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It is baseball for youth and adults with mental and physical disabilities… and it is a focus of Roy Hobbs Baseball's charitable efforts, along with support for the Lee Association of Remarkable Citizens-LARC, which has started its own baseball program.

The 2026 Roy Hobbs World Series will include a Challenger game on November 14, prior to the AAAA Division championship game at Hammond Stadium.

We plan to renew the Roy Hobbs East-West Challenger spring event for teams from Broward County (Fort Lauderdale area) joining teams from SW Florida's Tri-County Challenger league for a day of baseball at the Player Development Complex in Apil.

More than $12,000 was raised for the Roy Hobbs Foundation, much of that going to challenged athletes in Lee and Broward counties, through the 2025 players' generosity during the RHWS.

For more information on supporting Challenger programs or starting an adult Challenged program, contact Tom Giffen (239.689.8550).













Ernie Harwell: Baseball is a lot like life. It's a day-to-day existence, full of ups and downs. You make the most of your opportunities in baseball as you do in life.

*This program is dedicated to the **Roy Hobbs Teammates** who **make our game great!***

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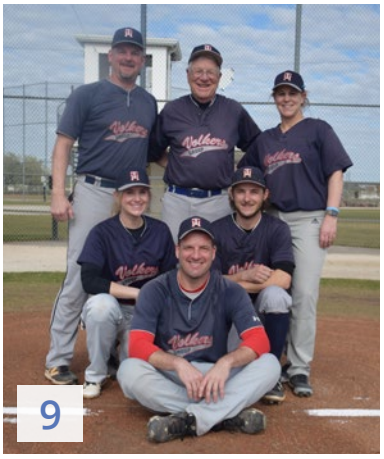

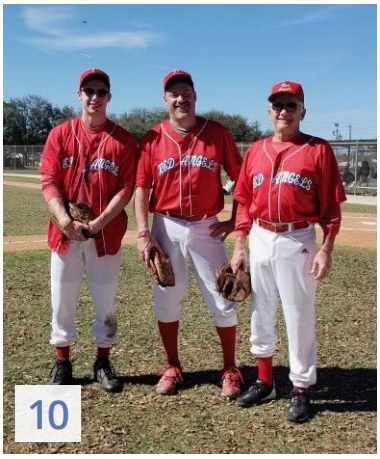







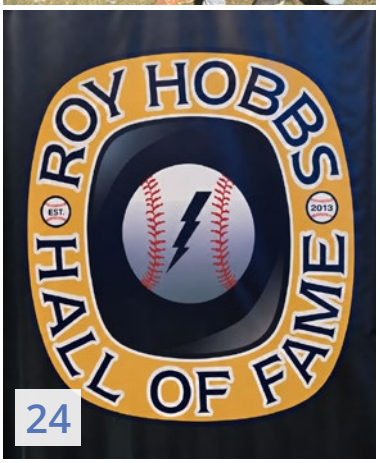

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Welcome to the 37th RHWS ...
It's time for Roy Hobbs' transition

Welcome to the 37th Roy Hobbs World Series.

Our 5-year journey to find new leadership for Roy Hobbs Baseball has born results, the kind of results we had hoped for.

Please welcome Jack and Max Kelly to the Roy Hobbs Family.

They will assume the leadership of Roy Hobbs in January 2027.

There's an old saying: good things come to those who are willing to wait. And that's just the case here.

Ellen and I are very happy to know that these baseball people want *not only* to own *but also* to operate Roy Hobbs Baseball. Our journey to a contractual agreement with them has taken more than a year. During that time and over a rocky road or two, we have come to believe they are the right answer.



Max & Jack Kelly

Please turn the page to find out more about the Kellys (page 6), a family with baseball in their blood!

Good news for us is that they want us to stick around to work with them on the transition and beyond ... and we WANT to stick around. So, we aren't going anywhere, at least as long as we are healthy and able.

We are convinced that their commitment to keep the Roy Hobbs Family way in place is genuine.

We've been doing this adult baseball thing since 1988, since 1993 with Roy Hobbs. Baseball has been incredibly good to us, just as you, our customers and friends, have been supportive of us over the years. The friendships we have developed over these many years are precious, something that has enriched our lives beyond measure. Thank you.

Therefore, we, Roy Hobbs, thank you, our clients, for your faith in us and your commitment to our program. We believe Jack & Max are dedicated to the Roy Hobbs commitment to excellence. We hope you will give them the same opportunity to prove themselves just as you did for Ellen and me.

All this being said, please keep in mind that much still is the same this year: The Game itself, our love for the Game, our lasting friendships and our gathering once a year in this special place to celebrate that love and passion for baseball and the people who play this, the greatest of all Team Games.

So, thank you for your return to support Roy Hobbs, and thank you for your commitment, passion and love of Baseball. We appreciate your presence here in the RHWS Dugouts as well as our community partners who appreciate your annual investment and support.

Have fun on the ball fields of Lee County,

Ellen & Tom Giffen, Roy Hobbs Baseball



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'Baseball is in our blood'

... excited to be a part of the Roy Hobbs Family

By Jack Kelly
Roy Hobbs Baseball

Hello Roy Hobbs Baseball family. I am Jack Kelly from central Maryland.

Along with my son Max, our wives Therese and Blair, and my 3 grandsons, Emmett, Graham and Miles, Max and I are excited and honored to have the opportunity to lead Roy Hobbs Baseball starting in 2027.

We want to thank Tom and Ellen Giffen for trusting us to continue forward with what they have built and nurtured for the last 34 years. Over the past several months Ellen and Tom have been preparing, teaching and advising us especially on the behind the scenes intricacies of putting together the events that make up Roy Hobbs Baseball, the annual World Series and the Sunshine Classic.

And, Tom and Ellen have graciously agreed to continue to be part of Roy Hobbs Baseball program with us moving forward.

Baseball is in our blood.

I was taught all about the game starting back in the 60's by my grandfather, a semi-pro player who grew up in Baltimore City playing in the streets as a very young boy with a slightly older young boy named George Ruth. Being just 5'7 and weighing only 135 pounds, high school baseball was as far as I could advance. Max played at Mt. St. Joseph High School and college baseball at Towson.

When Max and his brother Bryan began playing baseball in Little League, I managed or coached their teams including travel teams up through 19U. This year Max and I are coaching his sons in 8U and 10U and helping when we can in clinics.

I have been playing adult baseball for 32 years locally in Maryland and tournaments around the country, including 5 Roy Hobbs World Series, managing a 40+ team in 1997, playing on a 55+ team and three 60+ teams. Max has played unlimited, over 25 and over 35 locally and tournaments in other states as well but now concentrates mostly on coaching.



Photo courtesy of Jack Kelly
Meet the new leadership of Roy Hobbs comes 2027: Back row (L-R) Jack Kelly, Therese Kelly, Blair Kelly, Max Kelly; Front row (L-R) Miles, Graham, Emmett Kelly, sons of Blair & Max.

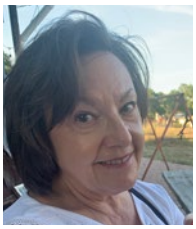
Along with two partners – Steve Murfin (a Roy Hobbs Hall of Famer) and Bob Moore – we started JSB Baseball in 2008. We have put together more than forty 30+ events similar to the Sunshine Classic, playing games in Cooperstown and various locations in Florida.

Besides baseball, Max and his wife Blair own EZ Green Home, a business that contracts with several utilities in both Maryland and New Jersey as well as utilities in other states. They contract with my Customer Acquisition company, so it's truly a family business. EZ Green Home specializes in helping homeowners reduce their energy bill by using less electricity in multiple states. The company was recently awarded the Luminary Award for Pursuing Equity by the Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance for work in Mississippi.

Going forward, we want to grow Roy Hobbs' younger age groups while cultivating the older age groups and continue the current excellent customer service and the amenities for which Roy Hobbs is known. Long term I would like for my 3 grandsons, and another grandson Nick, to play together on a 35+ team in 2056!

During this 37th World Series, I will be around fairly often, Max as much as he can. We hope that we will have a chance to meet many of you as possible as we attempt to learn as much as we can about the teams, players and fans that make up the Roy Hobbs Baseball family.

Baseball being in our blood, we are excited to be a part of the Roy Hobbs Family.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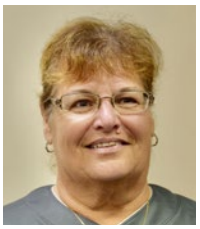
Bonnie Fear

Who's who on 2026 RHWS Crew?

More than 50 staffers will be working with Roy Hobbs Senior Staff in staging the 2026 Roy Hobbs World Series.

All special people, they come from all walks of life for any number of reasons, but to be sure they all love their Baseball.

The Player Development Complex on Edison Avenue is Roy Hobbs Baseball's permanent home as well as the headquarters for its annual World Series. The address is 4301-100 Edison Ave., Fort Myers, 33916.

Everything Roy Hobbs does with the World Series is under one roof, so to speak: Registration, the Locker Room Option and Pro Shop are located there, and it is the site to pick up 2026 participant RHWS #37 T-shirts.

The Roy Hobbs headquarters office will be outside on the PDC screened-in lanai again this year.

The Roy Hobbs World Series message center phone number is **239.689.8550**; rainout data will go to managers by text. There is no FAX number. Normal updates appear on royhobbs.com or on our Facebook Dugout page.

Tournament officials and field managers will have cell phones – a list of those numbers is given to managers at the pre-Series managers' meeting.

Email: Messages for key Roy Hobbs personnel can be sent electronically. **teammatesupport@royhobbs.com** is a good catch-all email address.

Tournament results, schedules and updates will also be available on-line: www.royhobbs.com/world-series ...

❖ Personnel

Key World Series personnel will be dressed in baseball jerseys or polo shirts with a "World Series Staff" logo. 2026 shirt colors are sage & hunter **Green** for polo shirts and T-shirts with senior staff in **green baseball** jerseys. Staff also wears previous year's colors, which include Carolina blue, Navy, cardinal red, various greens, burgundy, orange, and black shirts. All shirts are logoed.

Staff lineup includes:

- Roy Hobbs President & Tournament Director: **Tom Giffen**
- Roy Hobbs Vice President: **Ellen Giffen**, co-owner of Roy Hobbs Baseball and responsible for accounting, player pre-registration, insurance, soft goods concessions and the Pro Shop. Staffing the Pro Shop will be **Anna Ruscio & Meg Lampka** with **Ellen Giffen**.
- Operations Director: **Bill Fear,** responsible for all site operations and staff.
- RH Bookkeeper: **Suzanne Reaves;** she & **Linda Mellon** will assist **Ellen Giffen** in her tasks.
- **Mac Chambers** is our Technology Manager, and all that entails.
- **Bonnie Fear** is senior staff administrative assistant, responsible for on-site player registration, ticket sales, Locker Room check-in, and set up of our Lee County Volunteers. Her staff includes **Nancy Keil, Jane Leighty, Ty Maranzatto, Roosevelt Sanchez & Cathy Wiggins. Jack Kelly & Ray Brown** will handle manager check-in.
- Roy Hobbs Umpire in Chief & assignor is **Tim McGoldrick. Lee Champagne** is assistant UIC.
- Locker Room Coordinator: **Bill Fear**. He will be assisted by LR supervisor **Matt Carlson. Ty Maranzatto & others** help staff the locker room in evenings. Registration personnel will handle Locker room check-in.
- Field Managers are:
- **Joseph Martin** at Terry Park Complex.
- **Art Cleary & Dylan Hoppe** at JetBlue.
- **Guy McCallen & Doug Knight** at Lee Co. Sports Complex.
- **Dave Eggert** at PDC Complex.
- **John Martin** is the Food Concessions Supervisor and anchor of the RHWS event concession staff. His concessionaire staff includes **Donna Mattis** (JB)**, Lisa Shumate** (rover)**, Jane Slaten** (LHS)**, Tim Steele** (TP)**, Dick Popp** (LHQ) **& Dana Wiegand** (PDC).
- RH has hired 2 Lee Association of Remarkable Citizens

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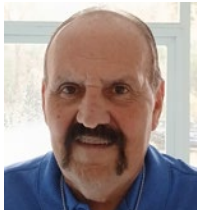
Suzanne Reaves


Joseph Martin


Dave Eggert


Guy McCallen


Doug Knight


Matt Carlson

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(LARC) on a work experience program for the kitchen, concessions & locker room. They are **Jeremie Robinson & Charles Gullett.**

- PA announcing at the stadiums: **Richard Walega** (TP), **Jim Berger & Ira Liebman** on night games at Hammond Stadium & **Tillie Russo & Pierceton Agdamag** on night games at JetBlue.
- Providing event concierge services at each of the complexes are: **Linda Roberts** (PDC), **John McConaughey** (LH), **Bill Kelly** (TP), and **Ed Maffia** (JB).
- **Dylan Feeney** will oversee Roy Hobbs Gear tent sales**. David McLaughlin** will be at PDC repairing your gloves.
- **Mark Bickel** heads up our print programs, daily website updates and is our social media director. **Glenn Miller** is our *Inside Pitch* reporter and local idea man.



Jeff Cogbill



Dylan Hoppe



Jermie Robinson



Sean Jenkins

- **Tim McCoy** is our trusty construction supervisor.
- Photographer: **Jeff Cogbill** joins us as our new staff photographer, replacing the retiring Greg Wagner.
- **Sean Jenkins,** Kiama Custom Apparel designer, is the architect of the graphics for the World Series and the program and will be handling the overnight production of the daily *Inside Pitch* from his perch in Columbus, Ohio.
- Once again, we will be welcoming volunteers from the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau and several local high schools to assist with registration and T-shirts & Welcome Bags.

Finally, please be careful with your belongings. We ask that you not leave items on the seats of your cars but rather secure/hide them. We try to watch the parking lots, but it only takes the mutts 10 seconds or less to break a window and clean out a car. If they can't see your valuables, they aren't going to try to steal them.

And, of course, there are our 4-footed, furry friends.

You can find **Peyton** & **Shelby,** a new rescue, at the office – They keep us young at heart and on our toes. *Please do not feed them; they get plenty at home, despite what they may tell you!*



TEAMMATES 2026

We at Roy Hobbs Baseball celebrate our Family.

A major element of the Roy Hobbs World Series has been – **Teammates**. In its 37 years, the RHWS has become a "family reunion" among players and teams.

Annually in the RHWS program, Roy Hobbs honors 'teammates' with stories of players whose lives have been connected to or enhanced by the people the dugout has brought into their lives.

This year Roy Hobbs is happy to present 5 stories about unique sets of teammates – this time it is families, many of whom compete at the Sunshine Classic Family Ties Division:

- A family affair for the Pickerings: **Andy Pickering** with sons David & Todd, granddaughters Casey & Kylie and daughter-in-law Ashlee, with USA Volkers. This page.
- The **Haraldsens:** John Haraldsen, with son Johnny and grandson Ryan, with the Chi-Town Cardinals. See page 9.
- For **Juan Rios,** it's a rented house for 15 family members annually playing baseball in Fort Myers in memory of their Grandmother Tina. See page 10.
- **Joe Banner's** multi-sport family includes son Randy and grandson Luke, playing baseball with the Windy City White Sox. See Page 11.
- Meet the **Hams:** Father **Philip** isn't too old to play, and son **Marty** is definitely too old for Little League. Together they built Cobra Kai and the Pensacola Vikings. See Page 12.

Enjoy these Glenn Miller stories and celebrate these dugout relationships!

■ **Tom Giffen**

As always, 'teammate' suggestions are always welcome. Please send your ideas to teammatesupport@royhobbs.com for the 2027 RHWS program.

