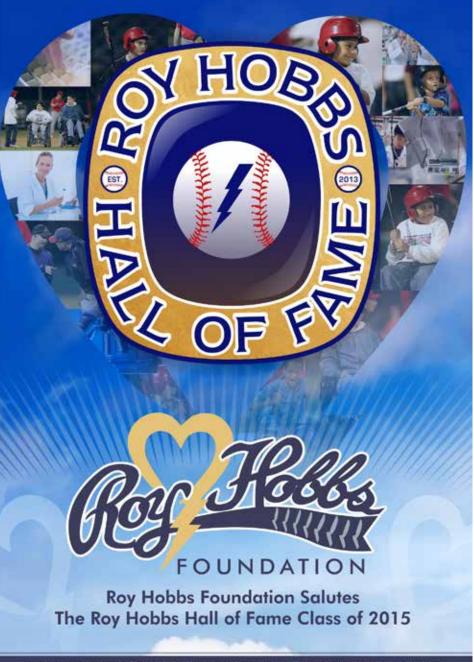


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Welcome to the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame

On behalf of the Roy Hobbs Foundation Board of Directors and the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Trustees, we would like to welcome you to the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame and thank you for taking the time to be a part of the 2015 celebration of Baseball Excellence within our Community.

Congratulations are in order for each of the 10 members of the Class of 2015 and the 2 inaugural recipients of the newly created Hall of Fame Ambassador of Baseball award. We want to recognize and celebrate their contributions to the game of Baseball, to their teammates and to the greater amateur Baseball community, which has benefitted so much from the visible and invisible efforts and gifts of these passionate baseball-loving individuals.

The Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame is guided by the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Trustees, who developed the Mission Statement that has been the guidepost throughout the nomination and election process, which includes voting by the existing members of the Hall. We want to express our heartfelt appreciation to the Trustees and to the many volunteers who spent the time to gather background data on the nominees for getting us to this day.

The Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Mission Statement:

The Roy Hobbs Baseball Hall of Fame is established to recognize and honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the game of baseball through their involvement with Roy Hobbs Baseball for at least 10 years, the Roy Hobbs World Series and their local leagues and teams. Individuals shall have made contributions as players, coaches, managers, umpires and administrators. Contributions should have been made on and off the field of play, all impacting the dugout; a prime consideration for induction is the individual's contributions to the qame, their teammates and baseball colleagues.

We thank you for your commitment, passion and love of Baseball. We appreciate your presence here to express your appreciation as we celebrate the accomplishments of today's honorees.



Best regards,

Tom Giffen Chair, The Roy Hobbs Foundation President, Roy Hobbs Baseball Member, Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Trustees

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Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Process involves input from nominators, references & members of the Hall of Fame

The Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Board was developed in 2011-12 to honor outstanding baseball service and accomplishments on and off the field of amateur baseball players in the Roy Hobbs ranks.

A volunteer Board of Trustees was formed in 2012 and tasked with developing a set of criteria and writing a mission statement. That group of 7 individuals developed basic criteria and selection process as well as a Mission Statement, which today reads:

"The Roy Hobbs Baseball Hall of Fame is established to recognize and honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the game of baseball through their involvement with Roy Hobbs Baseball for at least 10 years, the Roy Hobbs World Series and their local leagues and teams. Individuals shall have made contributions as players, coaches, managers, umpires and administrators. Contributions should have been made on and off the field of play, all impacting the dugout; a prime consideration for induction is the individual's contributions to the aame, their teammates and baseball colleagues."

During their 2015 discussions, the Trustees decided to establish the Ambassador of Baseball Award and named it after the first recipient, Brian Mullen. The Hall of Fame selection process starts with nominations, which can come from anyone, and a nomination form is available at royhobbs.com on the Hall of Fame page. Complete data on the nominee is important, and references are very helpful to the process.

The nominations are turned over to a vetting committee whose members interview the nominator and any references listed on the nomination. Members of that committee compile reports on each of the nominees for the Trustees.

The nominations and supporting materials are then sent to the Hall of Fame members – more than 100 pages of data on nominees for the Class of 2015 – along with a ballot ... anyone receiving a vote on 70% of the ballots returned by the Hall of Fame members is elected.

The Trustees validate the members' vote and then review the nominations of anyone receiving at least 50% of members' vote for possible inclusion. The Trustees then vote to see if anyone will be added to the current class.

There is no target number to elect each year.

