



# Arizona Softball Foundation Diamond Highlights

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Fall

Volume 7

Hall of Fame

Life Time Members

- Bender Larry
- Burton JoAnna
- Caito Rickie
- Christopherson Dennis
- Crumm Bill
- Dutton John
- Ferguson Dennis
- Fletcher Ed
- Fries Roy
- Funari Nancy
- Gano Diana
- Glasscock Jessie
- Goodrich Warren
- Groves Stan
- Hammann Betty
- Harper Lloyd
- Harris Dave
- Hoke Judy
- Judd Ray
- Lane Joseph
- Lane Nickol
- Lewis Bob
- Littlewood Mary
- Madrid Lisa
- McCasland Jim
- McKivergan Dick
- Mischlispy Karen
- Mofford Rose4
- Nielson Karl
- Parker Locha
- Pine John
- Powell Anabelle Lee
- Rau Marilyn
- Rice Mark
- Shackrelford Tom
- Staughter Bob
- Spiva Lee
- Stewart Beverly Dryer
- Stilwell Dennis
- Wells Anita
- White John
- Wilkinson Dot
- Williams A.C.

## "2007 Induction Banquet Highlights"

The Sweethearts Softball Team of Glendale was recognized at this year's banquet. Seventeen players from the original Sweethearts attended the banquet. Each player in attendance received a plaque. The Sweethearts were organized from 1950 to 1954.

Four men players were inducted at this year's banquet.



Mike Strausser accepting plaque form Paul Rubbin

Mike Strausser was inducted. His career spanned 22 years. He was an ISC All American and a member of the USA Softball Team. Mike was a 40 Plus All American and played on four State Championship Teams and he was selected as a five time MVP.

Carlos Holland was also inducted. Carlos' wife and son accepted his plaque in his stead. Carlos played softball over 19 years. He was a four time All State Selection. Carlos played on ten State and Metro Championship teams. He was a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> place ISC National Championship Team.



Carlos' Son and Wife accepting his plaque form Paul Rubbin

Joe Butkiewicz was a catcher and played fast pitch softball for 19 years. Joe "Buck" played on the ISC National Runners-up Champion 7<sup>th</sup> Ave Auto Parts Team. Joe played on the Third Place 40 Plus National Championship Team and

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*The Glendale Sweethearts*

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## 2007 Induction Banquet Highlights Cont.



*Joe Butkiewicz*

National runners-up Championship Team in 1994. Joe was an All American at 40 Plus and 50 Plus.

Dick Griesser won the Veteran Award. Dick's career started in baseball. He was an All American baseball player for the U of A. He played softball for the Mead's Pharmacy Team and went to the ISC Nationals in 1963. Dick played on three Arizona State Championship teams and was selected to two regional All Star Teams.



*Dick Griesser receives his plaque from Paul Ruben*



*Sharon Colombo receives her Plaque from Karen Mischlispy*

Sharon Colombo and Susie Parra were the women player inductees for this year.

Sharon Colombo was inducted as a player. She played third base for the Phoenix Westerners, Phoenix Mercury Blues, Rebels and the Veterans. Sharon had a lifetime Batting Average of .363. She was a Copper State League All Star for many years.



*Susie Parra*

Susie Parra was inducted based on her career as a pitcher for the U of A. She led the U of A to three NCAA National Championships earning her three time All American honors. Susie also pitched for the USA Pan American Team.

John McGonigle and Sandy and Bill Roberts were inducted into the Hall of Fame for their contributions to Arizona Softball.



*Eva McGonigle, John's Wife, received John's Plaque in his stead*

John McGonigle was inducted for his contributions as ASA Metro Phoenix Softball Commissioner, ASA Regional Vice President, manager of the Phoenix Blues, and founder of the Copperstate Women's Softball league.

Bill and Sandy Roberts founded & coached the Sierra Vista Hot Peppers for 34 years. The Hot Peppers were Women's ASA "C" National ASA Runners-up National Champions in 2002.



