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On September 26, the softball community was shaken as four members of the North Central Texas College (NCTC) softball team perished in a tragic accident. Softball players, coaches and families around the U.S. rallied together in the weeks after the crash showing their support for their fellow athletes.

Dallas ASA stepped up to the plate to help let those affected know they were in our thoughts.

“The hope was to lift the spirits of these players, coaches and families,” said Dallas ASA JO Commissioner Nesa Grider. “We wanted to let them know that everyone in the softball world is praying for their healing.”

The request for these wrist bands have poured in since Dallas ASA launched the sale, with requests from California to New York. In total, over 37,000 bracelets have been ordered and shipped.

“Thank you to all who placed an order,” said Grider. “In speaking with an NCTC team member, they are overwhelmed by the constant support and prayers. Thank you again for supporting NCTC in your thoughts and prayers for all.”

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Greetings from Parana, Argentina!

As I pen this letter our Men’s National Team is in the middle of the Men’s Pan American Championship, which serves as a qualifier for the 2015 Pan American Games and the 2015 International Softball Federation (ISF) Men’s World Championship, both which will be played in Canada. Our team is doing quite well having already qualified after beating host Argentina in a superb game (1-0) in front of several thousand, very loud local fans. I’m very proud of our team and their accomplishments. The tournament continues so we’ll soon know the final results.

The end of October marks the end of the first year of my term as President of this wonderful organization that we call the Amateur Softball Association of America/USA Softball. This also means that our Annual Council Meeting is only a few days away. I hope your final preparations for attending are completed and include your presence at our Hall of Fame Banquet where very deserving ASA/USA Softball persons will be inducted into the National Softball Hall of Fame. Congratulations in advance to each inductee and also their families for this unequalled reward for their numerous contributions to our wonderful sport. If you have not yet made your reservations for this fantastic event, I urge you to do so today.

This year’s meeting agenda and committee assignments have been adjusted and changed to meet the desires of many of you pertaining to training, more time for certain committees and less time for others. I believe that our National Office personnel have also made the agenda and committee assignments easier to read and understand. Please review both items before arriving at the meeting site to lessen the opportunity for confusion or misunderstanding. If you have received a consent agenda from your committee chair, please take a few moments to complete and return it to the appropriate person prior to the deadline. Completing this task will permit the committee chair to conduct a more effective and productive meeting.

As I do often, I extend an invitation to each of you to our Board of Directors meeting. During the Council Meeting, two Board of Directors meetings are held, the first one just prior to the start of the Council Meeting and the second immediately following the Council Meeting. This is your Board of Directors, come see them at work. If you have given any thought to ever serving on our Board of Directors, attendance at Board Meetings prior to being elected is very important.

I look forward to seeing you at our Council Meeting. Please travel safe.

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Hello everyone and welcome to the October 2014 issue of The Inside Pitch, the official newsletter of ASA/USA Softball!

I’m very excited to write to you for the first time as the Assistant Director of Marketing and Communications for ASA/USA Softball. Earlier this month I was promoted to the position, which Steven Embree previously held. It’s a tough act to follow, but I’m looking forward to the opportunity to make an even bigger impact on our association and to the game I love! We’re all going to miss Steven, but he will always be a part of the ASA/USA Softball family.

We’re less than a week out from the ASA/USA Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada and I’m looking forward to seeing everyone again! The Annual Meeting is a great opportunity for ASA/USA members from across the country to get together and share their stories and successes with each other. The Annual Meeting also provides everyone an opportunity to attend training sessions that you can take back home and present to your local association members. While we’re all there to discuss the business side of our great organization, I hope everyone also has time to attend some of our fun activities! We’ve got three events that will benefit the ASA Special Programs: bowling, golf and poker! We will also have the Fun Walk, the National Softball Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, the Wilson Awards Luncheon and the Trade Show. Attend one, attend some, or attend all!

If you’re new to ASA/USA Softball or want to stop by and touch base with me or Julie Bartel, our Director of Marketing and Communications, feel free to swing by the ASA Office at the Annual Meeting. We’re always interested in hearing your opinions and how we may be able to better help you in 2015!