Pickerings: Baseball is 'all in the family'



Photo By Tom Giffen

The Pickerings: Top (L-R) – Todd Pickering, Andy Pickering, Ashlee Pickering; Kneeling – Kylie Pickering & Casey Pickering; Sitting: David Pickering

BY GLENN MILLER
Roy Hobbs Baseball

Baseball at any level at any time in the past, oh, 150 years, has likely never seen the likes of the All-Pickering Infield. It debuted at the 2026 Sunshine Classic at Terry Park for a team called Volkers.

Grandpa played third base. His grandson was at shortstop and granddaughter at second base. His sons formed the battery and his daughter-in-law played first base.

The names: Andy Pickering, 79, the family patriarch.

David Pickering, 50, pitched and Todd Pickering, 55, caught.

Casey Pickering, 26, played short.

Kylie Pickering, 22, played second,

Ashlee Pickering, Todd's wife and the

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Haraldsens: Competing together 'amazing'



Photo Courtesy of John Haraldsen Jr.

The Haraldsens: (L-R) Ryan Haraldsen, John Haraldsen Jr. & John Haraldsen.

BY GLENN MILLER
Roy Hobbs Baseball

When Ryan Haraldsen returned to work last winter at TPG Capital in Dallas, he shared a story about playing baseball with his 82-year-old grandfather in Fort Myers.

Ryan, 26, told his boss about the double his 82-year-old grandfather hit and how he slid into second base.

"He only hits like once or maybe twice a game at this point," Ryan said. "He goes up to bat and rips one out into, it had to be left center. He rounds first and slides into second."

Ryan revels in the memory.

"I think the first thing I told my boss when I got back, I was, like 'Dude, you're not gonna believe this,'" Ryan said.

Grandpa has another version of the double.

"It was probably a mistake by the outfielder," John, Sr. said.

What about the slide?

"OK, I recall that," grandpa said. "That's probably the first time I've

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Rios family inspired by late wife, mom



Photo Courtesy of the Rios Family

The Rios lineup: Front row (L-R): Derek Rios, Andrew Rios, Christopher Rios & Ty Rios; Standing ((L-R): Mat Rios, patriarch Juan Rios, John Rios & Isaiah Rios.

BY GLENN MILLER
Roy Hobbs Baseball

One member of the Rios Family has not been around for recent Sunshine Classic Family Ties.

Tina Rios died on Aug. 2, 2023. She had been married to Juan Rios for 50 years. Juan, 74, plays for the Florida Pirates. So do the couple's three sons, John, Matt and Andrew. So do their grandsons.

"We play for her memory," Juan said.

Family Ties has profound meaning to all the Rios men who remember and honor a Rios woman. It's about far more than balls or strikes or any game or any score. It is about family. About Mom. About all of them.

Juan, a retired Teamster, resides near Tampa in Brooksville. His oldest son, John, resides in Point Pleasant, New Jersey. Matt and Andrew are Florida residents in the Tampa Bay Area. They come together in the winter in Fort Myers to play as a family and to remember as a family and to forge new memories.

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Banners: Three generations of sports stars



Photo By Bonnie Fear

The Banners: (L-R): Patriarch Joe Banner, Grandson Luke Banner & Randy Banner.

BY GLENN MILLER
Roy Hobbs Baseball

The Banner men are separated by geography and decades but not athletic ability.

Joe Banner, 83, and his son Randy, 53, and 22-year-old grandson Luke all arrived at the 2026 Sunshine Classic with varying athletic resumes.

Joe was a lacrosse player as a young man. Randy focused on football and Luke on football, rugby and track. But they also played some baseball.

"If it wasn't for me they wouldn't be here," Joe said with a laugh.

They were all in baseball uniforms in Fort Myers where Luke dazzled teammates and opponents with that rarest of baseball rarities - a walk-off bunt home run.

A walk-off bunt home run?

Well, it helps to have the blistering spring of a competitive sprinter. Luke competed in track for Yuba (California) Community College and a quick Google search discovered he's zipped through 100 meters in 11.16 seconds and 200 meters in 23.25 seconds.

How many Roy Hobbs players could come close to those times? Heck, how many MLB players could?

According to everydaycalculation.com, a time of 11.16 in 100 meters converts to 20.04 mph. That helps explain how he pulled off that "bunt home run" with two outs in the seventh and final inning of a game.

Grandpa was coaching first base and dad was on second base when Luke dropped down the bunt and then went tearing around the bases.

Joe could see how opponents reacted in the Family Ties game of the Sunshine Classic.

"They just shook their head in disbelief," Joe said.

The ball was bunted in the direction

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Hams: Embracing a special baseball bond



Photo By Greg Wagner

Philip Ham (L) and Marty Ham have been sharing baseball adventures for more than 40 years.

BY GLENN MILLER
Roy Hobbs Baseball

Philip and Marty Ham's baseball connections date back to Marty's days in Little League in Florida's panhandle.

Marty, 48, is now a bit old for Little League but he's not too old to play baseball. And Philip, 73, is not too old to remain involved.

They've been Roy Hobbs World Series fixtures for many years with teams such as the Pensacola Sharks and Cobra Kai. They will return this year with a new name - Vikings.

More precisely, Long Leif Viking, as in Norse explorer Leif Erikson. It's a long trip to Fort Myers but not as long as those of Erickson, who sailed across the Atlantic and did not have GPS.

Non-Floridians may not realize how far it is from Pensacola to Fort Myers and what dedication the Ham's have displayed for more than a decade participating in the World Series.

Pensacola's Blue Wahoos Stadium is 598 miles from JetBlue Park, according to Google Maps.

Yet, the Hams make that roughly 1,200-mile round trip journey every fall.

For a little geographic perspective, that Blue Wahoos to JetBlue drive is longer than the drives from Fenway Park to Yankee Stadium (203 miles), Camden Yards (401 miles) or PNC Park (572 miles).

While the geography is clear, Philip's role is not quite as clear cut.

"Kind of chief bottle washer, manager, kind of manage the team," Philip said. "Marty actually manages the team on the field and he and I manage it off

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mother of the middle infielders, played first.

It was a special day in Pickering family lore, memories were forged that will last until Kylie is as old as grandpa.

"My heart just swells with joy," Ashlee said.

The kids refer to grandpa as Paw Paw. The All Pickering infield played one inning.

"The favorite memory was probably two things," Todd said, "We had a shot at a double play but didn't pull that off. That would have been Kylie and Casey up the middle. And then Ashlee closed the inning unassisted at first base on a ground ball to first base."

Ashlee is a recreational tennis player who played softball in her youth but quit that sport in 2016 after tearing the labrum in her left shoulder. She was back on a ball field last winter for baseball.

"It was terrifying," Ashlee said.

Across the diamond at short was her son. Could mom handle the throws?

"This is your mom over here," Ashlee said. "Just take her easy."

Friends and co-workers have trouble grasping what the Pickering family does. Softball?

"There's a lot of time explaining to them," Ashlee said. "We play baseball. It's baseball. Hardball. We play hardball. And they're like what are you doing? Don't hurt yourself. I get a lot of don't hurt yourselves, being a more mature woman."

The left side of the infield featured players more than half a century apart in ages. Casey, who is now an arborist, pitched at D-3 Wisconsin-Stevens Point and can still zip the ball across the diamond. He was a walk-on and played from 2020 to 2024 and ranks in the Top 10 all-time in program history in categories such as winning percentage, wins and strikeouts.

Grandpa, a retired veterinarian, no longer has that kind of arm.

"He goes, 'I don't know if I can make that throw to first base anymore,'" Todd said. "I said, 'That's OK, we can relay it through Dave on the mound.'"

The need never arose. The fact, though, that his father still plays is noteworthy.

"It's incredible, right?" Todd said. "He can still get out on the field and play with the rest of us."

The Pickering family had discussed playing together for years.

"We kind of pushed it aside for a little bit," said Kylie, who is studying for a masters in costume design at Northwestern University. "We decided it's now or never."

Now became the 2026 Sunshine Classic. While most of the Pickering focus on sports, Kylie grew up a theater kid. She dabbled in a softball, but her love has always been theater.

But she couldn't pass up a chance to play baseball with mom and dad and grandpa and her brother and uncle.

"It's just amazing," Kylie said. "I'm so grateful for the opportunity to do that.'"

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Roy Hobbs SUNSHINE CLASSIC

Scan the QR code, call 239-689-8550 or email teammatesupport@royhobbs.com for more information.

Spend a week or two in Ft. Myers playing baseball.

Warm weather, pristine fields, full locker room and lunch make a one-of-a-kind invitation-only baseball tournament at Roy Hobbs' Player Development Complex in Fort Myers.

January 31 - March 21

2027 Sunshine Classic Division Schedule

- Jan. 31-Feb. 3 – Family Ties (12 teams) Sun-Wed
- Feb 4-8 – Forever Young 75s (12 teams) Thu-Mon
- Feb. 10-14 – Timeless 70s (14 teams) Wed-Sun
- Feb. 15-18 – Vintage 65s (12 teams) Mon-Thur
- Feb. 20-23 – Classics 60s (12 teams) Sat-Tues
- Feb. 24-27 – Classics 60s (12 teams) session 2 / Wed-Sat
- Feb. 28-March 3 – Legends 55s (10 teams) Sun-Wed
- March 5-8 – Legends 50s (10 teams) Fri-Mon
- March 9-12 – Legends 50s (10 teams) Tues-Fri
- March 13-16 – Masters 45s (12 teams) Sat-Tues
- March 18-21 – Veterans 35s (12 teams) Thu-Sun

Note: Invitation only, full locker-room event, Age divisions & Playing rules same as Roy Hobbs World Series.

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What do her theater friends think of her playing baseball?

"They just think it's crazy," Kylie said.

Mom and dad encouraged her participation in sports but did not force her to play.

"It was very apparent she was not interested," Ashlee said.

Theater was her passion.

"She did the whole thing putting on her Cinderella custom, wearing that for days and weeks on end." Ashlee said. "She would partake in batting practice in the backyard wearing her Cinderella dress."

Cinderella is one of the world's most famous fairy tales. The All-Pickering Infield is a true story, not a fairy tale.

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attempted a slide in a couple of years."

The third Haraldsen baseball player is John, Jr.

Ryan is likely the only TPG Capital employee who can share a story about playing baseball with a grandfather.

Ryan's dad and grandfather have been Sunshine Classic fixtures for about 15 years. John, Jr., 59, recalls their first time playing together.

The classic father-son playing catch scene from "Field of Dreams" was on their minds.

"I think it was one of the first Family Ties," John, Jr. said. "We were in the on-deck circle waiting to hit. ... He was hitting right behind me or the other way. ... We were watching Bill Lee warm up. ... And we just kind of chuckled. People think it's special to have a catch with your dad and here we are in uniform competing together. That was amazing."

Amazing is a word that pops up often with Haraldsens.

John Sr. has another word in mind when talking about playing baseball with his son and grandson, who both gave up baseball to focus on hockey as youngsters.

"I'm humbled by their baseball acuity," John, Sr. said.



Photo Courtesy of John Haraldsen Jr.
Haraldsen patriarch John with a restoration project.

As adults they returned to baseball after focusing on hockey as youngsters. Grandpa was elected to the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame in 2021. Age has taken its toll on the eldest Haraldsen.

"I used to pitch but my shoulder is shot," John, Sr. said "I can't hardly throw the ball anymore."

He has cut down on playing.

"My body is telling me that the pain isn't worth the gain," John, Sr. said "I love baseball. I love the game, and I love my teammates and all the friends I've made over the years, and I really miss being with them every week, or at least a couple of times a week.

"I feel like I'm a liability on the ball field."

His grandson, who has an MBA from the University of Indiana, would certainly count his grandfather as an asset and not a liability.

Ryan knows about assets and liabilities.

The Haraldsens have owned a car and truck repair shop in the Chicago suburbs since 1952.

When John Jr. and Ryan were boys they played baseball but then focused on hockey. Both played club hockey in college. Dad played at the University of Iowa and Ryan at Indiana.

Now, at 26, Ryan is too young for the Roy Hobbs World Series but plays recreational hockey in Dallas. As a young and fit man his annual forays into baseball with his father and grandfather leaves him sore.

Instead of skating on ice, he's running on grass and dirt in spikes or cleats. He usually plays centerfield. Is he sore after the Sunshine Classic?

"Absolutely, " Ryan said "Different muscles. You definitely get sore hamstrings."

The Haraldsen Family makes history in baseball and business. Ryan's father and grandfather are the second and third generations to operate Haraldsen's Garage in suburban Chicago. The business was founded by Ryan's great-grandfather in 1952 and will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2027.

In 2027, the Haraldsen Men plan to play together again in the Sunshine Classic. Ryan will certainly have more stories to tell his boss in Dallas when he returns.

Sore hamstrings and all.

RIOS

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The widower Rios gets to play baseball with his sons and grandsons.

"Oh, God, I love it," Juan said.

The sons know what baseball means to their dad, who coached them when they were boys, and the message their mother instilled before her death.

"The one thing she did tell me was, just make sure that he keeps playing regardless," John said. "She said he's not going to be happy unless he's running the bases."

The game is an essential part of his dad's being.

"He still enjoys going to batting practice and catching high flies in the outfield," John said.

John's sons, Derek, 20, and Ty, 17, participate in Family Ties with grandpa.

Grandpa Rios spent part of his childhood in Brooklyn hanging out with neighborhood kids and playing stickball and baseball. His sons heard those stories of stickball in the streets when they were young.

"We used to laugh at him," Matt, 45, said.

They joked those were his Glory Days.

One of the many highlights of Family Ties for the Rios family is playing at Terry Park. Juan is from Puerto Rico. Terry Park was the spring training home of the greatest Puerto Rican player ever, Pittsburgh Pirates right fielder Roberto Clemente, from 1955 to 1968.

Matt wears No. 21 in honor of Clemente, who wore No. 21. They know one of the fields is named in honor of Clemente and that a plaque at the site honors his character and legacy.

But Family Ties isn't about history. It's about families, about families building memories for the future, Matt's 18-year-old son, Christopher, plays every year.

Playing into his 70s is something Juan never could have envisioned when he was young.

"I'm 74 and I'm stilling hanging around," Juan said.

He does more than hang around. He plays baseball. He inspires his sons and grandsons. Juan pitches and plays second base and used to catch. No more of that.

"They won't let me catch," Juan said.

If Family Ties was measured in wins and losses the Rios Family has not done much. Until this year.

"We finally won a game," Juan said, "We won two games."

But it is not about wins and losses,

The Rios family rents a house in Cape Coral every Sunshine Classic that becomes a Rios House. That is what Family Ties is about. Juan said 15 family members stayed in that Cape Coral house for the 2026 Sunshine Classic. That includes his youngest son Andrew, who resides in Bradenton. Andrew brings his teenage son, Isiah, to the tournament, But not Tina, of course. But her presence was felt. She's gone but never forgotten,

"She was his biggest supporter," John said, "She was the one going around the state with him when he was playing."

Mom knew what baseball meant to dad.

"She made sure that we, as kids, knew this is his thing," John said, "You're not going to take this from him no matter what. This is his thing. Let him enjoy it. Let him keep playing. It's where he's happy, it's where he's the happiest."

Dad is still playing. So are the sons and grandsons.

Tina Rios would be pleased.

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of the pitcher. The catcher picked up the ball and fired it down the right field line. Technically, of course it may have been scored a single and an error but that doesn't diminish the excitement of ending a game with a walk-off bunt inside-the-park home run.

Randy scored the tying run. Did the right fielder back up the play?

"He was just kind of spectating," said Joe, who has homes in Phoenix and Wildwood, New Jersey.