The Ambassador of Baseball Award will be selected by the Board of Trustees each year. Nominations may come from anyone with an interest, and the number of individuals so honored each year will be at the discretion of the Trustees.

2015 Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Honorees



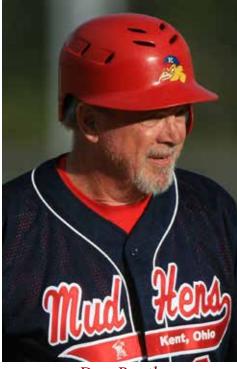
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THE MUDHENS FAMILY CELEBRATES DON BOOTH

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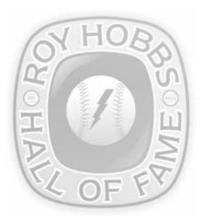
VETERANS MASTERS LEGENDS CLASSICS VINTAGE TEAMS



Don Booth

Father Mudhen





Don Booth is more than a baseball player. He's also more than a manager, administrator or coach.

He's a leader and builder of Roy Hobbs around his hometown of Kent, Ohio, where he runs the Kent MudHens' 4 teams. He was a founding member of the MudHens 38s team.

For 15 years he has been the chairman of Northeast Ohio Roy Hobbs Board of Governors. That means more than signing forms, filling out lineup cards and making a few phone calls.

Roy Hobbs Hall of Famer Joel Weinstein wrote in his vetting document for Booth's Hall of Fame nomination about some of what the 74-year-old retired Chrysler executive does.

"I was told by them (four players) that the only reason they are still playing baseball is the encouragement and leadership from Don," Joel wrote. "They feel there would be no team or league without Don. One of them described Don as a second father."

Booth has been retired for 14 years and has put his added leisure time to good use as a youth league softball and baseball coach.

Oh, then there's his work with Challenger Baseball. There's little surprise Booth, who has been playing in the World Series since 1995, was deemed worthy of the Hall of Fame.

Yet ... "I was a little taken aback," Booth said of receiving the news. "It's a wonderful honor. I had no clue about it."

And his organizational labor? "I just help do the paperwork," Booth said.

-- Glenn Miller



Warren Clark

No courtesy runner here

Darren & Clark



Warren Clark's route to the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame skipped the customary stops.

No high school baseball. No college baseball. Heck, he was the first guy cut from his high school baseball team.

Clark was a trackman at St. Joseph Regional High School in Montvale, N.J. and at Villanova University. Although he wanted to do track and baseball in high school he was told it had to be track.

"I didn't get my fill of baseball in high school or college," Clark said.

When he was 36, Clark, who will turn 64 on Dec. 17, re-kindled his love of baseball.

The Ridgewood, N.J., resident has participated in more than 20 Roy Hobbs World Series. He also manages and recruits players, including family members.

Hall of Famer Mic Stump vetted Clark's nomination and talked to pitcher Bob Skolbar, who lost a no-hitter when Clark bunted in the seventh inning. Skolbar didn't let it bother him.

"I'd have a no-hitter on my resume," Skolbar told Stump. "But I wouldn't have a best friend."

Away from baseball, Clark is a lawyer and municipal judge. At the ballpark he's organized a team named after his father and an uncle, the Bub Global Dodgers.

The old trackman says his former sport has helped him continue playing baseball.

"When you score what do they call it?" Clark said. "A run."

He works at staying fit and has run all the way to the Hall of Fame.



Dave Cooper

A life filled with baseball

Waie Looper



Dave Cooper is all baseball all the time. Or so it seems.

"My days are filled with baseball," the 58-year-old resident of Belle River, Ontario, said. "My years are filled with baseball."

The new Roy Hobbs Baseball Hall of Famer does more than play the game. He's a coach and administrator and has a son, Andrew, pitching in the Washington Nationals organization.

And now Cooper is a Hall of Famer. "It's exciting and humbling at the same time," Cooper said.

Over the summer he coached the Tecumseh Thunder to a provincial championship and runner-up in Canada's national tournament.

His list of Roy Hobbs titles is so numerous he can't remember all. "I don't keep track," Cooper said.

That's understandable given how much baseball he has played and coached. Cooper recalls one year at the Roy Hobbs World Series when he was 45 he played 3 consecutive weeks in 3 age divisions and played in 30 games.

"All 9-inning games," he pointed out. His enthusiasm for baseball is boundless.

"His passion for the game never wavers as he has coached and played in thousands of games and treats each as it his last," said Dave Bortell, who has played with Cooper.

