

Bob Lawson Umpire



Everyone knows a person who plays a key role to The success of a program...and Metro Detroit is Honored to have a person who fits that bill in Bob Lawson who has been a staple of the Metro Detroit Umpire program since 1980 when he began umpiring.

Bob has been a member the MDASA umpire staff since 1984; and served at the Umpire-in-Chief from 2001-2013. He has also served as a local umpire assignor in Westland (1990-95) and Plymouth league supervisor (2007-14). Bob has attended three national umpire schools, served as a national umpire school instructor in 2012, a coordinator in 2010; and has been a national UIC clinic presenter three times.

Bob is a gold level member of the ASA Medals program, a member of the ASA national indicator fraternity member (2000), an ASA/USA Elite fast pitch umpire (2004). His honors also include being selected as the Region 8 umpire Award of Excellence in 1990. Bob has umpired in four national tournaments; and served as the UIC in numerous MDASA and region tournaments throughout his career. His behind the scenes involvement includes being an umpire coordinator for the national tournaments being held in the metro Detroit areas.

Bob has not only been an outstanding umpire and role model for all umpires, but his background includes being a player in both slow pitch and modified. He also appeared in three national men's major modified championships. Bob's career in the umpire arena for metro Detroit is one that is recognized as impeccable and one that deserves the honor of being inducted into the Hall of Fame!

Steve Bienkowski Slow Pitch Player



Steve's started playing softball in recreation leagues in 1965 working his way up the ladder to the competitive level; and still continues playing i senior leagues today.

The star first baseman played for some of the top slow pitch teams in the metro Detroit area including Eastside Sports, Strohs, Burt's Blackhorse Saloon, Little Caesars, Northwest Pipe, National Trails, Budweiser, Nothdruff, McQuires Steel, GM Adjusting and Doc's Sports Retreat..

His achievements with ASA has been instrumental as he was a member of five ASA national championship teams and three finalist teams. Steve received two ASA national all-american awards. He was also a two-time MVP at the ASA Senior World Series qualifier, and a two-time MVP state of Michigan K of C Class A state tournament.

Steve has been a dedicated strong team member of more than 70 ASA metro Detroit area tournament and league championship teams. His overall softball career includes being a member of 11 national tournament championship teams and recipient of six all-american awards.

Hall of Fame on Display

The current Hall of Fame is on display at Canton Softball Center – Victory Park located at 46555 West Michigan Avenue, approximately two miles west of I-275.



Dave Brubaker **Modified Pitch Player**

The modified pitch softball scene in metro Detroit produces some top notch talent....and Dave Brubaker fits in that category. He has played 27 years as a modified player appearing in 19 ASA national tournaments.



Dave's career began in 1973 playing on such teams as St. Timothy, Livonia Lanes, Vico, Hummer Lounge Compuware, Pat Boyle Chevrolet, All American Sport Shop, Winter Garden Bar, TC Gators, Promos Pizza, team Budweiser, and Total Foods. A highlight in his career was the 1991 All American Sports Shop team that captured the 10 man national title; as Dave was selected as Most Valuable Player that year. The catcher was selected to three national tournament all-American teams hitting more than .600 in each tournament.

Dave was a dedicated coach for 22 years in the ASA girls fast pitch program; and currently still serves as the general manager for the Michigan Generals girls fast pitch program. He has also served 28 years as the North Farmington high school varsity coach garnering 458 wins and being selected as the all-county (Oakland) coach of the year twice.

Softball is part of Dave's life....not only as a player but as a coach!

Kelly Holmes **Fast Pitch Player**

Kelly's outstanding softball career began when she starred at Plymouth Canton high school and in the Compuware youth program. Her career continued at the University of Michigan where she made all-american teams in 1996 and 1997 before being named Big Ten pitcher of the year in 1997.



Following her college career, she played for M&R Drugs in 1990, Compuware, and then joined the Daly Restaurant class A women's fast pitch squad in 1994 where she was a key force in their title runs. She made 99 appearances capturing 64 wins against only 14 losses in 545 innings pitched. Kelly was a tough foe for opponents as she had an impressive 1.23 ERA. She was selected MVP honor at numerous tournaments including ASA national qualifiers. She competed in four ASA class A national championships and was a four time all American included a first team selection in 1996. Kelly led Daly to one national runner up finish in 1995, two third place finishes and one fourth place finish. She was a force to be reckoned with that teams did not want to face her on the mound!

Margo Jonker **Meritorious Service**

When one thinks of top college coaches in the state of Michigan, the name of Margo Jonker is one of the best. After 35 years at the helm as Central Michigan University softball coach, she continues to lead a program that consistently challenges for their league title. Margo earned her 22nd 30-plus win season in 2013 as the Chippewas claimed their 10th MAC tournament title that same year.



One of her accolades includes the renaming of the Chippewas facility in 2008. The Holland, Michigan native has collected numerous honors including NCAA Division I national coach of the year honor in 1987, the year the Chips made it to the college World Series. Margo has also been involved with USA softball's top international teams for several years. She has developed several outstanding individual talents including eight all-americans. Margo continues to be a mentor to youth in the state of Michigan; a person who is well respected in the circle of softball in the state!