Luke said the right fielder tried to trap the ball with "his foot."

"He missed it so with my speed. ..." Luke said.

Yes, that speed.

"He's jarringly fast compared to just about everybody else," Randy said.

It is speed not often seen in adult amateur sports.

"It's like you're watching a cartoon or something," said Randy, who has homes in Sacramento and Fort Myers.

In Family Ties Randy had teammates separated by 60 years in age between his son and father. Watching Luke's gobsmacking speed is one thing. Watching his 83-year-old father evokes another reaction.

"It's an inspiration," Randy said.

Randy sees what baseball means to his father and younger players.

"You don't stop playing ball because you get old, you get old because you stop playing ball," Randy said.

Luke finished up at community college in Sacramento and started at UCLA in the fall where he will focus on academics. He's leaving track behind. He started playing baseball again when his father moved to Sacramento in 2021.

"He got me on a Sunday league team," Luke said.

Randy was a football recruit out of Suwanee High School in Live Oak, Florida. In 1991 North Carolina State listed him as an incoming kicker and punter and noted that he kicked 52-yard and 56-yard field goals in high school and was named All-State.

The Banner men played baseball as youngsters but then focused athletic gifts on other sports. Joe said he played lacrosse until he was 37.

"I used to call myself the world's oldest living lacrosse player," Joe said.

Then it was back to his sporting roots.

"Then in 1994 I discovered adult baseball," Joe said.

He was residing in Atlanta at the time.

"I didn't know about Roy Hobbs until the year 2000," Joe said.

Now he's a Roy Hobbs veteran, one who plays in the World Series and Sunshine Classic. Look for the Banner men to be back playing baseball in the 2027 Sunshine Classic.

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the field."

Dad doesn't feel spry enough now to take the field.

"He tells me I shouldn't be on the field anymore," Philip said "I'm gonna get drilled. And there's been a couple of balls that were close encounters in our regular league. I decided he's probably right, so I stay in the dugout, keep score and manage from the dugout."

Philip revels in the role.

"The biggest thing, this allows us to continue the ties we've had all the way since 4-year-old T -Ball," Philip said. "I started coaching him in T-ball and all the way up till he got in high school.

When Marty started playing adult baseball in Pensacola, he recruited his father to help run the team.

Marty recalls those days.

"I said we got 12 guys standing at shortstop so we need somebody to tell us what to do," Marty said. "And that was almost 30 years ago."

The World Series trip means taking vacation from the family business, Ham's Pest Control. The company was founded in 1979.

At 48, Marty is too young to remember 1979. But he has Little League memories of playing for dad and how he led the team.

"He was good at facilitating what positions to put kids in, the defined details of how to catch a ball or how to throw a ball or how to hit," Marty said.

A great deal has changed in the Ham family since their days in the Bellview Little League near Pensacola. That's something Marty started telling dad from his early days playing adult baseball. He has memories of Little League championships.

"I'm trying to tell him now that I'm in a men's league, those championships do mean something as far as memories," Marty said. "But the friendships is the biggest thing. Like having those kids that were your buddies, now having grown men and that's our network of friends playing baseball."

Even now, as his baseball-playing son approaches 50, Philip likes talking about his boy.

"Well, bragging on him he won the home run championship at 12 and home run championship at 14," Philip said. "He was obviously not the biggest kid on the team."

Having fun at baseball for both Hams is a part of their DNA. The long drive through Florida isn't about winning championships.

"It's not about winning and losing down there," Philip said. "We know the the odds with all those teams of us winning is not that great. ... It's the camaraderie. ... We go mostly to the same restaurants every time and we bring new people and introduce them to Roy Hobbs every year."

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Tommy Lasorda: My theory of hitting was just to watch the ball as it came in and hit it. As I realized years later, that is still the finest theory of hitting yet devised.

RHWS Awards Structure

RHWS awards for teams & individuals, MVPs and upgrade options



Photo by Greg Wagner

The prize allocation at the Roy Hobbs World Series is weighted to reflect the relative competition levels.

2026 Competition levels will be AAAA, AAA, AA and A/B as needed. The allocation of those levels is based on the number of teams in an age division and is determined at the discretion of Roy Hobbs Baseball.

To qualify for the AAAA level awards, a division must have at least 16 teams, whereby there are at least 2 competitive divisions (AAAA & AAA or AA) in the age bracket. In Divisions with fewer than 16 teams, the top award level is AAA; Roy Hobbs reserves the right to adjust division designations as needed.

For 3 competition brackets (AAAA, AAA & AA), a division must have at least 32 teams, for 4 brackets (AAAA, AAA, AA & A), at least 44 teams.

Champions in age groups with12 or fewer teams are designated to AA-level awards.

Additionally, please note that there are firm deadlines to handle the application of the team vouchers as well as MVP merchandise awards.

- Roy Hobbs Baseball reserves the right to assign the AAAA, AAA & AA vouchers to the NEXT World Series if no decision is made by a team by the **January 13, 2027 deadline**.
- **Deadline to redeem MVP awards is December 16, 2026. No awards may be redeemed after that date**.

Award allocations in AAAA, AAA & AA divisions include medals for first, second and third places (semifinalists where no third place is designated), a limited-edition Roy Hobbs World Series championship hat and a special edition of the World Series embroidered championship patch. A division champions receive medals for first and second places; hats are available for purchase. Divisions added after RHWS begins will receive medals, although both may be shipped after the Series is over in early December.

❖ Rings

Championship teams in any division may opt to do rings.

See Tom Giffen at Roy Hobbs' Player Development Complex Headquarters to answer questions about options, ordering and cost. All rings must be ordered off royhobbs.com/world-series and click on awards block.

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❖ Medals

Each player from the teams reaching the semifinals in AAAA, AAA & AA divisions will receive a cast medallion; in A, first and second place will receive medals. Champions receive Gold; runners-up Silver, and third place or remaining semifinalists Bronze. Medals are engraved with the age division, year and finish. There is room on the medal for

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teams/players to complete the engraving with their names and team names.

Players should receive their medals after their final game.

❖ AAAA Divisions

Champions have the following options.

Option I is a base-model Roy Hobbs H200 dome ring for each player on the championship team. Teams/players may choose to upgrade ring at their cost to:

1. H400 dome model
2. H600 dome model
3. H700 Stadium model
4. H900 dome model
5. H1000 dome model
6. or to 6-10-14-18 karat yellow or white gold. This can be done individually or as a whole team.

Option II is an $3,200 Roy Hobbs voucher, which can be used toward any items that Roy Hobbs handles, including but not limited to: a) award garments; b) game uniforms; c) specific baseball equipment, such as bats, gloves, player bags, shoes, etc.; d) waiver to the 2027 World Series.

Teams must choose their option by January 13, 2027 at which time the $3,200 is applied to the 2027 World Series. Vouchers are non-transferable and have no actual cash value.

❖ AAA Divisions

Champions receive a $1,750 Roy Hobbs voucher, which can be used toward any items that Roy Hobbs handles, including but not limited to: a) rings; b) award garments; c) game uniforms; d) specific baseball equipment, such as bats, gloves, player bags, shoes, etc.; e) waiver to the 2027 World Series.

Teams must choose their option by **January 13, 2027,** at which time the $1,750 is applied to the 2027 World Series. Vouchers are non-transferable and have no actual cash value.

❖ AA Divisions

Champions receive a $950 Roy Hobbs voucher, which can be used toward any items that Roy Hobbs handles, including but not limited to: a) rings; b) award garments; c) game uniforms; d) specific baseball equipment, such as bats, gloves, player bags, shoes, etc.; e) waiver to the 2027 World Series.













Samples of rings ordered by championship teams and MVPs the last few years.

Teams must choose their option by **January 13, 2027,** at which time the $950 is applied to the 2027 World Series. Vouchers are non-transferable and have no actual cash value.

❖ A & B Divisions

Champions receive a team equipment bag, to be shipped in March 2027, depending on availability. No charge on shipping unless shipping address is outside the continental USA.

❖ Team MVPs

The MVP from each team, as selected by the team, will receive a commemorative Roy Hobbs RHWS MVP Medal, which can be returned to Roy Hobbs to have engraved with the player's name and team. The medal will be given to the team manager at the start of the tournament, to be awarded following the team's final game.

The recipient or the team manager can turn the medal in at RHWS Headquarters before leaving the World Series to have it engraved, and Roy Hobbs will ship it to the recipient ... see Bonnie Fear or or an on-duty staff member in the World Series headquarters office. If a team wants to select more than one MVP, a second award will be available for $25, which includes tax and shipping.

The deadline for turning in the MVP award form is December 15, 2026.

Players selected as their team MVP also have the option of purchasing 1) MVP embroidered windshirt ($99), 2) MVP ring (priced according to selection), 3) MVP belt buckle ($125), or 4) a commemorative MVP bat ($125).

See the ring display on the Roy Hobbs website at http://royhobbs.com/world-series/rings/ or check the display in the World Series Pro Shop at the Player Development Complex. For more information, contact Tom Giffen at (239) 689-8550 or email to teammatersupport@royhobbs.com after **December 5, 2026.**

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RHBB Note: *Roy Hobbs Baseball reserves the right to substitute a similar award based on availability. Awards guidelines are effective January 25, 2026 and supersede any previous version.*

Face of RHWS umpiring remains steady



Photo by Greg Wagner

Umpire Herm Brown inspecting a bat.

The umpiring face of the Roy Hobbs World Series has been steady over the years.

As the World Series moves forward, the Hobbs umpiring crew remains dedicated to continuing its legacy of excellence and customer service.

Some 85+ umpires have accepted invitations to work the 2026 RHWS on the fields of Lee County. These individuals will be handling the 1000-plus games anticipated over the 5 weeks of the 37th RHWS.

While the largest contingent is from Florida – 39 umpires – many come from outside Lee County as they come to Fort Myers to work on the same fields that the Roy Hobbs players look forward to playing on all year. The umpires average more than 25 years-experience each, and they hail from 22 states plus Puerto Rico and Canada.

Tim McGoldrick is in his 10th year as the Roy Hobbs umpire assignor, and 2026 will be his second as UIC.

Lee Champagne, a long-time veteran of Roy Hobbs World Series, is taking over as McGoldrick's assistant UIC, replacing Jim Grandey, who is taking a year off. Tom Giffen will assist the UIC crew.

All three are skilled in rules interpretation and umpire mechanics.

McGoldrick is in his 46th year of officiating, Champagne in his 36th, Giffen in his 27th. All three have many years at Roy Hobbs. McGoldrick has worked 13 championship games, Champagne 5.

"We are most pleased that Lee has agreed to join our leadership team," Roy Hobbs President Giffen said. "Beyond his wealth of experience on the field, Lee's understanding of the Hobbs umpiring excellence mantra is exceptional."

Among the RHUA leadership team, this is more than 100 years of umpiring experience, and all are in tune with Roy Hobbs attitudes toward the importance of umpires at the Roy Hobbs World Series.

"Umpiring is a crucial part of the Roy Hobbs World Series or any tournament

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2026 RHWS Umpires

These umpires have accepted invitations to work the 2026 Roy Hobbs World Series.

Alabama
James Brinson
Todd Coughlin
Canada
Erik Eriksson
Colorado
William Dettmann
Stew Sallo
Connecticutt
#Lee Champagne
Delaware
William Vitolo
Florida
John Agnello
Marty Alexander
Rolando Almaguer
Tim Ballesteros
Nate Blythe
Woods Boyle
Rob Brokaw
James Candelora
Mike Dillon
Matt Enciso
Ron Farnham
Alfred Fenison
Michael Hernandez
Arthur Johnson
Harold Jones
Mark Klein
Paul Laubenstein
Jeff Lewin
Steve Liese
David McComb
Greg McEachern
Danny Nelson
Bob Rocco
Carlos Rodriguez
Santiago Rosario
Steve Sambucci
Paul Sammon
Lewis Sanchez
Landon Schultheis
Luis Sierra
Frank Tasler
David Taylor
Robert Tejeda
Vernon Trice
Robert Varcadipane
Alex Young
Ronald Young
Iowa
Frank Dardis
Illinois
Dominick Catinella
Kentucky
Tanner Jackson
Maine
William Campbell
Massachusetts
Carlos Aquino
Michigan
Jeff Azzopardi
Jay Buelow
Barry Gross
Minnesota
Keith Adelman
Missouri
Bill Lawler
Nebraska
Bill Kintner
New Hampshire
Rick Force
New Jersey
Ryan Carroll
Joe Reina
Bobby Ricciardi
Jim Rizzolo
New York
Bill Steele
Ohio
Ryan Branscomb
Mike Breuer
Herm Brown
*Art Cleary
Ryan Earley
Tony Hille
Alan LaCourse
Frank Marsico
*Joey Martin
#*Tim McGoldrick
Dave McKee
Jim Mitchell
Edwin Niec
Bill Uhl
Tom Van Wert
Ken Widdel
Jim Yeary
Pennsylvania
Joesph Labella
Mike Maconi
Puerto Rico
Jose Jiminez
Jose Villalba
Rhode Island
Dave Abate
Texas
Rob Mandell
Virginia
Brian Rosen
Wisconsin
Mike Buelow
Craig Byler
Alexis Krahn
Greg Smul

 # - UIC Staff
** - RHWS staff*

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for that matter," Giffen said. "We take umpiring very seriously."

What the late UIC Marc Landals, who passed away in early 2025, told umpires and customers holds true today: "The need for quality and consistent umpiring is a key component of any tournament and is especially important to the Roy Hobbs World Series ... We take umpiring very seriously, and contrary to popular belief, not all who apply are invited to work."

"The umpiring leadership team and I work closely throughout the year in recruiting, interviewing and evaluating potential umpires," Giffen said. "Umpire meetings take place every Saturday to ensure that all the umpires that could be assigned that particular week are up to speed with the rules and mechanics for the age group starting on Sunday."

The leadership team will be responsible for umpire training, evaluation and assigning.

Neither McGoldrick nor Champagne will be scheduled to umpire. They will be at games, evaluating and available for consultation. Should the need arise, they could be available should an official be injured or unavoidably delayed getting to a field.

"This is our 37th renewal of the RHWS," Giffen said. "We are rightfully proud of the efforts of our umpire leadership as well as the efforts of our umpiring crews on the ball fields.

"We know every man is different, has different approaches, different interpretations. And we know that not everyone is going to agree with every call," Giffen said. "But having everyone working together for a common goal of excellence and customer service takes work, commitment and qualified judgment.

"I believe we approach that goal every year, and 2026 will be no different," he said. "To be sure, umpires are a front-line face on our event, and Roy Hobbs is proud of the effort these individuals give to the game."

RHWS Umpire Team



Tim McGoldrick
2026 RHWS UIC & Assignor

Home: Brunswick, Ohio
Umpiring: 46 years behind the plate.
RHWS experience: 22 years as umpire, 13 championship crews; 9 years as player (26 years participation overall); 21st year on UIC staff. UIC leadership role 11 years, first year as the UIC,10th year as full-time assignor.
Notes: 2017 was first year as assignor, a combo job with UIC. Certified officials instructor and rules interpreter for baseball in Ohio High School Scholastic Association. Former Secretary and assignor for Diamond Umpires Association in Brunswick, Ohio.



Lee Champagne
2026 Assistant UIC

Home: Ledyard, Connecticut
Umpiring: 36 years behind the plate.
RHWS experience: 30 years as umpire, 5 championship crews; 1st year on UIC team.
Notes: A member of the Southern New Hampshire Umpires Association for 25 years; he has also umpired the Cusic Collegiate Classic for 15 years, the Wagner WBC for 16 years, and has been on the NH HS state championship crew for 10 years. Currently, he is the Assignor for the Boston Red Sox and the Ponce Fantasy Camps.



