



Rounding Third

Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame Monthly Newsletter



March, 2018

Did you watch WGN S.E.E?

The airing of WGN's S.E.E. show featuring the Hall of Fame Museum aired on Sunday, March 18th on WGN. If you missed it, DON'T worry, we got it right here for you! Check it out [here!](#)



Join Us On April 7th For The Annual Dinner!

Ticket Info:

Tickets for the Hall of Fame event by order-which includes a four-course dinner, four hours of open bar and free parking-are available in advance until April 1 for \$130 for adults, and \$90 for people under 21 years of age. Tickets are \$150 and \$110 at the door. Cocktail hour is from 5:30-7:00 p.m., dinner 7:00-7:45 p.m., and presentations beginning at 8:00 p.m.

For registration form and information on the Inductee Dinner,

[Click Here](#)

2017 Inductees

Pioneer

Gildo Coldebella

Veterans

Don (Donny) Bianchi

Calvin (Cal) Jackson

Women

Beth Schultz Porzelt

1993 - Current

Bob Russ Jr.

Larry Downes

John Westermayer

Manager

Cary Goins

Organizer

Glen Groebli

James Melton

Frank C. Holan Award

Joe Mercadante

Richard J. Daley Award

Dr. Hank Golembesky

Wall of Fame

Danny Brichetto

James Stein

Tom Duff

Ron Amazzalorso

Phil Tondelli

Teams to be Honored

Rollers

Hangovers (Women)

Blues

People's Choice

The Alley


Untouchables

Field of Dreams Award


Marshalltown Sixth Street Softball

Complex


Joe Cordt's-Director



**Celebrating the Hall of Fame and 50 Years
of the Forest Park Invitational**



**The 22nd Annual Hall of Fame
Inductee Award Dinner**
APRIL 7TH, 2018



PLAYERS SPORT & SOCIAL GROUP ORGANIZER OF THE LARGEST SOFTBALL LEAGUES IN CHICAGO IS LOOKING FOR PLAYERS AND TEAMS

Players Sport & Social Group, organizer of the largest softball leagues in Chicago, partners with the 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame to celebrate the 130th Anniversary of 16-inch softball in Chicago.

"Each summer we manage over 1,000 softball teams with close to 20,000 people playing softball at parks across the city," said Players Sport & Social Group President, Gary Hazan. "And by far, our most popular league that we run is 16 inch softball because it's a quintessential Chicago sport that anyone can play. We are honored to partner with the 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame to celebrate the game."

A true Chicago sport, slow pitch 16-inch softball is played without a glove.

"Our mission is simple, we want to keep the game of 16-inch softball alive and well in Chicago to ensure that future generations will continue to enjoy playing the game," said Al Maag, Co-Founder of the 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame. "We are looking forward to hosting 16-inch softball clinics with our inductees and Players Sport & Social Group players to help them master the game by learning new skills and techniques".



*Players Sport & Social Group's men's and co-ed spring 16-inch softball leagues will begin on April 19 and their summer leagues start on June 21. Registration is now open for all Players Sport & Social Groups spring and summer leagues including: soccer, kickball, volleyball, and more. For more information on spring and summer leagues, tournaments, events, and clinics visit <https://www.playerssports.net/>

March Wins in Arizona!

For the 2nd straight year, March Softball from Chicago has won the Maag Toy Foundation Tournament by defeating Budweiser of Yuma 8-2 in the first softball tournament of the year in Tempe, Az. Congrats to their leaders Fritz Zimmerman, Ray Topps and Ron Kubicki.

3rd place was Psychopaths from LA and No Worries from Yuma 4th.

Phoenix GPM, Muffins from NM and Smackout, Crush and Creators were in the mix.



New Inductee Beth Schultz Porzelt Passes

Beth Porzelt's was very proud to learn about being inducted this year. It is with heavy heart to advise you she couldn't beat her physical issues.

Her softball career began in the early 1970s in Crestwood when she convinced her father, Joe Schultz, to start a girls' league that included the surrounding townships of Alsip, Hickory Hills, Oak Forest, and Oak Lawn. Beth played for the Devils, a team that dominated the league for many seasons and earned Beth many MVP awards. She played for the Devils, and her father until she

was eighteen when Colleen Logan and other girls Beth met at Eisenhower High School in Blue Island recruited her to play for their team.

While at Eisenhower, Beth played softball and volleyball and was an integral part of the Eisenhower Cardinals conference champion softball team her senior year. Beth started her women's softball career with Ray's Pizza. In her first season, Ray's won first place against a dominant Pet's team at Hart Park. They continued their winning streak by capturing the first Windy City Championship and several other championships in the Ethel Stevens Tournament at Hanson Park. Eventually, Ray's Pizza became the Sulky Inn Favorites, a legendary team considered to be one of the top teams at the time, and went on to win numerous league and tournament championships.

As a first baseman for Sulky Inn, Beth performed flawlessly for many years and was named by the Sun-Standard Newspaper as one of the best "first-sackers" in the league who is "wiry and can dig'em out of the dirt with the best of them. As a batter, she was known for her timely hitting and ability to advance the runner when needed.

