



# Arizona Softball Foundation Diamond Highlights

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## 2019 Hall of Fame Inductees



**Veteran Player: Teri Neeley:** Teri started her softball career playing in the Phoenix city leagues. She moved on to compete in the Copperstate League in 1974 playing for the Phoenix Blues. She received CSL All-Star honors in 1974. In 1976, she was selected to the Arizona Softball Foundation All State Team Honorable Mention. While on the Blues they were the South Pacific Tournament Champions, Copperstate League Champions and in 1979 ASA Metro Division Champions. Teri played for Glendale Community College starting in 1975. While on the team they were State Champions, Arizona Community College Athletic Conference Champions and National Champion Runner-up. From Junior college she moved on to play for Arizona State University. While at ASU, in 1977 they were Intermountain Conference Runner-ups, they placed 4th place in the College World Series in 1977, and in 1978 they placed 9th in the College World Series. After graduation she coached the Thunderbird High School Softball Team from 1979 to 1982 and Apollo High School from 1983- to 1992.



**Women's Player: Missy Hixon:** Missy played on the Chaparral High School Softball Team that was the 4A high school state champions for four years. In 1999 she was a member of the Junior Olympic Team. In 2001 she was a member of the ASA/USA National Softball (Blue) team that won the Pan Am qualifier in Maracay, Venezuela. Missy played her college softball for Arizona State University. In 2000 she was a Pac-10 honorable mention choice. She was a four year starter for ASU. Missy was a member of the 2000 and 2001 Phoenix Storm National Champions at the ASA Women's Major Fast Pitch National Championships. She was selected second team ASA All American.



**Contributor: Nancy Ellis** Nancy coached high school softball for 37 years. 33 years at Dobson High School, and 4 years at Mountain Point High School from 2002-2005. Her teams won 9 regional championships and 2 state champions. Nancy was selected by the Arizona High School Coaches Association Region 8 Softball Coach of the Year 4 times and in 2002 she was selected by the National High School Coaches Association as the National Softball Coach of the Year. She is an Arizona High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame member. Nancy finished her coaching career with 570 wins.

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## CELEBRATION OF ARIZONA'S FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

This year Arizona Softball Foundation is announcing "Celebration of Arizona's Fast Pitch Softball" event that will feature three new Arizona Softball Hall of Fame inductees, softball memorabilia, special display from the Arizona Softball Hall of Fame, showcasing the "Copperstate League", honoring the 1947, 1970 and 1974 ISC National Championships.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 10, 2019 to attend this year's "Celebration of Arizona Softball" event at the Double Tree Phoenix North. The event showcasing the 2019 inductees: Teri Neeley – Veteran Player, – Missy Hixon - Player, and Nancy Ellis – Contributor. As part of this year's event special displays for: Arizona Softball Hall of Fame, Copperstate League, recognizing our National and State Hall of Fame members, announcing the ASF Scholarships for 2019-2020 school year, dinner, and more.

Registration for "Celebration of Arizona's Fast Pitch Softball" event: cost is \$50 per person and \$20 for 10 years and under. The event will have a Silent Auction: sports tickets, wine baskets, golf packages, gift baskets and a 50/50 Raffle. Bring your check book or cash and support the ASF Scholarship Program and the Arizona Softball Hall of Fame.

Come and join the celebration at this year's event. Also congratulate the 2019 Arizona Softball Hall of Fame inductees.

### "Celebration of Arizona's Fast Pitch Softball"

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM  
RECEPTION

Special Reception Video, displays & memorabilia

4:30 PM – 6:45 PM  
SILENT AUCTION

Bring your check cash and check only.

6:00 PM  
WELCOME AND DINNER

6:45 PM – 7:00 PM  
NATIONAL ANTHEM & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Introductions, Silent Auction winners, 50/50 drawing, 2019 ASF Golf Tourney, and Introduction of the 2019 ASF Scholarship winners.

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
PROGRAM  
Special video for each of our new inductees will be shown featuring their story.

Following the Program all inductees meet for photos.



Host Hotel: Double Tree Phoenix North  
10220 N. Metro Parkway East  
Phoenix, AZ 85051

Special room rates have been set up for anyone attending the banquet. The ASF room rate is \$79 per night not including tax.

To reserve your room contact Terra Gibson at her direct line 602-331-9824. Deadline for booking is July 27, 2019.