*The Roberts receive their Plaque from Karen Mischlispy*

## ASF Scholarship Goes to Yavapai Player



*Britine Hardine Scholarship Recipient*

Britine Hardine received the ASF Scholarship for this year. Britine graduated from Wilcox High School. She will be a freshman at Yavapai Community College this year.



### Membership Information

Annual dues: \$20.00

3-Year Member: \$50.00

Lifetime Member 150.00

Please Print:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    First                    Last

Mailing Address  
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City                    State                    Zip

e-mail (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (day) \_\_\_\_\_

(evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ include area  
code for each

Make Checks Payable to: Arizona Softball Foundation

Send To: Rita Stilwell - ASF  
19741 West Colter Street  
Litchfield Park, Arizona 85340  
Phone: 623-853-1012

## Membership

If your membership has expired, please take time to complete the enclosed membership form. Your membership dues in the Arizona Softball Hall of Fame helps provide recognition for fast pitch softball players, coaches, umpires, sponsors and contributors. Your membership continues to celebrate the great game of fast pitch softball.

Now is the time to renew your membership and share the membership form with your friends. This organization will grow through continued support from fast pitch softball enthusiasts.

### Arizona Softball Foundation Board

President	John White
Vice-President	Karen Mischlispy
Men's Chair	Paul Rubin
Women's Chair	JoAnna Burton
Member at Large	Nancy Funari
Member at Large	Dennis Stillwell
Treasurer	Vacant (John White & Julie Vargo)
Secretary	Vacant (John White acting)
Golf Chair	Ed Fletcher
Banquet Chairs	JoAnna Burton, Nancy Funari, Rita Stilwell, Bobbie Forner
Membership Chair	Karen Mischlispy Rita Stilwell

Important!!!

Please contact Karen Mischlispy at 602-438-2928 if you are interested in serving on the ASF Board.

Rosemary Urtuzuastegui inducted in the Hall of Fame in 2004 Pasted away October 2007




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## New ASF Spring Golf Tournament

Spring Tournament in Prescott at Antelope Hills

The ASF is sponsoring a second golf tournament. The Spring tournament will take place in Prescott at Antelope Hills. All proceeds will go to the Arizona Softball Foundation. For the traveling golfer, here is an event that you will want to attend. Grab your clubs and head north out of the Valley of the Sun to the cool Prescott pines. As usual contest holes, and three divisions of play will be offered. See ya in Prescott...

Time and date of the tournament will be announced in our next publication.

### ASF 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament Results

Our fall 2007 ASF Golf Tournament was a great success. Fifty-two players played in 3 divisions. Mens Division winner was the team of John Fletcher, Paul Fletcher, Dan Fletcher & Tom Tasmussen. Women's Division team winner was Nancy Funari, Mary Josephson, Barb Fayrell and Karen Mischlispy. The mixed Division winning team was Stacy Stanford, Kelly Hollister, Jim Hollister & Nancy Walter.

Contest Hole Winners were:

Longest Drive-Men-Steve Ruckie—women-Stacy Sanford

Closest to the Pin-Men-Tom Tasmussen—women—Jackie Becket



## It's Time for New Nominees

The Arizona Softball Foundation is now accepting nominations for the 2008 Softball Hall of Fame. If you want to nominate a female player or contributor to the game of Arizona Softball, contact JoAnna Burton at 623-979-6823 to receive a nomination form and return the form to JoAnna. To nominate a male player or contributor contact Paul Rubin at 602 229-8433 or John White at 520 836-6096.

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## Volunteers Still Needed

The Arizona Softball Foundation is looking for a few good volunteers. Can you spare some time and skills in the following areas:

### Wanted Web Master

Develop, design, and maintain a web sit for the Arizona Softball Foundation.

### Wanted ASF Board Secretary

The Secretary attends monthly meetings and keeps official records of all business and correspondence.

### Wanted ASF Board Treasurer

The Treasurer attends monthly meetings and is a Board member that keeps all financial records.

**Introducing the new  
Arizona Softball  
Hall of Fame  
Director:  
Bob Dempster**



Antelope Hills  
Golf Course