As always, if you have any news items, photos or stories you want included in the next issue of the “Inside Pitch”, feel free to email me at cwarren@softball.org!

Until next time, thank you for all that you do for ASA/USA Softball! Safe travels and see you all in Reno!
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Five people were forever enshrined into the Metro Detroit ASA (MDASA) Hall of Fame on October 7, 2014. Held in Troy, Mich., three were inducted as players, one as an umpire and one in the meritorious service category.

**Bob Lawson - Umpire**

Bob has been a member the MDASA umpire staff since 1984 and served as the Umpire-in-Chief from 2001-2013. He has also served as a local umpire assignor in Westland (1990-95) and Plymouth league supervisor (2007-14). Bob has attended three national umpire schools, served as a national umpire school instructor in 2012, a coordinator in 2010; and has been a national UIC clinic presenter three times.

Bob is a Gold level member of the ASA/USA Medals program, a member of the ASA/USA National Indicator Fraternity, an ASA/USA Elite fast pitch umpire (2004). His honors also include being selected as the Region 8 Umpire Award of Excellence in 1990. Bob has umpired in four national tournaments and served as the UIC in numerous MDASA and region tournaments throughout his career. His behind the scenes involvement includes being an umpire coordinator for the national tournaments being held in the Metro Detroit areas.

**Steve Bienkowski - SP Player**

Steve started playing softball in recreation leagues in 1965, working his way up the ladder to the competitive level and still continues playing in senior leagues today.

The star first baseman played for some of the top slow pitch teams in the Metro Detroit area including Eastside Sports, Strohs, Burt’s Blackhorse Saloon, Little Caesars, Northwest Pipe, National Trails, Budweiser, Nothdruft, McQuires Steel, GM Adjusting and Doc’s Sports Retreat.

His achievements with ASA have been instrumental as he was a member of five ASA national championship teams and three finalist teams. Steve received two ASA All-American awards. He was also a two-time MVP at the ASA Senior World Series qualifier and a two-time MVP state of Michigan K of C Class A state tournament.

**Dave Brubaker - Modified Player**

The modified pitch softball scene in Metro Detroit produces some top notch talent, and Dave Brubaker fits in that category. He has played 27 years as a modified player, appearing in 19 ASA national tournaments.

Dave’s career began in 1973 playing on such teams as St. Timothy, Livonia Lanes, Vico, Hummer Lounge Compuware, Pat Boyle Chevrolet, All American Sport Shop, Winter Garden Bar, TC Gators, Promos Pizza, team Budweiser, and Total Foods.

A highlight in his career was the 1991 All American Sports Shop team that captured the 10-Man national title, where Dave was selected as Most Valuable Player.

The catcher was selected to three ASA All-American teams hitting more than .600 in each tournament.

**Kelly Holmes - FP Player**

Kelly’s outstanding softball career began when she starred at Plymouth Canton high school and in the Compuware youth program. Her career continued at the University of Michigan where she made All-American teams in 1996 and 1997 before being named Big Ten pitcher of the year in 1997.

Following her college career, she played for M&R Drugs in 1990, Compuware, and then joined the Daly Restaurant Class A women’s fast pitch squad in 1994 where she was a key force in their title runs. She made 99 appearances, capturing 64 wins against only 14 losses in 545 innings pitched. Kelly was a tough foe for opponents as she had an impressive 1.23 ERA. She was selected MVP honor at numerous tournaments including ASA national qualifiers.

She competed in four ASA Class A national championships and was a four-time ASA All-American. Kelly led Daly to one national runner up finish in 1995, two third place finishes and one fourth place finish.

**Marjo Jonker - Meritorious Service**

When one thinks of top college coaches in the state of Michigan, the name of Margo Jonker is one of the best. After 35 years at the helm as Central Michigan University Head Coach, she continues to lead a program that consistently challenges for their league title.

