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Well-deserved! 2026 HOF class enshrined



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2026 RH Hall of Fame honorees lead crowd in singing "Take MeOut to the Ball Game" … from left, John Martin, who accepted on behalf of the Landals family for Marc Landals, Ambassador Bill Fear, Wayne Harris & Tom Huetter.

BY GLENN MILLER
Roy Hobbs Baseball

The Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame formally inducted 5 new members at ceremonies Saturday night at Sidelines Sports Bar & Grill.

The 2026 Brian Mullen Ambassador of Baseball, Bill Fear, was also recognized.

Wayne Harris and Tom Huetter were the only inductees present. Former Umpire-in-Chief Marc Landals was inducted posthumously.

Adriane Adler could not attend because her flight to Fort Myers was grounded by the nationwide grounding of aviation. Greg Allen could not attend because of family issues.

"Everyone on that list is special," said Roy Hobbs president Tom Giffen, who was the event's master of ceremonies.

Landals, who died last year at 57 after fighting HPV cancer for 7 years, was a World Series fixture. He not only led the umpire crew but was a talented and focused umpire.

"Undisputed leader of the umpire crew," Giffen said.

He conducted umpiring clinics at the World Series to make sure every Roy Hobbs umpire knew the rules and technique and positioning.

Giffen praised Landals' leadership qualities saying Landals would criticize umpires privately but praise them publicly.

Members of the Landals family had hoped to attend but could not make it. His plaque was accepted by John Martin, a longtime friend and the Food Concessions Supervisor and anchor of the World Series concession staff.

Harris hails from Alabama. Giffen began by talking about the new Hall of Famer's southern accent.

"Do I need an interpreter?" Giffen jokingly asked.

No interpreter is needed to understand what Harris, who will turn 70 on Friday, has meant for adult amateur baseball in northern Alabama and other places.

He was nominated for the Hall of Fame for expanding and building the Huntsville league, which attracts players from cities in Tennessee such as Chattanooga, Nashville and Memphis.

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2026 RH Hall of Fame photos left to right: HoF President Tom Giffen banters with honoree Wayne Harris. 2026 Ambassador Bill Fear having some fun with the audience. HoF President Tom Giffen interviews honoree Tom Huetter.

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Harris' connection with adult amateur baseball date back to a 1998 Sunday. When he was leaving church that fateful day a friend told him he was going to play baseball. Not softball!

Harris checked it out and signed up and now nearly 30 years later is still involved.

"The rest is history," Harris said.

He was hooked.

"Once I started, I never wanted to stop," Harris said.

At various times in recent decades Harris has been a team manager, league commissioner and league treasurer.

He's not about to give up all the administrative tasks critical to building and maintaining leagues.

"Nobody will take my job," Harris said.

About 450 miles north of Huntsville on the other side of the Mason-Dixon Line, Tom Huetter has built the Miami (Ohio) Valley Roy Hobbs League.

The retired chemical engineer and nuclear engineer was its commissioner from 2016 to earlier this year. In that time, he grew the league from 10 teams to 34 teams and one division to five divisions.

He added 60-plus and 65-plus divisions and merged with an MSBL organization.

Huetter, 72, has sciences degrees from two of America's most prestigious universities. He has a chemical engineering degree from Princeton and a master's in nuclear engineering from the University of Virginia.

Not only that. ....

He has 19 patents from his days as a Proctor & Gamble scientist.

"This is one interesting individual," Giffen said as he began introducing Huetter.

The discipline and intelligence Huetter applied to his work also was used in his role as a baseball administrator.

"Running a league is similar to working a project," Huetter said.

The inventors website, IDiyas, notes that his inventions have improved oral healthcare and respiratory illness treatments for "the well-being of both humans and animals alike."

His work in the Miami Valley Roy Hobbs League has improved the well-being of adult amateur baseball players in Ohio.

Adriane Adler has improved the well-being of female baseball players.

The Basking Ridge, New Jersey resident was elected as an administrator-player-manager.

She has been bringing teams to Fort Myers since the early 2000s.

That includes being a key figure in the Roy Hobbs World Series women's divisions, which has 12 teams this year. Those teams begin play on Friday.

Allen is a Wilmington, North Carolina resident. He has grown the game in his community and was nominated as an administrator and manager.

The retired Wilmington firefighter has been a World Series fixture since 2009.

Fear is the second member of his family named Ambassador. His wife, Bonnie, was the 2017 Ambassador.

Bill's relentless work ethic and love of the game propelled him to this honor.

During the five weeks of the World Series he works seven

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days a week and each day is long, usually from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 or 8 p.m.

Has he ever thought about quitting the job or playing for the Windy City White Sox, who are managed by Bonnie?

