



Spotlight shines on Hobbs Hall of Famers



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Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Class of 2021 honorees presented Saturday night at Ron Dao's Sports Grill, from left: Bob Misko, John Haraldsen, Dan MacDougall, Dick Hill, Micki Bortell & Paul Westwood. Micki Bortell represented Russ Bortell, who passed away in January.

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

The Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame officially added six new members Saturday night at an induction ceremony at Ron Dao's Pizzeria & Sports Bar in Fort Myers.

The new members from 2021 are Russ Bortell, John Haraldsen, Dan MacDougall, Bob Misko and Paul Westwood. Dick Hill, who was elected in 2020, was also inducted on Saturday.

The 2021 inductees Gary Fischer, Tim Doboszinski and Mike Miller were honored at a previous ceremony,

The 2021 Brian Mullen Ambassador the Year, Ian Mosher, was also honored.

The first 2021 honoree that Roy Hobbs president Tom Giffen, who was the MC for the event, focused on was the late Russ

Bortell, who died in January at the age of 63 from liver cancer. Micki Bortell accepted in her husband's honor.

"He would have loved it," Micki Bortell said.

The next 2021 honoree was Haraldsen. Giffen said he "personifies the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame."

The Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame is about more than accumulating statistics. Character is a critical factor in consideration for election.

That is certainly the case with MacDougall, who excelled on the diamond and as a physician who traveled the world helping the needy in dangerous spots. His wife, Lindsay, is also a physician and traveled the same places as Dan.

They traveled from Seattle to attend Saturday's ceremony.

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Giffen wondered what took the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame trustees so long to get around to electing Haraldsen.

Haraldsen has been to 31 Roy Hobbs World Series. What keeps him coming back?

"Camaraderie I think is the main thing," he said.

The next honoree was Hill, of whom Giffen said, "Dick is Mr. Baseball in Maine."

Hill built leagues and teams and made it possible hundreds of men to play baseball. He started recruiting players with a simple tack.

"If the men had white I asked if they wanted to play ball," Hill said.

Then came Paul Westwood from Pittsburgh.

"Paul is a special player, a special person," Giffen said.

Again, Westwood is case of an inductee who is not only a superb player but also a sterling person.

Giffen read a comment from long-time Westwood teammate Sammy Sibeto, who said Westwood "is the best player to ever play for Pittsburgh."

Westwood responded simply, "Thanks, Sammy."

Next up was Bob Misko, who has built the Orlando Baseball Association into a thriving league, growing it from 4 teams to 26. Again, it's about more than baseball.

"He is a humanitarian," Giffen said.

Misko and the Orlando Baseball Association donates time



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Presenting 2021 Ambassador honoree Ian Mosher via Facetime, with Dave Cooper talking about Ian cleaning up used baseballs, Meg Giffen handling the technical aspects with Ian, and Ambassador namesake Brian Mullen with a box of used baseballs to be delivered to Ian.

and money and sports gear and serves as role models to the SafeHouse of Seminole County in central Florida.

Mosher could not attend because the Nova Scotia resident is battling ALS. He attended the event through FaceTime.

The induction ceremony ended as it always does with the inductees singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

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Sunday's Games

Baltimore Orioles 2, Huntsville Havoc 1
Bronx Cardinals 1, Orlando Freedom 0
Carolina Rockies 8, Long Island Yankees 5
DC Mets 10, Kenmore Eastern Brewers 6
JD's Jaguars 11, Philadelphia Cutters 6
Long Island Express 14, Youngstown Astros 8
Maine Woods Baseball 13, Sacramento Buzzards 3
Midwest 9 16, Raynham Baseball Club 6
Minnesota Bandits 9, San Antonio Texans 8 (10)
Minnesota Bees 19, Cincinnati Colt .45's 1
Philadelphia Brewers 15, North Coast Nationals 5
Sacramento Tribe 26, Livingston Dodgers 3

Silver Foxes 9, Philadelphia A's 8
South Jersey Spikes 17, Tampa Sharks 1
St. Louis Chiefs 17, USA Volkers Group 6
Tallahassee Classics 10, Nova Scotia Monarchs 0
Toledo McGuire Group 13, Rhode Island Rockies 5
Washington Titans 9, Kent Mudhens 4

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Sunday's Games

Avengers 24, Maine Woods Baseball 0
Ironman Maiden 12, Kent Mudhens 75+ 4
Minnesota Saints 75's 14, Wonderboys-Cardinals 5
Sacramento Solons 12, Team America 75's 5
South Dakota Rushmores 11, Toledo McGuire Group 3
Tri-Cities 14, New England Red Sox 75's 4



