Hello everyone.

I want to take the time to wish everyone who is starting play for the 2013 season good luck! We hope that all of your hard work and practice pays off and that we will see you at an ASA National Championship!

To our local associations: I hope that the registration process has been going smoothly. It’s important to make sure that you’re getting the correct information to our National Office and leagues, teams, etc...Although 2012 was a successful season for ASA/USA Softball, our registration numbers were down from previous years. I want to encourage everyone, from Commissioners and Junior Olympic (JO) Commissioners to our Umpire-in-Chief’s to go out and let your local leagues and teams aware of the great resources they can have by being involved with ASA. We pride ourselves on being the best of the best, whether with coaching certifications, umpire training or background checks.

If you need some helpful tips, ask Julie Bartel and her Marketing/Communications staff. They offer sales kits, banners and other materials which can help you recruit new leagues.

Good luck, and may you all have an amazing 2013 season!

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ASA/USA Softball will host the inaugural Futures Cup of Softball during the World Cup of Softball, scheduled to be held in Oklahoma City July 11-14 at ASA Hall of Fame Complex.

“We are thrilled to launch this youth tournament during the World Cup event this year,” said Ron Radigonda, ASA/USA Softball Executive Director. “This will be another great way to showcase our OKC venue to youth teams while also exposing them to the international game and the best teams in the World.”

This first-time event will accept the first paid 16 teams in each division: 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, and 18U. In addition to play at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex, ASA will also utilize Wild Horse Park in Mustang, Okla. as a secondary facility during the tournament.

The deadline to sign up with the ASA National Office is June 27 with sign ups also available on tournamentasa.com under the ASA National Office Listing. Click here for the tournament listing.

Come and experience the best of both worlds by competing at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex and enjoying the games of the World Cup VIII, which features the top four teams in the World with No. 1 Japan, No. 2 USA, No. 3 Australia, No. 4 Canada and Puerto Rico.

Participating athletes will receive free admission to the international games when in uniform with their wrist band (provided at team check-in). An optional World Cup VIII gate fee
Eight things we bet you didn’t know about ASA/USA Softball!

To celebrate 80 years, ASA/USA Softball will feature a monthly segment in The Inside Pitch in which we give eight fun facts that you may or may not have known about our association. Do you have any interesting stories or moments from ASA’s history? Send them to Codi Warren, and you could be featured in the next issue of The Inside Pitch!

1. The ASA National Office was located at the Skirvin Hotel in downtown Oklahoma City from 1966-1971.
2. Balls & Strikes Online Magazine was originally established in 1937 with the name SoftBalls and Strikes.
3. The first ISF Men’s World Championship was held in Mexico in 1966.
4. 1958 marked the first recodification of the Official Rules.
5. U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower recognized a National Softball Week in 1955.
6. John Nagy, Cleveland Commissioner, began plans to introduce a “mixed couples” league.
7. The first state and metro UIC clinics were held in 1973.
8. The first modified pitch national tournament was held in Port Huron, Mich. in 1975.

A note from The Inside Pitch editor
Codi Warren

Hello and welcome to the March 2013 issue of The Inside Pitch, the official newsletter of the Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA) and USA Softball.

The 2013 season has already began at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex! Although chilly, winter has tried to put a damper on our events, we have been fortunate enough to host two Spring youth tournaments and some college softball games at the Complex.

For those of you who have started the 2013 season, I hope it’s all that you imagined it would be and more. Hopefully you have all had warmer weather to play in, though it’s always fun to see photos of teams playing in snow!

As we move further into the season, please feel free to reach out to Julie, Steven or me to discuss ways to promote ASA/USA Softball to your local leagues. We are always willing to help and have a variety of promotional items and ideas we can give you.

Remember, if you would like a photo or news item included in next issue of The Inside Pitch, please send it to me by the 15th of every month at cwarren@softball.org. Any items not submitted by the deadline may not be included. Please plan ahead to allow yourself time to submit these items to me.