"My wife won't let me quit," Bill, 72, said.

The remark grew chuckles from the audience.







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2026 Roy Hobbs Hall of Famers Adriane Adler (top left), Greg Allen (top right), and Marc Landals (bottom left)

TIMELESS / ANTIQUES RESULTS

Timeless Results

Sunday

Atlanta A's 17, Lehigh Baseball 1
Baltimore Baseball 3, Lake Erie Pirates 1
Chicago Fire 14, White Foxes 5
Florida Storm 17, Minn. Crosstown Traffic 3
Huntsville Havoc 16, New Jersey Dodgers 1
Kent Mudhens 8, DC Mets 6
Long Island Express 6, Minnesota Goats 1
Maine Woods 11, Jerseys Curzie's Cardinals 8
Minnesota Bees 19, NorCal Giants 1
Minnesota Goats 3, Chi-Town Cardinals 0
National Spirits 9, Kenmore Eastern Brewers 8
Philadelphia Cutters 9, Florida L.I. Yankees 3
Rhode Island Rockies 19, Nova Scotia Monarchs 5
Sacramento Buzzards 14, Orlando Dodgers 4
South Jersey Spikes 4, Greenville Cropdusters 1
St. Louis Legends 14, Kent Mudhens 4
St. Louis Patriots 12, DuPage Indians 1
Tallahassee Bombers 10, Ott's Tavern 4
Washington Titans 9, Charlestown Chiefs 7
Wilmington Thunder 16, Asheville Sox 0

Antiques Results

Sunday

New Jersey Wonderboys 11, Kent Mudhens 1
Washington Titans 18, Avengers 6
Antiques 8, Twin Cities 5
Goats 15, New England Red Sox 3
Avengers 15, Toledo Tigers 0



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TIMELESS / ANTIQUES STANDINGS

Timeless Division

Standings Thru Sunday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
Wilmington Thunder	1	0	1.000	0
Atlanta As	1	0	1.000	1
Baltimore Baseball Club	1	0	1.000	1
Huntsville Havoc	1	0	1.000	1
Long Island Express	1	0	1.000	1
Minnesota Bees	1	0	1.000	1
St. Louis Patriots	1	0	1.000	1
South Jersey Spikes	1	0	1.000	1
Florida Storm	1	0	1.000	3
Philadelphia Cutters	1	0	1.000	3
Sacramento Buzzards	1	0	1.000	4
St Louis Legends	1	0	1.000	4
Tallahassee Bombers	1	0	1.000	4
Chicago Fire	1	0	1.000	5
Rhode Island Rockies	1	0	1.000	5
Washington Titans	1	0	1.000	7
Maine Woods	1	0	1.000	8
National Spirits	1	0	1.000	8
Minnesota Goats	1	1	.500	6
Kent Mudhens	1	1	.500	20
Chi-Town Cardinals	0	1	.000	3
Lake Erie Pirates	0	1	.000	3
Greenville Cropdusters	0	1	.000	4
DC Mets	0	1	.000	8
Charlestown Chiefs	0	1	.000	9
Florida Long Island Yankees	0	1	.000	9
Kenmore Eastern Brewers	0	1	.000	9
Ott's Tavern	0	1	.000	10
Jerseys Curzie's Cardinals	0	1	.000	11
DuPage Indians	0	1	.000	12



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Orlando Dodgers	0	1	.000	14
White Foxes	0	1	.000	14
Asheville Sox	0	1	.000	16
New Jersey Dodgers	0	1	.000	16

Antiques Division

Standings Thru Sunday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
New Jersey Wonderboys	1	0	1.000	1
Goats	1	0	1.000	3
Antiques	1	0	1.000	5
Washington Titans	1	0	1.000	6
Avengers	1	1	.500	18
Twin Cities	0	1	.000	8
Kent Mudhens	0	1	.000	11
New England Red Sox	0	1	.000	15
Toledo Tigers	0	1	.000	15

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TIMELESS / ANTIQUES SCHEDULE

Monday Schedule

Timeless Schedule

10 AM

Ott's Tavern @ Jerseys Curzie's Cardinals, JB-S
Lehigh Baseball @ New Jersey Dodgers, LH-S
St. Louis Patriots @ Washington Titans, LH3
Nova Scotia Monarchs @ Kenmore Eastern Brewers, PDC3
Wilmington Thunder @ Lake Erie Pirates, PDC4
Tallahassee Bombers @ DC Mets, TP-S
Baltimore Baseball @ White Foxes, TP2
Chicago Fire @ Asheville Sox, TP4