He's also grown Roy Hobbs in Canada and has brought teams to Fort Myers every year. He's playing 2 weeks in this year's World Series.

Thirty games in 3 weeks might be a bit much, even for Dave Cooper. He's now 58, after all.

-- Glenn Miller



Gary Dover

Paying Back The Game



Gary Dover is certainly flattered by his Hall of Fame selection but doesn't want the honor to be about him.

"I feel an urgent sense of responsibility for paying back the game for all it's given me," Dover said.

The game has given Dover a great deal. Friendships. Competition. A sense of community.

Dover, a 59-year-old CPA and resident of Franklin, Tenn., has also played the game with skill and enthusiasm. He's used his CPA skills to serve as treasurer and board member of Middle Tennessee Adult Baseball. Dover has also played on World Series championship teams in three age divisions, 40B, 48AA and 55B. He's a 4-time team MVP at the World Series.

Recently, he heard about the Hall of Fame. His reaction?

"I thought it would be all about me," Dover said. "Oh, look at me. I'm in the Hall of Fame. It wasn't that at all."

One of his initial reactions was, "How did I get here?"

Like many Roy Hobbs players he once played softball.

"I refer to it now as the "s" word," Dover said.

But chance meetings with fellow 2015 inductee Kevin Marden and Hall of Fame president Tom Giffen led him to baseball when he resided in Akron, Ohio. He started playing Roy Hobbs there in 1991.

When he was vetted for the hall, compliments tumbled forth from those who know him.

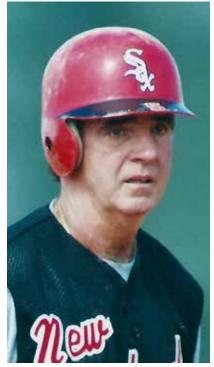
"Great teammate."

"Gentleman."

"Quality human being and dear friend."

And now, Hall of Famer.

-- Glenn Miller



Kevin Marden

Impressive championship resume

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Kevin Marden's Roy Hobbs' resume may be unparalleled.

• Six World Series championships in 3 age divisions with the New England Red Sox, 5 in AAAA divisions.

• Three-time World Series MVP.

• Two-time champion in the father/son division with his son, Kevin Marden Jr.

 Seven championships as manager of the New England Red Sox women's teams. Anything else?

Oh, yes, the 69-year-old (as of Nov. 5) Newton, Mass. resident is now a Roy Hobbs Hall of Famer.

"Overwhelming," Marden said of receiving that news. "I knew at one point in time I would be on the ballot."

His Hall of Fame candidacy supporters included former big-leaguers Bill Lee, Gary Allenson and Rick Miller, who all played not only for the Boston Red Sox but also on Marden's New England Red Sox.

"Every time he's won the World Series I've been on the mound for the final out," said Lee, who pitched 14 years in the majors.

Lee said he's also played fast-pitch softball with Marden and said Marden has done a great deal for women in baseball. And he's a good player.

"A tremendous hitter," Lee said of Marden.

Marden started playing in the Newton (Mass.) Little League in 1957 and then played Babe Ruth ball, high school ball, started for four years at the University of Massachusetts and in 1966 played in the prestigious Cape Cod summer league.

The highlight of his career may have been playing with his son, Kevin Marden Jr.

"The experience of being on the field with your kid is unbelievable," Marden said. -- Glenn Miller

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Denny Brown

Living a baseball dream



Many Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame inductees are stunned when they receive the news about their selection. Not Denny Brown.

"I kind of knew it was coming along," said Brown, a 69-year-old resident of Palo Alto, Calif.

He served on the first Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame board, which made him ineligible to be selected. He's now off the board this year, which opened the door.

Brown earned the Hall of Fame honor with more than 20 years of managing and league duties in northern California. It's a big job, one that involves more than 100 players on different Antiques teams.

The team even has a website, antiquesbaseball.com,

The Antiques slogan is streamed across the top of the site.

Here's the slogan: "Baseball for old guys who can still play."

Brown is still very much a baseball player, one who relishes everything involved with the game from the camaraderie to the skill and fitness needed to keep playing.

"It's the people, the physical challenge," Brown said. "Not many can handle the physical challenges of baseball at our age."

Brown can still play and he's returning again to Fort Myers this year for another World Series.

"Field of dreams," Brown said of playing on big-league fields every fall.