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For more information on tickets for the World Cup of Softball, click here.

The ASA Hall of Fame Complex has received some major upgrades in the past few months. Most noticeably are the new batting cages at each field. Both the first and third base practice areas were transformed. Top L to R: The warm-up area between Fields 2 and 3, the warm-up area between Fields 3 and 4 and an up close look at the new batting cages.
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In the opening round of the International Softball Federation (ISF) World Championship playoffs, the USA Men’s Fastpitch National Team fell to Argentina 9-2 in five innings, ending their hopes of medaling. The Americans led much of the game but an eight run, fourth inning for the South American team propelled them to the eventual run-rule victory.

“We played well defensively for the first three innings of the game,” said USA head coach Pete Turner. “We scored the two runs early and did a good job of shutting things down anytime they got runners on base. But, when you’re playing a good team like Argentina if you give them some breathing room things can escalate quickly and that’s exactly what happened in the fourth.”

As the visiting team on the scoreboard, Team USA batted first and jumped ahead early. With one out in the top of the first, Chase Turner (San Jose, Calif.) hit a double to get things started and Matt Palazzo (Des Moines, Iowa) followed him up with his fourth home-run of the tournament. This one a bomb over the left field fence giving Team USA the 2-0 lead.

Argentina responded in the bottom half of the inning as lead-off batter Fernando Petric D’Agostino scored from second when Bruno Motroni hit a single off of USA starting pitcher Travis Price (Orange, Calif.) to make it a 2-1 game.

The score held through the second and third innings as both teams struggled to get much going offensively. Team USA went three up, three down in the top of the fourth setting the stage for an Argentina rally.

In the bottom half of the inning, Argentina started their at-bat by sandwiching a walk with two base hits to load the bases. USA’s Josh Johnson (Brooklyn, Wis.), who had entered the circle in the third, then walked in Argentina’s second run, tying the game at two. A double in the next at-bat scored two more runs for the home team prompting USA to make their third pitching change of the day.

Gerald Muizelaar (Grand Forks, ND) entered the circle in an effort to end the inning but the right hander walked the first batter he faced, again loading the bases for Argentina. A run scoring, single in the next at-bat was quickly followed by a bases-clearing grand slam that extended the Argentina lead to 9-2. Muizelaar was able to retire the next two batters to finally end the inning.

Trailing by seven, Team USA needed at least one run in the top of the fifth to avoid a run rule. Adam LaLonde (Ashland, Ky.) managed a single, but it wasn’t enough as the American’s came up short as a ground ball to second and two fly outs to left field end the inning and the game.

With the loss, Team USA was eliminated from the 2013 ISF World Championship with an overall record of 4-4. Get recaps of all of the USA Men’s National Team’s 2013 games at USASoftball.com.
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The Seattle-Tacoma ASA held an Umpire Training clinic this month. Pictured are new umpires they have recruited for ASA/USA Softball.

The Florida ASA and City of Clearwater unveiled new advertisement for the 18U GOLD National Championship, which will be held July 21-27 in Clearwater, Fla.

ASA/USA Softball at work around the country

The Seattle-Tacoma ASA held an Umpire Training clinic this month. Pictured are new umpires they have recruited for ASA/USA Softball!

Pictured (L to R): Tom Dowd, Tony Pehle, Jeff Dubchansky, John Miller and Mike Blondino at the California Parks and Recreation expo last month.

Joey Alexander received the Arizona ASA Southern District Fast Pitch Umpire of the Year award. Pictured (L to R): Alexander, AZ ASA UIC Wally Latall, Deputy JO Commissioner Tom Carle, and Region 13 UIC Joe Robinson.

