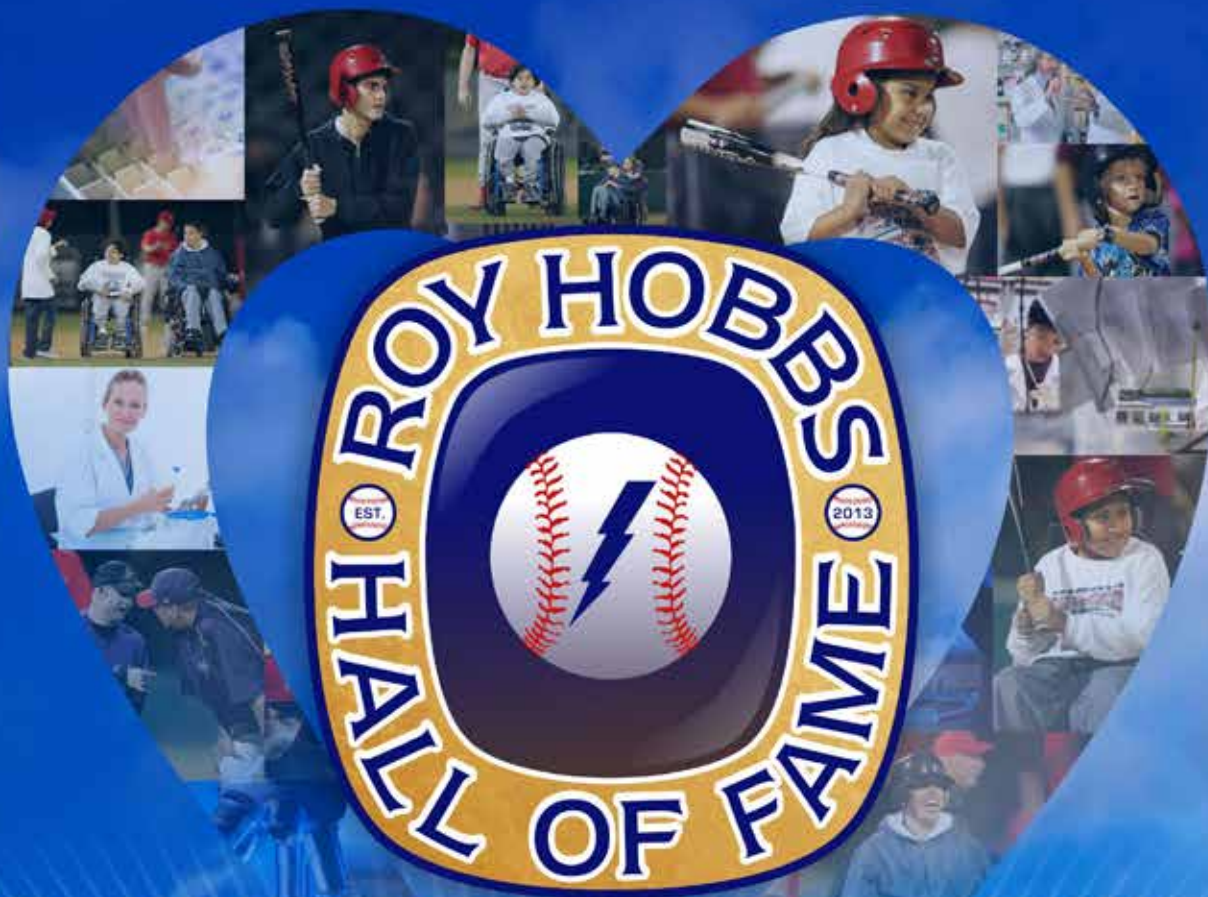


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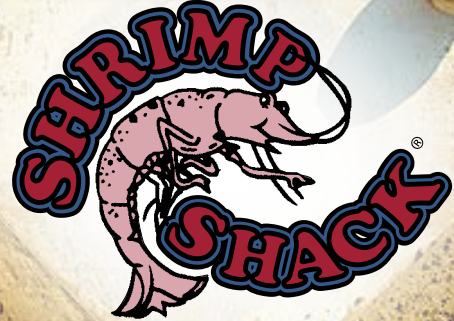
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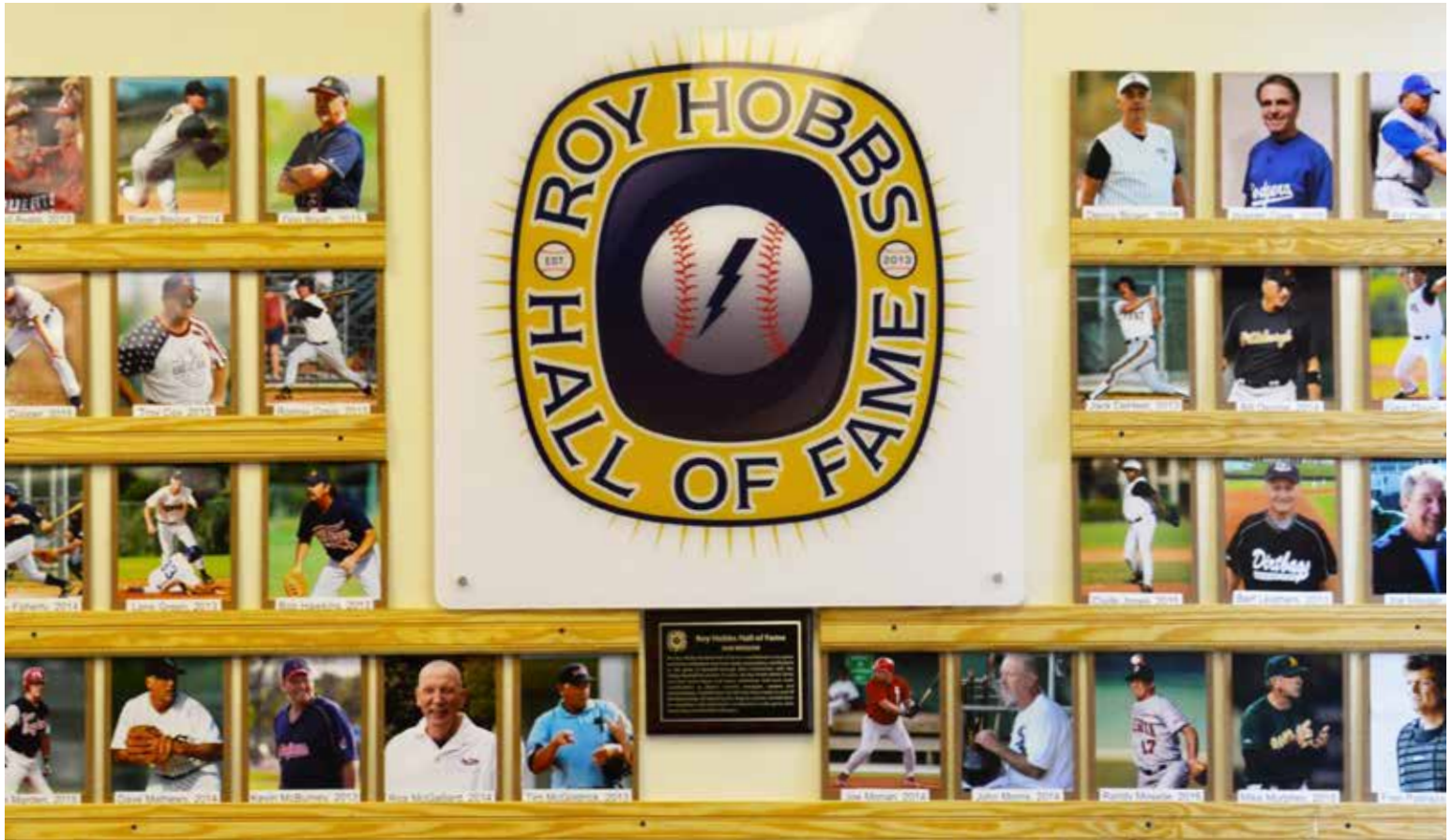
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Nominations for the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame and the Ambassador of Baseball award are accepted January through June 1. Go to royhobbs.com, click on Hall of Fame, and click on Nominations. Complete the form and click on submit; only on-line forms accepted. Please keep in mind that 3 additional references are required and that letters of recommendation and other supporting materials are very important. That additional material may be mailed to Roy Hobbs Baseball / Attn: Hall of Fame / 4301-100 Edison Avenue / Fort Myers FL 33916.

