



Rounding Third

Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame Monthly Newsletter



2015 SSA Men's 16" Las Vegas Invitational Highlights

Congratulations to Psychopaths, the first ever Las Vegas Get-A-Way Champions! They came back and beat Thunder twice to claim the title.



Thunder, the 2015 SSA Las Vegas Get-A-Way Runner Up. October 10, 2015.



The final run down on the Inaugural Columbus Day Get-A-Way Tournament. The top 4 finishers were:

- 1) Psychopaths from California
- 2) Thunder from Chicago
- 3) Howeryoo from Chicago
- 4) Syndicate from Iowa

Of special note, Howeryoo played the tournament with only 2 guys wearing gloves. We appreciated all of the teams that participated in the event from Chicago, Phoenix, Iowa, California and Las Vegas. Thus we had probably more states represented at one time in years in any tourney. All with fun good nurtured attitudes made it a pleasure to hold the successful event.

A special thanks to first time organizer Ronny Matriciano, and his supporting cast Geo Vournazo, Pat Caputo, George Bliss, and George Cominos and "Whipple" for providing an incredible facility.

Tom Frangella a HOF umpire passed away

Tom Frangella passed away on 9-25-15 at the age of 92. He was an inductee in 1998 in the umpire category. Umpiring a minimum of 18 to 20 softball games per week in some of the top leagues in the Chicago area, Tom Frangella has the respect of many of the top players in 16-inch softball. According to Ed Zolna of the legendary Bobcats " He's the best umpire, and coming from me, that's a compliment." Bob O'Malley of the Cougars states, " Tom is one of the best. He's fair. He doesn't take anything from anybody. But he doesn't take a hard guy attitude. Frangella's career began at Grand Crossing Park, Avalon Park, and Russell Square and 62nd and Springfield Avenue before he moved to Grant Park. He umpired at Kelly Park until six or seven years ago. Frangella remembers when Zolna's Bobcats ruled the world of 16 inch. During his last few years of umpiring, he remembers the Whips, the national champs who played at Kelly Park and in the Blue Island league. Besides softball games, Frangella has also refereed high school football and basketball games, worked briefly in the American Basketball Association, and part-time in the National Basketball Association. A former building engineer, Frangella has nine children and numerous grandchildren. He was quite a guy! Our condolences to Roy's family he will be missed!!



Softball Reunion Party October 26th

Whether your 30 or 70 be at Danny's in Melrose Park at 15th and Division on Monday October 26th. It will be repeat of the spring Softball Reunion which was a full house that enjoyed the great Italian food for \$20 buffet and cash bar. Starts at 6pm.

Really Now--save this date into your calendar. Bring your old softball memories and photos if you have them.

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