

## **Bob Green** **Slow Pitch Player**



Bob Green was one of the most outstanding second basemen in the Detroit area for many years. Green played eight years with the nationally known Snyder's Softball Club in the late 1960's and 70's and served as the team's captain during that time. He combined with current MDASA Hall of Famer Milo Karhu for one of the best double play combinations in the area.

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As a member of the Nothdurft 45 & over team in 1991, he helped guide the team to the ASA men's master's national title. Bob also played for Northwest Pipe when they captured the ASA men's 55 & over national title in 2001.

Softball is still in his blood as he continues playing infield for the three-time Huntsmen World Senior Olympic 60 & Over major division championship team Bench Pub.

Bob has been named to numerous tournament all-star teams including two selections to the ASA All-American first team.

## **Carol Hutchins** **Meritorious Service**



Wolverine head coach Carol Hutchins recently completed her 26th season as head softball coach at the University of Michigan, where she has molded the Wolverines into one of the elite programs in college softball.

"Hutch" has been a part of the Michigan softball program since 1983 when she joined the staff as an assistant coach. She moved into the head coach position in 1985 and, in each of her 26 head coaching seasons, has continued Michigan's tradition of softball success. Michigan has never suffered a losing season in all of Hutch's years with the program.

Hutchins has led the Wolverines to the Women's College World Series in nine of the last 16 seasons, and, in 2005, the Maize and Blue became the first program east of the Mississippi River to claim the NCAA national championship when it defeated UCLA.

Hutchins' squads have also captured 13 Big Ten regular-season titles, 13 NCAA Regional crowns and eight Big Ten Tournament championships. She has earned 11 Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year honors, eight NFCA Regional Coach of the Year awards and a pair of NFCA National Coach of the Year honors. Under Hutchins' guidance, the Michigan softball program has claimed 13 of the last 18 Big Ten regular-season championships and earned trips to 18 NCAA National Championship Tournaments. Michigan has finished either first, second or third in the Big Ten Conference standings in 23 of Hutchins' 26 seasons.

The 2005 season took on added significance when Hutchins was selected to be included in a pool of coaches for USA Softball's Summer Tour. Hutchins helped coach both the USA Softball National and Elite teams and was appointed head coach for the Elite Team at the Canada Cup (July 2-10) and made assistant coach for the National Team at the Japan Cup (July 26-August 5). The Elite Team posted a 10-1 record at the Canada Cup to earn the silver medal, while the National team won the Sendai Series and the Japan Cup. In 2006, Hutchins was also named head coach of the USA Softball World University Games team capturing the gold medal in Taiwan.

Metro Detroit ASA and Hutch also worked together in bringing the 2008 US Olympic Softball team to the University of Michigan to play in an exhibition game on the Bound For Beijing Tour. The game was sold out at the new Alumni Field in May 2008 and was a feature game on ESPN.

Hutch is a true promoter and ambassador for the game of softball!

## **Mike McDowell** **Slow Pitch Player**

Mike began his illustrious softball career in the 1970's playing on some of the top softball teams in the Detroit area. As an outstanding shortstop for most of his career, he has played the game of softball for more than 38 years including stints in the Law Enforcement Police softball program and most notably the championship Nothdurft softball teams.



McDowell was a member of the Nothdurft teams that captured four national titles where he was selected to four All-American teams as a first basemen. He also was selected as the tournament Most Valuable Player honor in 1992 when Nothdurft won the 35 & over Masters tournament in Troy. McDowell batted an impressive .694 during his infamous years with Nothdurft. He was also voted as the top Law Enforcement softball player of the first 25 years of police softball. Mike was inducted in to the Police softball Hall of Fame in 2007.

Mike credits his famed career to his dedicated wife Debbie who supported him throughout the years. McDowell also enjoys officiating high school sports to keep involved in the athletic arena.

## **Evelyn Micol** **Meritorious Service**

Evelyn has done it all for softball – been a promoter of the game, played fast pitch softball, and continues to serve on local boards.



