

# Arizona Softball Foundation Diamond Highlights Banguet Edition

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# 2023 CELEBRATION OF ARIZONA FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

The annual "Celebration of Arizona Fast Pitch Softball" program and banquet is on Saturday, August 12, 2023, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix North. ASF will welcome three new Softball Hall of Fame members and award five ASF Scholarships to deserving young ladies attending one of the Maricopa Community Colleges. Come and check out each inductee's memorabilia, a special display from the Arizona Softball Hall of Fame and much more...

## ARIZONA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2023

Arizona Softball Foundation is proud to announce our 2023 newest Hall of Fame members, Lauren Haeger - Player, Jeff Griffith - Contributor/Coach, and Stacie Chambers - Player.



Lauren Haeger - Player: Lauren pitched for the varsity softball team at Deer Valley High School with an ERA 0.60, innings pitched 513, strike outs 969, OPP bat average .112, fielding percent .995, batting average .509, scored 144 runs, 200 hits, 160 RBIs, 47 home runs and broke Arizona's state hitting record with 48 in one season. Lauren was named to the 2011 Max Preps Softball All-American First Team and a member of the 2011 Louisville Slugger/NFCA High School All-American Team. She played on the Arizona Hotshots Gold Team for two seasons. Lauren played Internationally as a member of the 2010 Gold Medal Junior Pan-American team, team USA in the III

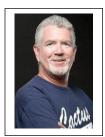
Pan-American Championship, hitting .400. In 2011, as a member of the Junior World Championship team and Gold Junior World Championship, as well as pitched against Japan in Cape Town, South Africa. Lauren attended University of Florida and continued to receive recognition for her pitching and hitting skills. Following her college career, Lauren played professionally for four years with the Dallas Charge and Scrap Yard Fastpitch.



**Stacie Chambers** – **Player:** Stacie caught for the Cactus High School softball team 2003 - 2006, 4A Division Champions, 2005 and 2006, NFCA First-Team All-American; Gatorade State Player of the Year, Diamond Sports High School catcher, tied for second place nationally for home runs in a career with 48 and set Arizona state record for home runs in a single season with 20. As a member of the Batbusters won ASA Gold 18-Under National Champions. She attended University of Arizona 2008-2011 setting multiple records as a hitter, attended the College World Series National Championship selected first Team All-PAC 10, third team NFCA All-American, First Team

All-NFCA West Region and named PAC 10 Player of the week twice. USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Week, one of two finalists for the USA Collegiate Player of the Year, hit 87 career home runs, regional tournament hit the NCAA record break 125 home runs. In 2010, was first team NFCA All-Pacific Region, hit 4 home runs with three in the College World Series National Championship game against UCLA and ended her career finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in Division I with a total of 87 home runs. Attended Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, member of the 2006 Jr. Women's National Team, played in the Jr. Women's Pan-American Qualifier Tournament, 2009 USA Softball Japan Cup Team, and ESPN All-Decade Team.

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**Jeff Griffith** – **Contributor/Coach**: Jeff coached for 23 years at Cactus High School in 4A; won State Champions in 1987, 1989, 1994, 2004, 2005, 2006 and State Runner-Up in 2002. In 2004 and 2006 he was National High School Association Coach of the year, also was No. 1 National ranking by USA Today and Speedline/NFCA High School Coaching Staff of the Year. His team was ranked second in Pre-Season Fab 50 National Softball rankings. Member of the 2007 Paradise Valley Community College coaching staff.

### CELEBRATION OF ARIZONA'S FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

Our "Celebration of Arizona's Fast Pitch Softball" event is featuring our 2023 Arizona Softball Hall of Fame inductees and awarding 5 ASF Scholarships to Maricopa Community College students. Come and join us Saturday, August 12, 2023, at the Double Tree Phoenix North. This year's Celebration of Arizona Fast Pitch Softball includes, special softball memorabilia display, the inductee's memorabilia display, Arizona Softball Hall of Fame display, ASF Scholarship recipients for 2023-2024 school year, dinner, and much more. Registration for the event: cost is \$60 per person and \$20 for children (10 years and under). You won't want to miss the Silent Auction featuring sports tickets, golf packages, wine, and gift baskets plus a 50/50 Raffle. Please bring your check book or cash and support the ASF Scholarship Program and the Arizona Softball Hall of Fame.

### HOST HOTEL DOUBLETREE BY HILTON PHOENIX NORTH

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

PROGRAM RECEPTION 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Special Reception Video, displays & memorabilia

> SILENT AUCTION 4:30 PM - 6:45 PM We accept cash or check only.

> > DINNER 6:00 - 6:45 PM

WELCOME 6:45 PM - 7:00 PM Nation Anthem, Introductions, Silent Auction winners, 50/50 drawing, and 2023 ASF Golf Tourney.