Brown has lived a baseball dream, winning several Roy Hobbs titles, organizing the Tri-Valley League, coaching his daughter's softball teams and his son's baseball teams when they were young

-- Glenn Miller

CONGRATULATIONS TO DENNY BROWN and CLYDE JONES 2015 Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Induction



From the Norcal Antiques, Norcal Giants, and the Norcal Oldtimers Baseball Association



Clyed Jones Sr.

Baseball an avocation

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Clyde Jones Sr. continues spreading the news about Roy Hobbs Baseball, a continent and country away from Fort Myers.

He's done it as a player, founder of the Solano Braves (1991) and Fairfield Masters (1998), league official, manager and publicist of sorts.

A few months after his NorCal Antiques won the 65-and-over Class A Division of the 2012 World Series, the newspaper in Solano County, Calif. where he resides profiled him.

The Daily Republic featured a photo of Jones in his uniform and the story sported this headline: "After 18 years, Jones wins World Series ring." The Daily Republic profile noted that, "Jones had been to the final four three other times with various teams."

Jones, 68, has accomplished much on and off the baseball field. He has an MBA and is a financial professional who has worked for a Fortune 100 company and is a Navy veteran.

But Baseball has stayed a constant in his life.

In 1963, he played for Gene's Lounge semipro team at age 15 in his hometown, Alton, Ill. The team included remnants of Negro League teams. He played service ball, and once out on his own as a professional, he looked for places to continue his chosen craft – a baseball player. And now he is a Hall of Famer.

Jones said he plans to bring about 20 family and friends from California for the induction ceremony. That group will include his 84-year-old mother.



Randy Moselle

A fixture in Minnesota Amateur Baseball

Randy Moselle



Most baseball players never make one Hall of Fame.

Randy Moselle is now in two.

The Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame is the second to honor the 61-year-old resident of Rogers, Minn. He was inducted into the Minnesota State Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 2012. Moselle has now played 28 times in the Minnesota State Amateur Baseball Tournament.

In recent years, though, that tournament has taken a back seat to the Roy Hobbs World Series. "All of our summer baseball is now pre-conditioning for the Roy Hobbs," Moselle said.

For a Minnesota native who lives only about 20 miles from Minneapolis, the opportunity to play on the Minnesota Twins spring training fields is always a treat. It's also a recruiting tool when he asks potential players to try Roy Hobbs.

"That catches their interest," Moselle said.

Moselle played Babe Ruth, high school, junior college baseball and then at the University of Minnesota.

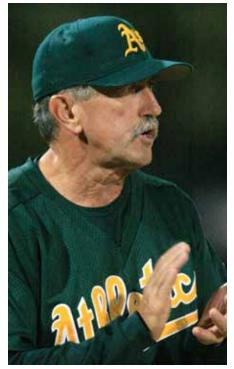
One of his current teams is the Loretto Larks, who list his age on the roster this way: ?

There's no question about his Hall of Fame selection. He has one RHWS AAAA championship to his credit and numerous final four finishes. He's also earned the honor by helping grow Roy Hobbs in Minnesota.

His wife of 38 years, Diane, hopes to attend the induction ceremony with their two grown daughters.

The best part of Roy Hobbs for Diane, though, isn't the wins or awards.

"I think camaraderie of the guys," Diane said. "The relationship of guys from all over Minnesota. A sweet bunch." -- Glenn Miller



Mike Murphey

Softball isn't baseball...

Auto

Mike Murphey's adult baseball story is similar to that of many Roy Hobbs players in some ways.

He spent years playing fast-pitch softball and was so good and such an efficient organizer that he was inducted earlier this year into the Spokane (Wash.) Softball Hall of Fame.

But like many Hobbs' players, softball isn't baseball so when the chance to play again came in 1993 he leapt at it.

"Baseball is where my heart is," said Murphey, a Spokane resident.

Now, he's being inducted into his second Hall of Fame in 2015.

"This was completely unexpected," Murphey said. "An overwhelming honor."

He earned the honor through talent, organizational wizardry and business savvy. Murphey, 64, organized a baseball league in Eastern Washington in 1996 and has been active in area leagues since.

He also convinced Roy Hobbs to add the Locker Room option in 2008 and has been running that since. Murphey also operates fantasy camps for the Oakland A's and Seattle Mariners.

Murphey enjoyed playing softball.

"Fast pitch was a great game," Murphey said. "Challenging. But it wasn't baseball."

Since starting baseball leagues in the Spokane area he has recruited players.

"I converted a lot of softball guys to baseball," Murphey said.