Beth retired from the game she loved in 2000, but Beth remembers all the great friends that she and her family have made during her years of playing softball.

She just retired as a business analyst in downtown Chicago after 44 years. Our condolences to her husband, Al, in Brookfield, Illinois. Their two sons, Stephan (Lindsey) and Kurt and two beautiful granddaughters, Amelie & Audrey. Our deepest condolences to Beth's family.



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WE ARE CHICAGO'S Game
16 Inch No Glove Softball

Written by Tim Maher, 'We Are Chicago's Game 16 Inch No Glove Softball' gives insight to all the legendary games, stories and events that have taken place over the history of the game. You are going to want to read this!

The book will also be available for pre-order at the annual inductee dinner on April 7th.

More info [here!](#)

Show Your Accomplishment in Style!

Whether it's for yourself or a gift for an honoree or for your teammates...the plaque that describes your success that is on display at Inductee Park in Forest Park is now available for your friends and family to see. It is beautifully framed in a custom gold 14.75 x 10.5 shadow box ready for hanging!

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2018 SSA Tournament Schedule

SSA Tournaments 2018

April 29	SSA Open	Clyde Park
May 6	SSA restricted "A"	Clyde Park
May 18-21	Westchester TOC	Westchester
June 8-11	North-South	Berwyn/Westmont
June 22-25	Chicago Championships	Mount Prospect
July 14-16	SSA Class "B" Nationals	Piotrowski Park Chicago
July 27-30	No-Glove Nationals	Forest Park
August 5	SSA Golf Outing	Plainfield
August 12	SSA Matt Dosen Major	Westchester Park
August 17-20	SSA Class "A" Nationals	Carol Stream
Aug 31 - Sept 4	SSA Major Nationals	Forest Park
October 7th	SSA Las Vegas Tournament	Las Vegas, NV

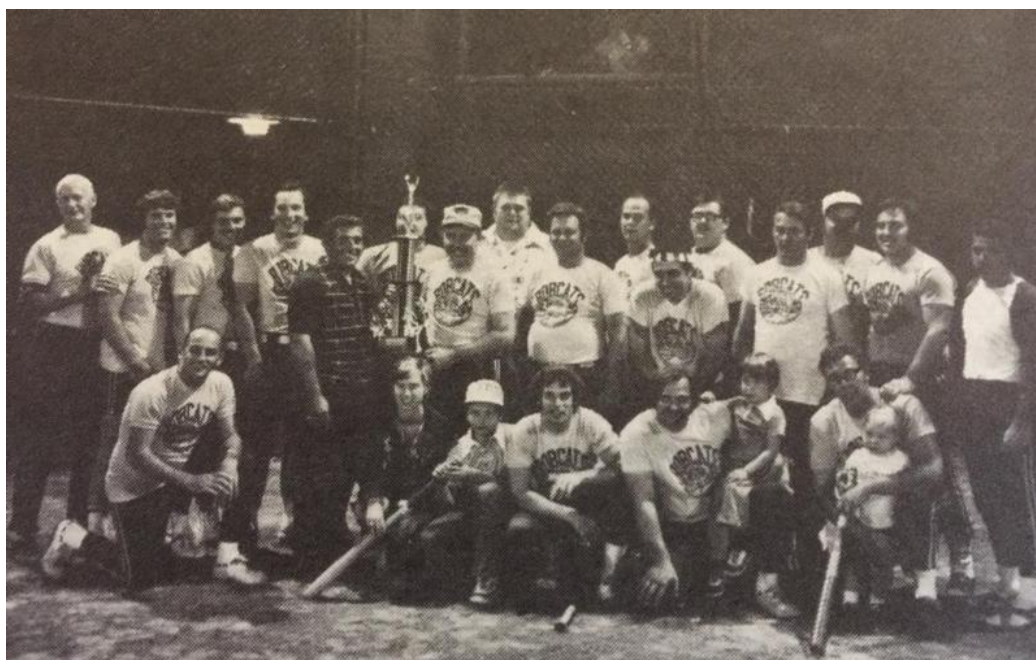
2018 ASA Tournament Schedule

Spring 16" Tournament	April 14-15	Newcastle Park, Burbank
North South Tournament	June 7-10	TBA
Father's Day Tournament	June 16	Washington Park
Chicagoland Classic	June 21-24	Mt. Prospect
Buck for Burns Men & Women	June 23	Kennedy Park
Firecracker Tournament	June 30-July 1	Oak Lawn

Co-ed Tournament	July 7-8	TBA
Papa Hops	July 13	Kennedy Park
No Gloves National	July 26-29	Forest Park
Best of Western Men & Women	July 28	Kennedy Park Paul Rowan
Midway City Championship	August 4-5	Wentworth Park
ASA State Championship	August 18-19	Oak Lawn
Women's 16" Nationals	August 18-19	Oak Lawn
ASA Labor Day National	August 30-Sept 2	Mt. Prospect O'Neill/Ancona
Killer Bee	TBA	Archer Park
Halloween Havoc	Oct 13-14	TBA

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.



[Click Here To View](#)

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 for a chance to be featured in our next newsletter.

To sign up for the newsletter, please email info@16inchsoftballhof.com

Sincerely,

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