



Arizona Softball Foundation Diamond Highlights

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PICTURES FROM THE 2014 ARIZONA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME BANQUET

Over 260 attended the 2014 Arizona Softball Hall of Fame Banquet on August 9, at the Embassy Suites Phoenix North Hotel. The evening highlights included; Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, and the Hall of Fame Inductions. The event began at 4:30 PM with the Reception including a special DVD of the Reunion teams, and meeting your softball friends. This year's Hall of Fame Banquet is on Saturday, August 8 starting at 4:30 PM. Mark your calendar and join your softball family for another great celebration. For registration and hotel information, check inside this newsletter.

2015 Hall of Fame Inductees



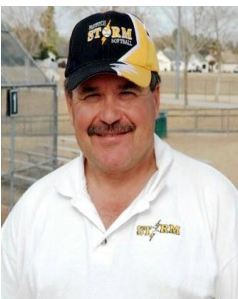
Eva McGonigle Legend Player/3rd Base started playing softball at the age of 12 with the Webster Dairy Buttercups of Glendale. Her Softball career started full throttle in 1958 with the formation of the Phoenix Blues. In 1962, the Phoenix Blues joined the Copper State League where Eva was selected: CSL All Star 12 straight years, ASA All State and Cactus Regional All Star 3rd Baseman. While with the Phoenix Blues, Eva won 5 CSL Championships, 6 ASA Metro Championships, 6 Independent State Championships and participated in 7 ASA Cactus Regional tournaments. Eva had a lifetime batting average of .401.



Kara Brun Player/Shortstop began playing softball at the age of 11 for the Phoenix Storm. In 1992, her Storm Team won the ASA 12 & Under National Championship. She was a member of the Storm Team that won the 2000 and 2001 ASA Woman's Major National Championships. In 1999, Kara was selected to play on the USA Junior Olympic Team that took silver in the World Championship. Kara attended Deer Valley High School from 1995 to 1999, where she played varsity ball for four years. She was selected 2nd team West Regional All-American, and stills holds the most hits in at DVHS. In 1996, she was selected the Gatorade's Arizona Athlete of the Year and was named Defensive Player of the year. In 1998, she was selected as a NFCA Second Team All American. While attending ASU from 1999 to 2002, Kara was selected an Academic All-Pacific Region Team Member, co-Defensive Player of the Year, co-Scholar Athlete of the Year, while maintaining a .332 career batting average.



Joe Lane Contributor has spent over 37 years serving as a youth softball coach, team manager with several youth teams. In 1998 he became ASA Deputy Junior Olympic Metro Commissioner. In 1978, Joe began coaching his youngest daughter, age 7, in the Paradise Valley Girls Softball League. When his second daughter wanted to play, Joe continued coaching until 1992. In 1998, ASA was looking for volunteers, and Joe answered the call. As the ASA Deputy Junior Olympic Metro Commissioner, Joe organized and ran several ASA JO tournaments including: State Tournaments, Phoenix Metros, Cactus Regionals and National Championships. These tournaments influenced the lives of thousands of youth softball players. When asked, Joe replies, "It's not never about me". He is respected by coaches, players, umpires, and parents.



Rick Beach Contributor became interested in fast pitch softball while living in Prescott. He played for local teams for a few years, then he traded in his glove for coaching girls' softball. In 1983, Rick moved back to Phoenix where he began coaching his two daughters. First came, the Phoenix Firebirds, then the Phoenix Storm. The first youth national championship came in 1992 with the Phoenix Storm 12 & Under Team. From that beginning, the Phoenix Storm Teams coached and managed by Rick have captured several ASA Regional Championships, as well as, back to back ASA Women's Major Championships in 2000 and 2001. Rick served as the ASA Metro Phoenix Commissioner for 10 years building a very strong ASA presence in the Metro Phoenix area. He is coaching today with the Mizuno Storm Beach 16 & Under team.