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October 1, 2016

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 2016 celebration of Baseball Excellence within our Community.

Congratulations are in order for each of the 11 members of the Class of 2016 and the 2 recipients of the Hall of Fame's Brian Mullen Ambassador of Baseball award. We want to recognize and celebrate all of 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 game, 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. Please know that all proceeds from the annual Hall of Fame Induction Celebration go to support the mission of the Roy Hobbs Foundation.

Best regards,




Tom Giffen, HoF 2015
Chair, The Roy Hobbs Foundation
President, Roy Hobbs Baseball
Member, Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Trustees



Denny Brown, HoF 2015
Chair, RH Hall of Fame
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Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame involves many aspects

Process includes input from nominators, references & HoF members

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

The Roy Hobbs Foundation, which oversees the Hall of Fame, recruited a volunteer Board of Trustees in 2012 and tasked that group with developing a set of criteria and a mission statement. That group of 7 individuals developed basic criteria and selection process as well as a Mission Statement, the second generation of which you can find elsewhere on this page.

While the Mission Statement places emphasis on contributions off the field, it does not rule out excellence on the field, and the Trustees have attempted to make it clear that character in the Dugout is an important part of any nomination for excellence on the field.

The Mission Statement was updated in 2015, while at the same time, the now-12-member Board of 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. The nominators and references are asked a series of questions via email, and their answers go into the packet of material the screening committee compiles on each nominee.

The nominations and supporting materials are then sent to the Hall of Fame members – more than 80 pages of data on nominees for the Class of 2016 – along with a ballot ... anyone receiving a vote on 70% of the ballots returned by the Hall of Fame members is elected. In 2016, there are 36 members of the Hall, and 29 voted, meaning nominees needed 21 votes for election.

The Trustees validate the members' vote and then review the nominations of anyone receiving at least 50% of members'

Induction festivities Nov. 13; Get tickets at RHWS offices

The Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Trustees cordially invite you to join them and the Roy Hobbs Baseball staff for the 2016 Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Inductee Dinner and Ceremony Sunday, November 13.

The RHHoF celebration will be held at the Dolphin Room of The Shell Factory in North Fort Myers. A new Roy Hobbs sponsor, TheShell Factory is located at 2787 North Tamiami Trail (Business US 41), about 3 miles north of the Caloosahatchee River.

Social time starts at 6 p.m., with a multi-station buffet served at 6:50 p.m., to be followed by the induction ceremonies at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Admission is by ticket, which may be purchased in advance at player registration or at the World Series Headquarters, by email request to km@royhobbs.com or on line at royhobbs.com/halloffame. A limited number of tickets will be available at the ceremonies.

Ticket prices are \$45 for guests over age 21, and \$25 for guests ages 10-20. Children under the age of 10 are free. Tickets include dinner, and, for those 21 and over, there will be 2 tickets for beer or wine.

All ticket orders must be placed before end of business on Nov. 12.

vote for possible inclusion. The Trustees then vote to see if anyone will be added to the current class. It takes a 70% vote of the Trustees as well.

There is no target number to elect each year.

The Ambassador of Baseball Award is 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. There is no target number on Ambassadors, either.

-- Tom Giffen, President, Roy Hobbs Foundation

RH Hall of Fame Mission Statement

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Dave Harvill

Baseball — A lifetime journey of fun



Dave Harvill

Never underestimate the emotional wallop of a phone call, especially the one informing you you've been elected to the Roy Hobbs Baseball Hall of Fame.

Just ask David Harvill.

"I was overwhelmed," he said. "I truly had tears in my eyes. I don't often blubber but I did that night."

Harvill, 78, has done a great deal in his life. He has been married to DeAnna for 58 years, they have 4 sons and 13 grandchildren, and he enjoyed sales career at Johnson & Johnson.

But baseball has also been an important part of his life. He has played on 13 Roy Hobbs World

Series championship teams, he threw out the ceremonial first pitch at a Detroit Tigers game in Comerica Park in 2005.

"A lifetime journey of fun," DeAnna said.

Now this.

"How could it get any better?" DeAnna said.

Not bad for a guy who was away from the game for decades. When he was a young man Harvill was busy raising 4 boys

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What did he say?

What got you hooked on baseball? "We lived in California during World War II and my mother took me to a park. As we were starting to leave we walked by a baseball field where some men were playing baseball. I was only 5 ... and immediately fell in love with the game."

What keeps you playing? "Love of the game, great friends and teammates and to maintain a healthy lifestyle."

What do you say to people who think you play softball? "I tell them I don't play softball because it's too dangerous."

What's your favorite Roy Hobbs memory? "My favorite was in 2008 as my team was walking off the field after winning the semi-final game my wife, DeAnna, said, "Congratulations on your new great-grandson."

What does it mean to be elected to the Hall of Fame? "It is a great honor and very humbling."

