



# Newsletter of the BSL Hall of Fame

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Former BSL'r Charlie Hall performed his BSL 'memories'



Gigs Kreger, HOF'06 and boyfriend Michael brought a former BSL member of the 80's: Brian Withee



Charlie Hall, Don Frattaroli, Dave Motta, & friend representin' the BSL's Rhode Island connection



BSL member John Bowes of the 70's and 80's, was in attendance!



Almost 30 years to the day of their creation and then ratification of the first BSL Constitution, BSL Founders Seth Hyde, HOF'06, Jeff Pike, HOF'09, Alan Musson, Jack Lyons, Jim Vierra, HOF'07, Henry Weinberger, HOF'05, Harry Ellsworth, Bill MacKay, and Frank Mickelson, HOF'05 receive a BSL standing ovation for those efforts!

## Winter Social Draws Full House!

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual BSL Winter Social achieved what its HOF organizers had hoped: a place and time for BSL members past and present to gather, reunite, and socialize while at the same time recalling and honoring the accomplishments of BSL members who made a difference in making the BSL such a strong and long lasting organization! We honored the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the BSL's founding which was represented by those Founders who signed and ratified the first

## Winter Social – a Re-union for the BSL!



Alan Musson, his guest, Henry Weinberger, HOF'05, Eric Sigmond, Barry Ford enjoying the night!



Leslie Tiffany, HOF'06, Marcos Costa, Gary Brenner, HOF'05, Kevin St. Gelais, and Robert Torrez smiling!



Sandro Frattura, HOF'05, presents coach Henry Weinberger, HOF'05, a 2000 team photo autographed by all the Jackhammer Championship players!



With the Jackhammers looking on, Jack Campbell, HOF'07, presents the 2000 World Series Championship trophy to Henry!

BSL Constitution. We also honored the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the BSL's first "B" World Series Championship represented by the 2000 Jackhammers Championship team! Next year, we plan to recall & honor another important event: the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the BSL hosting the NAGAAA World Series in 1991!



Jim Vierra, HOF'07 (r) recalling the 'good old days' with Bill MacKay and Barry Ford.



Bill MacKay, Terry Farmer, Seth Hyde, HOF'06, Jim Vierra, HOF'07, and Toby Pinneau are smiling too!



**Trivia Question # 1:** (2008)  
Can you identify the above field?  
Answer on the last page.



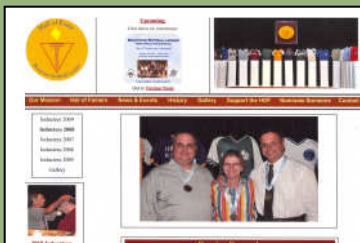
**Trivia Question # 2** (1979)  
Who are the 3 pictured above?



The Fritz team, above, after winning the '92 World Series in L.A., played their 1<sup>st</sup> BSL season in 1986



"Clinic Day" 2010 at Clemente:  
Whose Hall of Fame career began this day?



All New HOF Website!

[BSLHollofFame.com](http://BSLHollofFame.com)

Please make an effort to find and contribute your items to the BSL's heritage too!!!!

## Hall of Fame Nominations Due !

Although May 8 is the official deadline, that date was only meant as a courtesy to non-HOF members who hadn't thought about nominating someone before the season began. As HOF members, we are well aware that the nomination process is open all year!

Even if you haven't dotted all the i's or crossed all the t's, let us know who you plan to nominate. There are plenty of HOF members willing to assist you, or lead you in the right direction to help create a quality nomination with you!



*BSL careers beginning in 2000 are eligible for nomination and Induction this year! Wow!*

Do you know any BSL members who began their careers in 2000? You may want to consider nominating one if you think they have made a significant contribution(s) to the BSL, or their team(s), to make them better. Would these members serve as good examples or good role models to BSL members of the future? How about members from '78, the '80's, or '90's whose BSL careers would inspire current and future BSL'rs?

## League News – 2010 Season :

Gay softball in Boston begins its 33<sup>rd</sup> season on May 1! A record 26 teams in 4 Divisions with nearly 500 members begin 2010 at opening ceremonies on Smith Field. Then, on July 3-4, the BSL hosts the 13<sup>th</sup> Minuteman Tournament!

