, MO
- 1991 * SARAH CALHOUN**
Tournament Sponsor - Rock Island, IL
- 1992 GIL ARAGON**
Pitcher - Phoenix, AZ
- 1992 NICK HOPKINS**
Shortstop - Long Beach, CA
- 1992 BILL VAN DINE**
Administrator - Sun City Center, FL
- 1992 LARRY MILLER**
Sponsor, Salt Lake City, UT
- 1993 * KEVIN HERLIHY**
Pitcher - Hamilton, NZ
- 1993 * JIM AVERISING**
Outfielder - Rock Island, IL
- 1993 PAT SULLIVAN**
Administrator - Dubuque, IA
- 1993 * CARL WILSON**
Administrator - Tulsa, OK
- 1993 * RAY ANDERSON**
Publisher, Fastpitch Bulletin
- 1994 ALAN COLGLAZIER**
Pitcher - Pueblo, CO
- 1994 JAMES KENNEMER**
Catcher - Tulsa, OK
- 1994 ROD PETERSON**
Manager - Madison, WI
- 1994 * FRANK ARRIGONI**
Administrator - Fresno, CA
- 1994 FLOYD HAMMEN**
Administrator - Little Chute, WI
- 1994 DAVE BALL**
Manager/Commissioner - Southern California, CA
- 1995 * PAUL MAGAN**
Pitcher - Sioux City, IA
- 1995 DON FRAZIER**
IF/OF - Long Beach, CA
- 1995 LARRY FISHER**
Administrator - Findlay, OH
- 1995 TOM STASIK**
Administrator - Frankenmuth, MI
- 1996 JOHN EGE**
Infielder - Sioux City, IA
- 1996 JIMMY MOORE**
Pitcher - Seattle, WA
- 1996 * RUSS BOICE**
Manager - St. Louis, MO
- 1996 KEN HACKMEISTER**
Administrator - Salt Lake City, UT
- 1997 LARRY BODASHEFSKY**
Outfielder - Oshawa, ON
- 1997 DON LESLIE**
Infielder - Murietta, CA
- 1997 GALE KURTZ**
Manager - Sioux City, IA
- 1997 LES CIGEL**
Sponsor - Green Bay, WI
- 1998 CHAD (CORKY) CORCORAN**
Infielder - Seattle, WA
- 1998 JOHN WILSON**
IF/OF - Long Beach, CA
- 1998 GEORGE PEARSON**
OF/Pitcher - San Pedro, CA
- 1998 RAY UNRUH**
Infielder - Dinuba, CA
- 1999 JAY BOB BICKFORD**
Pitcher - Phoenix, AZ
- 1999 JERRY FLORY**
Outfielder - Long Beach, CA
- 1999 JIM ALLEN**
Administrator - St. Charles, MO
- 1999 CARL HANSEN**
Sponsor - Salt Lake City, UT
- 2000 GARY DOBEREINER**
Catcher - Moline, IL
- 2000 DICK THOMPSON**
Infielder/Pitcher - Quincy, IL
- 2000 DICK ZUCCATO**
Catcher - Wofford Heights, CA
- 2000 HERB WISDOM**
Manager - Tumacacori, AZ
- 2000 BOB MINSHALL**
Umpire/Administrator - Burlington, ON
- 2000 LEO (LEFTY) BARTOS**
Team & Program Administrator - Midland, MI
- 2001 HICE STILES**
Outfielder - South California, CA
- 2001 BOB GUY**
Infielder - South California, CA
- 2001 BRAD BURRUP**
Catcher - Salt Lake City, UT
- 2001 * CLYDE WOODS**
Outfielder - Oklahoma, OK
- 2002 LARRY NOLAN SR.**
Outfielder - Rancho Cucamonga, CA
- 2002 MARTY KERNAGHAN**
Infielder - Sioux City, IA
- 2002 * CLARENCE (BUTCH) CHAMBERS**
Catcher - Las Vegas, NV
- 2002 LES NOVAK**
Umpire - New Hope, MN
- 2002 NEIL FENNELL**
Administrator - Perth, ON
- 2002 DAN YANTZI**
Pitcher/Contributor - Waterloo, ON
- 2003 JOHNNY APPELL**
Player/Manager - Waco, TX
- 2003 BILL BOYER**
Outfielder - Sumner, WA
- 2003 JIM RUBBELKE**
Manager - St. Paul, MN
- 2004 ED DANIELS**
Catcher - Fresno, CA
- 2004 BOB OSBURN**
IF/OF - Balboa Island, CA
- 2004 JERRY RALFS**
Pitcher - Davenport, IA
- 2004 MARK SMITH**
Pitcher - Falmouth, NS
- 2004 NORB THURMER**
Manager/Sponsor/Contributor - St. Louis, MO
- 2005 RANDY BURNSIDE**
Catcher - Seattle, WA
- 2005 PETER FINN**
Pitcher - Midland, MI
- 2005 ART CASHION**
Administrator - Fort Worth, TX
- 2005 MARGARITO (MAGGIE) BANALES**
Umpire - El Paso, TX
- 2006 Inductees**
- 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

