



### **Daine Laffey Meritorious Service**

The name of Diane Laffey is synonymous with women's softball as well as anyone associated with high school sports in the state of Michigan.

Laffey played the game of fast pitch softball for more than 20 years in the Metro Detroit area. Many of those years also included stints as a player and coach. She has played on such teams as East Side Sporting Goods (3 years), Lansing Laurels (3 years), Detroit Wheels (2 years as player/coach), Rochester Ramblers (4 years), Adray/Michigan Blazers (6 years as player/coach) and three years in local slow pitch leagues.

Laffey also has umpired in the ASA youth leagues in St. Clair Shores for five years. But her devotion to the game of softball can also be reflected at the high school level where she has coached girls softball and basketball. Laffey was the first high school softball coach to win 400 games, spanning 19 years, climaxed by capturing a state championship in 1989. Currently, Laffey is an Administrative Assistant at Regina High School as well as the Athletic Director, varsity girls basketball and softball coach.



### **Robert Malicki Slow Pitch Player**

Robert "Bob" Malicki was yet another major force on many of the famed slow pitch softball teams in the Metro Detroit area in the 1960's and 1970's.

Malicki began playing softball in 1961 and it was not long after that time that he became a dominant figure on the softball diamond. He played on the top teams such as East Side Sporting Goods, Michael's Lounge and Little Caesars. Malicki participated in 12 national tournaments and made four All-American teams - 1967, 1968, 1970 and 1991. He was also a member of three national championship teams - 1966, 1971 and most recently with the Nothdurft Tool & Die 45 & Over team in 1991.

Malicki's contributions to the game of slow pitch softball have been instrumental over the past 30 years.



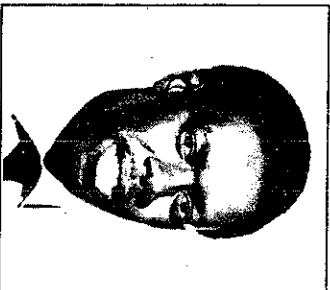
### **Edmund "Buck" Polonczyk Meritorious Service**

Edmund "Buck" Polonczyk's softball career spanned three decades as he was an integral part of the fast pitch program in Metro Detroit, especially the Downriver area.

Polonczyk started out as a player in 1935 as he spent 18 years as a player and manager and 26 years as an umpire. His teams included 11 city league championships, three state runner-ups, one Greater Detroit title, three Greater Detroit runner-ups and one illustrious state championship in 1951.

Polonczyk served as International fast pitch league President from 1961-62 and International fast pitch league Commissioner from 1963-66. His dedication to the game of softball was also reflected in the City of Riverview as he spent four years as a Recreation Commissioner. His career also includes a three year stint as District Deputy ASA Commissioner in Metro Detroit.

Through his hard work and dedication to the game of softball, Polonczyk was also selected to the Michigan Amateur Sports Hall of Fame in 1986.



### **Charlie Williams Slow Pitch Player**

Charlie Williams was a driving force behind many slow pitch softball teams in the 1960's and 1970's in the Metro Detroit area. Many of his opponents remember Williams for his excellent speed, quickness and sheer determination while playing the game of softball.

Williams began playing with the City of Detroit Recreation department Dees Sport Shop team in 1968. He participated on some of the finest teams such as Tip Motel, Lonnie's and Strohs. Once his many highlights while playing the game of softball includes being named to the All-American first team at the national industrial tournament in 1969 with Dees Sport Shop. From that year on, the name of Charlie Williams continued to make many all-star teams as his friends nicknamed him "Charlie World".