The 2010 'Clinic Day' attracted over 50 new players to the BSL. It also created 2 new "Clinic Day" teams which will be coached by Bill Hull, HOF'05, & Mike Salvi.



After 24 years, the BSL begins its 2010 season without the Fritz team.



*Playing in its 4<sup>th</sup> decade, the Minuteman (July 3-4) will be Co-Chaired by Frank Ribauda, HOF'05.*

The BSL Executive Committee overwhelmingly voted to change the Gay/Non Gay rule. Now, all 3 rostered non-GLBT players can play on the field at once instead of just 2 of the 3.

August's Gay World Series is in Columbus, OH!

## HOF Report – Needed for Monthly BSL Meetings!

The Hall of Fame submits a report to the Executive Committee meeting each month. It is sent out as part of a packet of reports and information by the BSL Secretary to 26 Team Reps, 26 Alternate Reps and the BSL Officers. The HOF Report usually includes a 'tid bit' of BSL history, or an interesting historic item that will inform & interest the reader. I would now also like to include a biography or two of HOF members each month in the hope that readers will get to know you and what you've done a little better, as well as inspire them to give the extra effort you did to make the BSL better!

I would like to choose these biographies according to the month of your birthday!



*Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the Beantown Softball League! It's always nice to be remembered on your Birthday!*

Can you please reach out to me and let me know what month you were born? We should probably store this information for the HOF records anyway!

Please email me. Otherwise, I'll reach out to you! .....Thanks, Jim



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Answers to questions from previous page:  
#1 – Seattle GWS '08. Site of Club Café Crew's "B" World Series Championship  
#2 – Peter Pappas, Alfredo Herrera, Carl DeLuca. (from left to right).

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## *Boosters Club!*

The Boosters Club will continue to accept donations, and we hope you can contribute what you're able to. Any amount helps.

Thank you, particularly, to those who have contributed to the Boosters Club so generously year after year! Your support is very much appreciated!

The Hall of Fame website has a section dedicated to ways to support the HOF which is listed under "Support the Hall of Fame".

When 'Nomination and Induction season' is over, I hope to put an emphasis on those ways to obtain support described on the site.

## *A last note.....*

Thanks to those who got together in Dedham to discuss 2010 nominations and the process!

The quality of nominations have been great over the last three years! Clearly, the reason for it is that HOF members help one another to create a quality nomination! That quality is created by focusing specifically on how and what a candidate has done to help make the BSL and/or their teams be better!

Eligible candidates for Induction this year started their BSL careers in 2000!

With younger candidates who we will likely be unfamiliar with, that quality guideline of focusing on how the candidate has made the BSL and/or their teams better is crucial!! HOF Inductees inspire similar actions by other BSL'rs and their biographies inspire future BSL'rs!

Best of luck to this new generation of Candidates!

*Jim*



## **"In Memoriam"**

Many have mentioned that it would be nice to gather a list of our BSL friends who have passed. Please consider contributing to this effort and contact Jim!

## **Hall of Fame Calendar:**

May 1, 2010

BSL Opening Day

May 8, 2010

Nomination Deadline- HOF Candidates

May 22, 2010

Ballots Due! - Election Day

June 19, 2010

Hall of Fame Induction Event

### **Save those dates!**

**Please set some time aside to:**

- ▶ Nominate someone
- ▶ Sponsor/co-Sponsor
- ▶ Attend the Inductions

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Let's have a strong turnout of Hall of Fame members at the Induction Event to welcome our new HOF members!

## **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  
Jeffry Pike '79  
Gary Staples '79  
Leslie Tiffany '79

### 1980's Era

Bob Bucchini '80  
Kevin Docherty '80  
John Cutting '81, RIP  
Vinnie Peruzzi '81, RIP  
Rudy Beccera '82, RIP  
Warren Mitchell '82  
Jan Pytlak '82  
Gary Brenner '83  
Bill Hull '83  
Joe Peltier '83  
Mark McGrath '85  
Ed Fernald '86  
Mike McCabe '86  
Bob Quist '86  
Bill Svetz '86  
Paul Caruso '87  
Ed Rivera '89

### 1990's Era

Peter O'Leary '90  
Frank Ribaldo '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  
Bob McNulty '98