Hmmm, which baseball do you want to use?

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5 ELECTED TO RH HALL OF FAME

2026 Class to be honored November 14th


Adriane Adler


Greg Allen

BY GLENN MILLER
Roy Hobbs Baseball

Five individuals will be inducted into the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame during the 2026 Roy Hobbs World Series.

The Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Class of 2026 includes **Adriane Adler** of New Jersey, **Greg Allen** of North Carolina, **Wayne Harris** of Alabama, **Tom Huetter** of Ohio, and Elected posthumously, **Marc Landals**.

All were elected by a vote of members of the Hall of Fame and Members of the Board of Trustees; these honorees will be inducted in ceremonies on November 14 at Sidelines Sports Grill in Fort Myers.

(Details on the Induction Ceremonies and how to get tickets are elsewhere in the next 2 pages.)

Additionally, the Trustees selected **Bill Fear,** a jack-of-all-trades at the RHWS and inveterate baseball lover, as the 2026 Ambassador of Baseball.

The election of these 5 brings the membership in this exclusive club to 114.

Here is look at each of the 2026 honorees:

Adriane Adler

Adriane Adler's baseball journey goes back more than 40 years to when she was a teenage athlete.

Softball? No thanks.

"I was that kid who just never wanted to switch to softball," Adler, 56, said. "I loved baseball."

The Basking Ridge, New Jersey resident still remembers her parents taking her to a softball tryout.

"I want no part of that," Adler said.

She was firm in her quest.

"I want to play baseball," Adler said.

She still wants to play baseball. Adler wants other girls and women to have the opportunity to play. The Fordham University graduate has been a key figure in making a women's division possible at the Roy Hobbs World Series.

That led to her election to the Hall of Fame as an administrator-player-manager.

She's been bringing teams to Fort Myers since the early 2000s. Her roots in baseball go back to when she was 14 and switched her focus from softball to baseball.

Almost anywhere women play baseball Adler is likely involved as either a founder or manager or coach or player or some combination of those roles.

Adler is the founder, manager and coach of East Coast Women's Baseball team.

Teammate Lisette Lombana knows what Adler means to the women's game, saying that she was "our guide and our protector."

And more.

"She was the bridge for a younger generation of girls that dreamed of playing when their high school teams refused them eligibility for being a girl," Lambana said. "She became the beacon for so many of us that she would give everyone a chance as long as they gave it their all, respected each other and the game and followed the standard that she set."

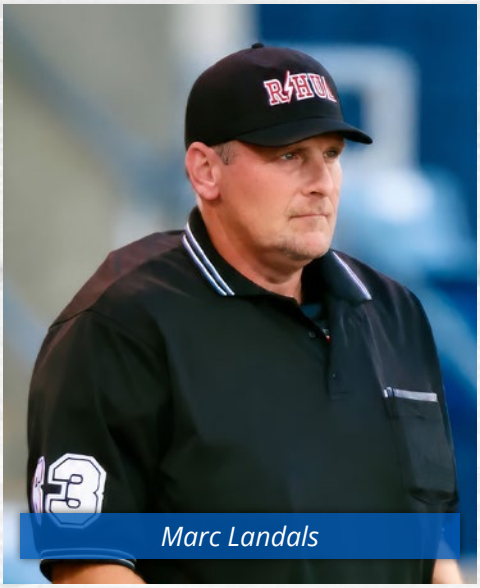
Many male Hall of Famers have opened the baseball door for men. Adler has done the same for women.

"She is making the entire division come to life," Alex Oglesby, one of Adler's references, said.

"A consummate professional whose unwavering work ethic and relentless determination have markedly elevated


Wayne Harris


Tom Huetter


Marc Landals

the Roy Hobbs legacy," nominator Kevin Marsden said.

Now, she's been elevated to the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame.

Greg Allen

Greg Allen's impact goes beyond balls and strikes. He was nominated as an administrator and manager and has grown the game in and near his hometown of Wilmington, North Carolina.

"Greg has been the epitome of what amateur adult baseball represents: unparalleled dedication, unyielding integrity, and an enduring passion for the game," nominator Todd Rehanek said. "Without him, there would not be 114 players enjoying baseball in Coastal Carolina today."

The election surprised Allen, who received the news while waiting to go through security at a cruise ship with his wife, Julie. He had packed the phone away.

"I told my wife I missed a call from Tom Giffen," Allen, 65, said, referring to the Roy Hobbs president. "Why in the world is he calling?

Allen, a retired Wilmington firefighter, and his teams have been fixtures in Fort Myers since 2009. He's played in 17 consecutive World Series and managed the Carolina Thunder 23 times in the World Series in three age divisions. He also built the NC/SC Adult Baseball League.

Allen also brings teams to the Sunshine Classic and tournaments in Asheville, Richmond and Myrtle Beach. He keeps adult baseball in perspective.

"Remember, there are no pro scouts coming to watch you play, so have a good time and don't be too serious," is a message from Allen, according to reference Sammy Flowers.

Allen grew up in Wilmington and played high school ball against somebody who later played minor-league baseball.

"My claim to fame in high school was I played against Michael Jordan," Allen said.

He has a newspaper clipping that he showed his kids that he pitched for New Hanover High School against Jordan. Allen has five adult children.

Allen is a stickler for standards. He once had a player show up for a game in shorts and T-shirt. Allen told the player to put on a uniform. The player told him the umpire said the shorts and T-shirt were OK.

"I said umpires don't run the league," Allen told the player. "You need to put on a uniform."

Did the player do as directed?

"Oh, yeah," Allen said.

Allen will soon be wearing a Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame ring.

Wayne Harris

Wayne Harris is Mr. Adult Baseball in Huntsville, Alabama and points beyond

His Hall of Fame nomination as an administrator and manager notes that he has been "a key person" in establishing and expanding the Huntsville league. Players commute from Tennessee cities Chattanooga, Nashville and Memphis to play in an over-60 age division that was launched in 2020.

When informed he had been elected as a member of the Hall of Fame he was taken aback.

"When I read what most of the guys in the Hall of Fame have accomplished, I am far short of what most of them have accomplished," Harris said.

Harris may not feel worthy but the Hall of Famers who vote on new members clearly felt he is worth joining their ranks.

"There is no doubt Wayne Harris is an example of the type of man who meets the criteria of the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame," Hall of Famer Steve LaRussa said.

Harris, who turns 70 on Nov. 20, started playing in adult baseball in 1998 and has managed since 2013.

He has participated in the Roy Hobbs World Series since 1999 as

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Photos by Greg Wagner

2025 Roy Hobbs Hall of Famers Tom Vartanian, Phil Clements, Michael Carter, Brian Wolcott, and Steve D'Ercole, with Ambassador of Baseball, Richard Walega at the 2025 Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

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both a manager and player. Harris, who resides in Danville, Alabama, has also participated in every Sunshine Classic held so far.

He recalls his introduction to adult amateur baseball.

"I was leaving church one Sunday afternoon and a friend of mine who's my age said, 'Well, I got to go to a baseball meeting," Harris said.

He was puzzled. The friend's son had aged out of youth baseball.

"What kind of baseball meeting are you going to?" Harris said.

That's when in 1998 he learned of the existence of 40-plus baseball.

"I said, 'Really?'" Harris said.

He started playing with a team called the Decatur Yankees. An Alabama team named Yankees?

"I didn't get to pick the name," Harris said with a laugh.

From a 1998 rookie, Harris eventually became a fixture in his baseball community.

"Wayne has been a key person in establishing our league and expanding it," Kirby Gaudin said in his Hall of Fame nomination. "He has worked tirelessly since playing in our local league since 1998 serving in positions as team manager, league commissioner, league treasurer, and commissioner."

Tom Huetter

It is a safe bet that Tom Huetter is the only Roy Hobbs Hall of Famer with more than a dozen patents.

He's an inventive fellow who is both a chemical engineer and nuclear engineer. He has degrees from Princeton and the University of Virginia. Huetter's CV (curriculum vitae) includes a chemical engineering degree from Princeton and a master's in nuclear engineering from Virginia.

As impressive as that is, it's not enough to merit election to the Hall of Fame. Neither was his work as a Proctor & Gamble scientist, focusing he said, mostly on "process development."

It's been his work running a league that earned him this honor.

Huetter, 72, was commissioner of the Miami (Ohio) Valley Roy Hobbs League from 2016 to 2026. The league grew from 10 teams to 34 and one division to five. He added 60-plus and 65-plus divisions and merged with an MSBL organization.

Administrative duties included changes in the umpire association and diligence in securing multiple fields needed for the growing league.

"This would not have happened without Tom's leadership," nominator Patrick MacVeigh said.

Huetter stepped down as commissioner earlier this year.

The league now has two commissioners doing what he did by himself.

Huetter's adult baseball journey began, he recalls, in 1990 or 1991 when his wife heard about a Cincinnati Reds fantasy camp.

"My wife (Shelley) behind my back went and signed me up," Huetter said.

That led to playing Roy Hobbs and eventually becoming league commissioner, which was an all-consuming job.

"I would wake up every day and my wife would say, 'You're already thinking about baseball,'" Huetter said.

All that thinking paid off for the league.

"Tom has brought great organization to the league," MacVeigh said. "His

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Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame

The Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame was founded in 2011-12 to honor outstanding baseball service and accomplishments on and off the field of amateur 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 original group of 7 developed basic criteria and selection process as well as a Mission Statement, the second generation of which 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 character and contributions to the game, their teammates and baseball colleagues.

While the Mission Statement places emphasis on contributions to the game off the field, excellence on the field remains important. Additionally, the Trustees are clear that character in-and-out of 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 open in late April and can come from anyone not related to a nominee. A request for a nomination form is available at royhobbs.com/halloffame. Complete data on the nominee is important, and references are very helpful to the process.

Nominations are turned over to a member of the trustees, whose members contact the nominator and the references listed. 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 with a ballot … anyone receiving a vote on 70% of the ballots returned by the Hall of Fame members is elected. In 2024, there were 82 members of the Hall eligible to vote; 64 voted, meaning nominees needed 45 votes for election.

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. It takes a 70% vote of the Trustees as well.

There is no target number to elect to the HoF or as Ambassadors each year.

The Ambassador of Baseball Award is selected by the Board of Trustees. 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.

– Tom Giffen

Induction Ceremony set Nov. 14 Tickets at RHWS headquarters

The Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Trustees cordially invite you to join them and the Roy Hobbs Baseball staff for the 2026 Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Inductee ceremonies.

The induction ceremonies for the 5-member Class of 2026 will be held Saturday, November 14, at Sidelines Sports Bar & Grill, located at the corner of Colonial Blvd. and Veronica Shoemaker Parkway.

Social time starts at 6:30 p.m., and a multi-station buffet is served at 7 p.m., to be followed by the induction presentations at approximately 7:30 p.m. The event should be completed by 9 p.m.

Admission is $65 for adults and $20 for ages 10-16; children under 10 are free. Admission is by ticket only. Tickets include dinner, soft drinks, and, for those 21 and over, there will be 2 drink tickets per person available for beer or wine.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the World Series Headquarters at PDC. If you wish to reserve tickets in advance, send your request to teammatesupport@royhobbs.com. You will be invoiced via email, and tickets will be available from Bonnie Fear at PDC. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

All ticket event proceeds benefit the Roy Hobbs Foundation.

All ticket orders must be placed before end of business 2 days before the event.

Roy Hobbs looks forward to seeing you at the induction ceremonies.


Fran Podraza


Troy Hudson


Bill Allen


Gary McDonald


Joe Maji


Howard Gallay



The Roy Hobbs ***In Memoriam*** list will be included in each issue of the Roy Hobbs Bullpen E-newsletter and the Roy Hobbs World Series Program. This list is updated through September, 2026.

Please review the list, and if there are others who are not listed (anywhere on this list) and should be, please let Tom Giffen (tg@royhobbs.com) know so that they might be added to the Roy Hobbs Memorial List.

2026

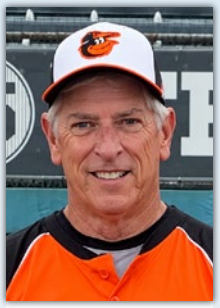
Bill Allen, Cleveland Spiders
Jim Aylmer, Bergen Yankees
Tony Blanco, Chicagoland Bulldogs
David Geiger, Dayton Ducks & Steve's Sports
Troy Hudson, Umpire
Scott Kempf, Philadelphia Generals & Kennebec Cubs
Joe Maji, Hornke Painting, Akron 40s, Asheville Sox
Tom Malloy, Chicago Warriors 60s
Gary McDonald, Asheville Sox, Carolina Rockies
**Fran Podraza, FM Hooters, Bahama Breeze
Billy Reed, Akron Brewers
John Royea, Nova Scotia Monarchs
Gary Sams, Toledo Tigers
Frank Straske, Sechler & Associates
Rick Straub, Baltimore Baseball Club

2025

John Counsell, RH Staff
Steve Cooper, NorCal Giants
Randy Crowell, Huntville, SD Rushmores & Iron Maidens
Curt Cutler, South Dakota Rushmores
Craig Eaton, Palm Beach Marlins
Ray Franks, Dayton Diamondbacks
Howard Gallay, Sechler & Associates
Charlie Giffen, RHWS Staff
**Dave Harvill, SD Rushmores
Brett Higgins, Cleveland Steve's Sports
John JJ Johnson, Umpire
Marc Landals, RHWS Staff
Dave Lauer, St. Louis A's
**Dan MacDougall, Washington Titans
Lee Norris, Fort Myers Hooters
Torsten Oelze, German Red Barons
Jimmy Robinson, Umpire
Eugenio Rodriguez, Stars of Herrera
Tedd Schaffer, Umpire & Multiple teams in 4 age brackets
Dave Smercansky, Youngstown A2Z
Elgin Williams, NorCal Giants

2024

Tom Andersen, A-N Wildcats, Avengers
Joe Bonacquista, South Dakota Rushmores
Daniel Borgmeyer, Key West All-Stars
Rudy Castanon, Bellicino's Red Sox
Bob Chase, Hornke Painting
Rob Fent, Chicago Giants
Stu Fishelman, Baltimore Orioles
E. Spencer Gordon, Canton Masters
Ken Gallo, Umpire
Mike Harris, Bergen Yankees & Phil. Cutters
Jimmy Jackson, USA Volkers
Gary Kuhn, Roy Hobbs Staff
Jay Levey, USA Volkers


Billy Reed


Jim Aylmer


Tony Blanco


Scott Kempf

Ed Meyer, Akron 30s
Ted Manos, Orlando Cardinals
Joe Noviello, Umpire
Chuck Rakos, RHWS staff
Dale Robbins, RI Waves
Jeff Saylor, Barberton White Sox
Jack Skryd, Team America & A-N Wildcats
Mona Wagner, RHWS/Wagner Photo staff
David Wheeler, Wash. Nationals & SD Rushmores
Gary Witthuhn, Vintages

2023

Israel Alonso, Miami SugarKings
Tom Bocian, Umpire & RH Staff
Bruce Brewster, New England Red Sox
Eric Calnen, Nova Scotia Monarchs
Glenn Clark, Bronx Cardinals
Herm Clauser, Cincinnati Colts
John Collins, New Jersey Wonderboys
Tim Fillinger, Cleveland Reds, Cleveland Baseball
Rodger Hoppe, Umpire
Frank John, USA Volkers, Florida Storm & Ironman Maidens
Tom Kant, umpire & RH Staff
Jose Martinez, New Jersey Dodgers
**Frank Murphy, Chicago Pirates
Steve Peplinski, TwinCities Crosstown Traffic
Rob Roe, Kent MudHens & Akron Brewers
Sam Russell, Umpire
Fred Simmons, Minneapolis Millers
Brian Snider, Cuyahoga Indians & Chiefs
Charlie Stroeble, Toledo McQuire & National Spirit
Howard Taylor, Jupiter Hammerheads & Palm Beach Glory Days
Walt Wilkens, Detroit Oldtimers