*Kent MudHens
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Bronx Cardinals	1	0	1.000	0
Tallahassee Classics	1	0	1.000	0
Baltimore Orioles	1	0	1.000	1
Minnesota Bees	1	0	1.000	1
South Jersey Spikes	1	0	1.000	1
Maine Woods Baseball	1	0	1.000	3
Sacramento Tribe	1	0	1.000	3
Washington Titans	1	0	1.000	4
Toledo McGuire Group	1	0	1.000	5
Carolina Rockies	1	0	1.000	5
Philadelphia Brewers	1	0	1.000	5
St. Louis Chiefs	1	0	1.000	6
DC Mets	1	0	1.000	6
JD's Jaguars	1	0	1.000	6
Midwest 9	1	0	1.000	6
Long Island Express	1	0	1.000	8
Minnesota Bandits	1	0	1.000	8
Silver Foxes	1	0	1.000	8
Orlando Freedom	0	1	0.000	1
Huntsville Havoc	0	1	0.000	2
Long Island Yankees	0	1	0.000	8
Kent Mudhens	0	1	0.000	9
Philadelphia A's	0	1	0.000	9
San Antonio Texans	0	1	0.000	9
Kenmore Eastern Brewers	0	1	0.000	10
Nova Scotia Monarchs	0	1	0.000	10
Philadelphia Cutters	0	1	0.000	11
Rhode Island Rockies	0	1	0.000	13
Sacramento Buzzards	0	1	0.000	13
Youngstown Astros	0	1	0.000	14
North Coast Nationals	0	1	0.000	15
Raynham Baseball Club	0	1	0.000	16
Tampa Sharks	0	1	0.000	17
USA Volkers Group	0	1	0.000	17
Cincinnati Colt .45's	0	1	0.000	19
Livingston Dodgers	0	1	0.000	26

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	W	L	PCT	RA
Avengers	1	0	1.000	0
S. Dakota Rushmores	1	0	1.000	3
Ironman Maiden	1	0	1.000	4



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Washington Titans Steve Rapkoch crossing the plate vs. the Kent MudHens 65's

Tri-Cities	1	0	1.000	4
Minnesota Saints	1	0	1.000	5
Sacramento Solons	1	0	1.000	5
Toledo McGuire Group	0	1	0.000	11
Kent Mudhens	0	1	0.000	12
Team America	0	1	0.000	12
New England Red Sox	0	1	0.000	14
Wonderboys-Cardinals	0	1	0.000	14
Maine Woods Baseball	0	1	0.000	24



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VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG SCHEDULE

Vintage Monday's Games

10 AM

Tampa Sharks @ Baltimore Orioles CL2
 Minnesota Bandits @ Youngstown Astros CL3
 Long Island Express @ Raynham Baseball Club CL4
 Huntsville Havoc @ St. Louis Chiefs CL6
 Silver Foxes @ North Coast Nationals PDC1
 Midwest 9 @ Nova Scotia Monarchs PDC3
 South Jersey Spikes @ Minnesota Bees PDC4
 Sacramento Buzzards @ Philadelphia A's PDC5

1:45 PM

Livingston Dodgers @ JD's Jaguars CL3
 Long Island Yankees @ Sacramento Tribe CL4
 Bronx Cardinals @ USA Volkers Group CL6
 Cincinnati Colt .45's @ Maine Woods Baseball CLS
 San Antonio Texans @ Kenmore Eastern Brewers JBS
 Tallahassee Classics @ Philadelphia Cutters PDC3
 Orlando Freedom @ Washington Titans PDC4
 DC Mets @ Toledo McGuire Group PDC5
 Kent Mudhens @ Philadelphia Brewers TP2
 Carolina Rockies @ Rhode Island Rockies TPS

Forever Young Monday's Games

10 AM

Team America 75's @ South Dakota Rushmores CLS
 Minnesota Saints 75's @ Sacramento Solons JBS
 Tri-Cities @ Avengers PDC2
 Maine Woods Baseball @ Ironman Maiden TP2
 New England Red Sox 75's @ Kent Mudhens 75+ TP4
 Wonderboys-Cardinals @ Toledo McGuire Group TPS

Vintage Tuesday's Games

10 AM

North Coast Nationals @ Sacramento Buzzards CLS
 Washington Titans @ Philadelphia Brewers JB2
 Minnesota Bees @ Maine Woods Baseball JB3
 Huntsville Havoc @ Tampa Sharks JB4
 Cincinnati Colt .45's @ Philadelphia A's JB5
 Philadelphia Cutters @ Midwest 9 JBS

1:45 PM

Long Island Express @ Nova Scotia Monarchs CL2
 Sacramento Tribe @ JD's Jaguars CL3
 Rhode Island Rockies @ Long Island Yankees CL4
 Toledo McGuire Group @ Carolina Rockies CL6
 USA Volkers Group @ Orlando Freedom CLS
 Livingston Dodgers @ Tallahassee Classics JB2



Maine Woods
 65's left fielder
 Gad Holland
 loses his hat as he
 fires the ball back
 into the infield vs.
 the Sacramento
 Buzzards

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 Greg Wagner

Youngstown Astros @ Raynham Baseball Club JB3
 Kent Mudhens @ Silver Foxes JB4
 Kenmore Eastern Brewers @ Minnesota Bandits JB5
 DC Mets @ San Antonio Texans JB6
 St. Louis Chiefs @ Bronx Cardinals JBS
 Baltimore Orioles @ South Jersey Spikes TPS
 Tampa Sharks @ Minnesota Bees TPS