A photo from the Pennsylvania ASA State Officer Meeting.
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Many clients have achieved extremely high online registration rates – some 90% or higher. We have compiled their knowledge to bring you our top ten tips to grow your online registration. Active is here to support Pony in all of your efforts:

**Optimize Your Club’s Registration Options**
- Review the methods of registration you offer and substitute one of them with online registration.
- List online registration first when offering multiple registration methods.
- Highlight online registration on all handouts and signage as the preferred method of registration.
- When you remove a registration method, add a message to your voicemail system announcing the newer and more convenient online registration option along your Web site address.

**Utilize Your Club Web Site**
- Provide parents and players with easy, online access to your customized registration form.
- Post rosters, schedules, scores, and announcements along with photos to stay connected with coaches, players, parents and volunteers throughout the season.
- Encourage players and parents to visit your Web site frequently to review up-to-date schedules or to post messages or questions.

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**Ensure Easy Website Navigation**
- Include prominent online registration links in your main navigation menus—the fewer clicks to registration, the better.

**Place the “Register Online go!” Web button on your home page and other popular pages to easily link visitors to your customized registration form.**

**Collect Email Addresses**
- Build general awareness through personalized emails with a clear call to action and/or relevant information.
- Collect email addresses whenever possible so you can send timely emails announcing online registration.
- Include links within your email directing participants to your online registration form.
- Segment your email list to send targeted emails to parents, players or volunteers.

**Build Ongoing Awareness**
- Promote online registration by placing your Web site address in all printed materials, e-newsletters, email communications, etc.

- Plan a pre-season email campaign to increase communication with your players, parents and volunteers about upcoming registration dates and deadlines. Encourage your recipients to forward the email on to friends and family to spread the word about your club.
- Place an announcement in your local community newspaper’s event section: e.g. “Registration for club will end on *to alert parents and encourage timely registration.
- Contact Active today to learn more about online marketing or fundraising opportunities for your club.

**Provide an Incentive**
- Allow your players to register earlier in the season with online registration. In addition to being an incentive to get folks online, it helps prevents staff and volunteers from becoming overwhelmed once the walk-in registration period begins.
- Consider offering discounts for early online registration or charging a small processing fee for manual paper registrations. Offering online registration discounts encourages early adoption and more timely registration behavior season-over-season.

**Educate Parents Early**
- Share with parents and players how easy and convenient it is for them to register online.
- Provide easy-to-follows steps for registration on your Web site and in all print materials and mailings.
- Include a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section or page regarding online registration on your Web site.
- Include links to your Web site and online registration FAQ page within all email communications throughout the season to build awareness to all the advantages of online registration.

**Get Your Staff on Board**
- Make sure your staff is familiar with the online registration process and comfortable explaining it to players and parents.
- Take note of the reduced data entry workload and valuable time saved to focus on other priorities.
- Ensure your staff participates in one of the free, online registration training sessions to answer all their questions and build their confidence.

**Go 100% Online**
- Get all your players to register online and stop offering paper registration.
- Decrease the time spent on entering data and allow staff to focus on more important responsibilities.

**Start Planning for Next Season**
- As a team, set a goal to achieve XX% online registration next season and incrementally increase that goal.
- Review with staff ideas for improving the registration process for next season.
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- Mike Candrea, two-time U.S. Olympic Team Head Coach

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Ohio ASA District 14 members visit Hall of Fame and Museum

During the 2013 UIC Clinic in Oklahoma City, which was held Feb. 7-10 in Oklahoma City, Ohio ASA District 14 members visited the National Softball Hall of Fame and Museum, sporting their pink polos.

The gentlemen wore the pink shirts to honor breast cancer survivors & create awareness towards the cancer research for those who battle this dreaded disease. “We received very positive feedback from all in attendance,” said Mike McKee, whose wife is a breast cancer survivor. “We wore the shirts on her behalf, along with all others. We feel we accomplished what we set out to do & had fun doing it.”

Indiana hosts National Umpire School

The Indiana ASA hosted an ASA National Umpire School in Crawfordsville March 15-17.

“We’re here to train the umpires to help them be the best they can possibly be,” said Julie Johnson, who was one of the National Umpire Staff members instructing the umpires.