JD Hinson

Baseball — A fixture in his life

The name J.D. Hinson is synonymous with baseball around Asheville, N.C., and indeed throughout the western part of the state.

And it has been for decades, dating back more than 40 years to when Hinson played on the state 3A championship team at Enka High School in 1970.

Now, those glory days are long gone and that teenaged high school player is 62, the father of three and grandfather of six.

But baseball has been a fixture in his life ever since he was a prep standout, from compiling a 745-390 record as baseball coach at Charles D. Owens High School

and coaching Babe Ruth Baseball teams to state titles and building Roy Hobbs teams in North Carolina. Hinson was a champion in high school and has won many more titles through 25 years of Roy Hobbs Baseball.

"Baseball has been very important in my life," Hinson said.

He has played on 6 Roy Hobbs championship teams, 5

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J.D. Hinson

What did he say?

How did you get hooked on baseball? "In September of 1969, my driver's ed teacher ... invited me to play. I tried out in February of 1970, made the team ... He made me feel wanted and the rest is history."

What keeps you playing? "The love of the game! The wins and championships are great but just watching other players excel and work through some tough times ... That means so much to me."

What do you say to people who think you play softball? "I understand they look at me and think he is too old to play real baseball. But I invite them come watch our team play on Sunday afternoon."

What's your favorite Roy Hobbs memory? "Celebrating with my teammates when we won our first Roy Hobbs World Series championship."

What does it mean to be elected to the Hall of Fame? "Words can't express how I felt when I got the call ... I just felt so blessed, for not only me but the Hinson Family."

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JD Hinson #28 Carolina Rockies

"Mr. Hinson has been a positive mentor in my life. He has consistently shown me the fine balance between the seriousness of life and the need for play. He is an honest, open, humble man who inspires integrity and strength of character. He is able to make you laugh while correcting you and able to create life lessons out of challenging situations." – **C. Reed**

"My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person. He believed in me, always seeing the good even when I couldn't. He always strives to help others see the beauty in themselves and in the lives they are given. We all experience trials, but how we deal with adversity is what defines our character. My father's wonderful achievements throughout his athletic career are a matter of record, but most inspiring are his achievements off the field. His character, life values and compassion for people are what make my dad stand apart. I am eternally grateful not only to know this man, but also to be able to call him my father. I am so proud of him for being inducted into the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame. They couldn't have picked a better man." – **Nikki Roland**

"Fathers have many responsibilities, all of which can be daunting at times, especially when those you love most are at stake. One of these responsibilities is to personify the character traits you work so diligently to instill in your children. My dad took a unique approach in teaching my sisters and me what it means to relentlessly pursue your dreams – he used baseball. You learn quickly that you can't win without TEAM. You have to work together. You have to execute the plan and get your teammates into position to score. My dad was a master at teaching us TEAM. No one person is bigger or more important than the TEAM. The lesson I cherish most is this. He showed us what it means and looks like to play for something bigger. To live for something more. That's what makes my dad a Hall of Famer. He lives for something more and pushes those around him to do the same. Congrats Dad. We saw it all along." – **John Hinson**

"If you know my daddy, you would agree the 3 most important things in his life are his relationships with God, second his family and third baseball. Growing up, my siblings and I spent most of our time playing 'the game' my daddy is so passionate about. And I wouldn't trade a second of it for anything. As a coach and player, he has led by example, showing so many how to work hard, never give up, play fair and always dream big. Words can't express how proud I am of my daddy for his accomplishments not only on the field but off as well. He has been a great baseball player but an even better daddy, mentor and friend. I love you coach, and I will forever be grateful for what you have taught me through your love of the game." – **Jennifer Wright**

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Gerry Huppmann

Baseball — ‘The best drug in the world’



An unfamiliar phone number popped up on Gerry Huppmann's cell phone in August. Everybody knows that moment of doubt. Please don't let it be a telemarketer.

Huppmann considered not answering but then thought it might be one of his children needing help and using another phone number. He answered.

His kids were fine. The caller jolted him with unexpected good news. Huppmann, 60, had been elected to the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame.

"I was floored," said Huppmann, a resident of Providence Forge, Va. "I was speechless. My wife and

kids won't believe that."

But they're sure to believe Huppmann, a father of three and grandfather of five, earned the honor.

Huppmann is a Hall of Famer for many reasons – as a player, commissioner, groundskeeper, Special Olympics fundraiser,

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What did he say?

How did you get hooked on baseball? "There are two answers to that. I was a below average child in regards to stature and my skill set. Baseball provides opportunity ... for those willing to work hard. And the mid-60s and early 70s were the time the Orioles became a viable contender. Memories of old Memorial Stadium still resonate in my mind."

What keeps you playing? "My teammates, their families, our opponents, and my family."

What do you say to people who think you play softball? "That game has its place, just not with me."

What's your favorite Roy Hobbs memory? "Winning the 2000 AA championship with the Richmond Riverdogs. Post-game handshakes with opponents and exchanging favorable words with opponents."

What does it mean to be elected to the Hall of Fame? "Many thousands of folks have participated in or contributed to the World Series over its many years. Being a Hall of Fame member from such a large group is quite humbling."

Frank Murphy

Baseball — A diamond of a coach & teammate

Like countless others before and since, Frank Murphy used to play a popular game in the Chicago area – 16-inch softball.

But Murphy grew up on baseball, from his days on the West Lawn (Ill.) Pirates Little League team, to high school and college ball at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. in the early 1970s.

Softball? Then, though, came a chance to play baseball again in the mid-1980s. It felt right.

"I was never going to go back to softball," said Murphy, a Chicago resident.

Now, more than 30 years later, Murphy, 67, has played on championship teams in the Oak Lawn League and also coached and managed and recruited other teams to the league and assembled teams for the World Series.

Through the years of playing, coaching, managing, serving as an administrator and recruiting, he has impressed other Roy Hobbs players with his character and dedication.

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Frank Murphy

What did he say?