He's made the long cross-country trip from Spokane to Fort Myers for 16 years to play in the World Series. He's sampled other adult baseball groups but believes Hobbs offers the best experience.

Murphey has helped make it even better.

-- Glenn Miller



Marty Stanczyk

"What else could be better?"

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Marty Stanczyk turned 60 in July and knows he's lucky to still play baseball. It's something the Westmont, Ill., resident reminds teammates about when they come to Fort Myers for the Roy Hobbs World Series.

"What else could be better?" Stanczyk said. "We're playing baseball, we're 55 or 60 years old and we're in Florida in the middle of November on the best fields. And we're not dead."

No, Stanczyk is very much alive and now he's a Roy Hobbs Hall of Famer. The news of his selection was welcome.

"He was beyond words," said Nancy Stanczyk, his wife of 36 years.

The Stanczyks are very much a baseball family.

"We always have time to talk about baseball," Nancy said.

Marty and Nancy met at Comiskey Park during a Chicago White Sox game when they were in high school.

Their son, Luke, played baseball at Benedictine College and he has played with his father in the Roy Hobbs father/ son division.

But, Nancy said, Marty nearly lost baseball and much more in 2007 when he was diagnosed with melanoma in an eye. He needed surgery but postponed it until after that year's World Series. He then had surgery and has been cancer free since.

He's also had 2 knee surgeries but nothing, it seems, can keep him away from baseball.

He started organizing adult amateur teams in the early 1980s, later found out about Roy Hobbs and has been playing in the World Series since 1991. -- Glenn Miller



Roy Hobbs HoF Trustees establish Ambassador of Baseball Award

Looking for an additional avenue to honor individuals for their meritorious service to Baseball, the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Board of Trustees established the Ambassador of Baseball award this past summer.

The initial honorees are Brian Mullen and Charles 'Chuck' Nave, both Lee County residents. Both will be recog-

nized at the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame induction ceremonies November at Pinchers Marina at Edison Ford.

The Trustees then voted to name the award for Brian Mul-

len The Trustee's Mission Statement for the award says: Roy Hobbs' Brian Mullen Ambassador of Baseball Award is presented during the annual Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Recipients celebration. (not to be confused with inductees) are associated with Rov Hobbs Baseball and are selected at the discretion of the Roy Hobbs

Hall of Fame Trustees. Recipients are recognized with a plaque for their Meritorious Service as an Ambassador of Amateur Baseball.

The development of the Ambas-



Brian Mullen

Chuck Nave

sador of Baseball award was the result of many voices suggesting that recognize Rov Hobbs Mullen for his vears of service to the World Series, service to Roy Hobbs players and service to the Game, said Roy Hobbs President Tom Giffen. "A common theme running though those messages was that Brian Mullen was an Ambassador of

the Game. For Roy Hobbs, the establishment of the Brian Mullen Ambassador of Baseball recognition seemed like 'The Natural' thing to do."

> The Brian Mullen Ambassador of Baseball award is determined at the sole discretion of the RHHoF Trustees. Honorees will be presented at the annual Hall of Fame induction celebration. and their names will be included on a perpetual plague that hands in the Roy Hobbs World Series headquarters.

> > Ambassador of Base-

ball nominations will be accepted via email to <u>RHHoF@royhobbs.com</u>, and nominators will be asked to provide verifiable data in support of anyone they nominate.



Brian Mullen: Ambassador Namesake

Every baseball fan knows about those rare creatures – fivetool players. Those are guys who can hit, hit with power, run, throw and field.

Brian Mullen, the first recipient – and namesake – of the Roy Hobbs Ambassador of Baseball Award, is a five-tool player, albeit 5 different tools

Five tools? He's got them in abundance.

- Scorekeeper
- Announcer
- Site manager

• Statistician / help seed playoff fields

Customer relations

The last item may be the most important to the 56-year-old Mullen.

"The players are the real stars," said Mullen, a Fort Myers resident. "If they didn't come down I wouldn't have a job."

Mullen has been a fixture at the Roy Hobbs World Series since 1994, its second year in Fort Myers. He estimates he's seen more than 1,500 Roy Hobbs World Series games in that time.

And it seems he can recall every game, team and player.

When Roy Hobbs Baseball vetted Mullen's Ambassador candidacy, the praise gushed forth in geysers of



Brian Mullen

compliments.

From Roy Hobbs Trustee Willie Boyd: "Brian is a walking computer, very helpful and a smile that's very contagious."