The event invitation will be mailed or emailed to our members. Check us out on:

Web page: [arizonasoftballfoundation.org](http://arizonasoftballfoundation.org)

Facebook page: [arizonasoftballfoundation](https://www.facebook.com/arizonasoftballfoundation)

Email us at: [arizonasoftballfoundation@aol.com](mailto:arizonasoftballfoundation@aol.com)



### 19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ASF CHARITY GOLF TOURNEY

Proceeds will benefit the ASF Scholarship Program for qualified students attending one of the Arizona Community Colleges.

ASF is a 501c3 nonprofit and the federal tax number: 90-0918768

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

Legacy Golf Club, 6808 South 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Phoenix, AZ 85042  
The Legacy Golf Club was voted the number 1 public course in Phoenix. Shot gun start at 7:30 AM

Registration will be accepted post marked no later than September 13. If you have questions regarding registration, contact Karen at 602 438-2928 (this number does not accept text).

#### PLAYER REGISTRATION

Please print

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Individuals will be placed on a team.

If you are unable to attend you can donate to ASF for to support the scholarship program.

Make Checks payable to:  
Arizona Softball Foundation

Mail to: ASF Golf  
3818 E. St. Catherine Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85042

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#### SPONSORSHIPS

Promote your business, wish someone happy anniversary, honor Hall of Fame members, or any other softball celebration.

Tee Sponsor: \$100

One special Tee sign with your name or business logo.

Contest Hole Sponsor: \$150

Custom Tee sign with your business logo.

Vegas Hole Sponsor: \$175

Custom Tee sign with your business logo. Special promotional material may be given out at the hole.

Cart Sponsor: \$200

Custom sign with your business logo. Two signs will be made and place on the two beverage carts.

Player Bag Sponsor: \$250

Provide your business bag with your promotions items for each player.

Contact Ed Fletcher evenings only at 480-831-6924 or Karen Mischlispy at 602-438-2928

#### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual ASF Golf Tourney

This year's event will be played at the Legacy Golf Club located at 6808 South 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Phoenix, AZ 85042.

**Date:** Saturday, Sept. 21,  
**Shotgun Start:** 7:30 AM

**Check-In:** 6:15AM until 7:00AM

**Registration:** will be accepted through September 13. Late registration will be accepted if space is available.

**Cost:** \$85 per player/\$340 team  
Includes: practice balls, golf, awards, luncheon, contest holes and fun!

**Mulligans, String & Raffle tickets** can be purchased at check-in.

**Divisions:** Men, Women & Mix  
Awards: 5+ foursomes: 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Pl  
4 foursomes: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Pl  
3 foursomes: 1<sup>st</sup> Pl only

If a division has only one team, they will be place in another division. Contest holes for both men and women.

## Membership Information

Annual dues: \$20.00 3-Year Member: \$50.00

Life Time Member \$150.00

Please Print:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Last

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

city State Zip

E-mail (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Day) \_\_\_\_\_

(Evenings) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

include area code for each

Send To: ASF - Rita Stilwell

19741 West Colter Street

Litchfield Park, Arizona 85340

Phone: 623-853-1012

Make Checks Payable: Arizona Softball Foundation

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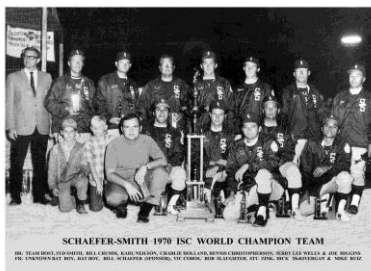
### ATTENTION ATTENTION

Please send your name and email address to  
arizonasoftballfoundation@aol.com  
This will give you a color copy plus save the ASF the cost of paper, envelopes, postage, and printing.  
Thanks you.

## HONORING ARIZONA'S INTERNATIONAL SOFTBALL CONGRESS CHAMPIONS (ISC)

### 1947 Phoenix Farm Fresh Market

All-American Pitcher  
Arnold Trujillo  
National Softball Congress  
This was the inaugural softball tournament of the newly created National Softball Congress (NSC), preceding the International Softball League (ISL) and forerunner to the present International Softball Congress (ISC).



1970 Phoenix Schaefer-Smith Ins.



1974 Sun City Page Raiders

## HONORING ARIZONA WOMEN'S COPPERSTATE FAST PITCH LEAGUE

The Copperstate League was formed in 1962 and it was the premier women's fast pitch league in Arizona. Over the years many great teams played in the league, i.e. Phoenix Blues, Phoenix Westerners, Tucson Rainbows, Mesa Jaydettes, Prescott Nuggets, Phoenix Pantherettes and more.  
If you played in the Copperstate League join us as the Arizona Softball Foundation honors the League and the many women who played.