Margo earned her 22nd 30-plus win season in 2013 as the Chippewas claimed their 10th MAC tournament title that same year.

The Holland, Mich. native has collected numerous honors including NCAA Division I National Coach of the Year in 1987, the year the Chips made it to the college World Series. Margo has also been involved with USA Softball’s top international teams for several years. She has developed several outstanding individual talents, including eight All-Americans. Margo continues to be a mentor to youth in the state of Michigan, a person who is well respected in the circle of softball in the state!
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“To be a part of such a great cause means a lot to me and my teammates,” said USA Softball infielder Lauren Gibson, whose signed jersey netted $435 in the Pink Auction. “Women of all ages have been affected by this disease and by donating our jerseys we have high hopes that they’ll one day find a cure.”

The USA Softball Women’s National Team donned pink uniforms in a “Pink Out” game during the General Tire World Cup of Softball in Irvine, Calif. to honor breast cancer survivors and create awareness for breast cancer research. Last month, 18 items went up for bid on eBay, including not only the game worn jerseys of the National Team athletes, but also replica jerseys signed by the entire team and a pink USA Softball batting helmet.

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Registration is due to Andy Dooley by October 17, 2014

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ASA/USA Softball recently announced 12 ASA/USA Softball National Umpire Schools, including an Advanced National Umpire School for both fast pitch and slow pitch, to be held Dec. 2014 through June 2015. The schools will take place in 10 different states: California, Connecticut, Georgia, Kentucky, Minnesota, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, Virginia and Wyoming.

“The line up for the 2014-15 Umpire Schools is one of our best to date,” said Kevin Ryan, ASA/USA Softball Director of Umpires. “The local associations who have stepped up to host are excited and will put together an outstanding program for all participants. The National Umpire Schools are the foundation of our instruction and the opportunity to engage the umpire community. To continue to learn and lead while on the field is something ASA/USA Softball holds in the highest regard.”

Click here to see the full list of 2014-2015 ASA/USA National Umpire Schools

Each ASA/USA National Umpire School is run by a team of National Umpire staff members, who serve as the clinicians. With a ratio of at least one clinician per 25-30 students, each participant will receive hands-on personal instruction on both fast pitch and slow pitch umpiring including base and plate mechanics. At the fast pitch Advanced Umpire School, instruction is focused on fast pitch only and at the slow pitch Advanced Umpire School, instruction is focused on slow pitch only. The ratio is also one instructor per 10 students for the two Advanced Umpire Schools.

Registration fees for National Umpire Schools vary by location. To register for an upcoming National Umpire School or an Advanced Umpire School, please contact the school coordinator listed on the National Umpire School section of USASoftball.com. NOTE: Only certain schools are currently open for registration.
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With 344 people in attendance, the largest crowd ever, the Connecticut Amateur Softball Association inducted its newest Hall of Fame members at its annual awards dinner on September 28 at Vazzano’s Four Seasons in Stratford. District Commissioner Carl Pignone served as host.

Ed Austin of Milford, who served as State Commissioner for 40 years, and West Haven District Commissioner Emeritus John Panza were recipients of the Joseph T. Barber Distinguished Service Award.

The Slow Pitch Wing honorees were:
- **Liz Alling** - Began her career at the age of 12 and is still active today. A New Haven resident, she has played, coached and umpired at numerous National Tournaments
- **John Cifarelli** - Played with Connecticut powerhouses Bender Plumbing and Checking Worth and recently added a Senior championship to his resume with JJM Property from Milford
- **Ken Palmieri** - Managed both men’s and women’s teams to post season success. For 22 years he was at the helm of C.J. Fucci-Minit Print/Docuprint women’s teams as they made 10 trips to the Nationals
- **Larry Chiappetta** - His 40-year career was highlighted by several National Tournament trips with Ronnie’s from Greenwich and County Sports of Long Island
- **Jack Bedosky** - Helped perennial contender Stamford area teams VIP Limousine, National Auto and Villa Cafe achieve success at the National level

The Fast Pitch Wing honoree were:
- **Vincent Mahoney** - Was an integral part of the Reed Construction teams of the 70’s and 80’s that made six National Tournament appearances
- **William Manzi** - Excelling at all four infield positions for thirty years and aided Peter Pan Cafe, American Legion Post 8 and Cigna Insurance to post season success
- **John Nedosko** - Was honored for managing and coaching several New Britain area youth teams to 13 tournament championships.