From umpire Tim McGoldrick: "Brian has affected me personally in life by witnessing a true man who loves baseball in all aspects."

Manager Bonnie Fear: "Brian is the perfect example of the Ambassador to

the game of baseball and the Roy Hobbs organization."

Umpire Bob Spangler: "His presence is one of the reasons I look forward to going to Fort Myers every year. ... He has affected my life by helping me realize that the event is not just about wins and losses but it is about the friendships and people at the event."

From Roy Hobbs President Tom Giffen: "Brian sets the standard for working with customers on a oneon-one basis. He is the guy with the perpetual smile and a personal firstname greeting for everyone."

Yes, Brian Mullen is an Ambassador with a capital "A."

He does it all, like a five-tool player.

And he does with a smile for everybody.



CONGRATULATIONS BRIAN MULLEN!

The first recipient and namesake of the Ambassador of Baseball Award.

Brian Mullen did not play the game, but he is the prototype for the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Ambassador of Baseball. He has a passion for the game, for the people who play the game; he sets an example with his Attitude and his Customer Service. His Love for People and the Game itself make Brian Mullen 'The Natural' to be the Ambassador of Baseball.

Congratulations! Your teammates and colleagues.

CONGRATULATIONS CHUCK NAVE OUR AMBASSADOR OF BASEBALL



You have made our world a better place

your teammates Hooters's Owls & Blues and the Bahama Breeze Islanders & Bandits



Chuck Nave: Spreading the Word...

Chuck Nave grew up playing baseball and working and living where thousands of Roy Hobbs players movie chronicles a Scottish runner, Eric Liddell, who must balance his faith and love of running at the 1924

come every fall. He has lived since infancy on Sanibel Island, attended Cypress Lake High School in south Fort Myers, lettering in football and basketball as well as baseball.

That's where he met his future wife, Barb. They married in 1971 and share 2 children, an abiding Christian faith and, of course, a love of baseball.

Nave, 65, has combined his faith

with baseball in recent years, spreading the word of both on missions to Moldova, a country the size of Maryland nestled between Romania and Ukraine.

He's an inaugural Roy Hobbs Ambassador of Baseball recipient.

"We do a lot of talking about giving back to society, and to the game we love so much," Roy Hobbs president Tom Giffen said. "Chuck embodies those principles. He doesn't have to say much, he just lives what he believes, and we all benefit from that."

Nave's love of sports and faith merge in a quote he likes from the 1981 film "Chariots of Fire." The



Chuck Nave

Olympics. "I believe God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast," Liddell says. "And when I run I feel his pleasure."

Barb said when Nave, a pitcher, played baseball the sensation was the same. "When he played baseball he felt God's pleasure," she said.

He spread the word of baseball to Moldova beginning in 2006, teaching children baseball

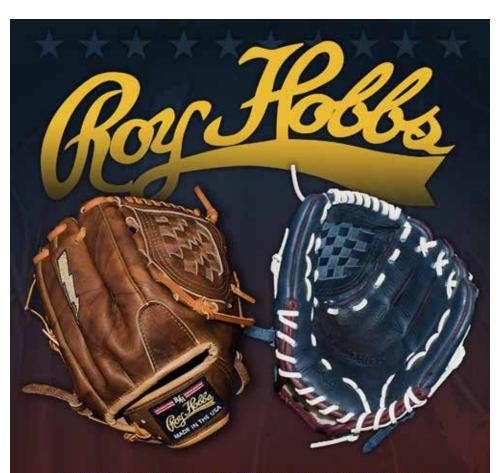
and English and sharing his faith. Nave spent 3 weeks that year in Moldova. "They use baseball as a tool," Barb said.

Both have seen the quality of play improve since 2006. Barb said in the beginning nobody wanted to play the outfield because nobody could hit baseballs to the outfield, something that Nave is as adept at as he is in keeping opposing hitters from doing.

At home, Nave is as accomplished in his profession as he is in baseball. He is a certified master plumber who retired in 2014.

And now he's a certified Ambassador of Baseball.

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The Natural – burnished walnut coloring with a distressed leather look, a throwback to the quality gloves of the 50s & 60s, gloves that many young players of that era used well into their adult playing lives.

The Wonderboy – A Navy-blue glove with burgundy accents and cream-lacing, a classy approach to the non-traditional look for Baseball Gloves, a glove that will catch your attention with its styling, coloring and classic baseball design.

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