2022

Jack Baker, Hornke Painting/ Cleveland Steve's Sports
Steve Birnburg, Umpire
Dean Brinkman, HPK Oilers
Kim Carpenter, Cleveland Spiders
Jack Chizik, Baltimore Baseball Club
Rod Currie, Oakville Golden A's
Bill Curzie, New Jersey Cardinals
Chuck Donnor, Houston Colt 45s
Merle Fleming, Minnesota Bandits
Eugene Green, New Jersey Wonderboys
Charlie Greene, Bergen Yankees
Michael Grogan, South Florida Suns
Tony Giuliante, Umpire/Atlantic City Seminoles
Rob Hutchinson, Kent MudHens
Dick Laracy, New England Red Sox
Billy McDaniel, St. Louis Grays
Ron Mingo, Solano Braves/NorCal Antiques
Sharon Monari, Chicago Phillies
Ian Mosher, Border City Brewers/ Nova Scotia Alpines
John Naylor, Fort Myers benefactor
Scott Redweik, Chicago Knights
Joe Schneberger, Banana Sharks
Gary Sorrendino, Jersey Shore Baseball
Steve Tomsello, Akron Reds
Jeff Weideman, Umpire

2021

Chris Anderson, Pensacola Salt Bandits
Barry Blackburn, DC Mets
**Russ Bortell, Border City Brewers
Rick Boyer, Minnesota Bees
Randy Carter, Blue Ridge Rangers
Mark Comstock, Minnesota Bandits
Don Davis, Kent MudHens
Paul Gibbons, New Jersey Patriots
**Lane Green,Tallahassee Classics
Mike Haynes, Kodak Reds
Jim Hill, Sacramento Solons
Scott Lawrence, Minnesota Bandits
John Malangone, New Jersey Wonderboys
Eddie Martin, Youngstown Astros
Kevin McCormick, Dayton Braves
Jim Mascolo, Americans Baseball
John Mele, Centurylink Grounds Crew
Larry Oehlers, Toledo McGuire
Jerry Ortiz, NW Indiana Dogs
Suesan Pinola, RH Umpire Assignor
Ed Robinson, Barberton White Sox
Stephen Schiffler, PSOF Rangers
Quentin Smith, Maryland Monarchs
Rick Stellfox, Salem-Pitt Warlocks
Brent Toms, Baltimore Astros/NJ Mets, FM Cubs
Dickie Vaughn, Chicago Spirit
Julius 'Beaver' Welch, Detroit Oldtimers
Ray Whitworth, Dayton Cardinals

2020

Bobby Baker, Akron Blues
Bob Bartlett, South Dakota Rushmores
Joe Basara, South Jersey Indians
Phil Bates, Detroit Oldtimers
Joe Bosch, New Jersey Rockies
Ed Burke, Cincinnati Suds
Paul Collier, RHWS staff
Don Drown, South Florida Suns & many others

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Alan Elias, RI Waves
Chris Erickson, Minnesota Bandits
Kevin Kline, San Antonio Texans
Dan Konick, Baltimore Baseball Club
Bob Leech, Cleveland Indians
Brad Lewis, Falls Angels/Akron Dodgers
**Joe Maiden, San Diego Padres
Flaco Martinez, New England Red Sox
John McKlveen, DC Nationals
Tom Moore, Roy Hobbs staff
John Noonan, Minneapolis Millers
John Palmer, Lake Erie Blue Jays
Rich Reimold, New England Red Sox
Greg Reives, Chicago Knights
Mark Runser, Deca Pools
Terry Ryser, American National Wildcats
Don Sobe, Cleveland Spiders
Tommy Waelchli, Border City Brewers
Brian Warner, Pigs Heaven the Herd
Kenny West, Detroit Oldtimers
Bobby Wilkinson, EF Davis&Assoc.

2019

Anthony Martin, Houston Colts
**Bart Leathers, Tennessee Dirtbags
Jerry Sibbett, Asheville Sox
John Denski, W Palm Beach Marlins
Don Flick, Tri-Cities 75s
Dave Power, South Florida Suns
Richard Faust, Baltimore Orioles
Steve Schaefer, Midwest Pirates
Steve Gillis, San Antonio Texans
Tom Harrison, RHUA Umpire (OH)

2018

Ardell Barkley, Cincinnati Colt .45s
Ralph Berrios, Deca Pools
Chuck Braxton, NorCal Giants
Bob Knoell, PSOF Rangers
Cliff Bennett, Cuyahoga Chiefs
Dan Campbell, Nordonia Renegades
Daryl Egeland, Comox Valley Cubs
Erasmo 'Junior' Carmona, Livingston Dodgers
Jay Quinn, Rhode Island Waves
Jim Carson, Wilmington NC Thunder
Jim Corte, Jet Box
Luis 'Broco' Rivera, Puerto Rico Braves
Matt Jones, Indiana Stars
Raymond "Lefty" Pineiro, Orlando Wrinkles
Rick Rightnowar, Harry Young Builders
Jim Stefanik, Americans Baseball Club
Sammy Stewert, Asheville Sox
Stan Gotinsky, 65s Thunder
Terry Jessee, Toledo Mud Dogs
Jim Pickett, Bridgewater Cardinals
Vince Miller, Windy City White Sox

2017

Rex Frost, Key West All-Stars
Al Venditti, Toledo McGuire Baseball Club
Brad Barton, St. Louis Patriots
George Bedford, Key West All-Stars
Collos Coleman, SF Suns, Wolfdogs
Casey Cosgrove, Oakville Golden A's
Tom Croce, Richmond Riverdogs
Steve Dodson, Umpire
Don Fields, Border City Brewers
Michael Gibbons, Roy Hobbs staff
Sid Greenberg, Detroit 60s, Southern Yankees
Wayne Hand, San Antonio Texans
Ken Hanson, Houston Colt 45s
Al Hilton, Tampa Stars
Bob Jarrett, Washington Titans
Daniel McGee, Roy Hobbs Staff
Jerry Murrell, Tri-Cities Baseball
Chuck Murray, Apple Valley A's
Jack Olsen, Richmond Riverdogs & Lehigh Baseball
Guy Pushman, Americans Baseball
Bill Richardson, St Louis Mustangs
Edwin Rivera, Puerto Rico Orioles
John Shea, Kent MudHens/Akron Blues
Skip Sisselman, Southern Yankees
John "Jay" Wright, Minneapolis Millers
Snoopy, Roy Hobbs mascot

2016

Agustin Canela, Stars of Herrera, D.R.
Pete Cooley, Kenmore Brewers & NC Yankees
Ed Crann, MidAtlantic Nationals, Cleveland Pirates
Rob Daigle, New England Indians, Kent MudHens, Akron Knights
Larry Eaton, Umpire
Dick Kissik, Silver Foxes RI / RIMA Founder
Stan Lewis, Bronx Yankees, Miami Benihana, Southern Yankees
Chuck Nave, FH Hooters, Miracle Blues
Bill Owenby, Tri-Cities Baseball
Dave Petracca, Kenmore Orioles, NEO Astros
Russ Pollina, PSOF Rangers, Cleveland Royals
Guy Pushman, Americans Baseball
Rich Rinaldo, Summit Umpires
Kevin Savoia, Texas A's of NJ



Tom Malloy



John Royea

Marty Schwam, Jersey Cardinals, Tri-Cities Baseball
Jim Spoerndle, Akron 40s, Orioles & Pirates
Mike Tarens, Antiques Baseball
Joe Travarca, Classics Thunder
Bob Wilkinson, Akron Pirates, NC Yankees
Bennie Woodall, Kent Mudhens, SD Rushmores, Huntsville

2015

Katherine Anderson, RHWS Staff
Steve Azevedo, NorCal Giants
Billy DeSa, Florida Crush
Bobby Hayes, Tallahassee Classics
Dave Kelley, Chicago Rangers
Charlie Konkus, Chicago Rangers
Barry Parker, Windy City
Derek Ross, Nova Scotia Monarchs 60s
Donald Stokel, Florida Crush
Brian Waner, FM Hooters-Blues

2014

Wayne Bauers, Washington Titans
Stephan Beckmann, German Red Barons
Bill Cauley, Wilmington Thunder
Darris Claybo, Kodak Reds
Tom Costigan, Akron Indians, Tigers
Francisco Faria, Metro Saints
Bill Frey, Umpire, Ohio
Bob Galdeen, Toledo Dan Rodgers Sports
Alan Gaspar, Akron Redskins
Pete Hall, East Coast Yankees
Ross Hill, Oakville Golden A's
Tim Holmes, Boston Braves
Jim Kinsey, Fort Myers Hooters
Max McLeary, Umpire, Ohio
Frank Mullany, New England Red Sox
Andy Oser, Crossfit Glory Days, NJ Mariners
Ron Perry, Umpire, Pennsylvania
Dan Rodgers, Toledo Dan Rodgers Sports

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Jerry Sanders, Detroit Oldtimers
Ramon Torres, Tampa Sharks
Vincente Santiago, Akron Diamondbacks
Dean Shinavier, Border City Brewers
**Harry Young, Harry Young Builders

2013

Cliff Abott, RHWS PA staff
Kerry Adams, Detroit Oldtimers
Bobby Burroughs, Huntsville Rockets
Mark Deville, Chitown Cardinals
Joe Diamond, New England Red Sox
Harry Dwyer, Maine Indians
Mohamed Hassen, Umpire, Florida
Eddie Hawkins, Carolina Rockies
David Manning, Houston Colt 45s
**Kevin McBurney, Rhode Island Warriors
Jim Sims, Georgia Classics
Kent Sims, Tallahassee Classics
Matt Woellert, Cincinnati Suds

2012

Jerry Deal, Ohio Bucks
Ben Fisher, Washington Nationals 70s
Terry Green, Umpire, Ohio
Joe Jensen, Minnesota Saints
Lloyd Johnson, Chicago Knights & Rangers
Don Leshnock, P&N SilverHawks
Jeff Liles, Dayton Braves, Dayton Cardinals
Jeff MacDonald, Fort Myers Classics
Brian McGarry, Akron Cardinals
Thom Michel, Cleveland Crushers
Paul Parker, New Jersey Wonderboys
Jack Sable, Salem/Pittsburgh Warlocks
Silverio Brito Santamaria, PGS White Sox
Don 'Butch' Taylor, Toledo MudDogs
Harold Thomasson, Fairfield Masters
**Todd Windhorst, RHBB Staff, Umpire
John Wood, Minnesota Millers, HPK Oilers

2011

Jim Allgood, Florida Masters
Bill Beckman, NorCal Antiques
Dagoberto Concepcion Cueto, Kings Gym
Vince Germinario, Fort Myers Classics
Robert Jayroe, Huntsville Stars/ Rockets
Ron Kanzulak, Southside White Sox
Jeff Lumbert, Americans Baseball Club
Scott Miller, Erie Coast Cubs 48s
Rudy Piekarski, Akron Athletics
Richard Quilles, Puerto Braves 48s
Shane Ramont, Border City Brewers 48s
Henry St. Clair, Umpire/UIC, Wisconsin
Dan Stiles, Akron Red Sox
Bob Vostry, Detroit Tigers

2010

Scot Demadaler, West Palm Beach Marlins
Bob Frohn, Kentucky Orioles
Steve Leis, West Palm Beach Marlins
Bob Uhl, Chicago Spirit
Tom Hawk Welsh, Akron Blues
**Dutch Van Wey, NorCal Antiques
Al Yahner, Akron Blues
Lakota Hobbs, RH mascot and Teammate to all
Paul Carruthers, Oakville Golden A's

2009

Larry Goff, Akron Colt 45s/Dodgers/ Salem
Jim Kerr, Huntsville 60s
Gary Ketner, Washington Rainers 48s
Ray Lammie, Washington Nationals 60s
Kenny McKinney, Huntsville Stars
Corky Miklya, Minnesota Bulldogs, HPK Oilers
Glen Mills, Wilmington Old Salts
Jim Nagella, Umpire, Ohio
Jim Tarasavage, Palm Bay Americans
Tim West, Cincinnati Cubs

2008

Jim Beck, Chesapeake Blue Claws
Clark Hawk, Huntsville Rockets
Nino Martinez, NorCal Antiques
Arnie Owens, Fort Myers Unknowns
Greg Sheeks, Akron Tigers
George Spiroff, Akron A's
Sonny Webb, Dayton Ducks
Mickey Williams, P&N SilverHawks

2007

Eric Andregg, Kent MudHens
Germaine Casey, Chicago Giants
Joe Connolly, NJ Bucks
Elsie Giffen, RHBB Matriarch
Dale Hains, umpire, Florida
Frank Stallnaker, Kent MudHens
Towny Townsend, Tidewater Drillers
Chuck Yonkings, Elyria Deca Pools

2006

John Hills, Tampa Stars
Rafie Jackson, DTG Classics, S. Florida Suns



Gary Sams



Frank Straske

Paul Kenny, NJ Bucks

2005

Gary Bourgeois, Louisiana I.C.I.
John Carmak, Akron Braves, Cincinnati Astros
Robert Costill, Akron Blues
Richard 'Rocky' Gragg, Palm Beach Marlins
Herb Koch, HPK Oilers
Preston Lyles, Umpire & RHWS staff, Tennessee
Jerry McDermott, N.J. Wonderboys
Robert Woods, DTG Classics
Steve M. Yates, Asheville Sox, Tourists
Roy Yocum, Cincinnati Colts

2004

Lionel Feliciano, Puerto Rico LBBA 40s
Butch Howell, Toledo Thunder
Robert McKesson, Ocala Lightning
Glenn Stripe, Akron Blues

2003

Cecil Giffen, RHBB Patriarch
David Layton, Akron Raptors
Dave Pavlik, Cincinnati Suds
Ted Rakich, Akron Blues

2002

Todd Hendrickson, Nebraska Scorecard

2001

Don Mosteller, Canton Masters
Paul Palmer, Bergen Yankees
Bob Wagner, Fort Myers Miracle
Bruce Wollenberg, Chicago Giants

2000

Ed Crockett, Detroit Old-Timers
Richard Ebner, Canton Masters
Harry Jenkins, NJ All-Stars

1998

Lin Perry, Pullayup White Sox
Jim Smith, Akron Braves
Oddie Woolen, Detroit Oldtimers

1997

Marshall Harper, Palm Bay Americans

1996

Stuart Klein, Tuscarawas Indians

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calmness and certainty in decision making have led to a successful organization. I have not heard a single player or manager complain about Tom in his role as commissioner."

Oh, what about patents?

Inventors' website IDiyas lists 13 patents for Huetter on oral healthcare and respiratory illness treatment.

It notes his inventions have improved "the well-being of both humans and animals alike."

Chemical and nuclear engineering are not usually discussed in Terry Park dugouts or at Sidelines sports bar.

But they may be discussed when Huetter is inducted.

Marc Landals

Marc Landals was more than an umpire, a man in blue. He was Mr. Umpire at the Roy Hobbs World Series, a fixture behind the plate and behind the scenes.

Landals died last year at 57 after a seven-year struggle against HPV cancer. He was the World Series Umpire in Chief.

His Hall of Fame nomination sailed through the vetting and voting process. Veteran umpire Tim McGoldrick described Landals as the "voice of reason."