Also honored was umpire Albert Vazquez. Vazquez has been an ASA umpire for almost 30 years. He has officiated at the state, regional and national levels and also has done high school tournament and professional games. He is Commissioner of the Greater Fairfield County Softball Umpires Association.
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ASA/USA Softball recently announced the selected cities to host the 2016 and 2017 ASA/USA Softball Annual Meeting. The 2016 meeting will be held in Shreveport, La. and in 2017 the ASA/USA membership and guests will head to Greensboro, N.C.

“We want to take this opportunity to thank all the cities that submitted bids to host our meetings in 2016 and 2017,” said ASA/USA Softball Executive Director Craig Cress. “We are fortunate that our presence in all 50 states assists us in maintaining outstanding relationships with Sports Commissions, Convention and Visitor Bureau’s and Park and Recreation districts. These groups along with our ASA/USA local associations have been instrumental for several years in hosting our annual meetings and we are thrilled to be heading to Shreveport and Greensboro in the coming years.”

The 2016 meeting in Shreveport, La. will take place at the Hilton Shreveport Downtown with Sam’s Town Casino and Hotel serving as an overflow location.

“Shreveport-Bossier City is thrilled to be hosting the 2016 ASA/USA Softball Annual Meeting,” said Kelly Wells, Vice President of Tourism and Sports for Shreveport-Bossier Convention & Tourist Bureau. “The 2010 attendees were one of the most enjoyable and hospitable groups we have ever hosted. Both the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission along with our tourism partners are already planning an incredible opening night event and the dining, shopping and nightlife are tastier, more plentiful and entertaining than ever.”

In 2017, the Sheraton Greensboro will host the ASA/USA Softball delegates as this marks the first time the Annual Meeting has taken place in North Carolina in its 83 year history. “Greensboro is honored to have been selected to host the 2017 ASA/USA Softball Annual Council Meeting,” said Brian Ambuehl, National Sales Manager for Sports for the Greensboro Convention and Visitors Bureau. “We look forward to treating the attendees to true Southern hospitality, and the opportunity to show why we’re known as Tournament Town.”

Just weeks away from the 2014 Annual Meeting in Reno, Nev. at the Nugget Hotel, the weeklong event features administrators, players and tournament hosts from around the country. All attendees participate in a series of meetings to evaluate the needs of the association along with proposed rule and code changes for all divisions of ASA/USA Softball. In addition to the business side of the organization, ASA/USA Softball also presents several awards during the Annual Council Meeting, including the Complex of the Year, presented by Stabilizer Solutions, the Bright Light Award presented by ASA/USA and Musco Lighting, Years of Service, the James Farrell Certificates and Awards of Excellence for excellence in conducting ASA National Championships.

For a complete agenda and information on the 2014 Meeting in Reno, please click here to view all information!
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Women’s National Team

Thirty-two initial invitees were sent for the 2015 USA Softball Women’s National Team Selection Camp, which will be held January 4-8, 2015 at Bill Barber Park in Irvine, Calif. Those athletes who accept the invitation to try out will vie for 17 spots on the 2015 USA Softball Women’s National Team (WNT) roster that will compete at the World Cup of Softball X in July, 2015 and a spot on the 15-athlete roster that will compete in the 2015 Pan American Games, which will be held July 15-26 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Click here to see the 32 athletes who have received an invitation to try out for the Women’s National Team.

Additional athletes may be invited to the USA Softball WNT Selection Camp at a later date. During the five-day selection process athletes will participate in position drills as well as simulated games and be evaluated by the Women’s National Team Selection Committee (WNTSC).