ASF SCHOLARSHIPS - 7:00

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

CLOSING COMMENTS - 8:30 PM Following the Program all inductees meet for photos.



Host Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix North 10220 N. Metro Parkway East Phoenix, AZ 85051

Rooms available the weekend of our event. Contact the DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix North at 602-997-5900

The event invitation will be mailed or emailed to our members. Check for detailed information: Web page: arizonasoftballfoundation.org Facebook page: Arizona Softball Foundation Email us at: arizonasoftballfoundation@gmail.com

### ARIZONA SOFTBALL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR 2023-2024

Please congratulate our youg ladies attending one of the Maricopa Community Colleges.



Dionna Leanio Freshman South Mountain



Este Rojas Sophomore Pardise Valley



Marissa Quihuis Freshman South Mountain



Carmen Salinas Sophomore Glendale



### 23rd ANNUAL ARIZONA SOFTBALL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

All proceeds will benefit the ASF Scholarship Program and the Arizona Softball Hall of Fame. Date: Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Location: Legacy Golf Club, 6808 South 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Phoenix, AZ 85042

ASF is a federal non-profit 501c-3 - I.D. 90-0918768

### **Tournament Information**

**Cost**: \$110.00 per player/\$440 per team includes: practice balls, golf, awards, luncheon, contest holes and fun. **Registration**: will be accepted through September 15th. **Late registration** will be accepted if space is available. **Mulligans**, **String & Raffle**: Available for purchase at registration. Cash and check only.

Check-In: 6:30 AM - 7:00 AMReport to cart by 7:20 AMShotgun Start: 7:30 AMDIVISIONS: Men's, Women's and Mixed. Contest Holes: For both Men and Women.AWARDS: will be based on number of teams (foursomes) per division: 5 + foursomes: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd,</sup> and 3<sup>rd,</sup>4foursomes: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 3 foursomes: 1<sup>st</sup> place only.

### GOLF REGISTRATION FORM

Please print all information- MAIL THE TEAM REGISTRAITON FORM Make check(s) payable to:Arizona Softball Foundation 3818 E. St. Catherine Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85042

| Team Name:        |        |           | Tean  | n Captain:  |        |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|-------|-------------|--------|
| Cell:             | email: |           |       | Player 1:   |        |
| Player 2:         |        | Player 3: |       | Player 4: _ |        |
| INDIVIDUAL: Name: |        |           | Cell: |             | email: |

SPONSORS Check all that you would like to sponsor: \_\_\_\_\$25 Fee for Business Promotion, \_\_\_\_\$100 Tee Sponsor, \_\_\_\_\$150 Contest Hole Sponsor, \_\_\_\_\$175 Vegas Hole Sponsor, \_\_\_\_\$250 Beverage Cart Sponsor, \_\_\_\_\$1,000 Luncheon Sponsor. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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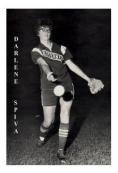
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| Annual dues:                   | \$20.00  | 3-Year Membe  | r: \$50.00 |  |  |  |
| Lifetime Member\$150.00        |  |               |            |  |  |  |
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| Send To: ASF                   | - Rita S   | tilwell       |            |  |  |  |
| 1974                           | 1 West (   | Colter Street |            |  |  |  |
| Litchfield Park, Arizona 85340 |  |               |            |  |  |  |
| Phone: 623-853-1012            |  |               |            |  |  |  |
| Make Checks                    | Make Checks Payable to Arizona Softball Foundation |               |            |  |  |  |

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Help ASF by becoming a Board member. Great opportunities to volunteer and grow this organization. Contact us at **Email:** <u>arizonasoftballfoundation@gmail.com</u>.

### In Memoriam Arizona Softball Hall of Fame Members



Darlene Spiva

2001



JayBob Bickford

2000



**Roy Fries** 

2008



Dot Wilkinson

1974

#### ARIZONA SOFTBALL BOARD WANTS YOU!

Arizona Softball Foundation is looking for a few ASF Board members, to become a Committee Chair or volunteer to help with activities. Let's continue the long legacy of Arizona Softball and the Arizona Softball Foundation. For information on volunteering, please send an email to <u>arizonasoftballfoundation@gmail.com</u>.

Arizona Softball Foundation Web Page: arizonasoftballfoundation.org Visit Arizona Softball Foundation on our Facebook page: Arizona Softball Foundation Visit the Hall of Fame: 824 E. Gurley St. Prescott, AZ 86301 M-F 8:00am - 4:00pm (Go in the Grace Sparks Activity Center, Parks & Rec Office and ask the staff to open the Hall of Fame.)