ED KLECKER – Sunset Beach, California

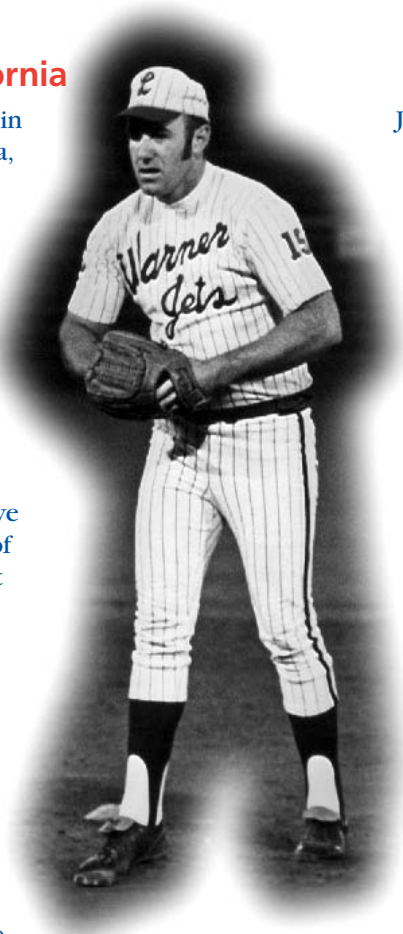


Ed Klecker, born in National City, California, enjoyed the lifestyle that the west coast provides. The endless summer afforded an abundance of opportunity to play softball under the California sun. And Ed could play the game... really well.

His softball roots are entrenched in the extensive and competitive youth league of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon). Ed first tasted significant success, named as the most valuable junior pitcher at a 1958 Church-wide tournament in Salt Lake City, UT, and he continued to pitch with Mormon teams for the next decade.

Ed advanced to senior ball with the storied Long Beach Nitehawks in the mid-60's and then joined Lanny Rupp and the Lakewood Jets, competing in the ASAs. In 1970, the 6' 5" fire-baller hurled 23 shutouts in 28 games, fanning 342 batters. More amazingly, in 1971, in the California Western Softball Congress, Ed hurled 120 consecutive innings without yielding an earned run. At that time, Ed stated "that statistics don't mean much anymore. I want to win games and a title."

The objective was clear - to win a significant national team title. Rupp entered Lakewood into the ISC competition and the



Jets and Ed enjoyed a great run. The team captured the ISC Championship at Rock Island, IL in 1973, sandwiched between a pair of 4th place finishes in Kimberly, WI ('72) and Sun City, AZ ('74). Ed was named to the ISC All-World team in all three tournaments. It was in the '73 championship tournament that Ed was truly magnificent on the mound. He pitched 45.3 innings, allowing a scant single earned run. His reputation as the West Coast "Strike-out King" was confirmed, as he fanned 67 batters. His 5-0 record earned him the Top Pitcher AND Most Valuable Player awards.

Sadly, Ed's rotator cuff wore out and while he tried to continue to pitch in 1975, his amazing career was sun-set at age 35.

Ed cited the '73 season as easily his most memorable fastball moment, and recalls in awe the prolific and successful Long Beach Nitehawk teams of the 50's, 60's and 70's. Ed stated that short-stop Nick Hopkins (HoF 1992) was "*simply the best ever to put on a uniform*" and that "*it was my distinct privilege to be his team-mate.*"

For many years, Ed was a firefighter in Long Beach, CA, retiring prematurely in 1986 as a result of back problems. He and his wife Sharon have two children, Kim 42, and Greg 40, who have provided a dozen grand-children.

CARROL FORBES FOUNDATION

The Carrol Forbes Foundation, established in 1995 in memory of ISC Founder Carrol Forbes (1909-1982) is an arms-length resource in collaboration with the International Softball Congress.

MEMBERSHIP - Resource development for the CFF originates from donors who become "members" in the Forbes Foundation. Veteran ISC World Tournament umpire Les Novak, an original founder of the CFF, was the inaugural "Gold Donor". Membership is open to individuals, families, teams, sponsors, businesses, organizations etc. The ISC has been granted 501C3 tax-exempt status by the IRS whereby donors are eligible to receive IRS charitable tax receipts to offset income tax payable.

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ART GILLIS – Saginaw, Michigan



Quite simply, Art Gillis, born in Saginaw, MI, has done it all... and much that he has tackled and accomplished, has been done for the "first time".