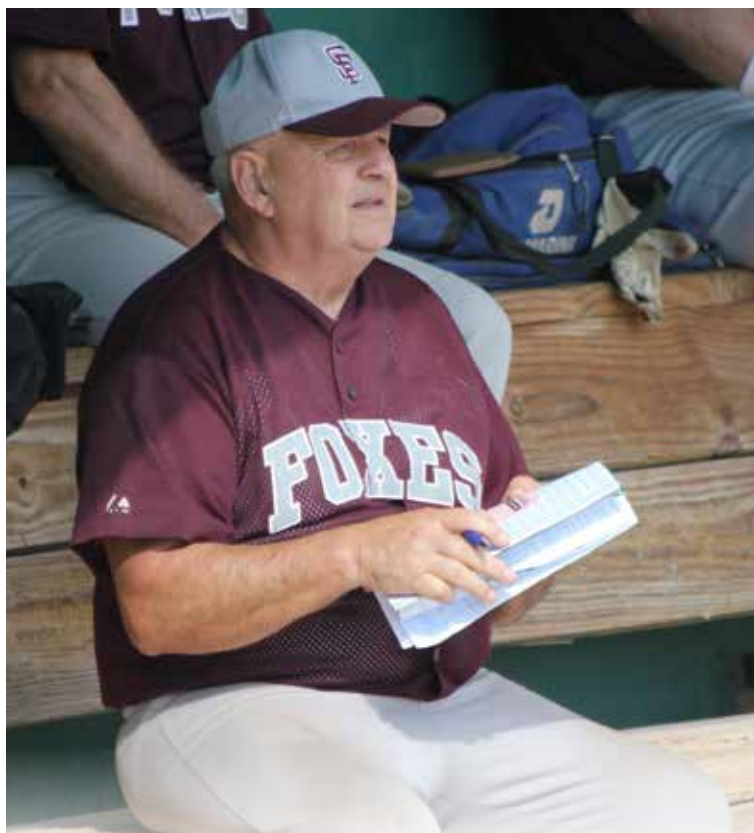
How did you get hooked on baseball? "My cousin Jim Hartung ... got me started when I was around 8- or 9-years-old. We'd play fast pitch against the school wall and spent hours playing grounders in the backyard."

What keeps you playing? "... the love of the game and all of the friendships made along the way."

What do you say to people who think you play softball? "I get the softball question a lot. I just say it's baseball, the real game. They're usually surprised."

What's your favorite Roy Hobbs memory? "My favorite memory is walking onto the Kansas City Royals Baseball and Boardwalk stadium for the first time in 1991."

What does it mean to be elected to the Hall of Fame? "I feel very honored and humbled to be considered among the other great people who are already inducted. I'm so grateful to my peers for this honor. One of the best highlights of my life because I've been playing this game as much as I did as a kid."



DICK KISSIK

CONGRATULATIONS FROM

The Silver Foxes Baseball Club of Rhode Island

The entire RIMA Baseball League congratulates Dick and his family on this very special honor. It may be fair to say that no one loved playing at the Roy Hobbs World Series more than Dick, and his presence will be felt here for years to come. Dick spoke so highly of this event within his league that RIMA Baseball has entered multiple teams to compete in several age divisions for nearly a decade. Thanks to Dick, and special people just like him, hundreds of players will have wonderful memories of our time on these fields challenging ourselves against great players who love this game.

Dick Kissik

Baseball — ‘Because we can play’

Linda Kissik recalls how excited her husband Dick was in 2015 when he heard about his nomination for the Roy Hobbs all of Fame.

“He said, ‘Oh, God, what an honor,’” she said. “He thought it was an honor just to be nominated.”

Kissik wasn’t elected to the Hall of Fame in 2015. Now, a year later, Dick Kissik is in the Hall of Fame. But he didn’t live to hear the news. He died at the age of 72 April 27 after battling heart disease for several years.

Linda and Dick would have celebrated their 50th anniversary on May 7.

Linda talked about her husband and how the high school sweethearts met at a dance when they were students at Cumberland (R. I.) High School. Now, her sweetheart is gone and she’s still grieving. “I get weepy a lot,” Linda said.

She and Dick spent their lives together, raised 3 children and built a half-century of memories, dating back to that dance. Linda was only 16 at the dance and she can recall what he said.

“He said you must know me, I’m Dick Kissik, I play baseball,” Linda said.

She didn’t know this Dick Kissik boy and didn’t know anything about baseball and didn’t care, and when they danced he stepped all over Linda’s feet.

It wasn’t an auspicious beginning. But she learned about the boy and how good a baseball player he was even if he wasn’t much of a dancer.

He was the catcher on the 1962 Cumberland High team that won the school’s first state title in 30 years. He then starred at Providence College and was good enough to play in the LA Angels farm system for the Thetford Mines Miners in Quebec.

After playing pro ball in 1964 and 1965, Kissik returned to Rhode Island to start a family. He spent most of his working life as a driver of tractor trucks.

“He loved that job,” Linda said. “He was his own boss.”

He also loved baseball and hankered to return to the game and started playing adult baseball in 2004 and then in 2007 was a co-founder of the Rhode Island Massachusetts Association (RIMA), which is affiliated with Roy Hobbs.

“He was the catalyst in starting the league,” said Glenn Wilcox, a nephew and teammate on the Silver Foxes.

He was a revered figure in the league. The month of August was devoted to Kissik in the league, his number 8 was retired league-wide and on May 1 a moment of silence was observed.

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Dick Kissik

Roger Laurella

Baseball — Oak Lawn's Most Valuable Person

Roger Laurella might be the MVP every year of the Oak Lawn Roy Hobbs League near Chicago.

That's MVP as in *Most Valuable Person*.

"Absolutely!" said Bonnie Fear, who nominated Laurella and whose husband Bill has played in the league.

Laurella, who turned 58 on Halloween, is the man who has made the league thrive for a quarter of a century.

You name it and Laurella does it.

Start a Roy Hobbs league? Yes.

Umpire? Yes.

Schedule and pay the other umpires? Yes.

Schedule games and work as a groundskeeper and lend money to teams to keep them in the league and just about anything related to maintaining a league? Yep.

And play? Indeed.

"If it wasn't for Roger I don't think we'd have a league," Bill Fear said.



Roger Laurella

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What did he say?

How did you get hooked on baseball? "The game objective. ... What I mean. ... The most difficult thing to do in all sports is to use a 2¾-inch club to hit 9.5-ounce round ball being thrown at various speeds and directions."

What keeps you playing? "Camaraderie, history/tradition of the game, and I am still having fun."

What do you say to people who think you play softball? "To each his own. If they play softball and enjoy it, more power to them. I just say, 'I play the real game with overhand pitching, full size fields, base stealing, bunting' and then sit back and laugh at their reaction."

What's your favorite Roy Hobbs memory? "The first Roy Hobbs World Series I participated in 1989 in Orlando. To see beautifully manicured fields. ... Words can't describe how I excited I was."

What does it mean to be elected to the Hall of Fame? "A humbling, great honor that hasn't sunk in yet."

