

# Rounding Third

Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame Monthly Newsletter



July, 2018

## Inductee Day!

It's almost here! The annual inductee day celebration! In part with, Forest Park's 50th Anniversary.

Enjoy the short opening video below that was shown at the inductee dinner celebrating Forest Park's 50th Anniversary of the no glove nationals.



HOF Inductee Opening Video- Honoring Forest Park

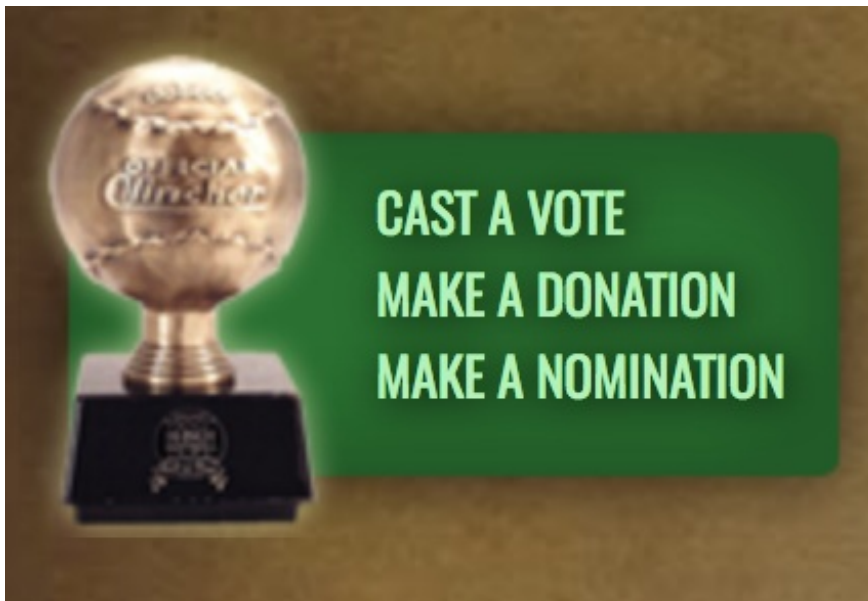
## Tuesday, July 24th.

- 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm - Museum Opens
- 5:30 pm - Gather outside around the cases in the Inductees Park
- 6:00 pm to 6:30 - Unveil New Inductee Plaques
- 6:30 to 6:45 - Introduction of past No Glove Nationals MVP's
- 6:45 pm to 7:45 - HOF Legends Game on Field #1
- 8:00 pm - No Glove Nationals Play in games Field #1 and # 2
- 9:15 pm - Play in game Championship

**Thursday July 26th- Sunday July 29th - Forest Park Tournament  
Museum is open everyday!**



## HOF Nominations Due August 10th!



Nominations can be made any day by filling out the form and following instructions. A person must be retired or not playing as a key member of a team on a major level for 3 years, or 50 years of age. Click [Here](#) for the nomination form.

Nomination forms can be downloaded and or filled out online.

## HOF On WGN Radio

Excellent interview on our game by two media Inductees...Don DeBat and George Bliss.



WGN Interview with Dave Hoekstra and Don DeBat

# Player Sports and Social Groups and HOF On WGN TV

Click the link below to watch both videos!

<https://wgntv.com/2018/04/26/around-town-celebrates-the-130th-anniversary-of-16-inch-softball/>

## 'Soft hands' Sam Gendusa Passes - By Don DeBat

Soft hands and quick feet are valued talents for those who seek to play the game of 1 6-inch Chicago-style softball, and Sam Gendusa was one of the best at dancing around the first-base bag. Salvatore J. Gendusa, 75, a gifted first baseman who played on Mike Royko's championship Chicago Daily News and Chicago Sun-Times softball teams at Grant Park from the mid-1970s into the early 1980s, passed away at his home on Chicago's Northwest Side on March 31st after a long illness.

Sam Gendusa was a quiet gentleman who let his talented hands speak for themselves while playing a great first base for many North Side softball teams over more than three decades.

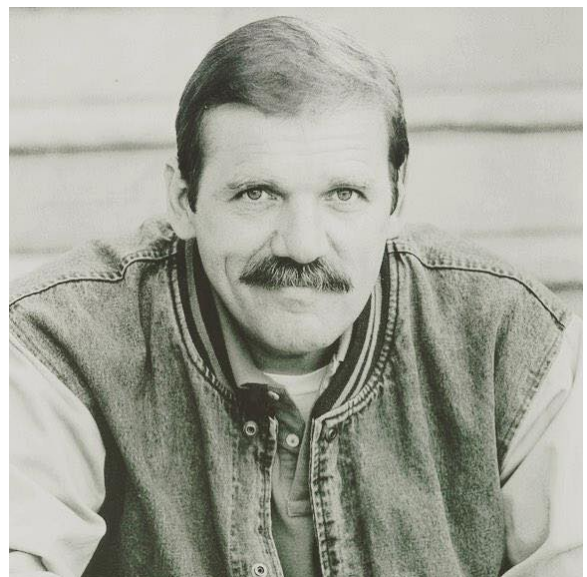
"He was easy going, and fun to visit with post-game because he was interested in his teammates and a good listener."

"Mike Royko once said: 'If there was one softball player I'd trust to get the game-winning clutch hit, it would be Sammy Gendusa.'"



## Mik Scriba Passes

Former Chicago Actor Mik Scriba passed away this morning in LA. Great guy who loved 16 Inch Softball and played in Manhattan Beach league for years. He was instrumental in getting the famous autograph photos in our HOF museum of Sinese and Montagne etc. who played 16 Inch. He was hoping to produce a softball movie "Sprinkle the Infield". Here is to hoping the script is picked up. God bless Mik.





**Let's Help the Museum by  
Hitting a Smaller Ball!**

**9th Annual Golf Outing  
Friday September 14,  
2018 Ruffled Feathers  
Golf Course 1 Pete Dye  
Lemont Drive**

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## **Don't Miss Daily Old Photos on Facebook**

Since September, the HOF Facebook page has been showing a different team every day - from the '30s to the contemporary era. In just that short time, we have had an average of 1,000 people view our highlighted teams, individuals, and HOF features and activities. On several occasions, we have even hit 5,000-7,000 views. Check us out! We believe you will enjoy our page and may see folks you know - or even your own team.



Michael Jordan, Bob Sirott, Bruce Levine play in the celebrity softball tournament in the 1990's. If anyone has photos/videos from this event, please send to [Al Maag](#)

## Hall of Fame Museum Schedule

Open Saturday 12:00 to 4:00 Only

Call Rachell Entler at (708) 366-7500 x 17 for an appointment.

## The HOF is Looking for 16 inch Softball Memorabilia

A very nice patch was donated to the HOF. If you have any items that you would like us to consider for display please share by contacting Rachel Entler at Forest Park or drop off on a Saturday afternoon at the museum.

Do you have a great story, photos, or ideas of league or team names you would like to share? Send them to [Tiffany.Hoffman@Maagcommplus.com](mailto:Tiffany.Hoffman@Maagcommplus.com) for a chance to be featured in our next newsletter.

To sign up for the newsletter, please email [info@16inchsoftballhof.com](mailto:info@16inchsoftballhof.com)

Sincerely,

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