

Chicago 16 Inch Softball Hall of Fame
Inductees to be Honored January 23rd

CHICAGO-January 14th --Today the Chicago 16 Inch Softball Hall of Fame announced its 14th annual list of inductees and honorees to be celebrated at an annual dinner. The list includes some of the best male and female athletes in the sport since the 1920s, when softball began to take off in Chicago.

This year's dinner event will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan.23 at the Hawthorne Park Race Track in Cicero, Ill. "The voting gets tougher and tougher each year because the competition is so great, but these inductees are another superb class to honor," stated Ron Kubicki, president of the Hall of Fame. We will also recognize Taft High School for winning the Chicago Public Schools 16" Softball championships". Co-founder of the Hall of Fame Al Maag said, "Over 600 people are expected to attend the HOF awards event again at Hawthorne. It is always a wonderful night to congratulate the winners and network with past friends, teammates and competitors. This year we will also highlight the excitement of the construction of the outdoor Hall of Fame Inductee Park, unveiled July 19th at Forest Park...and our plans for our permanent indoor museum."

THE 2009 INDUCTEES

Woman: Monica Skowronski

1964-1979 Era: Bob Dinkelman, Mike Krolicki, Ronnie "Mouse" Maurer

1980-1992 Era: Steve Kirby, Frank Mioni

1993-current Era: Jim Matlock, Tim McManagall

Organizer: Rusty Carlson

Umpire: Joe Hoffman

Manager(s): Women's: Bob Eskew Men's: Lane Niemann

Man of Year: Fritz Zimmermann

Wall of Fame: Bob Hockenbrough

Holan Award: Rich Wagner

Daley Award: Howie Fagan

Teams: Flames, Lettuce Entertain You, Continental Bank

Teams: Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, managed by Rich Melman, established itself as one of softball's greatest teams by winning five major national championships and four Forest Park titles. The Continental Bank team was a superb industrial team throughout the '60 and '70s. The Flames were formed in 1974 and are still playing today. They have won over 750 games and recorded forty-five championships.

In a newer category; Field of Dreams which will be given to Clarendon Park for being the epicenter of softball in 50'-80's...and the location of the biggest tournaments in history.

The Chicago 16" Softball Hall of Fame is the premier organization for supporting and recognizing the game of 16" softball since 1996.
16inchsoftballhof.com

Tickets are \$60.00 and are available by calling 630-980-1852.
Tickets can also be bought at the door for \$75; however, advance reservations are preferred.

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