CONGRATULATIONS

ROGER LAURELLA



"I had only met Roger 5 years ago when I was playing for a brand new team, made up with guys I never knew. I was just a lowly 2nd baseman at the time. The first 2 years of our existence were to say the least a bit rough. I started going to league meetings, knowing this team may not last. I spoke with Roger only a few times as he was an umpire only, and president of the league. I expressed my concerns, and

Roger always said, "it will work out, let me know what I can do to help." I said I could use another player, Roger looked around and said, he would play for us "if we would have him." I'm from Chicago, so it is an honor to have the president of our league in our back pocket! Lo and behold, Roger wasn't half-bad, as a matter of fact, he was good. Since Roger has joined us, he has been our starting 3rd basemen, and has hit in the middle of our lineup. He has a hockey mentality in a baseball body. I would say the same about Brooks Robinson. He dives for every ball, leaps tall buildings, and runs into fences for us. He consistently makes that long throw from 3rd to 1st look easy. The player aside, Roger is much more. He has been president of the Roy Hobbs Oak Lawn League since 1992; he is a baseball umpire, a hockey and soccer referee. Roger doesn't do things halfway -- he goes all the way. His teammates and I are proud to have Roger as part of our team, but most of all, WE are proud to have Roger as a friend.

-- George Laidlaw, Manager

From All of his "Chicago Blues Brothers," Congratulations to Roger and Cindy, on a well-deserved honor.

DAVE MYDLAND

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MANAGING AND ORGANIZING
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Dave Mydland

Baseball — His middle name is South Dakota

In a sparsely populated land faraway from the palm trees, sandy beaches and ball fields of Lee County and the Roy Hobbs World Series, Dave Mydland has helped build adult baseball in South Dakota.

The state's population is about 860,000. To put that in perspective, Lee County's population is roughly 661,000.

In Lee County one can't go to grocery stores or drive a couple of miles without bumping into ballplayers or ball fields.

Not so in South Dakota's wide-open spaces. From his hometown of Sioux Falls, Mydland, 62, has not only helped grow Roy Hobbs Baseball but also adult senior baseball in general. He's organized teams and brought them to Arizona and Florida for the World Series for 23 years, at Roy Hobbs every year since 2004.

Dave 'Baseball' Mydland has been synonymous with amateur baseball in his state for more than 30 years. He's known as the Founding Father of adult baseball in South Dakota.

"He's pretty much the driving force," said Hank Lawson, who has played with Mydland since 1991.

Mydland scours the state for ballplayers. Most of his players are farmers or schoolteachers.

Unlike in Florida or California, he just can't head down the road to fill his roster. Mydland builds teams with players

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David Mydland

What did he say?

How did you get hooked on baseball? "My mother was a big baseball fan, and we listened to the Yankees on radio and the Saturday afternoon game of the week with Dizzy Dean and Pee Wee Reese."

What keeps you playing? "It keeps me young."

What do you say to people who think you pay softball? "You must be thinking of my sister."

What's your favorite Roy Hobbs memory? "The championship we won in 2008."

What does it mean to be elected to the Hall of Fame? "A great honor, which comes with great surprise and humility."



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Carl Rakich

Baseball — Yes you can play baseball at any age

For more than half a century Carl Rakich has excelled on baseball diamonds in and around Akron, Ohio, and Southwest Florida.

Rakich was a 3-time all-city second baseman and pitcher at Akron Central High School in the mid-1960s. Then at the University of Akron he was a 4-year starter at second base and co-captain in 1968 and 1969.

Now, at 69, after participating in 25 Roy Hobbs World Series, Rakich has earned another honor – election to the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame.

After his collegiate career ended, Rakich moved on to the Akron AA League, one of the top amateur leagues in Ohio, but in his early 30s, he hung up his spikes and thought he was done with baseball.

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Carl Rakich

What did he say?

How did you get hooked on baseball? "Baseball has been a passion of mine since I was a small child. My dad and uncles were all good athletes."

What keeps you going? "Besides passion for the game, it's having the opportunity to participate in hardball and knowing that even at advanced ages we don't have to give it up."

What do you say to people who think you play softball? "Softball is for 'old guys – we play 'The Real game.'"

What's your favorite Roy Hobbs memory? "Pride and satisfaction I have felt in working with the Challenger Baseball program participants and their families. ... Thanks to Roy Hobbs, I have been able to 'give back' in a very special way and experience a feeling of accomplishment that is equal to or even greater than anything I have known in my baseball career."

What does it mean being elected to the Hall of Fame? "It's a tremendous honor. What makes it so special is that it never could have happened without having the opportunity to participate in the 'National Pastime' long after I thought my playing/managing days were over."



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Lanny Ropke

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Lanny Ropke

Baseball — At home with a bat or a yoke

Lanny Ropke may be as amazing in the air as he is on baseball fields.

He flew Huey helicopters in Vietnam in the late 1960s and then became an American Airlines pilot for 33 years, flying jets such as the 727, 757, 767 and 777.

Speaking of numbers, here are astounding baseball statistics and tidbits on the retired pilot:

- He's participated in more than 2,500 games, batted more than 8,000 times while playing for 59 teams and participating in 43 tournaments.

- The Woodland, Calif., resident was an all-star in his local league every year from 1991 to 2010.

- As a founder of the Labor Day Best of the West tournament, he helped grow it from 10 teams in 1992 to 40 teams in 2015.

Now, at 70, Ropke is going into the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame.

He attributes his longevity to good fortune. "Well, I have been blessed with a body younger than my chronological years." He added, "When I was 60 I felt like I was 45."

Now, though, age is catching up to him. "Last year I noticed,"

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Lanny Ropke

What did he say?

How did you get hooked on baseball? "Started by watching my dad play when I was about 6 years old. I wanted to be like him."

What keeps you playing? "Friendships, camaraderie, exercise, personal challenge, deep sense of competition, and just a love of the greatest game ever played."

What do you say to people who think you play softball? "I correct them gently and say, 'We play the real game, not an unreasonable facsimile.'"

What is your favorite Roy Hobbs memory? "Playing on the same team with my two sons who also love baseball. It was such a surreal feeling playing next to the little guys I taught to play, starting with a wiffle ball and plastic bat I bought."

What does it mean to be elected to the Hall of Fame? "To be recognized for 30 years of hard work by the guys you play ball with is just the icing on an already blessed cake of life."

Ron Staples

Baseball — A consummate dugout builder



Ron Staples

Even by Roy Hobbs Baseball standards, Ron Staples has played an enormous amount of baseball.

"I've played 62 years," Staples said.

That's a long time, indeed.

"Since I was 8 years old," Staples said. "I haven't stopped."

That includes some years of fast-pitch and modified fast-pitch softball, but since his days in the Lakewood (Wash.) Little League in the 1950s the 70-year-old Staples has rarely stopped playing ball.