He was also an umpire in full. Landals attended umpiring school and served as a mentor to other umpires, even older ones such as McGoldrick. Landals knew the rule book.

"Marc totally focused on what umpiring was all about," said McGoldrick, a Hall of Fame charter member from 2013.

Landals took charge of games.

"There's umpires who will allow coaches and players to jaw at them," McGoldrick said.

Pre-game home plate meetings changed that. The only people he would talk to world be the managers and he would promise, according to McGoldrick, to be a "good listener."

Landals used to conduct umpiring clinics at the World Series.

"He got respect because everybody knew that he knew what he was talking about," McGoldrick said.

Hall of Fame reference Ted Lesiak considered Landals a friend as well as a outstanding umpire.

"As a pitcher in Roy Hobbs for many years I was always grateful when I saw Marc putting on the gear in the parking lot," Lesiak said. "I knew that today a strike is a strike and it will stay consistent throughout the game."

Reference Tom Allio has 30 years of Roy Hobbs experience.

"As an umpire, Marc exhibited incredible integrity, respect for players and his umpire partners on the field, knowledge of the game, pride in his appearance, and passion for the game itself," Allio said.

Allio estimated he's caught about 1,000 games. "There is no one that I'd prefer playing in front of than Marc Landals," Allio said.

Landals' standing in baseball is evident in Akron, Ohio, where Old Forge Field now is called Marc Landals Field @ Old Forge.

His Hall of Fame nomination glowed with praise such as this: "... epitome of the Best of Best , one of the best umpires that ever worked or umpired for Roy Hobbs."

Ambassador of Baseball: Bill Fear

Bill Fear is seemingly everywhere every day during the Roy Hobbs World Series.

That may explain why he is the 2026 Brian Mullen Ambassador of Baseball recipient.

If he's not playing for the Windy City White Sox, who are managed by his wife, Bonnie, he's likely in the PDC locker room. He's almost always there running the place.

His duties require time and attention to detail.

"I do all the ordering," Fear said, "Make sure I got all the supplies, and I'll sit there and make sure we got breakfast out in the morning. And I do laundry, scrub pants."

The Roy Hobbs World Series would not be the same without Fear's work ethic and love of the game.

He typically shows up around 7:30 a.m. His workday typically lasts until 7:30 or even 8 p.m. That's seven days a week for five weeks.

Does the 72-year-old Fort Myers resident plan to continue doing this?

"I sure am," Fear said.

Fear also works for the Minnesota Twins during spring training and the Fort Myers Mighty Mussels in the Florida State League in the spring and summer.



Bill Fear

Fear was nominated for the Ambassador honor by John Gubricky.

"Bill is a true baseball lifer," Gubricky said in his nomination.

Fear has played in every World Series since 1996. He grew up in Chicago as a White Sox fan whose favorite player was shortstop Luis Aparicio.

Now, he's the father of three and grandfather of nine.

The Roy Hobbs Ambassadorship is becoming a Fear family tradition.

Bill's wife Bonnie Fear was the 2017 Ambassador.

2025 ROY HOBBS WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS







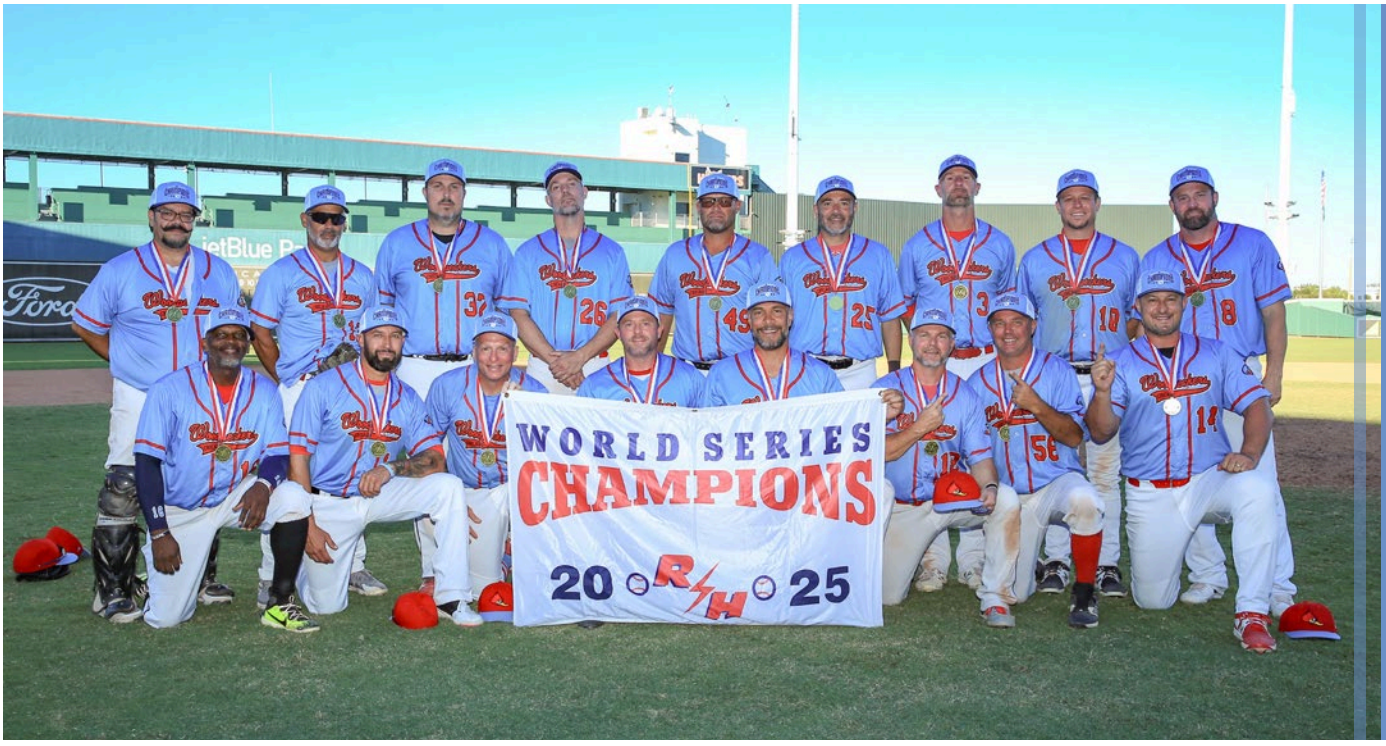
Division	Sub-Div	Team Name	Manager Name	Runner Up
35+ Veterans	AAAA	Tidewater Drillers	Will Somerdyke	The Oilers
	AAA	Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs	Dennis Higgins	Tampa Mets
	AA	JR Bats	Jeff Krejcik	Cobra Kai
45+ Masters	AAAA	Chicago Woodpeckers	Tony Pacella	Staten Island Bombers
	AAA	Dundalk Nationals	Jimmy Tate	Tidewater Drillers
	AA	NEO Angels	Phil Petrik	Limeport Milkmen
53+ Legends	AAAA	Chicago Woodpeckers	Tony Pacella	Michigan Dodgers
	AAA	St. Louis Patriots	Brent Wood	MotorCity Firebirds
	AA	Carolina Thunder	Gregg Allen	Hellcats
	A	Canton Tigers	Kenny Robbins	Chesapeake Rays
	B	Jersey Bananas	Phil Reina	New Jersey Twins
60+ Classics	AAAA	Midwest Angels	Tim Murphy	Border City Brewers
	AAA	Maine Black Bears	Ed Simmons	Washington Titans
	AA	Minnesota Twins	Dale Bjerke	Minnesota Bandits
	A	Chicago Giants	Vito Ruscio	Pensacola Salt Bandits
65+ Vintages	AAAA	Border City Brewers	Dave Cooper	Washington Titans
	AAA	Minnesota Bandits	Bruce Doney	JDs Jaguars
	AA	Spokane DC Rapids	Robin Nye	Tidewater Drillers
	A	Bergen Yankees	Peter Kuchta	Team Albany
70+ Timeless	AAAA	Washington Titans	Bart Waldman	South Jersey Spikes
	AAA	Florida Storm	Ken Gourley	White Foxes
	AA	Cincinnati Colt .45s	Bob Hawkins	Midwest Nine
75+ Forever Young	AAAA	Team Cambria	Jerry Degeneress	Midwest Nine
	AAA	Maine Woods	John Schipani	DuPage Lugnuts
80+ Antiques		Avengers	Ron Michaelson	South Dakota Rushmores
Women		Evolution BB Red	Alex Oglesby	New England Red Sox

VETERANS AAAA CHAMPIONS
TIDEWATER DRILLERS



Back Row L-R: *Ian Allen, Justin Erby, Ben Tomchick, Greg Tomchick, Phil Hearbst, Dennis Ferrigno Jr., Will Somerdyke (Mgr.), Roger Hall III, Ricky Allred, Taylor Erby, Dakota Laufenberg.*
Front Row L-R: *Gary Wright, Anthony Redifer, Andy St. Sing, Robert Bunch, Jesse Ellison, Drew Avery, Anthony Guadalupe, Tom Chies, Aaron Wright.*
Not pictured: *Austin Wright, Marquis Richardson, Rick Austin.*

MASTERS AAAA CHAMPIONS
CHICAGO WOODPECKERS



Front Row L-R: *Devin Brown, Hugo Munoz, Eddie Sullivan, Dan Pedretti, Jose Sanchez, Kack Keeler, Dan O'Brien, Paul Jimenez.*
Back Row L-R: *Erick Marquez, Ozzie Munoz, Brandon Kaye, Kevin Bay-Andersen, Jose Soto, Fernando Ramirez, John Javorski, Chris Heller, Erik Ricken.*
Not Pictured: *Tony Pacella (Mgr.), Jeff Massaro, Mike Reavy, Ray Castro.*

LEGENDS AAAA CHAMPIONS
CHICAGO WOODPECKERS



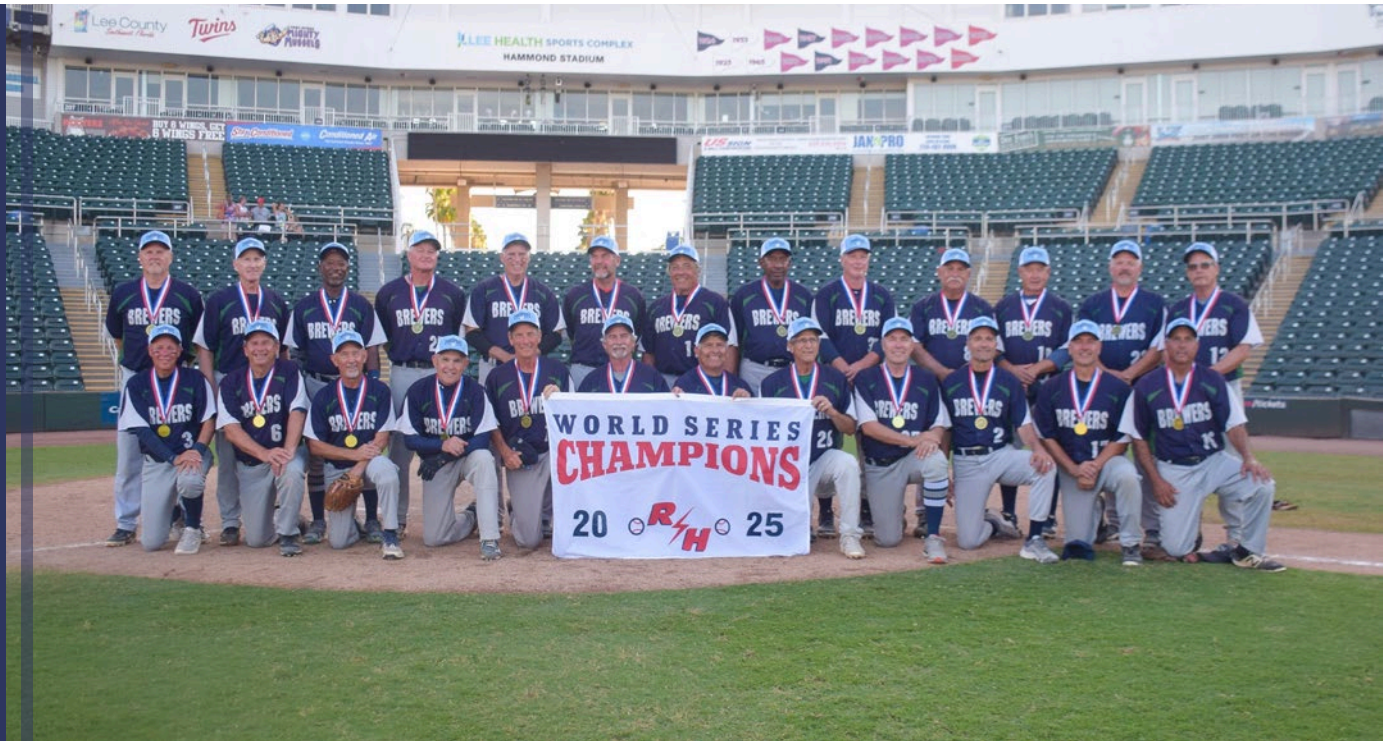
Front Row L-R: *Steve Frellick, Jim Pincenti, Eddie Sullivan, Jose Sanchez, Jeff Walsh, Joe Capparelli, Chris Loy, Bob Schaaf, Scott Marabell.*
Back Row L-R: *Dick Chappell (Mgr.), Mike Zirngibl, Mike Rukujzo, Tom Malloy, Jack Neuman, Dan Kopitzke, Bill Kazmierczak, Rick Malott, Kirt Bennett.*



CLASSICS AAAA CHAMPIONS
MIDWEST ANGELS

Front Row (L-R): *John Sudges, Greg Klyczek, Karl Falkstrom, Bill Zanon, Mike Falagario, Joe Capparelli, John Reifenstuhl.*
Back Row (L-R): *Scott Carpinelli, Joe McCarthy, Wally Czarny, Dave Czosek, Bill Kazmierczak, Bill Steele, Mike Rukujzo, Robert Calvert, Tom Malloy, Tom Foote.*
Not Pictured: *Tim Murphy (Mgr.).*

VINTAGE AAAA CHAMPIONS
BORDER CITY BREWERS



Front Row L-R: *Pat Devine, Rick Filush, Ed Derrick, Phill Merrill, Bob Heidersheit, Rich Seiler, Tony Escamilla, Randy Moselle, Brian Wolcott, George Aromatorio, Bob Vaughn, Sam Sibeto.*
Back Row L-R: *Tim Craiger, Dennis Fischer, Mike Carter, Dave Cooper (Mgr.), Bill Devine, Paul Jaunich, Dick Chappelle, Willie Boyd, Bruce Ahlswede, Bobby Escamilla, Doug Springford, Ron Thomas, AL Gates.*



TIMELESS AAAA CHAMPIONS
WASHINGTON TITIANS

Front Row L-R: *John Lane, Ken Jungsten & Malone, Dave Howard, Stan Henderson, Marse McNaughton, Paul Contreras, Glenn Kost, Randy May.*
Back Row L-R: *Tom Krause, Wayne Grapes, Danny Pawelek, Doc Lathrop, Wes Lewis, Lonnie Bloom, Bart Waldman (Mgr.), Marlin Appelwick, Ron Piacenti, Bob Hope.*

FOREVER YOUNG AAAA CHAMPIONS
TEAM CAMBRIA



Front Row L-R: *Jeff Blatt, Ed Klieman, Al Alt, Lloyd Kepple, Fred Krause, Dick Peters, Sal Calcagno, Rick Held.*
Back Row L-R: *Bob Bezzi, Colin Quinn, Jerry Degerness (Mgr.), Howard Elson, Gene Baratta, John Frantz, Curt Johnson, Gary Faulkes, John Arnold, Terry Teske, Roger Johnson.*
Not Pictured: *Noah Clark, Mark Davis, Bernie Pekala.*