Micol began her career in 1951 playing fast pitch softball for East Side Sports and Farmington Hills. She became involved with the Mic-Mac Club of Detroit coaching and managing youth groups, eventually becoming the Director of Girls Sports. Micol worked with the MDASA board back in the late 60's to develop the youth program. She worked closely with Hall of Famer Dick Collard to promote the youth program in Waterford and eventually grew the MDASA program.

Micol then spearheaded a youth team to the state title in 1968; she then went on to play and coach in the women's program. In the 1970's, Micol began playing slow pitch softball and continues to play in the Waterford 50+ program.

Softball is a large part of Evelyn's life....and dear to her heart!

## **Tom Fitzsimmons** **Umpire**

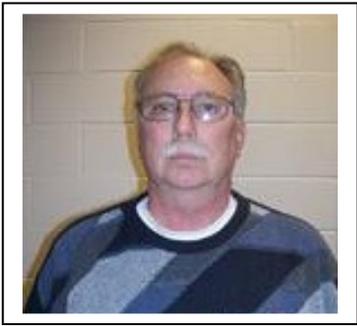
Tom began his career as an umpire 35 years ago when he first registered with ASA in 1975. His commitment to the game of softball and his dedication to the avocation of umpiring has been an asset to the development of the program in Metro Detroit.



Tom participated in three ASA National Umpire schools – 1990 in Novi, 1996 in Northville and 2010 in Oxford. He worked five ASA National Tournaments including: 1991 Women's Major Slow Pitch in Novi; 1992 Men's C Slow Pitch in Battle Creek; 1995 Men's D Slow Pitch in Battle Creek; 1998 Men's 40 + Fast Pitch in Midland; and most recently the 2010 Girls Under 18 Class A Northern National in Novi. He has been a member of the National Indicator Fraternity since 1996 and a Gold Level member of the ASA Medals Program

Fitzsimmons organized and administered the Independent Officials Association (IOA) from 1980-1995. He conducted annual umpire training programs for his association in both baseball and softball. Fitzsimmons is a member of the Metro Detroit umpire staff and has been a knowledgeable and respected clinician since his appointment in 1998.

Tom's experience as a high school umpire includes working the state finals in baseball (1991) and softball (2008). He continues to umpire at the collegiate level - Mid-American Conference (20+ years), Horizon League (20+ years), and the Wolverine Hoosier League (15+ years). He has worked the NAIA World Series three times and four International World Cup softball tournaments. Tom is an important member the Metro Detroit umpire program and a mentor to many young umpires in the area.



## **Dennis Troshak**

### **Meritorious Service**

Dennis Troshak has been involved with softball for more than 30 years in many capacities – an umpire, player, softball administrator, and board member for Metro Detroit ASA.

Troshak has been an ASA registered umpire since 1980 and has umpired in three ASA national tournaments. He was also selected to the ASA National Indicator Fraternity in 2002. Dennis has also played in three Class A national slow pitch tournaments.

His involvement in serving the softball board began in 1981 when he was selected as a District Commissioner for Michigan ASA, where he served until 1989. He was also selected as the MASA Junior Olympic Commissioner from 1985-89. In 1989, Troshak changed his profession in the Parks and Recreation from the west side of Michigan to metro Detroit.

He was then commissioned by MDASA to be a member of their board in 1989 until the present. In 1993, he was selected as the MDASA Junior Olympic commissioner where he continues to grow the JO program at the local, state, and national level. In 1995, Troshak was elected to the Great Lakes Regional board as its JO Commissioner. He has been a national voting council member since 1993.

Dennis has also served as Metro Detroit's President in 1994. Troshak also continues to officiate high school games and was state chair of the MRPA Hershey Track and Field games for 23 years until his retirement from the program this past year. Troshak is currently a Recreation Coordinator for West Bloomfield Township Parks and Recreation. He is dedicated to his family – wife Marilyn and sons Kevin and Timothy. Troshak's dedication continues to thrive both at the local and national level!