Well, there was that year in the Army in the 1960s, but other than that Staples has played and played and played ...

He's also won and won and won ...

Staples, a retired banker and Gig Harbor, Wash., resident, has played on 8 Roy Hobbs World Series championship teams, 7 with the Washington Titans and 1 with the San Diego Padres last year in the Timeless Division.

Since 1989 he's missed only 2 World Series despite having

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What did he say?

How did you get hooked on baseball? "I was hooked on baseball at the age of 8 and have never stopped playing. I've only missed 1 year when I was at Fort Polk, La., for basic training that summer."

What keeps you playing? "I keep playing because of my love for the game along with the quality of character and talented individuals that I'm privileged to play with."

What do you say to people who think you play softball? "When people think that we play softball I immediately let them know that we play hard ball just like the Seattle Mariners."

What's your favorite Roy Hobbs memory? "Our first World Series championship in the 55 and over division in 2005 in which we won 2-0. I shared the MVP award that year with our pitcher Bart Waldman."

What does it mean to be elected to the Hall of Fame? "What an exciting and tremendous honor to be elected to the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame. This represents the pinnacle of my lifetime involvement with the sport of baseball and especially the last 26 years associated with the Roy Hobbs World Series."

Dave Zavracky

Baseball — Carrying the gear & making plays



Dave Zavracky

Roy Hobbs Baseball is about more than balls and strikes, hits and errors, wins and losses. Just as important and maybe even more important are camaraderie, building friendships and bonding toward common purposes.

Dave Zavracky, 66, combines the best of both worlds – talent and character, a man who can help you win on the field and is a pleasure in the dugout.

"He's a good guy to have on your team," said Doc Pollack, a teammate of Zavracky's on the Livingston (N. J.) Dodgers. He's the sort of fellow, Pollack said, who carries equipment to the field and cleans up after games.

Pollack should know. They've known each other more than 30 years, even longer than Zavracky has played in Roy Hobbs.

Zavracky is as much of a fixture in Fort Myers it seems as the palm trees. He's played in 22 consecutive World Series.

"I've been doing this so long I've lost track," Zavracky said.

The Navy veteran, who played fast-pitch softball when he was in the service, is a man of many parts. The Mt. Arlington, N.J., resident also umpires high school baseball and softball.

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What did he say?

How did you get hooked on baseball? "When I was growing up, my mother loved the Brooklyn Dodgers. Duke Snider, #4, was her favorite player. Then I saw the movie 'Pride of the Yankees.' Lou Gehrig was also #4 ... became my favorite player. Now I play for the Dodgers - #4. Isn't that serendipitous!"

What keeps you playing? "For me winning isn't everything. ... Wanting to is."

What do you say to people who think you play softball? "Most anyone who is fit can play softball. Not everyone who is fit can play baseball."

What's your favorite Roy Hobbs memory? "Roy Hobbs Baseball has allowed me and other players from around the world to come together to showcase our skills and compete. For this I am eternally grateful."

What does it mean to be elected to the Hall of Fame? "... it's not been something I ever thought was possible. Perhaps the love I put into the game is coming back to me – big time."

2015 Induction Photos



2015 Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Induction: 1) Bill Russo (L), Jack DiGiovanni & Gary Dover; 2) Don Booth entertains Jim Grove (L) & Dave Vowles; 3) HoF members: Tom Scull (L), Tommy Faherty & Doc Pollak; 4) Program begins; 5) Don Booth & presenter John Berger; 6) Dave Cooper & presenter Ian Mosher; 7) Marty Stanczyk & presenter son Luke Stanczyk; 8) Mike Murphey; 9) Denny Brown & presenter brother Jeff; 10) Clyde Jones & presenter Tom Giffen; 11) "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" with Gary Dover (L), Mike Murphey, Kevin Marden & Nick Maione, grandson of Don Booth; 12) Kevin Marden & presenter Bob Anderson; 13) Randy Mosselle; 14) Warren Clark & presenter cousin Kevin Clark (L); 15) Gary Dover & presenter Dave Harvill (L); 16) Brian Mullen; 17) Mike Shevlin models Chuck Nave's jacket of 27 RH patches; 18) 2015 Ambassadors: Roger Tabor (L) friend, HS classmate & Nave employee, accepted the award, with presenters Fran Podraza & Mike Shevlin, & award namesake & recipient Brian Mullen; 19) RH HoF Class of 2016.

-Photos by Greg Wagner

Gerry Huppmann

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helping build a sports facility, loyal friend, team organizer and more.

The call came just a few weeks short of his Sept. 14 birthday. "There's no better way to celebrate your 60th birthday," he said.

Huppmann knows the game from a perspective many players and fans don't. He's been head groundskeeper at 2 sites for the Atlanta Braves' AAA farm team – the Richmond Braves from 2000 to 2008 and the Gwinnett Braves from 2008 to 2012.

That gives him an appreciation for the quality of fields in the Roy Hobbs World Series.

"Playing on a surface like that is a treat," Huppmann said.

What is perhaps an even bigger treat is playing at Terry Park, a site where dozens of MLB Hall of Famers played from the 1920s through 1980s, legends such as Ty Cobb, Bob Feller, Roberto Clemente and more.

"Kind of hallowed ground," Huppmann said. "Their ghosts still haunt that place."

It's part of baseball's eternal allure that brings Huppmann back every fall and helps him recruit players

"I tell them," Huppmann said of baseball "It's the best drug in the world to get addicted to."

– Glenn Miller

Frank Murphy

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"I can't say if he is a better coach or a better teammate because he is great as both," said Steven Partlick, who has played with and against Murphy since 1984.

There is no surprise that Murphy has earned his election to the Hall of Fame.

Some things can't be counted or weighed or measured. These include intangibles such as thoughtfulness and generosity.

During the Hall of Fame vetting process Partlick spoke of the time he and a teammate, Rich Budziak, showed up at the World Series without a hotel room.

"Frank was newly married but he and his wife had an extra room and had us stay with them," Partlick said.

That's Frank Murphy.

The days of 16-inch softball are long gone. Murphy has been a World Series fixture as player and manager since 1991, when the event was held around Orlando.

He still recalls the thrill of playing on pro fields there.

"I was blown away," Murphy said of playing in big-league spring training stadiums.

The game of 16-inch softball didn't have a chance against such experiences.

– Glenn Miller



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Lanny Ropke

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he said.

Other baseball people have noticed Ropke over the years for his ability and character. They know that in 1987 Ropke was on the board of directors for the original Roy Hobbs league in Woodland.

They know how hard he has worked to keep the league vibrant. He has been commissioner of managers, competition commissioner, umpire coordinator, vice president, field maintenance coordinator and president.