“Softball is one of the number one sports there is. It’s number one in recreational sports and the number one high school sport in terms of participation.”

The purpose of the ASA National Umpire School is to develop each student’s individual talents and skills as an umpire. Each school is run by a team of no less than three National Umpire staff members and gives students hands-on personal instruction.

“My job here today is to train and improve our Indiana umpires and our surrounding states, that’s what the focus of this national school is all about,” said Ron Summers, coordinator of the school. “ASA umpires are the best in the country and this school is to improve what we already have out there. It’s training for all umpires, and we’re just trying to get a better outlook.”

Students come to have the opportunity to umpire national tournaments. It is mandatory to attend a national school to even qualify.

Over the course of two days, students started by learning in a classroom and then run drills for the remainder of the time, perfecting their technique.

The weekend brought in 49 students and six staff members. People came from all over the midwest and as far as Missouri.

“We’ve been trying to get them to host a national school here in Crawfordsville for about three years now,” said Bob Cash Jr., who is in charge of all the umpires of the region. “We’re right in the middle of the midwest, and you bring in a lot of people from out of town.”

“We plan on bringing a state school back here in 2015. Hopefully, we can use this facility [high school gym]; it’s a great facility to do this. We’re real pleased with what we have here.”

The event also let locals get into the mix. Some came out for the actual school and some came just to help as base runners like members of the Crawfordsville Softball Association.

“This is a great place,” Johnson said. “If I could do all our clinics of our national schools I would bring them to Crawfordsville. Fantastic gym space, the lecture room, everything, everyone has been so wonderful and we’re just in Heaven.”
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Jack Mowatt appointed Delaware Commissioner

Jack Mowatt (Gambrills, Md.) was recently appointed the commissioner for Delaware ASA. The appointment is effective immediately.

Mowatt has a long history with ASA/USA Softball dating back to 1968 when he started umpiring. Eventually, he became the Vice President of the Greater Washington Softball Umpires’ Association and he currently serves as the Commissioner for the Maryland-DC ASA. Jack has served on numerous ASA committees and has worked tirelessly to improve the conditions and fees for umpires at national tournaments. He served as chair of the umpire committee for four years and was instrumental in outlining the duties and expected performance of the National Umpire staff. He has received the National Award of Excellence and the Tom Mason Award, which was presented by the Central Atlantic Region.

“It is my hope and desire to find someone in the State of Delaware to come forward and work with me to keep this organization intact,” Mowatt stated. “It is not my desire to merge Delaware into the State of Maryland but to work together to make ASA the best it can be.”

In 2007, Mowatt was inducted into the National Softball Hall of Fame, the highest honor for players, coaches, umpires or administrators for the sport, in the category of Meritorious Service. He is also a member of the National Indicator Fraternity and a Gold Level member of the ASA Umpire Medals Program.

Central VA umpires prepare for action

Submitted by Charles E. Moss, Sr. – Central Virginia ASA UIC Clinic Organizer

On February 23rd, the Umpires from Central Virginia ASA attended the 21st Annual Umpires Clinic. The clinicians were Walt Sparks, Region 7 UIC, and Central VA Commissioner Henry D. Pollard. Due to inclement weather, Dave Epperson, a favorite clinician from Topeka, Kansas was unable to attend. The Deputy and District UIC’s, Commissioners and Umpires were trained on Rule Changes, Rules and Mechanics. The topics covered game management, equipment, player and game control and the instructors answered questions on rules and plays. The presenters covered interference, obstruction, tagups, overthrow, base running, pitching, substitutes, batting order, appeals, dugout conduct and many other awards and penalties.

Sponsors helped to provide a clinic shirt for everyone and the Central VA umpire office staff prepared certificates for everyone in attendance. Door prizes ranged from an umpire indicator to an umpire shirt and jacket.