WOMEN'S AAAA CHAMPIONS
EVOLUTION BASEBALL RED



Front Row L-R: *Audrey Byrne, Denae Benites, Mackenzie Dieringer, Serena Marinez, Kiera Izumi, Mia Kruspe.*
Back Row L-R: *Alex Oglesby (Mgr.), Lilah Bratcher, Jillian Albayati, Skylar Kaplan, Remi Schaber, Kaija Bazzano, Gabbie Haas, Rachelle Henley.*

VETERANS AAA CHAMPIONS
PHILADELPHIA DIRT DAWGS



Front Row L-R: *David Lemley, Nick Noles, Reggie Easley, Alex Sargent, David Dragone, Julian Williams, Mark Wickersham.*
Back Row L-R: *Steven Wells, Matt Edmondson, Anthony Kelly, Matt Papa, Chip Chapman, Dave Moriarty, Dan Gavlick, Dennis Higgins (Mgr.), Kevin McGovern, Edward Milian.*



MASTERS AAA CHAMPIONS
DUNDALK NATIONALS

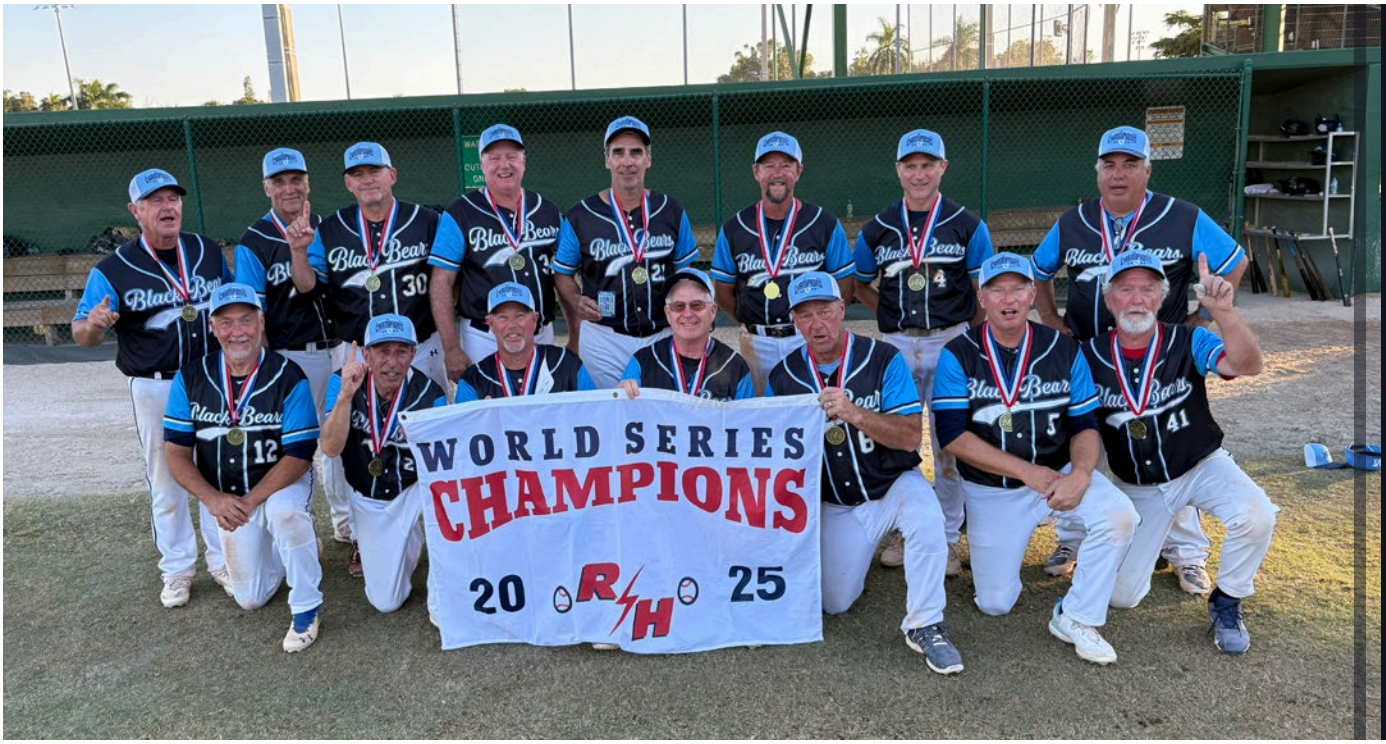
Front Row L-R: *Oscar Alvarez, Gio Garcia, Marcelino Gomez, Kevin Bradshaw, Robik Leal, Jason Maceda, Hector Martinez, Adam Kinney, Emilio Harada, Mike Miller.*
Back Row L-R: *Jimmy Tate (Mgr.), Luis Scheker, Luis Ricardo, Kenny Hernandez, Tomas Hernandez, Martin Ortiz, Edwin Figueroa, Eric Eliason, Alex Rimoli, Joshua Hartin.*
Not pictured: *Jose Matamoras, Leo Mazzarra, Derek Wells.*

LEGENDS AAA CHAMPIONS

ST. LOUIS PATRIOTS



Front Row L-R: *Don Ellege, Randy Debold, Rodney Holmes, Greg Cizek, Rick Kron, Mike Pasqualone, Dan Kelly, Brent Wood (player/manager), Don Franke.*
Back Row L-R: *Mike Bauer, Dan Buck, Derrick Smalling, Rick Mundy, Gerry Gerkens, Scott Knepper, Steve Johnson, Bob Bertolino, Anthony Herron, Wayne Farley.*



CLASSICS AAA CHAMPIONS

MAINE BLACK BEARS

Front Row L-R: *Chris Rolfe, Tony Gonatas, Walter Foster, Jeff Howland, Clair Crandall, Jack Griffin, Eddie Mayer.*
Back Row L-R: *Ed Simmons (Player Coach), Dan Proctor, Steve Lockard, Scott Knepper, Jay Morissette, Jay Hoyt, Thom Parynik, Rick Caruso (Player Coach).*
Not Pictured: *Dickie Pacino.*

VINTAGE AAA CHAMPIONS
MINNESOTA BANDITS



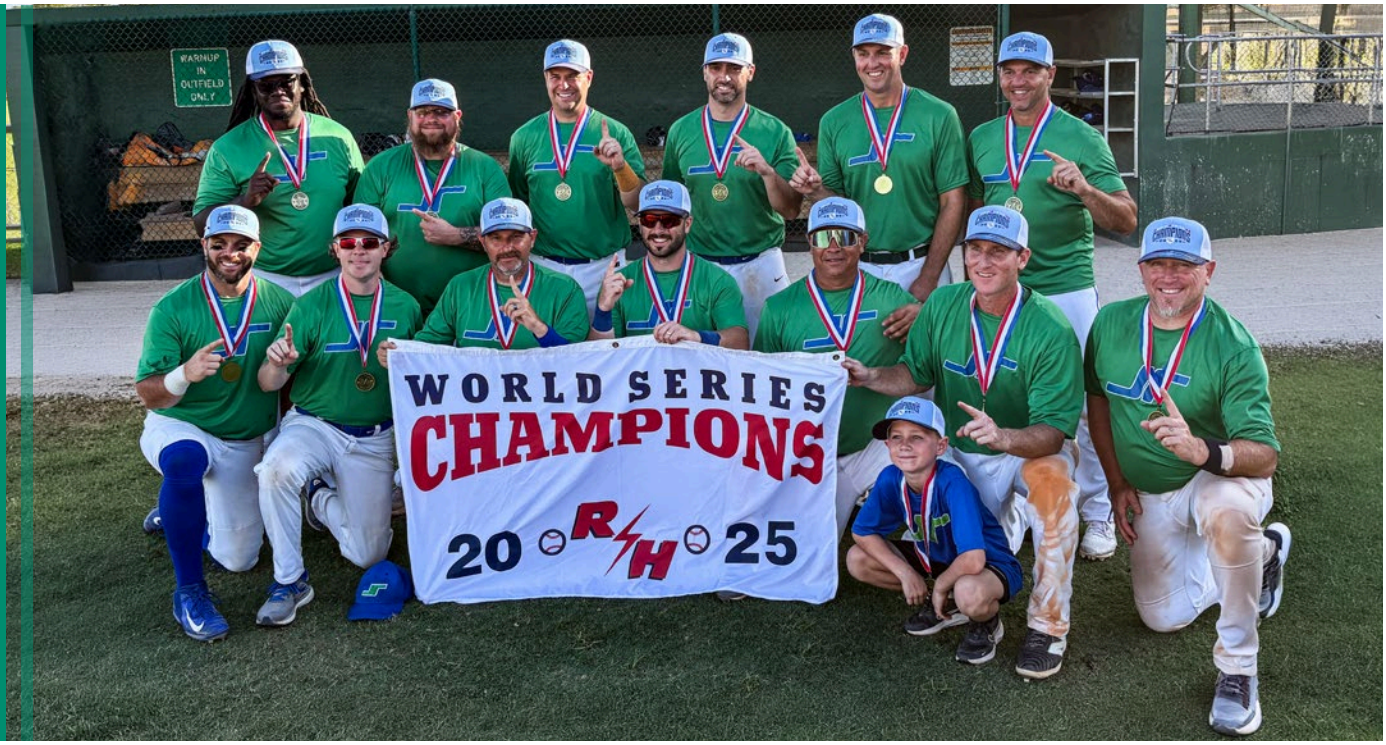
Front Row L-R: *Doug Hartwig, Marshall Werden, Dave Bilotta, Mike Krzan, Mike Briguglio, Randy Wesenberg, Doug, Berfeldt, Al Mignone, Scott Gatzke, Stew Sallo, Lee Backhaus.*
Back Row L-R: *Brock Kiecker, Denny Dwyer, Bob Britz, Dave Johnson, Bob McCann, Jeff Knutson, Kevin Lawrence, Dean Leffler, Steve Hughes, Bruce Doney (Mgr.), Curt Callister.*
Not Pictured: *Pete DeLois.*

TIMELESS AAA CHAMPIONS
FLORIDA STORM



Front Row L-R: *Julio Mejia, Randy Fleck, Bill Tolli, Ed Kleiman, Bob Heiderscheit, Tim McGivern, Wayne Nicholsen, Jerry Weaver.*
Back Row L-R: *Les Gan, Ed Wheatley, Ken Wellington, Denny Dwyer, Bruce Ahlswede, Ken Gourley (Mgr.), Jose Ortiz, Bruce Alpaugh.*

VETERANS AA CHAMPIONS
JR BATS



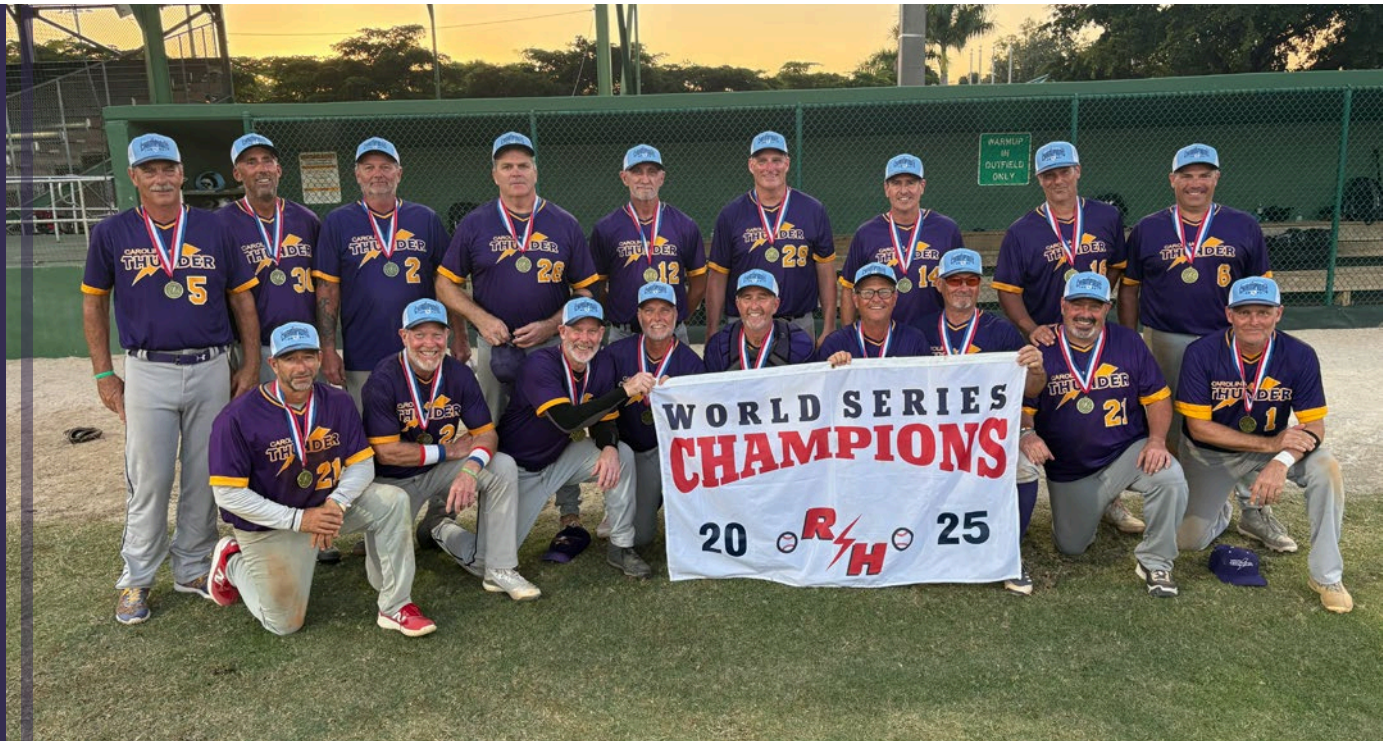
Front Row L-R: *David Duva, Brady King, Kevin Warner, Ryan Duva, Luis Seijas, Brett Cagney, Kyle Gaffner.*
Back Row L-R: *Christian Carlisle, James Trimm, Matt Brady, Aaron Wick, DJ Neumann, Shaun Lee.*
Not pictured: *Paul Parmentier, Richard Salazar, Miguel Munoz, Jeff Krejcik (Mgr.).*

MASTERS AA CHAMPIONS
NEO ANGELS



Front Row (L-R): *Dave Carbone, Andy Knapp, Chuck Fornicola, Chad Bryant, Danny Flick, Dex Littlefield, Carmen Melillo, Jack Gould, Luis Montañez, Phill Petrik (Mgr.).*
Back Row (L-R): *Jay Thaler, Rick Jenkins, Jaime Ramirez, Shane Pasch, John Gliba, Rodney Zoyhofski, Scott Mizeres, Jay Headland, Bruce Ingleright, John Hardesty.*
Not pictured: *Jon Merrigan, Jay Merrigan.*

LEGENDS AA CHAMPIONS
CAROLINA THUNDER



Front Row L-R: *Steve Wiegel, Dale Albrecht, Brian Timmes, Russ Holske, Sammy Flowers, Greg Allen (Mgr.), Allen Rising, Jason Bush, Mike Burke.*
Back Row L-R: *Todd Rehanek, Greg Ferri, Dean Kent, Robert Sikorski, Mitch Beaman, Tim Terreault, Jimmy Pyrtle, Keith Williams, Mark Medlock.*