He's also worn multiple hats with the Labor Day tournament. "Baseball would not be in Woodland if it weren't for Lanny - period!" Woodland player Ron Williams wrote in an email. "The time and effort that he has put into making Woodland work is inconceivable to any that has not done what he has done. ... It is no walk in the park to keep a league running as Lanny has done for many years."

And he's not done. ...

- Glenn Miller

Roger Laurella

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Laurella started with Roy Hobbs in 1989 but began playing adult baseball a few years earlier, before Roy Hobbs was founded. In the mid-1980s, his baseball goal was simple.

"Some of us just wanted to keep the dream alive," said

Laurella, a resident of Evergreen Park, Ill. The dream was to play baseball as grown men. Now 3 decades later Laurella is keeping the dream alive for many.

At one point, he said, Oak Lawn had 36 teams. It's now down to 24 but the organizational wizardry to keep that functioning would exceed the capabilities of most people. Not Laurella.

The extent of his labors is unknown. "I don't think any of us really know what he does, he just does it for the love of the game," Hall of Famer Vito Ruscio said in a reference letter to the Hall of Fame committee.

It's love of the game and organizational talent that earned Laurella the Hall of Fame. It's not because of winning multiple World Series titles. Heck, Laurella hasn't even been to the World Series since 1996.

It's for what he does behind the scenes that makes him a Hall of Famer and MVP - Most Valuable Person.

- Glenn Miller

Dick Kissik

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Linda recalls asking Dick and one of his old high school teammates, Walt Dusza, who played Roy Hobbs with him, why two such old, well, fogies were still playing the game.

"They both looked at me and said, 'Because we can play,'" Linda said.

That was Dick Kissik, a baseball player from childhood and into his 70s, even if wasn't much of a teenage dancer.

- Glenn Miller



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Ambassador of Baseball Award celebrates service to the game

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 in 2015 and named it for one of the initial recipients: Brian Mullen.

Juliet Hawkins of West Chester, Ohio, and Bob Molbert of Fort Myers, are the 2016 honorees. See more on them on page 24.

Hawkins and Molbert will be

recognized at the RHHoF celebration November 13 at the Dolphin Room of The Shell Factory in North Fort Myers. The Shell Factory is located at 2787 North Tamiami Trail (Business US 41), about 3 miles north of the Caloosahatchee River. Social time starts at 6 p.m., with a multi-station buffet served at 6:50 p.m., to be followed by the induction ceremonies at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Mullen and Charles 'Chuck' Nave, both Lee County residents, were honored in 2015.

The development of the Ambassador of Baseball award was the result of many voices suggesting that Roy Hobbs recognize Mullen for his years of service to the World Series, service to Roy Hobbs players and service to the Game, Roy Hobbs President Tom Giffen said.

"A common theme running through 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 plaque that hangs in the Roy Hobbs World Series headquarters.

The selection of Mullen as the namesake is reflected in his impact on the Roy Hobbs World Series since he joined the Hobbs staff in 1994.

Glenn Miller wrote this about Mullen in 2015:

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

"Brian Mullen ... is a five-tool player, albeit 5 different tools

"Five tools? He's got them in abundance.

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- Announcer
- Site manager
- Statistician /

helps seed playoff fields

- Customer relations

"The last item may be the most important to the Mullen. 'The players are the real stars,' he said. 'If they didn't come down, I wouldn't have a job.'

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



Brian Mullen

Brian Mullen Ambassador of Baseball

Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Brian Mullen Ambassador of Baseball Mission Statement

Roy Hobbs' Brian Mullen Ambassador of Baseball Award is presented during the annual Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame celebration. Recipients are associated with Roy Hobbs Baseball and are selected at the discretion of the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Trustees and are recognized with a plaque for their Meritorious Service as an Ambassador of Amateur Baseball.

Ambassador of Baseball nominations will be accepted via email to RHHoF@royhobbs.com, and nominators will be asked to provide verifiable data in support of anyone they nominate.

Brian Mullen Ambassador of Baseball Honorees

Juliet Hawkins, 2016

Rob Molbert, 2016

Brian Mullen, 2015

*Charles 'Chuck' Nave, 2015

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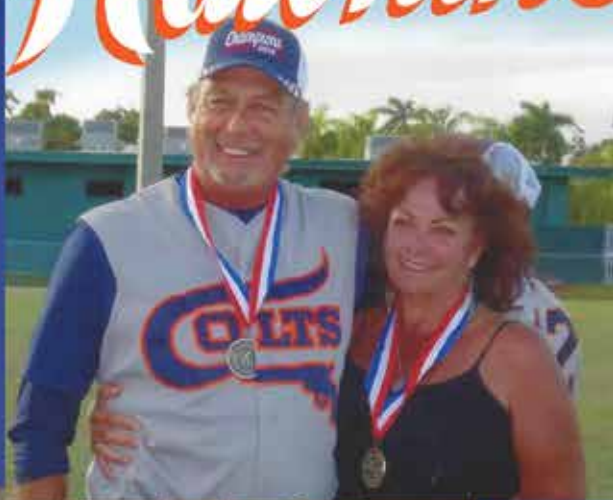


Juliet Hawkins

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2016 Ambassadors

Juliet Hawkins & Bob Molbert are leaders in the people business

Roy Hobbs Baseball is a people business. There is no factory turning out widgets or steel or automobile tires. It's not about products flowing off assembly lines.

It's all about people. It's about dealing with people, greeting them at the gate or answering questions or fetching a shirt or explaining rules or schedules.

That's also how teams are built and why Roy Hobbs thrives.

It takes people such as **Juliet Hawkins** and **Bob Molbert** to make teams succeed and people want to come back again and again to the Roy Hobbs World Series.

That's why they are the recipients of the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame 2016 Brian Mullen Ambassador of Baseball Award.

Anybody connected with Roy Hobbs as a player or umpire likely knows the Cincinnati Colts and Hawkins a.k.a 'Baby-Baby.'

The Colts are known as a family and a big part of that is due to Juliet and her husband, Bob, a charter member of the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame, inducted in 2013. Bob is known simply as Hawk. Juliet is called Baby-Baby.

Hawk and Baby-Baby, who married in 2003, have built a large baseball family. Juliet has become known as the "heart and soul" of the organization, which was founded in 1996 as a 45-plus team. And it is an organization.

Thanks in part to her dedication, love and guidance, the Colts are a family of more than 200 players, wives, children and friends. Each of them certainly knows the grown woman known as Baby-Baby.

Juliet is a fixture at Colts' games, attending more than 100 games in each of the past 10 years or so.

Attending more than 100 games each year works out to more than 1,000 games over a decade. .

