



Newsletter of the BSL Hall of Fame

Year in Review - 2013

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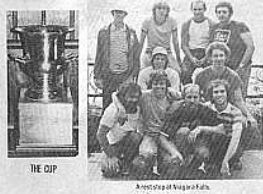
Jan Pytlak, HOF'08- Master of Ceremonies



Our Piano Entertainment

BSL Glimpses & Milestones:

Canada Champs



First Tournament Travel - First Canada Cup! 35 years ago.



The First Minuteman - 30 years ago!
Art by Jeffrey Pike, HOF'09



BSL joins NAGAAA and attends its First World Series- 35 years ago!



2 Enter "Hall" in 2013

The BSL Hall of Fame saw its first two members, who began their BSL careers after the year 2000, inducted at this very intimate ceremony on June 15! After soothing piano tones, props were the order of the day! Manny was introduced with some very fun voice messages of BSL/HOF members, while Chicago native Elaine displayed a 16 inch softball she learned the game playing gloveless with!



Manny R inducted by Warren M, HOF'07, Sandro F, HOF'05



Elaine O inducted by Bill H, HOF'05, Paul C, HOF'08

Newest Hall of Fame Members:

- **Elaine Otte**- BSL member since 2001. Elaine is currently a player for the Fat Cats, and also volunteers her time/effort/resources to the BSL.
- **Manny Rebello**- BSL member since 2001. Manny is currently a player for Boston Blizzard, and also continues season scheduling and BSL web efforts.

Ninth Induction Event held June 15, 2013!



Jude, Jan, Elaine, & Barbara (Elaine's wife).



Manny with Tim Y, HOF'11 & their Blizzard teammates



Sandro plays fun congratulatory voice messages!



Elaine distinguishes between Boston & Chicago softballs!

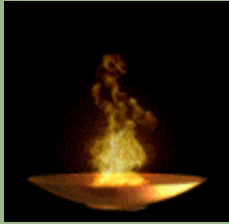
2013 “Winter Social” was all about the ‘Best’!

Though the coming BSL Winter Social of Feb 8th will have more anniversaries of significant BSL events to celebrate than last years did, we had another great turnout and time! The 2013 focus was to celebrate the current “Best” of the BSL and to remember that every year counts when it comes to the great experiences and fun the BSL provides us each season!



Video highlighted ALL award winners (players & teams)

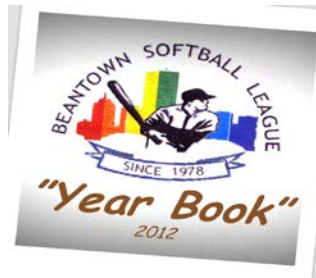
Past and present BSL’rs did however join forces to recall and honor the many charitable BSL efforts, especially during the 80’s & 90’s, while helping jump-start a similar initiative of the BSL in the current year! After a superb speech by the BSL Membership Director on the tradition set by past BSL’rs, we announced a \$350 donation from ticket proceeds to ‘Harbor 2 the Bay’ AIDS Bike Ride!



In Memoriam ~ BSL Website. Thanks to the efforts of the HOF and its members who provided its entire content during our “In Memoriam Project” effort!



Winter Social ‘stage presence?’ Elaine Otte, HOF’13, Bill Hull, HOF’05



The 2012 videos together become their own respective chapter in the HOF/BSL archives!

HOF Membership Meeting focuses on our 2nd Decade!

Our HOF membership meeting looked back on the success of our first decade as we ventured into unknown territory as a brand new Hall of Fame! We then quickly turned our attention toward our next decade and how to best solidify our internal processes as well as the role we have come to play within the BSL and for BSL alumni.



A HOF member group will create a ‘BSL Alumni’ Facebook page as a place to re-connect with BSL member ‘alumni’ from the past 36 years. Members are also forming “Era Groups” to find good remaining HOF candidates from the 1970 to 1990 eras, and bridge the gap into the 2000 and 2010 eras for candidates we don’t know as well.



HOF Era Groups will huddle in Jan & early Feb.

2013 World Series Report – Washington DC

The Blizzard took the “Gold” in the B Division in DC! The team was made up of 6 HOF members, which makes it all the more special! Half of the 6 have now experienced the thrill of their 3rd GSWS victory, two have their 2nd and one has his 1st GSWS Championship!