The clinic first started at Fort Eustis in Newport News, Va. in 1992 with 16 umpires in attendance. In later years, the clinic was moved to New Kent County. 2013 saw an attendance of 87 umpires. All umpires are required to attend a clinic in order to be considered to umpire in National Championship games.

In past years Jim Craig, Mark Ingrao and Jim Ballengee were the presenters, while Charles E. Moss, Sr, Central VA UIC has organized the clinic for 21 years.

The success of the clinic is due to the hard work of the Central Virginia staff and the support of the Umpires. Commissioner Henry D. Pollard has given them the opportunity and the support to provide this event.
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Indiana ASA conducts Spring meeting

The Indiana ASA conducted its Spring Meeting and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies on March 8-9, in Bloomington, Ind. Various committees and the Indiana ASA Executive Board met on Friday and Saturday to finalize plans for the 2013 season.

The Indiana ASA/Wayne L. Myers Hall of Fame induction ceremonies were conducted on March 9. Approximately 125 people attended the 37th Hall of Fame induction ceremonies. State Commissioner, Mick Renneisen, presided over the ceremony.

Inducted in the Player category was Rick Scott. Rick was a two class State Champion. In 1979 his team, Royal Center/Candlish, won the Class A State Championship and in 1982-83 he was on the Open State Championship team, Tnemec. Rick’s teams ranked 5th nationally on two different occasions. In addition to his playing career, Rick was also Commissioner/Treasurer for Logansport’s leagues and also became a well-respected coach/umpire in the Logansport area after retiring.

Inducted in the Team Category was Lewis Homes/Questar Capital from the Topeka, Ind. area. Members of the Lewis Homes/Questar Capital team include Chad Gust and Keith Schmidt (LaGrange), Brett Slone and Chuck Leamon (Kendallville), Darrin Miller (Nappanee), Bob McHenry (Lansing, Mich.), Jeremy Hochstetler (Cromwell), Jay Gingerich, Eric Hostetler and Matt Martin (Middlebury), Mike Fawcett (Decatur), Chad Marchand (Fort Wayne), Jay Grate (Auburn), Dennis Gerke (Warsaw), and Kevin Lambright and Butch Lehman (Topeka). This team won the Indiana ASA Class B State Tournament in 2001, 2002, 2004 and 2005. As a group, the players representing this team have a cumulative total of 74 ASA State Championships.

Indiana ASA also implemented a new recognition program called the Hall of Service. This award is given to Indiana ASA volunteers who have contributed their time and talents to promote and manage the sport of softball in their respective areas of the state. The first inductee in the inaugural class was Jeannette Beverstock. Jeannette became involved with Indiana Softball in 1969 when her two daughters began playing, and continued her involvement for over 35 years. She was a passionate coach and a well-respected umpire. She was also the District Commissioner and secretary/treasurer of the ASA Linton Girls Softball League. Jeannette’s passion for softball began with her daughters and continued long after they stopped playing. Her passion for the game, love for her girls, and her competitive spirit made Jeannette a well-respected coach and umpire, as well as a valued member of the Indiana ASA community.

The second honoree was Howard Gauger. Howard has served the Indiana ASA since 1966 when he became an umpire in Portage. He was later named an Umpire in Chief in Logansport and has registered 100+ ASA teams per year for over 30 years. Howard umpired in 5 National Tournaments and over 200 State Tournaments. Howard has also been a player representative at the ASA National Conventions and an instructor for many ASA Umpire Schools.
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Amanda Chidester
World Cup Medalist Amanda Chidester explains the importance of playing multiple sports. "The advice I give to kids who pressured to specialize is have fun!" Many children today get burnt out by specializing in one sport, playing it year round.

Sam Fischer
Sam Fischer, infielder for the 2012 World Cup winning United States women's national softball team, shares the importance of doing everything with passion. Sam shares “Love what you do and have passion in what you do, otherwise why is it worth it?”

Molly Johnson
Team USA Softball member Molly Johnson shares how using car coaching in a responsible way helped develop a supportive relationship between her and her parents. Molly's parents give specific feedback in a supportive tone to help Molly make corrections.