And it's about more than showing up and greeting people with a smile. Bob says her influence has helped build the Colts into a competitive organization, which has brought home 3 Roy Hobbs World Series titles, 4 second-place finishes and 10 bronze medals. All told, that comes to 17 World Series medals.

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BOB MOLBERT 2016 AMBASSADOR OF BASEBALL

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Carl Rakich

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When he was a boy and his father was about 40 and throwing him batting practice, it was inconceivable to the youngster that a man his father's age could play baseball.

"I thought he was an old man," Rakich said.

Back then there wasn't anything around such as Roy Hobbs.

Like countless former high school and college baseball players, Rakich found another outlet. "We ended up sliding into softball and never conceived we could play baseball," he said.

It's the way things were done. It was the way of his father's generation and every baseball playing generation before had done things.

"You gave it up because it was time to give it up," Rakich said.

That was then. Now, ballplayers such as Rakich can keep playing, and, boy oh boy, has he taken advantage of the opportunity!

His Akron Blues team once posted a 56-game winning streak from 1991 to 1993. His teams have compiled a 440-53 record from 1991 to 2015. That's an improbable .890 winning percentage.

Talking his old college and AA teammates into returning to the field, he has given back to the game as a coach, manager, organizer, cheerleader and a Roy Hobbs Challenger Baseball volunteer.

Rakich and a core group of teammates have played together over the decades and have competed in the 30s, 40s, 50s, and 60s age divisions.

"Our kids grew up watching us play baseball," Rakich said.

- Glenn Miller

Dave Mydland

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from town such as Rapid City and Aberdeen and maybe farms located between towns.

It's not easy. Mydland, who owns an insurance agency, said the team he brought last year had only 12 or 13 players. Yet, his teams compete and even won a title in 2008.

Mydland is also in the South Dakota Baseball Hall of Fame,

which named him its Man of the Year in 2015.

Mydland, who played baseball at South Dakota State, has been a fixture in his state's baseball culture as a player, organizer, administrator, recruiter and more.

Now, he's in another Hall of Fame.

"I'm sure there's some more deserving than me," Mydland said.

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Dave Harvill

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and working. He didn't return to baseball until he was 54 and signed up for a Tigers fantasy camp in 1992.

In his first fantasy camp game, he went to bat without a helmet. Growing up playing as a boy in Missouri he never wore one.

He's come a long way from that first camp.

He's done it with skill, even on big stages. DeAnna was asked if her husband threw a strike in Comerica Park during that opening pitch ceremony.

"Absolutely!" she said.

Hall of Famer Gary Dover noted in his nomination that Harvill "is a true ambassador for the game."

DeAnna still recalls the first moment she saw her husband on a baseball field.

"That's where he belongs," she remembers thinking.

Now he belongs someplace else – the Roy Hobbs Baseball Hall of Fame.

– Glenn Miller

JD Hinson

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with the Asheville Sox and 1 with the Carolina Rockies. Hinson has coached, managed, organized, recruited and encouraged countless ballplayers over the decades.

Hinson doesn't take good fortune for granted. "I'm thanking my Heavenly Father for allowing me to be around the game," Hinson said.

He's done it with faith, class and passion, qualities he has passed on to his children and now grandchildren.

"Without his influence of character, passion, zeal and faith, I would not be the man I am today," said his son John Hinson II, who played baseball at Clemson and in the Astros organization.

Now the elder Hinson sees the passage of time through baseball and his son and their respective positions in the world.

"John used to be known as J.D. Hinson's son," Hinson said. "Now I'm known as John Hinson's father."

He is also known now as a Roy Hobbs Hall of Famer.

– Glenn Miller

Ron Staples

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to travel all the way from the Great Northwest to Florida.

When he was vetted for the Hall of Fame honor, Staples was praised as a "consummate team builder" and a person who "set a standard of hard-nosed play and perseverance."

He has also helped teams win. In addition to his 8 titles, Staples has earned 4 Roy Hobbs silver and 5 bronze medals.

Staples is not done. He played 14 games in 14 days in the 2015 World Series and is playing in 2 divisions again this year.

On a summer night came the call telling him he had been elected to the Hall of Fame. He was astounded and asked, "Are you serious?"

His wife, Cheryl, was there and heard his reaction.

"Oh, my goodness, he was so surprised," Cheryl said. "He

said, 'Are you sure?'"

Now on a fall night Staples is going into the Hall of Fame and Cheryl will be there for the ceremony.

"I am a crier," Cheryl said. "The tears will come down my face."

– Glenn Miller

Dave Zavracky

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When Hall of Famer Tom Scull (HoF 2014) was asked about Zavracky's he said simply that Zavracky leads by example.

Pollak manages the Dodgers but in 2009 he was hospitalized with a serious health condition. Zavracky filled in as manager and led the Dodgers to a World Series title.

Zavracky, of course, doesn't take credit for the championship. "The team just jelled," he said.

That's Zavracky. He did more than fill out lineup cards and make pitching changes during that World Series. He also stole 18 bases.

Zavracky is a songwriter guitarist who met his wife, Elana, when they were in a band called Remember When.

Here's another Remember When moment for Dave and Elena - his 2016 Hall of Fame induction.

– Glenn Miller

Ambassadors

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That's a lot of hardware by any measure.

No wonder she's earned the honor of being one of the two 2016 Roy Hobbs recipients of the Brian Mullen Ambassador of Baseball Award.

The other recipient is world-traveler Bob Molbert. He has traveled to numerous foreign countries but for more than 40 years has also officiated in basketball, baseball, softball and volleyball. He has been a baseball coach, announcer and booster club official.

Molbert started umpiring at the Roy Hobbs World Series in 1995. But, that wasn't enough for the tireless and dedicated Molbert. He became a field manager and a creative idea person for Roy Hobbs Baseball leaders. Now he's a site manager and oversees managers' check-in at the World Series.

Molbert is a familiar face of Roy Hobbs for many managers, players, fans and family members in his multiple roles.

He has represented Roy Hobbs at PDC, JetBlue, Terry Park and City of Palms, and is the Hobbs point-man for the annual Challenger Exhibition at CenturyLink Sports Complex. He works with Roy Hobbs on all of its Challenger projects, umpiring, serving ice cream, being a buddy and helping with directions.

Remember, Roy Hobbs Baseball isn't an industry or factory manufacturing items. It's in the people business, and Molbert is a people person who makes everyone feel welcome.

He's a problem solver and an indispensable Ambassador of the game and Roy Hobbs.

No wonder he has earned the honor of being named one of the two 2016 Brian Mullen Ambassador of Baseball recipients.

– Glenn Miller

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