



Newsletter of the BSL Hall of Fame

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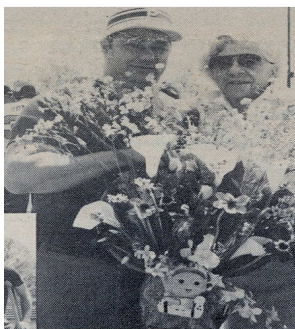


2008 Snowflake at Daisy Field....
2 teams of 15 played on a field of new fallen snow in familiar surroundings.

Below: *Glimpses and Milestones*



1988 Snowflake at Daisy (20 years)



Opening day of 1983 (25 years)
Jim Vierra, HOF '07-BSL Commissioner fashioning the old "Pittsburg Pirate" style Paradise hat with, of course, Babe Homer



Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

(at right) Ken McNeill, HOF '05 inducts Jim Vierra into the Hall of Fame in 2007.

The BSL looks forward to the next slate of HOF candidates for Induction in June!

Nomination time is here!

Please join the 2008 HOF Procedures Committee to offer your thoughts and proposals on making our nomination process even better!! We are a model for other NAGAAA city Halls of Fame! Let's keep moving forward, doing the right things, and chat about candidates! *11:15am Saturday, March 29 -Club Café. Bloody Marys may become available!!

Procedures Committee.....

- * Ideas and recommendations for the continued improvement of the nomination and election processes
- * Finding & encouraging quality candidates
- * Recognizing accomplishments & sportsmanship
- * Communicating quality to and among the HOF voting members before the election

There's a lot going on already.....with plenty to come!!

HOF Boosters Club: a "Boosters Club Committee" met to review the very successful first year that was made possible by your generosity! The committee focused on the best ways to approach, plan, and reach out to HOF members on an annual basis which balances the needs and values of the HOF & HOF Members. Another meeting is planned for Sat. March 29 (see pg.3).
BSL Player Ratings Committee: The BSL is looking for some 'non-partisan' help in rating players during the season. HOF members are being asked to help if possible? Maybe grab a clipboard if you come out to Smith on a sunny day?
HOF Procedures Committee, 2008: will meet on March 29th to propose further improvements on our nomination procedures based on our experiences of last year and the years preceding that. Come and offer your thoughts (above).
"7th Annual BSL Clinic Day": will get under way at 12:00pm on Saturday April 5th. This is the "BSL Rookie Camp"

where brand new players who have contacted the League show their skills and learn some skills as they strut their stuff and hope they hook up with a team of their choice! It's a big effort and the League can use your help and encouragement! So come on down to Smith...rain date is April 6th.
New Teams forming in the BSL! BSL Clinic Day usually has enough players left over to form a team. Combine it with two or three other newly created teams during the winter and the BSL goes up to 21 teams this season! Your help (a lot or a little) will promote a quality experience for all the new players, coaches, the BSL and you!!!
"In Season Skills Clinic": Beyond the annual "BSL Skills Clinic ("Rookie Camp"), new & not-so-new players seek to develop and improve their skills and become more valuable players. The BSL is organizing periodic "skills clinics" during the course of the season. Please consider sharing your knowledge with current players (see pg. 2).
Opening Day- May 3rd. Please come give your HOF support as we enter Season #31!



Above: Snowflake 2008 Team 2. Many felt they lost because they had no HOF members while Team 1 had 3!

Below: Elaine Otte, coach of Boston Force and Don Fisher, player for Thunder Alley & coach of Bubbles. Elaine supplied "Sara Lee" foods for the hungry Snowflake players!



Above: Bucca Hull, HOF'05 still taking his cuts at the Snowflake- 2008!!

Below: Frank Berardis, Alley team, is lookin' more like a Hall of Famer each day!..... (knee replacement surgery).



Chris Burke, HOF'06. helps Drew M of the Angels stay warm and cozy!

The Snowflake means that the Season is near!

The annual "Rite of Spring" for the BSL is the "Snowflake Tournament". Over 30 players took to the field after a significant storm had dumped 6 inches of snow on the muddy field to make the surface 'playable'.

The League officers; Marc Davino- Comm, John Fernandes-Asst Comm, Chris Hagberg- Sec, and Brian Ramos-Treas were there. Marc & Chris played while John & Brian umpired. Brian also collected the \$10 player fee which helped buy the coffee and pastries. Elaine Otte, a Sara Lee Sales Rep, donated some of her wares too!

There was a good mix of familiar faces and some new ones too! Bucca Hull, HOF'05 was lookin' good at the plate. Jim McNulty, HOF'07 reached base on an error and Chris Burke, HOF'06 was hoping to add his day's

Skills Development : Key to BSL Development

Although the BSL has had a smaller League than the 'warm weather cities', we have always had the reputation of being a very competitive city when it comes to Tournament and World Series play.

Now, with newer generations of players having more athletic & non athletic opportunities to choose from than we ever had, their softball skills may not be as finely tuned as ours were when we joined the BSL. But now, the players are looking for some ways to do that fine tuning!!

BSL Secretary, Chris Hagberg, is spearheading an "In Season Skills Clinics" program for BSL players. He is reaching out to HOF active and non-active players to help share their knowledge and skills at these periodic clinics during the season.

