



2015 Special Category - Strojan Kennison

Strojan became a part of Washington USSSA when he was just 8 years old, watching his father (2011 HOF inductee, Jon Kennison), and Dick Calvo, take their team, Mercury/Price/Mollete, to the first ever USSSA Men's World Championship title for the state of Washington. As the years went by, and Strojan became an adult, he began running tournaments under the USSSA banner, and has been a major part of Washington USSSA for over 13 years. During that time, he has served as the Mixed Program Director for 3 years, and Special Programs for over 10 years. He was awarded the Owen B. Shackett Award in 2013, and was honored at the National Convention, in 2013, by being named the Director of the Year for USSSA. Over the past 5-6

years, Strojan has created many opportunities for teams to raise money to support their efforts to play the game. He has donated an incalculable amount of money for various charities, and has always been willing to step up and take on any challenge that needed to be addressed by Washington USSSA. He is currently the driving force behind the Men's Major NIT, and its' continued success. On top of all this, he was able to coach his Men's "B" team to a World Championship in 2011. Strojan has also been the Oregon USSSA State Director since 2012 and in 2016 he will become the USSSA Washington State Director.



2015 Umpire Category - Gene Williams

Gene has been umpiring for over 40 years and he became a USSSA umpire in 1994. After umpiring in another association for 22 years, and doing both slow pitch and fast pitch at the highest levels, Gene became familiar with the quality and professionalism of the umpires, and the integrity that USSSA brought to the game, and readily made the change to be able to umpire alongside Haugen, Calvo, Tennerelli and others that have been a part of this association for so many years. Gene has worked State and National Tournaments at all levels of play, in all programs, and has worked the Men's "B" and "D" World Championship Tournaments. He has been a tournament UIC for the past 10+ years, and in 2003 was awarded the Chan Chilton Memorial Award for "outstanding and continued

service, dedication and loyalty to USSSA”.



2015 Sponsor Category - Gina Eaton

Gina has sponsored teams for over 38 years and has been a supporter of Washington USSSA since the early 1980's, when USSSA was introduced to the Northwest. Lakes Body Shop has been a name that everyone that has played in the Women's Program throughout the years recognizes immediately. Her teams, in both the Women's and the Co-Ed programs, started as a release for her employees and a way to get better acquainted with each other and to others in the community. Over the years the Women's team has seen many members come and go, but the core has stayed through the years, with many of the kids of the original members now a part of the team. The teams have been mainly "D" and "E" level teams, and have participated in

approximately 6-7 tournaments each year for at least 30 years. This amounts to around 200 USSSA tournaments that Lakes Body Shop has sponsored their teams to enter over the years, along with league play in the Tacoma area each of those years. Gina's teams have participated in the State Tournament in almost all of those years, and have won a few of them, along with many championships in Invitational tournaments through the years. Gina is one of a handful of sponsors that have been supporting USSSA for over 30 years of play. Lakes Body Shop deserves to be represented in our Hall of Fame!



2015 Female Player Category - Tami Woodlee

Tami was first introduced to USSSA softball in 1987, when she joined the Playmates, a "D" Co-Ed team, which were eventually reclassified to "C". She then joined Mix & Match, a Co-Ed "A/B" team, for the next few years. After becoming exposed to the game, Steve Rundle, a top Women's coach for a team called Topflight, recruited her to play for him. After one year she was recruited by the Case Construction coaches, where she played for the next 13-14 years, which she considers the best softball years of her life. When Case Construction got older and no longer had the desire of their younger years, Tami joined Team

Fairweather/Combat, coached by Don Cooper, where she played for the next 4-5 years. In 2008 Tami joined Dirt 2 Death and has continued to play on other Women's teams including Hustle in 2014 and Mayhem in 2015. She has won numerous All Tournament awards, and has earned the respect of all

those that have played against her. She continues to love the game, and more than that, the enjoyment she gets out of the competition and the camaraderie that the game has given her.



2015 Male Player Category - Rick Littlejohn

Rick has been playing competitive softball for over 40 years. During his career he has been the classic example of a five-tool player. With a lifetime batting average of over .600, and over 500 Home Runs to his credit, it's easy to think of Rick as an offensive player. However, Rick was equally accomplished as a defensive player, and was considered by many to be one of the best outfielders of his era. With excellent speed and a strong, accurate arm, Rick was a fearless outfielder known for challenging fences and making diving catches. He was also known for his versatility. Offensively he has the speed to bat at the top of the order, the power to bat in the middle, and the character to bat at the end. Defensively he could play all of the outfield positions with equal ability, and even filled in at several infield positions and on the mound, when necessary. During his career Rick has played on five

State Championship teams, One National Championship team, and in 2001 played on the over 50 Masters World Championship team. He has been selected to two National Tournament All Star teams and five All State teams. In 1994, at the age of 45, Rick was named the MVP of the Over 35 Masters State Tournament.



2015 Male Player Category - Mike Reeder

Mike began playing USSSA in 1985 on a Men's team in the Federal Way league. He was a member of Harman Cascade when they won the Men's "B" State Championship in 1990. Unfortunately, Mike relocated to the Spokane area in the early 90's where USSSA was not offered on a local level. Mike was asked to join the JSG Church team in 1994 and won the Church "A" State Championship in 1994, 1995 and 1996. The JSG team also won the Men's "A" State Championship in two of those years. They went on to win the Church "A" World Championship twice, where he was named to the All World team on both occasions. Mike has been honored with many All Star and MVP awards over the years, and is thought of by most that play at the upper level of play today, to be one of the very best in the 80's and 90's.



2015 Male Player Category - Brendt Newbill

Brendt has been playing USSSA softball for over 20 years, with the last 13 years being associated with Washington USSSA. Over the years, Brendt has established himself as one of the top players on the West Coast, as well as being one of the most sought after pitchers in the Northwest. He has been named to 6 All-World teams, with 4 of those being as the MVP. He has been named to 7 All Tournament teams in Major NIT's, along with numerous other All-Star selections in other tournaments throughout the years.

Brendt has never been the kind of person to talk about, nor keep track of, his personal batting average or Home Run totals. Let it suffice to say that because of his abilities, and what he brings to the game, he has always had a place on the top teams, wherever he has chosen to play. Brendt feels very fortunate to have had the opportunity to travel around the country, to acquire new friends wherever he goes, and to play the game that he loves.