Forever Young Tuesday's Games

10 AM

Kent Mudhens 75+ @ Tri-Cities CL2
 Maine Woods Baseball @ New England Red Sox 75's CL3
 Sacramento Solons @ South Dakota Rushmores CL4
 Toledo McGuire Group @ Minnesota Saints 75's CL6
 Team America 75's @ Wonderboys-Cardinals JB6
 Avengers @ Ironman Maiden TPS



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Playoff pitching guidelines

Roy Hobbs requirement is that all pitchers who will be starters or closers in save situations (3-run or less difference in the 8th and 9th innings) qualify for the playoffs by pitching at least 2 innings – 6 outs or 10 hitters – during pool play.

AAAA qualifier teams may not add pitchers to their lineup after Pool Play concludes; however, Open Division teams may have pitchers arrive Wednesday – those pitchers must throw 5 innings or 25 hitters to qualify for the playoffs.

Finally, in the playoffs, those “non-qualified” middle-inning pitchers will come to the mound from their normal defensive positions where they started the game. That is as important as the “spirit of the rule” that these *non-qualified* pitchers who are used as “inning-eaters” are players who ordinarily are playing other positions.

And, please remember that any players leaving the RHWS Monday to return on Thursday MUST turn in their player ID Card and re-register upon their return. They must return before the quarterfinals of the playoffs, regardless of division.



50/50 raffle

50/50 raffle tickets, to benefit the Roy Hobbs Foundation, are available each day at the Player Development Complex. Tickets are \$1 apiece or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held in the patio area at the Player Development Complex at 5 PM Friday.

The Roy Hobbs Foundation was established to raise monies for research on finding a cure for Leukemia and to assist our Challenged Athlete friends.

Revenues from the 2020 RHWS led to some \$15,000 in contributions to MD Anderson Cancer Center, St. Jude Hospital in Memphis and to Southern Florida Challenger Athletes.



Results corrections

Please check the posted results and standings each day.

Managers should **contact Tom** at the Tournament Headquarters. Email to tg@royhobbs.com with corrections to scores.

That’s the best way to make sure that playoff seedings and pairings are as accurate as we can make them.



Please help with dugouts

Roy Hobbs Baseball and the grounds crews need your help in the dugouts.

When your games are over and you are leaving the dugout, please police it for trash and cups, etc. Your assistance in cleaning up the dugouts each day will be greatly appreciated.



First Aid

Two key First Aid items: Drink plenty of fluids while playing; don’t just wait until the game is over. Water will be available at the fields.

Second, be sure to stretch and loosen up before playing, or even re-entering a game.

In case of an emergency, contact the field manager at your

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Kent MudHens 75s Tim McLaughlin drives a single to right vs. the Ironman Maidens

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Kent MudHens 65s during the national anthem prior to their game vs. the Washington Titans

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site. He has the First Aid supplies and will contact 911 services as needed.

Ice is available for injuries ... check with the field manager on duty or go to the nearest concession stand to have the appropriate personnel paged. Roy Hobbs requests that managers plan for pitchers needing ice for their arms and to supply it.



Admission, \$1 a game

Admission continues at the Roy Hobbs World Series.

Admission is \$1 per game or \$5 for a tournament pass. Spectators will pay \$1 for entrance into each complex and are good for one day.

The \$5 tournament pass is available at RH Headquarters or from the Site Concierges at each security table; there is no family pass. The tournament pass is a plastic card that guarantees admission for that person for the duration of the RHWS. A loop comes with the tournament pass card for easy attachment to purses, beltloops, etc.



Playing site security

The active steps taken several years ago to deal with parking lot security will continue as parking lot theft issues have – knock on wood – not been an issue the last 7 years.

Are we out of the woods? No, it is a daily procedure and see NOTEBOOK on page 8



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effort to make sure parking lots are safe.

Once again, Roy Hobbs will have personnel posted at the player/spectators' entrances to Terry Park, PDC, JetBlue Complex and at the entrance to the Quad fields at Lee County.

These individuals will have a view of the parking lot, and they will be available in emergencies, be enforcing cooler guidelines and handling admissions.



Customer Service

Roy Hobbs Baseball is proud of its record on customer service.

Staff members are required to wear identifying staff shirts during the working hours of the tournament and should be easily identifiable. At least two are assigned to each of the satellite complexes daily.

In the case of **emergency**, please go to the nearest concession stand at the satellite complexes, where someone will be available to summon help.

Roy Hobbs field managers and key personnel are Red Cross First Aid **certified**, and Roy Hobbs Baseball has guidelines in place on the handling of injuries. Additionally, **AED devices** are available at each of the facilities, and Roy Hobbs personnel have been trained on those devices.

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Ironman Maidens players John Ihrig (front) and Ron Staples (middle) shaking hands with the Kent MudHens 75's