CLASSICS AA CHAMPIONS
MINNESOTA TWINS



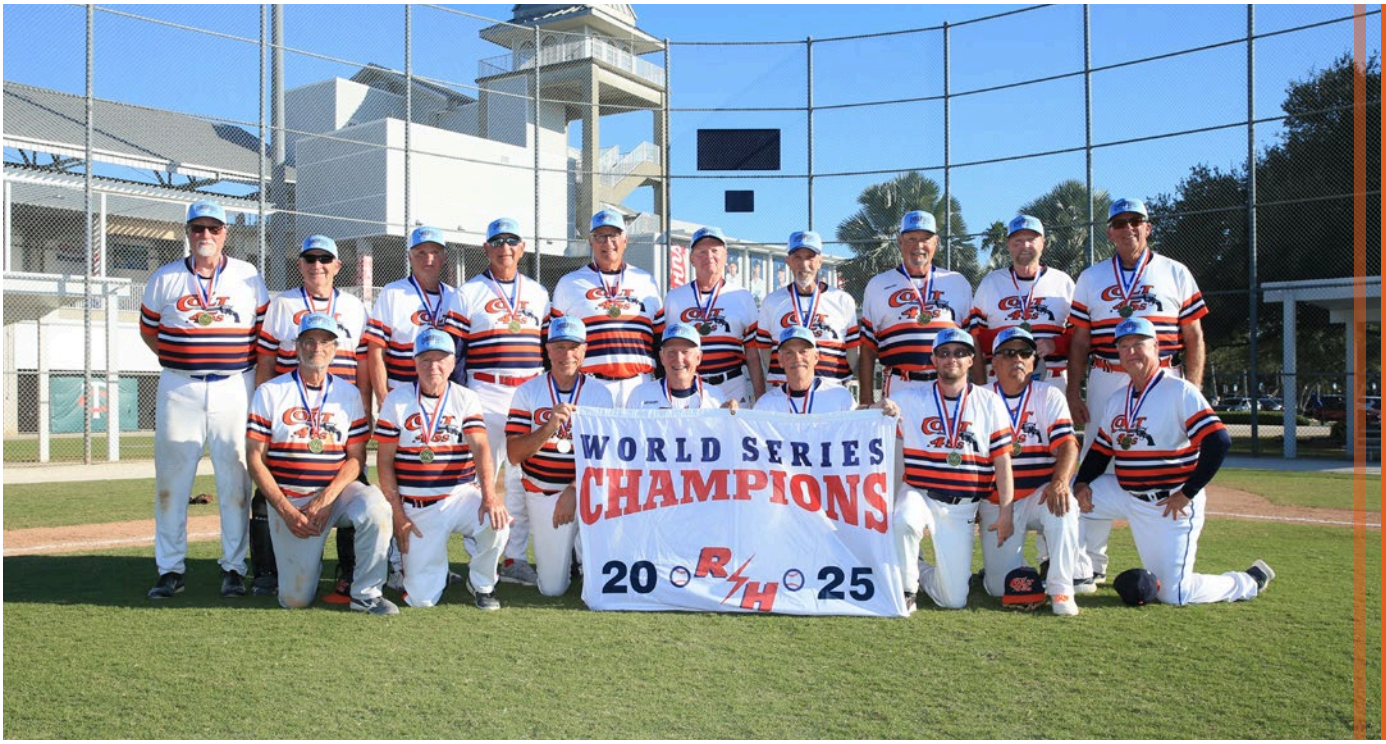
Front Row L-R: *Buster Heiman, Roger Kaufenberg, Ted Fust, Rick Bruce, Bob Lange, Jim Roehl, Brian Neibaur*
Back Row L-R: *Dale Bjerke (Mgr.), Al Leverty, Mike Hickey, Paul Kratoska, Tom Patterson, John Green, Mouse Koran, Casey Howell, Jim Stearns.*
Not Pictured: *Mark Besser.*

VINTAGE AA CHAMPIONS
SPOKANE/DC RAPIDS



Front Row L-R: *Mike Ellis, Joe Athey, Mike April, Robin Nye (Mgr.), Kerry Pease, Matt Mohay, George Descalso, Hugh Stine and Dave Duncan.*
Back Row L-R: *Mike McGlaughlin, Robb Steel, Frank Cappello, Mark Benz, Mark Flemister.*
Not Pictured: *James Dennis.*

TIMELESS AA CHAMPIONS
CINCINNATI COLT .45S



Front Row L-R: *Greg Bauman, Mike Day, Tom Daubenire, Charlie Speakman, Tom Huetter, John Schackmann, Eddie Ortiz, Donald Beckett.*
Back Row L-R: *Mike Patterson, Paul McDonald, Bill Wise, Gig Franklin, Mike Draznik, Jim Schackmann, Chuck Freedman, Bob Hawkins (Mgr.), Eddie Harman, Phil Pierce.*
Not Pictured: *Adrian Vickery, Jim Brockman, Juliet Hawkins.*

FOREVER YOUNG AAA CHAMPIONS
MAINE WOODS



Front Row L-R: *Stan Ledderman, Dave Brilliott, Wally Frontera, John Schipani (Mgr.), Dick Hill, Mike Courts, Bob Bastiaans.*
Back Row L-R: *Dave Cundy, Steve Elias, Larry Grohn, Bob Spooner, Steve Lewis, Bruce Vanderbunt, Tom Tashea.*



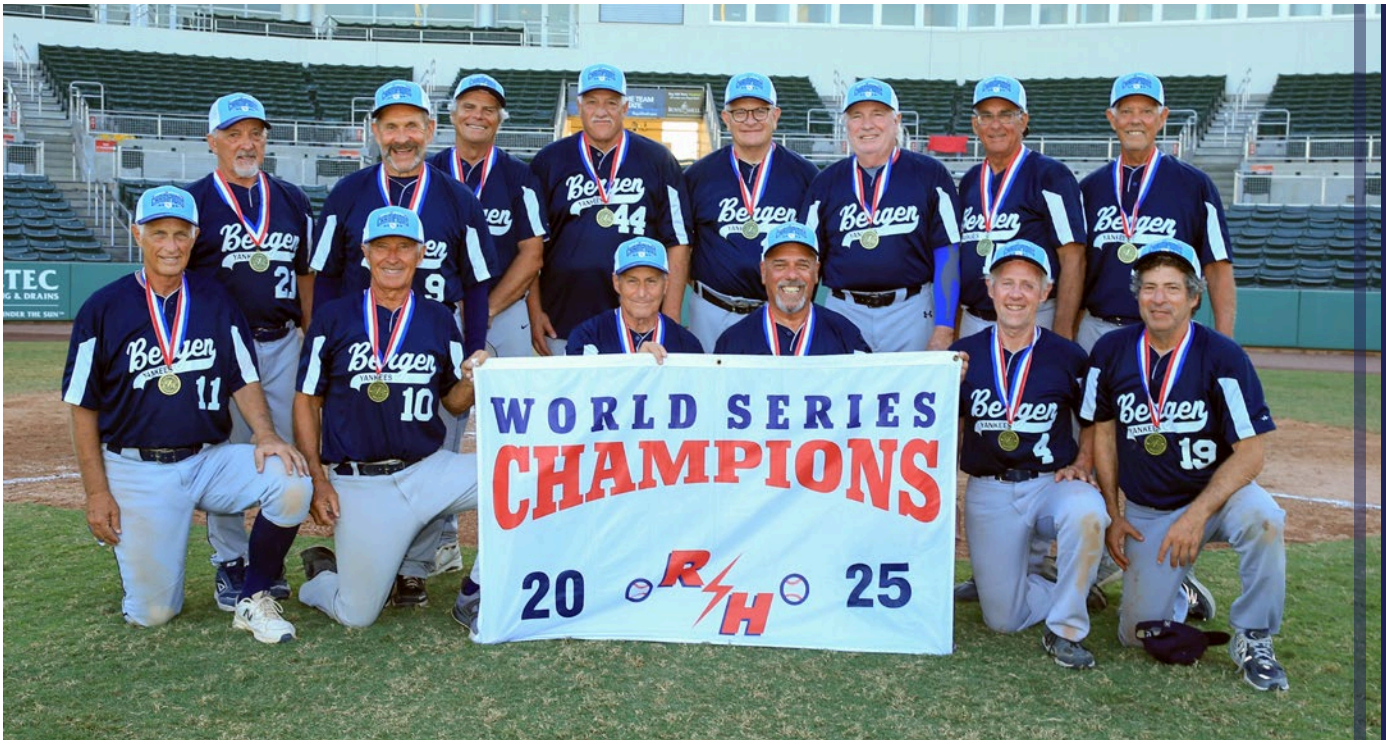
LEGENDS A CHAMPIONS
CANTON TIGERS

Front Row L-R: *Kenny Robbins, Rick Jenkins, Andy Knapp, Max Broom, Cam Broom, Dan Kennedy, John Fierro, Sean Broom (Mgr.).*
Back Row L-R: *Dave Smith, Cal Baker, Ron Brabb, Jerry Myers, Steve Nemic, Travis Lee, Randy Rose, Brian Hartong, Todd Bollinger, Dan Hansen.*

CLASSICS A CHAMPIONS
CHICAGO GIANTS



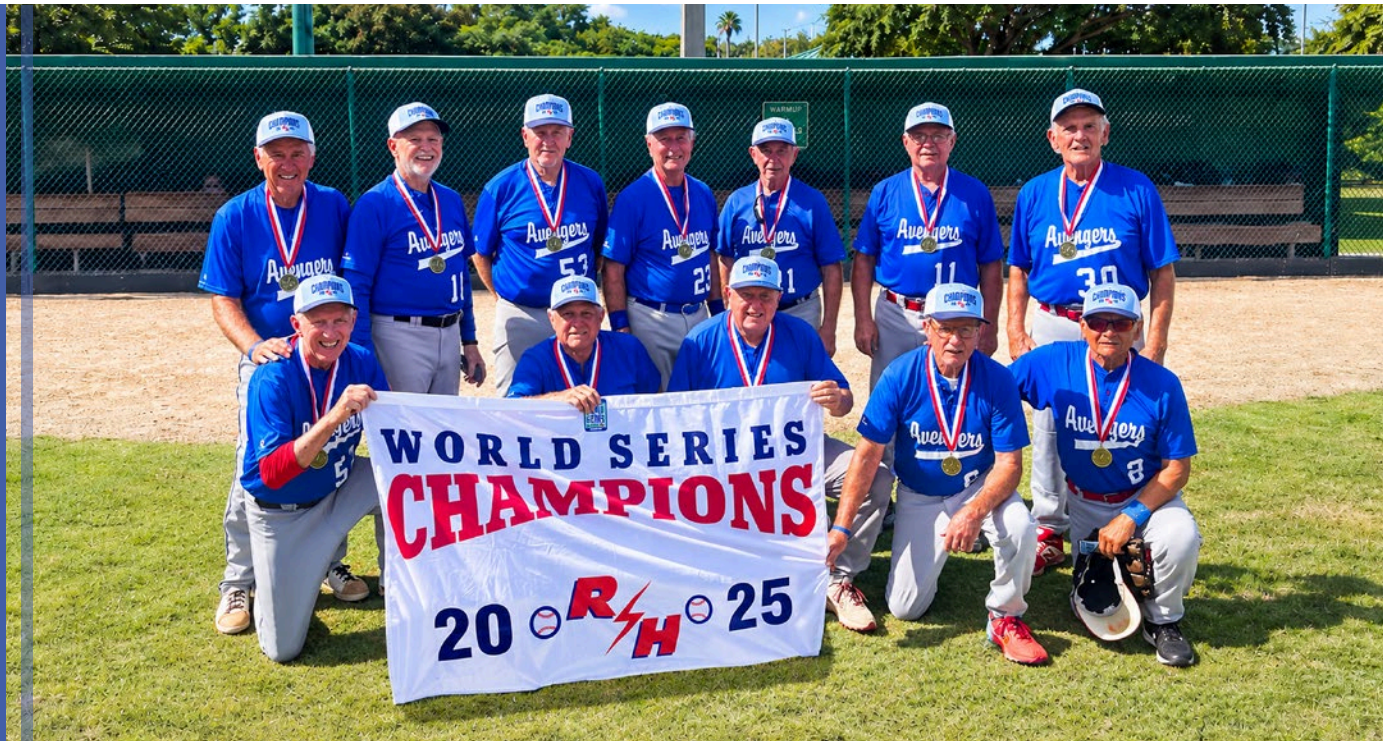
Front Row L-R: *Doug Reibel, Russ Dewey, Vito Ruscio (Mgr.), Sean Hoye, Mike Kestieea, Jeff Siler, Brien McGail, Mike Kane, Glenn Summers, Larry Pietryga.*
Back Row L-R: *Paul Crump, Angelo Consiglio, Lynn Strohl, Bob Dearth, Brien Curtin, Jim McSheffery, Kal Tate, Bob Latchford, Gerardo Guerrero.*
Not pictured: *Randy Conte, Roy Wells.*



VINTAGE A CHAMPIONS
BERGEN YANKEES

Front Row L-R: *Ken Gourley, Pete Kuchta (Mgr.), Robert Gordon, Scott Weedo, Mike Sprague, Dale Lawrence.*
Back Row L-R: *Bob Lipinski, Chris Poli, Gene Coltelli, Rich Durso, Jeff Cardinal, John Ross, Steve Alemi, Barry Peterman.*
Not Pictured: *Bill Tolli, Mike Trabucco, Juan Espinal.*

ANTIQUES CHAMPIONS
AVENGERS



Front Row L-R: *Larry Kight, Jay Burns, Dave Weber, Paul Smith, Pat Herod.*
Back Row L-R: *Ron Michaelson (Mgr.), Larry Johnson, Kris Glintborg, Ken McGruther, Brad Buchan, Bob Sagle, Dave Jones.*



LEGENDS B CHAMPIONS
JERSEY BANANAS

Front Row L-R: *Brian Barts, Phil Reina, Joe Russo, Jon Meier.*
Back Row L-R: *Joe Reina (Mgr.), Romano Lake, Frank Marsico, John Scillieri, Terry Noble, Cliff Soukup, Mike Scillieri, Dan Donnelly, Jason Scillieri.*
Not Pictured: *Tom Esser, Ken Lorow, Brett Roberts, Joe Wells.*

PLANNING FOR RHWS 2027

Dates*

Veterans (35+) – October 16-23
Masters (45+) – October 16-23
Legends (53+) – October 23-30
Classics (60+) – October 30-November 6
Timeless (70+) – November 13-20
Vintage (65+) – November 6-13
Forever Young (75+) – November 6-13
Antiques (80+) – November 13-20
Women's Division – November 19-21, tentative

** – based on 5-week event & no changes by Lee County Parks & Recreation*

Fees*

2027 World Series Fees:

Member Team – $4395
Non-member team – $4995

(Note: All teams required to carry $2 million liability policy)

Non-Roy Hobbs Member on Member Team – $25
Team membership – Contact Roy Hobbs Baseball at 239.689.8550 for 2027 fee schedule & deadlines
Insurance Season – 2027 rates set in December 2026
Insurance RHWS – 2027 rates set in January 2027

** fees tentative as of 8-1-2026.*

Discounts Available

1. Pay non-refundable $250 Deposit by June 1, 2027 & receive $125-$200 discount off RHWS
2. Pay RHWS fee in full by August 27, 2027** & receive $500 discount off RHWS
3. Final registration/payment deadline: September 20, 2027

*(** -- Funds must be in RH hands by Aug. 27, 2027 no exceptions)*

Future RHWS Dates

2028: October 14-November 18
2029: October 13-November 17
2030: October 19-November 23
2031: October 18-November 22

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