Boston Blizzard (above) - Champs of B Division



Paul Gagnon (left) the BSL’s longtime “Technology Guru”, Volunteer, League Officer, and Team Player was recently appointed by NAGAAA to serve as Chair of its Technology Committee. NAGAAA is pleased to be in such good hands!



John Haas inducted into NAGAAA’s Hall of Fame this past summer.



Frank Ribaldo, HOF’05 and Joe Posawed at Club Café on October 13.



Fritz- our longtime favorite sports bar and BSL sponsor will close for renovations in January 2014 and not reopen as its familiar self.



A BSL 'Alumni' page is being conceived and constructed!

Thank you to Elaine Otte, *HOF'13*, Warren Mitchell, *HOF'07*, and Jack Campbell, *HOF'07* for leading the effort in this important new step for us!



Ray Shiao
Elected BSL Commissioner



F.Y.I. ... the convalescing **Tom Morehouse** has moved to 18 Melody Lane Waltham MA 02451. Cards & Visits are welcomed!



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Boosters Club!

The HOF funds itself, and has never taken a penny from the BSL in paying our expenses! Being self-sustaining during our first 10 years is not taken for granted by the League either! And I often remind BSL'rs that the generosity of HOF members is the reason why!

Three HOF members who understand the importance of this have stepped forward to handle the annual efforts that the Boosters Club requires for the year. Tim Yaeger, Brad Mayeux, & Russell Friedman will coordinate the Boosters Club this year. We thank them for stepping up to this task! Let's reward their HOF effort with our highest number of Boosters Club contributions yet! *Thank you!*

Last but not least.....

By now, most everyone knows that we are moving into our second decade as a BSL HOF! That is one heck of a milestone! We've come this far because of one simple reason: we care! None of us could have planned or predicted just exactly where we would be 10 years after we got it off the ground. At the time, just getting it started seemed the most important thing, and even the only thing! And, here we are now!

I want to thank everyone for caring about our HOF for the past decade! You've all shown how much you've cared in many ways; by saying so, by contributing your time, effort, money, and with your personal support for me and for other of our fellow HOF members! We have paved the way for our next decade!

I wish you a Happy, Healthy Holiday Season and a great New Year ahead!

Jim



Eddie McDaid
1966-2013
Rest in Peace dear Friend

Hall of Fame Calendar:

February 8, 2014
"BSL Winter Social"
at Club Cafe

March 22, 2014
Deadline for 2014 HOF Nominations

April 19, 2014
HOF Election

May 17, 2014
Hall of Fame Induction Event

Don't Forget! February 8

Let's get together at the

"Winter Social"

5:00pm – Social/Cocktails
6:30pm – Dinner

Entertainment & Recognition
is being planned

BSL Video Presentations
are also being produced

MEMBERS OF THE HALL OF FAME :

1970 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

1980 Era

Bob Bucchino '80
Kevin Docherty '80
Don Homer '80, *RIP*
John Cutting '81, *RIP*
Vinnie Peruzzi '81, *RIP*
Leslie Tiffany '81

1980 Era (continued)

Rudy Beccera '82, *RIP*
Warren Mitchell '82
Jan Pytlak '82
Gary Brenner '83
Bill Hull '83
Joe Peltier '83
Mark McGrath '85
Frank Berardis '86
Ed Fernald '86
John Fernandes '86
Mike McCabe '86
Bob Quist '86
Bill Svez '86
Paul Caruso '87
William Farrick '89
Ed Rivera '89
Rick Twomey '89

1990 Era

Matt Collins '90
Peter O'Leary '90
Frank Ribaldo '90
Paul Gedman '91
Ken Carty '92
Russell Friedman '93
Buck Bachman '94
Chris Burke '94
Stephen Barlow '95
Jack Campbell '95
Mark Haas '95
Paul Moreno '95
Steve Thompson '95
Sandro Frattura '96
Brad Mayeux '96
Tim Yaeger '96
Jim McNulty '97
Bob McNulty '98

2000 Era

Elaine Otte '01
Manny Rebello '01



Listed by: 1) Season joined, *or*
the part of a season joined.

2) Alphabetical by last name.

* *RIP is deceased, Rest In Peace.*