AMONG HIS "FIRSTS"

In 1933, Art, in Plymouth MI, as an impressionable and wide-eyed eight-year old watches, for the first time (and many thousands of times since) the action on a softball diamond across the street from his home.

In 1941, Art, at age 16 in Detroit, begins a 30-year stint as a catcher. At age 46 in 1971, he tosses the mask and begins a decade-long mound affair, toeing the rubber in leagues in mid-Michigan. Entrepreneurial in spirit, he first sponsors the Saginaw Bolters softball club.

In 1962, Art recalls a memorable "on-field" moment. In a league championship game in the 11th inning, he hit a home run, unlike his other memorable "firsts", he missed touching "first" base, and was called out, resulting in three innings of razzing and ridicule. In the 14th inning he hit a game-ending homer, and rounded the bases, this time emphatically jumping on "first", and repeating the gesture on 2nd, 3rd and home bases.

In 1978, Art first meets ISC founder Carrol Forbes and promptly serves as the first-ever Michigan ISC Commissioner. The Bolters become the first-ever Michigan team in the ISC World Tournament. Art recruits Bolters' pitcher, Kiwi Owen "The Fog" Walford, among the first to display skills from "down under" at the ISC event.

In 1979, Art enters the Bolters into seven Michigan tournaments - winning all seven. Bolters, with Kiwi pitcher Kevin Herlihy, become the first (and still the only) Michigan team to

win an ISC Championship. Art wins bid to be the first (and still the only) Michigan City to host the ISC championship (1981).

In 1980, Art and crew revamp Saginaw Veterans Stadium (an abandoned and neglected former minor league baseball park) to prepare for 1981 ISC tourney.... Bolters finish 8th at ISC with "first"/debut of youthful 18-year old Kiwi Michael White on the mound (White is now the winningest ISC pitcher with 69 wins during 1980-2005)

In 1980, Art publishes "Softball World", a tabloid newspaper which is a gem, packed full of fast-pitch memories (available at www.iscfastpitch.com - see 1981 archives).

In 1981, Art and the Michigan softball community host the ISC tournament, featuring a 28-inning Tulsa vs. Ashland match-up, which is overshadowed by the famous Midland vs. Madison 34 inning marathon. The '81 ISC tourney is mentioned for the first (and perhaps only) time on the NBC Today show.

In 1982, Art provides missionary work in promoting the ISC in neighboring state Ohio.

In 1983, Art becomes the first ambassador to and ISC commissioner in Florida.

In 2006, Art recalls his most memorable player - Bonnie Jones, a legendary Detroit pitcher, who was the "measuring stick" against whom other pitchers were compared.

Retired from his career, but far from secluded from life and certainly not dismissed from the softball diamonds, Art has been an on-going and welcome fixture at fastpitch venues. As a widower, he enjoys his family Marc, 49, Jayme (Henrickson), 45, and youngest son Doug, 41, who pitches for the Midland Explorers as well as Team USA in international competition.

In 1933, that first walk across the street to a ball diamond, is now, for the spry octogenarian, a simple, and very well-earned walk into the ISC Hall of Fame.

BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE CLINIC

In 2001, a Developmental Clinic to provide instruction to youth fastball players was initiated at the ISC Tournament in Eau Claire, WI.

The following year, in Kitchener under the leadership of Pete McIlwraith, and co-ordinated by ISC Commissioner Tom Crouch, the clinic was taken to a higher level and re-named the "Bridge to the Future" Fastball Skills Clinic.

This year, Crouch and many ISC players, and McIlwraith, ably assisted by Host Committee member Duncan Matheson and local volunteers, will host the event that will surpass all clinics in the past.

On Monday August 14, two sessions will be held at Wilson Park for players age 8-12 in the morning, and 13-18 in the afternoon.

On Tuesday August 15, ISC Commissioner Billy Smith will be organizing a similar clinic for local Athletes With Special Needs and Special Olympics participants.

All players assisting with the clinics will be players from the ISC World Tournament.

As well, the Special Olympics program involves the ISC wives, who organize an annual raffle. The prize is a "one-of-a-kind" quilt made from donated fastball T-shirts that have been collected by ISC

Treasurer Charlie Smith, and produced by Charlie's daughter Susan. All proceeds are donated to the Kitchener area Special Olympics. What a great initiative!



BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE CLINICS

Monday August 14

Wilson Park

9:00 AM - 8 - 12 year old players

12:30 pm - 13 - 18 year old players

Tuesday August 15

Peter Hallman Ball Yard -

5:00 pm - Athletes with Special Needs and Special Olympians

6:30 pm - Advanced Pitcher & Catcher Clinic

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