New BSL Logo is decided!!!

After a few months of new BSL Logo submissions, the BSL Executive Committee voted for the winner of the Logo Contest on March 5, 2008! The winner was submitted by Aaron Shuman, player on the Paradise Pirates.

Aaron has played for Paradise for 3 years and is a pitcher/infielder. He joined the League because he had a friend on the team. He has enjoyed playing for the League and has traveled to tournaments in Montreal and Philadelphia. Aaron has always enjoyed graphic design and works in that field...Congrats Aaron!

statistics to his HOF Biography on the Web!

After about 21 innings, the teams decided to call it quits giving team number one (the team with all the HOF members) the victory.

The players finished off the apple strudel and then high tailed it over to Fritz for a dessert of beer and pizza!....

Below: Jim M, HOF'07, Seth Hyde, HOF'06, Warren Mitchell, HOF'07 stand and model at the Snowflake-



Chris is a "product" of the very first "Clinic Day" in '02 and is becoming a respected leader in the BSL. Please contact him if you want to help this program be a success:

secretarybsl@yahoo.com

Below: Chris Hagberg, BSL Secretary



Above: The new "un-Official" BSL Logo !!! (this "hot off the presses draft" version includes 2 bean pots that will not be part of the "official" version ...)



Hall of Fame - BSL
We're on the Web

http://www.beantownsoftball.com/hall_of_fame/

Message: sent to HOF.....

Kevin Hourihan, BSL Secretary '06-'07, will run his first Boston Marathon to raise \$ for THE BOSTON LIVING CENTER.

Please give him some HOF support! Info: <http://www.firstgiving.com:80/kevinhourihan>

Follow up to above message:

Kevin is really kickin' his butt to get into shape for the Marathon (his first) to raise money for this worthy charity. Please try to give him what you can; .large or small...it means a lot! He thought the Hall of Fame would be one good place to turn for his athletic approach to this effort!

*Celebrating
"30 years of Pride"
through sportsmanship,
competition, & teamwork!*



Boosters Club!

Thanks to those who responded and attended the first HOF Boosters Club Committee meeting on Saturday morning March 8; Frank Ribaud, Warren Mitchell, Seth Hyde, and Jim McNulty.

It is important that a group of us organize the HOF Boosters instead of just one person. Anyone else interested in joining is welcome too!

We talked about a number of items and thought it best to keep it pretty much the way it was presented last year, with a few things improved and defined while being mindful of the needs and values of the HOF and the HOF members.

We meet again on Saturday March 29 at 10:15am

A note from Jim

I have to admit that this Newsletter is not very difficult to put together at all! There's so much going on that it's easy to fill pages!

With the HOF nomination period upon us, I intend to communicate to you through the Newsletter only. I will certainly send you the completed nominations as I receive them, but want to avoid burying you with emails. The Newsletter is attractive because it is colorful and has photos. Broadcast emails are boring.

But please, there is so much going on in the HOF and in the BSL that I hope you don't just read the Newsletter and then dispose of it! Please take the time to consider becoming involved in one or more of the activities, committees, and social events that appear or that are listed.

The HOF and the BSL need the efforts of all to grow and succeed. Please continue to play an important role for both if you can! 😊

Events of the Hall of Fame

Boosters Club Meeting

March 29 – 10:15am at Club Cafe

Procedures Committee meets

March 29 – 11:15am at Club Cafe
Focus on important nomination process issues
Date/ time open to change by majority request

Deadline for Nominations

May 10, 2008 –Saturday

Ballots mailed to Members

May 14, 2008 - Wednesday

Election of New HOF Members

May 24, 2008 - Saturday

Inductions of New Members

June 14, 2008 - Saturday

Events of the BSL

BSL Ratings Committee

March 26, 2008 – Wednesday
at Boston Living Center-6:45pm
(located behind Club Café)

Skills Clinic Day

April 5, 2008 – Smith Field
Rain date is April 6, 2008

Opening Day 2008 Season

May 3, 2008–Smith Field, 11:30a

Friends & Family Day

June 14, 2008 – Smith Field
Day of HOF Induction Event
Date is tentative

HOF Inductions

June 14, 2008 - Saturday

World Series – NAGAAA

August 22-30, 2008- Seattle

MEMBERS OF THE HALL OF FAME :

1970's Era

Seth Hyde '78
Gigs Kreger '78
Ken McNeill '78
Frank Mickelson '78
Jim Vierra '78
Henry Weinberger '78
Bob Burnham '78
Gary Staples '79
Leslie Tiffany '79

1980's Era

Kevin Docherty '80
John Cutting '81, RIP
Vinnie Peruzzi '81, RIP
Rudy Beccera '82, RIP
Warren Mitchell '82
Gary Brenner '83
Bill Hull '83
Mark McGrath '85
Ed Fernald '86
Mike McCabe '86
Bob Quist '86
Bill Svetz '86
Ed Rivera '89

1990's Era

Peter O'Leary '90
Frank Ribaud '90
Paul Gedman '91
Buck Bachman '94
Chris Burke '94
Stephen Barlow '95
Jack Campbell '95
Mark Haas '95
Paul Moreno '95
Sandro Frattura '96
Jim McNulty '97