Jenae Leles
Jenae Leles, infielder for the 2012 World Cup winning United States women's national softball team, discusses the importance for athletes to have short term memory. "You cannot let the bad outcomes out-weigh the good ones." Brush it off, and move on.

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3,000th ACE Coaches awarded

ASA/USA Softball recently announced that Brandon Meyer (Argenta, Ill.) was the 3,000th certified ACE (Achieve, Certify, Educate) Coach and Heath McVay (Loveland, Colo.) was the 3,001st certified ACE Coach of the 2013 season. For a second-consecutive year, ASA/USA Softball has teamed up with sponsors Pocket Radar™ and Powerchalk™ to provide coaches like Meyer and McVay with a prize pack. Every time the ACE Program reaches an odd-numbered 1,000th milestone, ASA/USA Softball will award that coach with a Pocket Radar ($200 value) and the next coach with a custom Powerchalk account ($100 value).

Meyer, a coach in the Illinois ASA, has been coaching for four years and is entering his first season as an ASA Coach. “I coach because I enjoy the atmosphere of a team, everyone pulling for each other and everyone lifting up each other when they make a mistake,” said Meyer. “Playing sports can help you handle adverse situations that happen in life; how you handle them in sports can help you in your everyday life. I know that I am a better person for being involved, and it is rewarding when an athlete on my team comes up to me and says ‘Thanks coach.’”

McVay is a coach with the Colorado ASA. “It’s great to watch my team accomplish more than they thought they could,” said McVay. “The ACE program offers a lot of great benefits for coaches, especially when it comes to resources and coaching aids. The Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports program in particular is very helpful and the first aid and communication tips were very beneficial.”

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This marks the second season that ASA/USA Softball has teamed up with Pocket Radar™ and Powerchalk™ to award the ACE Coaches. These coaches bring the number of awarded ACE coaches this year to 4. Previous recipients of the complimentary Pocket Radar and custom Powerchalk account are Warren Painter (Antioch, Calif.) and Robert Edmonds (Ossineke, Mich.).
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ASA in the 1950’s

The Opening Ceremony for the 1952 Men’s National Championship in Stratford, Conn.

RIGHT: Pat Richmond makes a leaping catch at the 1954 Women’s Major Fast Pitch National Championship
LEFT: The presentation of the 1957 Men’s Slow Pitch National Championship trophy.

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Founded in 1978, the Washington Metropolitan Slow Pitch Softball Hall of Fame inducts members from the DC, Maryland and Virginia areas. There currently are nine categories in which someone can be nominated: player, manager, administrator, promoter, umpire, special service, sponsor, master player or team.

On February 23, the Washington Metro SP HOF 15 members into the Hall of Fame. Those inducted are:

Player: Donald Miller, Jim Loebach, Robbie Slingerman and Lois “Buckmaster” Taylor.
Master Player: Jeff Gunther, Terry Lee and Gerry George.
Administrator: Buddy Gosnell
Umpire: Beverly Funicelli and Ben Melson
Manager: Alan Gillespie, Marilyn Mallery and Jim Ryan
Promoter: Herman Briscoe
Team: Hamel Cavalier’s 70’s

For more information, please visit www.wmhalloffame.com.

ASA HALL OF FAME COMPLEX HOSTS YOUTH EVENTS

The 2013 season kicked off at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex in Oklahoma City in March as two youth events, the ASA Spring Challenge and the Preview, brought in 36 girls fast pitch teams. Though inclement weather threatened to cancel both events, the Stadium Events staff members were able to finish both events and crown champions.

The winners of the ASA Spring Challenge are:

10-Under: Oklahoma Ultimate 02
12-Under: Tulsa Eagles 12-00
14-Under: Oklahoma Athletics 14U

The winners of the Preview are:

12-Under: Oklahoma Exclusive 00
14-Under: Tulsa Elite 98

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