Once selected, the WNT will compete in the World Cup of Softball X in Southern California and the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The complete 2015 schedule for the WNT, including exhibition games, will be announced at a later date.

In addition to the list of invitees, the full coaching staff has been selected for the WNT for competitions in 2015. With Ken Eriksen (Tampa, Fla./Head Coach at USF) at the head of the Women’s program, the Assistant Coaches will be Laura Berg (Corvallis, Ore./head coach at Oregon State), Howard Dobson (Orange, Texas/assistant coach at LSU) and Lisa Dodd (San Diego, Calif./head coach at UNLV). All three served as Assistant Coaches for the 2014 WNT that claimed the General Tire World Cup of Softball IX and the silver medal at the International Softball Federation (ISF) Women’s World Championship in Haarlem, Netherlands in 2014.

Junior Women’s National Team

Twenty-two athletes received invitations to try out for the 2015 USA Softball Junior Women’s (19-Under) National Team (JWNT). Those athletes who accept an invitation to try out will participate in the 2015 JWNT Selection Camp, which will be held January 3-4, 2015 at Bill Barber Park in Irvine, Calif. Seventeen athletes will be selected by members of the USA Softball Women’s National Team Selection Committee (WNTSC) to represent the United States as a member of the 2015 JWNT roster that will compete at the World Cup of Softball X in Southern California and the International Softball Federation (ISF) Junior Women’s World Championship, which will be held August 9-15 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Click here to see the 22 athletes who have received an invitation to try out for the Junior Women’s National Team.

Additional athletes may be invited to the USA Softball JWNT Selection Camp at a later date while additional opportunities for athletes to try out for the 2015 JWNT will be announced on November 3 via USASoftball.com. During the selection process, athletes will participate in position drills as well as simulated games and be evaluated by the WNTSC.

Once selected, the JWNT will compete in the World Cup of Softball X in Southern California and the ISF Junior Women’s World Championship in Oklahoma City, Okla. The complete 2015 schedule for the JWNT, including exhibition games, will be announced at a later date.

This will be the first time in World Cup of Softball history that the JWNT will participate as the team will build towards reclaiming the Gold at the ISF Junior Women’s World Championship. At the last ISF Junior Women’s World Championship in 2013, the U.S. finished runner-up after falling 4-0 to Japan in Brampton, Ontario, Canada. This marks the first time since 1995 that an ISF Junior Women’s World Championship has been held in the United States.

Led by Head Coach Tairia Flowers (Tucson, Ariz./head coach at Cal State Northridge), the complete coaching staff for the 2015 JWNT will be announced at a later date.

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After hosting two ASA/USA National Championships this year, including the inaugural 2014 ASA/USA Girl’s 16U Gold National Championship, Arrowhead Park in Broken Arrow, Okla. has been selected as the 2014 Amateur Softball Association (ASA) of America/USA Softball Complex of the Year presented by Stabilizer Solutions, Inc. Arrowhead Park will receive their award at the 83rd ASA/USA Annual Meeting in Reno, Nev. and will also receive approximately $2,000 in field maintenance products from Stabilizer Solutions.

“Arrowhead Park stepped up to the plate this year as hosts of the first-ever ASA/USA 16U Gold,” said Chris Sebren, ASA/USA Director of Championships. “With less than a year to plan the 48-team tournament, the staff and city’s efforts to create a first-class experience for the fans and athletes shows just how deserving of this award they truly are.”

Previous award winners include the Charlie McVay Complex (Roswell, N.M.) in 2013, the Botetourt Sports Complex (Botetourt County, Va.) in 2012, the James I. Moyer Sports Complex (Salem, Va.) in 2011, Veterans Park and Athletic Complex (College Station, Texas) in 2010, Heritage Park Softball Complex (St. Joseph, Mo.) in 2009, Twin Creeks Softball Complex (Woodstock, Ga.) in 2008 and Freedom Ridge Park Complex (Ridgeland, Miss.) in 2007. The Field of Dreams Complex (Las Cruces, N.M.) won the inaugural 2006 award.

