



Rounding Third

Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame Monthly Newsletter



Hall of Fame Inductee and Summit Mayor, Joe Strzeczyk, Passes at 75

We apologize for yesterday's misinformation, we had pulled a picture from an article about Joe that turned out to be incorrect. Thank you for informing us, and we are sorry for the error.

While battling cancer, Joe continued to run as mayor in the town of Summit. He was loved by many and a great softball player. RIP Joe.

Military veteran Joseph W. Strzelczyk was best known as a "team player" who spent much of his life working with young people as a baseball coach. That passion to help others moved him to seek public office in 1990 when he was elected to a position of Trustee in the Village of Summit, serving two terms. In 1997, Strzelczyk was elected as Summit's Mayor. Strzelczyk was an experienced writer, working for the Daily Southtown beginning in 1985 writing columns on softball and sports, and later writing articles for the popular Chicago Softball Magazine beginning in 1987. He hosted the popular "Let's Talk Softball" on Cable TV for Jones and Multimedia and Metrovision cable systems, and was a sports commentator for 1570 AM sports radio's "Miller Sports Report" in the 1980s. He also coached for the North American Pro Softball league in 1980.



Signature Transportation (formerly Windy City) goes undefeated at the Westchester Tourney of Champions!

Gary Kasanders and his crew did an incredible job with the field and facilities! Attached is a post game interview with the Winners.

To listen to the post game interview with the winners, [Click Here](#).



Help Keep 16-Inch Softball Alive---Donate to the Hall of Fame

There are many ways to donate to the Hall of Fame, see below and learn **How to Donate**.

Become a Sponsor: By being a sponsor you have the opportunity to support your fellow Hall of Famers. All of our sponsors are advertised on our website and at our events. You have the opportunity for sponsorship at our next event, the 5th Annual Hall of Fame Golf Outing. To become a golf sponsor, [Click Here](#). To become a sponsor of the Hall of Fame [Click Here](#).

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- Honorable mentions/recognition in program materials and newsletter
- Plus more

To donate for an opportunity to be recognized by all of the above, [Click Here.](#)

Be Seen on a Brick: With your purchase of a Hall of Fame brick, you not only donate to the Hall of Fame but can have your name immortalized on your own brick outside of our 16-inch Hall of Fame building. To purchase a brick, [Click Here.](#)

Join Us for the 5th Annual HOF Golf Outing August 17th!

The 5th Annual 16-Inch Softball Golf Outing will be held Monday August 17th at the Ruffled Feathers Golf Course in Lemont, IL. All proceeds will go towards paying our debt expenses and maintaining our wonderful Hall of Fame. For more information on how to sign up, [Click Here.](#)



Inductee Plaque Day will be hosted July 18th at the 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame in Forest Park!

The unveiling of our newest inductee plaques will be hosted Saturday July 18th. We are excited to lay these plaques, as this will be the first year after our Grand Opening! A North vs South Softball game of previous inductees will also be played that day. Don't miss this great day.



2015 Tournaments from Illinois Softball Report

2015 16" Tournaments

Date:	Assoc:	Class:	Tournament Site:	Contact Person:
4/24	None	Open	Clyde Park, Cicero	Mick Balesteri (312) 501-1326
5/2	SSA	Open	TBA	ssa2011@comcast.net
5/2	None	Open	Newcastle Park Burbank	David Ruiz (773) 35509161
5/3 & 4	SSA	Claude Rhodes	Centennial Park Blue Island	tonyward5355@yahoo.com
5/3	Open	Cash	Hiawatha Park, Chicago	Brian O'Connor (773) 205-3770
5/9	ASA	'Eggs' Czarnick	Majewski Complex, Mt Prospect	Joe Patterson (847) 640-1000ext. 225
5/14 - 17	TBA	Tournament of Champions	Mayfair Park, Westchester	Gary Kasanders (708) 865-8200
5/30	SSA	Class A	Mt Geenwood, Chicago	ssa2011@comcast.net
5/30	SSA	Class A	Clyde Park, Cicero	ssa2011@comcast.net
6/6	SSA	Class A	Wentworth, Chicago	ssa2011@comcast.net
6/11- 14	TBA	North Vs South	Januara Park, Berwyn	Dan Atkins (630-774-6118)
6/20	SSA	Class A	Melrose Park	ssa2011@comcast.net
6/25 - 28	ASA	Chicagoland Championships	Majewski Complex, Mt Prospect	John D'Anza (847) 636-9754
6/28	SSA	Class A	Melrose Park	ssa2011@comcast.net
7/4	SSA	Class A	TBA	ssa2011@comcast.net

7/11	None	Open	Summit Park District	summitparks.org
7/23 - 26	Open	46th Annual Forest Park Invitational	Forest Park	Invitation Only
7/31	SSA	Open	Melrose Park	ssa2011@comcast.net
7/31	SSA	14"	Melrose Park	ssa2011@comcast.net
8/14	SSA	Flip a Coin	Mayfair Park, Westchester	ssa2011@comcast.net
8/21	SSA	Class A Nationals	McCaslin Park, Carol Stream	ssa2011@comcast.net
9/3	ASA	Major Nationals	Mt. Prospect	Tom O'Neill (708) 906-0351
9/4	SSA	Major Nationals	Elgin Sports Complex, Elgin	ssa2011@comcast.net
9/19	SSA	14" Co-Ed Nationals	Melrose Park	ssa2011@comcast.net

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Sincerely,

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