1:15 PM

St. Louis Legends @ Maine Woods, JB-S
Florida L.I. Yankees @ South Jersey Spikes, JB5
Chi-Town Cardinals @ Huntsville Havoc, LH-S
Charlestown Chiefs @ NorCal Giants, LH3
National Spirits @ Sacramento Buzzards, LH4
Orlando Dodgers @ Rhode Island Rockies, LH6
Minnesota Bees @ DuPage Indians, PDC5
Greenville Cropdusters @ Florida Storm, PDC3
Minn. Crosstown Traffic @ Philadelphia Cutters, PDC4
Atlanta A's @ Long Island Express, TP-S

Antiques Schedule

10 AM

Avengers @ Goats, JB3
Washington Titans @ New England Red Sox, JB4
Toledo Tigers @ Twin Cities, JB5

1:15 PM

Goats @ Kent Mudhens, JB3
New Jersey Wonderboys @ Antiques, JB4



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NOTEBOOK

50/50 raffle

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

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

Revenues from past RHWS have led to greater than $15,000 in contributions to MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, St. Jude Hospital in Memphis and to Southern Florida Challenger Athletes.

The ticket number will be posted on our website. You do not have to collect in person, just proof of the ticket.

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Results corrections

Please check the posted results and standings each day.

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

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

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No alcohol at sites

Roy Hobbs Baseball prohibits alcohol at all playing sites ... dugouts, inside fences and in the parking lots. Violators are subject to dismissal from the World Series, period.

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Parking

Please abide by parking guidelines, avoid no parking signs, fire lanes and curbs, and handicap spaces without a permit. Lee County Rangers are patrolling sites and will issue tickets to violators. They are not cheap.

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Water, Water Water

The heat in SW Florida can be debilitating, and overheating issues will sneak up on players. Get water every inning in the dugout!

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Playoff pitching guidelines

Roy Hobbs requirement is that all pitchers who will be starters or closers in save situations (3-run or less difference in the 8th and 9th innings) qualify for the playoffs by pitching at least 2 innings – 6 outs or 10 hitters – during pool play, if they are in the dugout starting Sunday. If they check-in after Monday's games, they must pitch 5 innings (15 outs or 25 hitters).

AAAA qualifier teams may not add pitchers to their lineup after Pool Play concludes; however, AAAA teams may bring in 2 position players after Tuesday's games, but they must play the entire first game of the playoffs with no shared lineup options.

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

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

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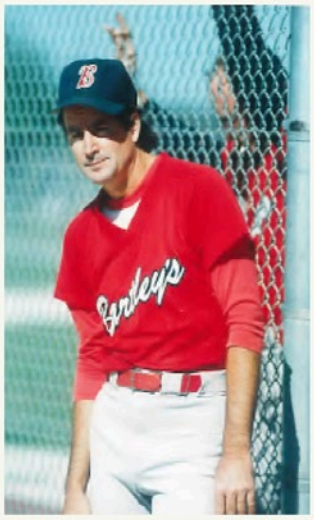
Run-rule games

Run rule is 10 runs at 7 complete innings or if home team is ahead in a scheduled 9-inning game. Scheduled 7-inning games are 15 at 5 innings.

NOTE, in the 70s & 75s divisions, if the score difference is 15 at 5 innings, umpires have been instructed to call both managers together and to offer the team on the short end of the score if they want 6 outs to bat.

As far as RH is concerned the team ahead has won, but any runs scored will count in RA, so that is an incentive to not just put anyone out there to pitch.

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Both teams must agree if the game is not continued.

If you believe a game has been ended prematurely, don't leave and ask for a field manager; he will get in touch with headquarters for adjudication.

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Please help with dugouts

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

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

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First Aid

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

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

In case of an emergency, contact the field manager at your site. He has the First Aid supplies and will contact 911 services as needed.

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



PLAYERS OF THE GAME

Sunday Players of the Game

Timeless Division

Baltimore Baseball Club: Matt Mohay

Kenmore Eastern Brewers: Lou Dorsey 3x3 in loss to National Spirits

Kent MudHens: Tony Cuda pitched Complete game with 7 Ks in win over DC Mets

Maine Woods: Steve Lapointe

National Spirits: Carlos Aquino pitched complete game, hit 3B & scored 2 runs in win over Kenmore Eastern Brewers

Philadelphia Cutters: Mark Flemister pitch 4 innings in relief for the win, & Lynn Strohl bases-clearing 3B in the 11th, over the Florida L.I. Yankees

Tallahassee Bombers: Jonas Matta

Washington Titans: David Deitrich 3x4 in win over Charlestown Chiefs

Wilmington Thunder: Steve Kosuda Pitched 4-hit shutout over Asheville Sox

Antiques Division

Goats: Al Alt

Note: *Managers submit Player of the Game on the scoring App after each game. Please give details of their performance.*



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