“Oklahoma ASA is honored to have Arrowhead Park in Broken Arrow to be named the 2014 ASA Complex of the Year,” said Oklahoma ASA Junior Olympic (JO) Commissioner Carolyn Shafer. “Broken Arrow Girls Softball has been a long time supporter of ASA. Thank you to the staff of Broken Arrow Girls Softball for making this award possible.”

Built in 1995 as an eight-field complex, Arrowhead Park underwent a renovation in 2013 that included the addition of four fields to bring their total to 12. Staffed and operated by the Broken Arrow Girls Softball League, the complex sits of 30 acres and features a walking trail and park just outside the fields. Inside the ballpark, each field offers covered spectator seating, covered dugouts for the athletes and coaches, digital scoreboards and a PA system. In addition to the covered seating, the complex features two gazebos at each grouping of fields for spectators to watch the action on four different fields. Fans also have access to free wireless internet at the complex.

“Congratulations to all those who have helped Arrowhead Park join the ranks of Complex of the Year award winners,” said Jon Hubbs, President of Stabilizer Solutions, Inc. “It is obvious that their success comes from dedication to providing not only top fields for play, but a true overall experience for players and spectators alike. We look forward to their continued success and innovative practices.”

Most recently, Arrowhead Park hosted the inaugural ASA/USA Girls’ 16U Gold National Championship, which was held July 21-26. Eight of the fields were utilized for game play while the remaining four fields were dedicated solely as warm up areas for teams. All fields of play offered free online stats during the weeklong National Championship, while Field 1 offered free live streaming. Arrowhead Park also held the ASA/USA Girls’ 18U Class A Southern National Championship July 13-19.
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Glenn Norman Colburn, 65, of Milford, died Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014, surrounded by family and friends at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Nashua, after succumbing to a persistent battle with cancer. He was born in Keene on July 14, 1949, and was the son of the late Almon Norman and Lillian Adeline (Bunker) Colburn.

Glenn graduated from Keene High School, continuing his studies at Hawthorne College in Antrim. He was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Nashua and proudly served as a K-9 Narcotics Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force at the end of the Vietnam Era from 1975-78.

In his later years, Glenn became semi-retired after a successful sales career with various employers such as PepsiCo and Donahue Beverage in Keene and Idlenot/Garelick Farms Dairy of Lynn, Mass., and Springfield, Vt.

At the time of his death, Glenn was proudly employed by RX Monitoring Services in Bedford. He was a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge in Keene and a highly successful softball and football official holding many key positions within the ASA, NCAA, and High School officiating organizations for softball and football throughout New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

Specifically, Glenn was a member of the New Hampshire Amateur Softball Association (ASA) from 1985 to his death. He was the N.H. ASA State Umpire-in-Chief (UIC) appointed since 1999, N.H. ASA District UIC since 2007, N.H. Softball Association/ N.H. High School Apprentice Chairman, 2002-03/Rules Interpreter, 2002 until death. His awards include:

- International Softball Federation Certification, 1997
- ASA/USA National Indicator 1997
- ASA/USA Elite Umpire 2003
- ASA/USA Award Of Excellence 2007

Survivors include his wife, Mayre (Cas- sidy) Colburn of Peabody, Mass., whom he married in May 2005; sons, Maj. Jeffrey Colburn USAF (ret), Mike Park, and Jonathan Park; daughter, Jennifer Park Edgarton and daughter-in-law, Maj. Sgt. Michelle (Dennis) Colburn USAF (ret); brother, CW5 Verne Colburn, USA (ret); grandsons, Braeden, Cullen, and Gavin Park; granddaughters, Mikayla and Emily Colburn, Rylee and Taylor Edgarton; nephews, Col. Michael Colburn USMC (ret), Carey Colburn and Jeremy Peace; nieces, Cindy Peace, Terry Colburn, Amy (Colburn) Trahan and Karen (Colburn) Merill. Glenn was predeceased by his brother, Dale Colburn, in March 2011. He also leaves behind many friends that he cherished over his life.
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