Jimmy Turner Veteran/Utility Player began playing Little League Baseball at an early age, but became interested in softball after watching a local game while visiting Phoenix. He wanted to play so he moved to Glendale and played on his first team called B & K. Jimmy joined the Schaefer-Smith-Ankeney Insurance Team and finally played for another great Arizona team called, 7th Avenue Auto Parts. During his 31+ years playing, he attended numerous State, Regional, and National Championships. His career batting average was .350+. Jim was as a member of the Schaefer-Smith-Ankeney Insurance Team was the Runner-Up Champion in the 1982 ISC World Championship.

Fourteenth Annual ASF Scholarship Golf Tournament

The Arizona Softball Foundation has provided several young ladies attending a junior college in the state financial assistance using the proceeds from this golf tournament.

Date: Saturday September 26, 2015

Time: Shot Gun Start 7:30 AM Check in from 6:30 AM-7:30 AM

Where: Aguila Golf Course 35th Ave and South of Baseline Rd

Cost: \$60.00 per player or \$240.00 for foursome

Divisions: Men's, Women's, and Mixed



Welcome to the 2015 Induction Banquet



Embassy Suites Phoenix North
2577 West Greenway Rd
Phoenix, Arizona 85023

This year's induction banquet will be held at the **Embassy Suites Phoenix North** on **August 8, 2015**. Registration and a **No Host Reception** will be from 4:30 PM until 6:00 PM. During this time visit the memorabilia tables showcasing the lives of our inductees. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM with the induction program to follow at 7:00 PM. Dinner will include prime rib, vegetables, bread, salad, and dessert. Cash bar will be located in the ballroom for the convenience of the attendees. Tickets for this year's banquet will be \$40.00. Please contact Bobbi Forner at 602-266-7125 for ticket information, or write to:

(ASF) Bobbi Forner
6336 North 11th St.
Phoenix, AZ. 85014

Deadline for tickets is July 25th. There will be a **Silent Auction** and a **50-50 Raffle** prior to the induction ceremony. Please note only cash and personal checks will be accepted for silent auction items and late dinner reservations.

COME JOIN YOUR FELLOW SOFTBALL FRIENDS FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT

Book Your Room

Embassy Suites Phoenix North has a special group room rate of \$79.00 plus tax. Deadline for group rate is July 27th. The link will be available at the **arizonasoftballfoundation.org** web page and **Facebook** page. If you want to access directly, here is the direct link to book your room reservation. If you have any questions regarding room reservations call Karen Mischlispy at 602 438-2928. The hotel offers free breakfast plus a two hour happy hour nightly with room reservation.

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Membership Information

Annual dues: \$20.00

3-Year Member: \$50.00

Life Time Member 150.00

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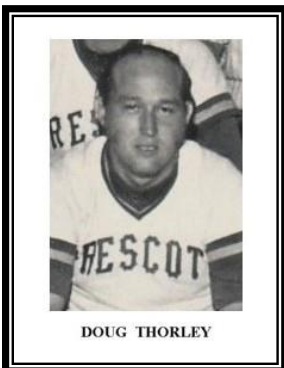
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Important!!!
 Please contact Karen Mischlispy at 602-438-2928 if you are interested in serving on the ASF Board.

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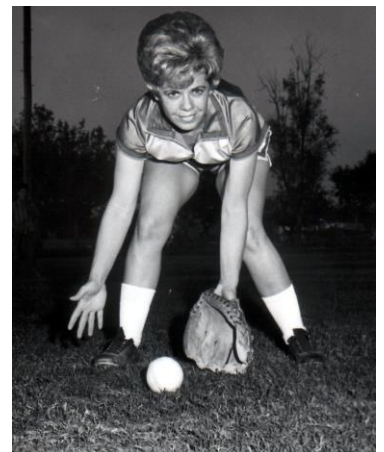
In Memoriam



The softball world lost another legend on April 3rd, 2015. Doug Thorley loved playing fast pitch softball. It brought many years of pleasure and fun for him and his family. In August 2013, he was inducted into the Arizona Softball Hall of Fame.



Kara Brun



Eva McGonigle