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15-year-old umpire earns the plate at Class A Western National Championship

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WHAT'S YOUR ACTIVE?
The months of June and July are an exciting time of the year in ASA/USA Softball for every local association is now on its way to qualifying teams for our quickly approaching National Championships that will be held throughout the country in the many varied divisions and classifications of play. Our championship tournament program is the best there is with the highest quality of play, the very best umpires, outstanding facilities, friendly but professional tournament administrators, and of course you. Whether you are a player, a coach, an umpire, an administrator, a field worker or simply a fan, let’s move ahead together and experience the excitement of championship play. Years from now people will be sharing great stories of the experiences, sometimes life changing, that they had at an ASA/USA Softball National Championship. A National Championship at which you too can be present.

For council members, all ASA/USA Softball National Championship Tournament Representatives and Umpires-in-Chief have been assigned and are published. If you have not received a copy of the published listings please contact your commissioner or Chris Sebren at the National Office for the ASA Representative listing and Kevin Ryan, Director of Umpires, for the Umpires-in-Chief listing. Congratulations to all who received one of these prestigious assignments.

The 2014 Women’s College World Series hosted at our ASA Hall of Fame Stadium Complex just three weeks ago was again very successfully. Attendance at this event increases and our partnership with the NCAA gains strength every year. During this year’s event the NCAA announced that the WCWS will continue to be played at our ASA Hall of Fame Complex through the year 2020 with the possibility of lengthening the term through year 2035 under specific stipulations.

This thrilling time of the year is also when several of our National Teams are being selected
and begin their preparation for an ISF World Championship Tournament. The Junior Men’s National Team, the Women’s National Team, the Men’s National Team and the Men’s Slow Pitch National Team will be appearing at tour stops and other events throughout the country, perhaps near you, in preparation for their competition on the World Softball Stage. We urge you to visit our national website at USASoftball.com for the schedules of each team and go out to show your support of our athletes in their quest for Gold.

In addition to the above, in the next few years some of our National Teams will be participating in ISF World Championships in the USA or nearby in Canada. In the summer of 2015 the ISF Junior Women’s World Championship will be played at our ASA Hall of Fame Stadium Complex while our Men’s National Team and our Women’s National Team will compete at the Pan American Games hosted by Canada. In the summer of 2016 the ISF Junior Men’s World Championship will be played in Midland, Michigan; and in the summer of 2017 the ISF Junior Women’s World Championship will return to the USA as it will be played in Clearwater, Florida. Also, in the fall of 2015 the ISF Congress will meet in downtown Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Lastly, a reminder, the World Cup of Softball IX will be played July 7 – 13 in Irvine, California. Eight countries will compete for that championship: Canada, Chinese-Taipei, Japan, Mexico, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Venezuela and the USA. The USA games on July 10, 11 and 12, as well as the Championship Game on July 13 will be shown on ESPN. For the WC9 schedule and to purchase tickets please click here. Hope to see many of you there. Thank you for playing ASA/USA Softball.

Have a great 2014 Season!

Phil Gutierrez, President
Amateur Softball Association of America
THE LEAD OFF:

A batter finds a pitch he likes at the 35th Annual Corky's Early Bird Men's Softball Classic in Owatonna, Minn.
USA Softball Women’s National Team members Amanda Chidester, Jessica Moore and Sam Fischer pose on the field at the NCAA Women’s College World Series with OG&E President and CFO Sean Trauschke. OG&E recently announced a 20-year agreement for the naming rights of the ASA Hall of Fame Stadium Field.
FACES ON THE FIELD

Every year, the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) of America has over 924,000 Junior Olympic (JO) athletes playing on more than 77,000 teams while over 1 million adults play on 88,000 teams across the United States. Meet Adrian, Gabriella, Jennifer and Samantha, four of the athletes who play ASA fast pitch.

JENNIFER ISERI, 18
Cerritos, Calif.
Cal A’s White Girls’ 18-Under Fast Pitch Pitcher

PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT
Going to Nationals, winning Suburban League for Cerritos High School and making Player of the Year for the Press Telegram

TOUGHEST OBSTACLE
Overcoming an injury and having to sit on the bench while healing.

GOAL
To someday be a role model for younger softball players that are up and coming!

ROLE MODELS
Cat Osterman and Marian “Speedy” Mendoza

WHY I LOVE SOFTBALL
After all the traveling, games, practices, extra practices, and sacrifices from my parents and my sister, I have found that softball is a life experience that I am glad to be a part of and would not change it for anything!

ADRIAN CORONA, 36
Glendale, Ariz.
American Warriors Men’s D and Coed D Slow Pitch Pitcher

SOFTBALL START
I grew up in the softball world. My family has been playing as far back as 1990. My uncle got me started in 1996.

BEST EXPERIENCE
They are all good but if I had to pick one it would be bringing my three-week-old son to watch his daddy play.

TOUGHEST OBSTACLE
Rebuilding a new team after losing two of our very good friends overseas.

ROLE MODELS
Ray DeMarini because of his fight and struggle with cancer and ability to overcome most of all his obstacles without quitting.
**SAMANTHA HENDERSON, 15**
*Louisiana, Mo.*
*St. Peters Royals*
*Girls’ 16-Under Fast Pitch*
*Catcher/3rd Base*

**GOAL**
To play softball at a D-1 college

**BEST EXPERIENCE**
Winning district with my school

**PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT**
Being Named MVP at Nationals in 12-Under and making all District Team and All-Conference team 2013 in school ball.

**ROLE MODELS**
Jenny Finch and Cat Osterman

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**GABRIELLA EMEANA, 8**
*Copperas Cove, Texas*
*Athletics*
*Girls’ 8-Under Machine Pitch*
*Pitcher*

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT SOFTBALL**
Being active and making new friends.

**GOALS**
To go back to the state tournament this year and win it and also to advance to the National Pitch, Hit and Run competition in Minneapolis this July.

**ROLE MODELS**
Jackie Robinson
NEW SURVEY IDENTIFIES DECLINE IN SPORTSMANSHIP

With softball season in full swing, a new national survey of 2,000 youth sports parents and coaches by Liberty Mutual Insurance illuminates a troubling decline in what some would say is the most important lesson of youth sports: sportsmanship. The results generated new resources and information available to help address this important issue head on.

The survey reveals that sportsmanship is considered among the most important lessons taught by youth sports. Regrettably, approximately 50 percent of parents and coaches believe that sportsmanship has worsened in youth sports since they participated as children, while only 12 percent feel it has improved. Yet, survey results suggest it may be their own behaviors that are contributing to this perception:

• 60 percent of respondents reported either witnessing or participating in negative or abusive sideline behavior

• 26 percent of parents said they have witnessed a verbally abusive coach, and 16 percent of parents said they have witnessed a physical confrontation between parents

• 55 percent of coaches have experienced parents yelling negatively at officials or their own kids, and two in five have experienced parents yelling negatively at other kids.

Further, 75 percent of parents and coaches say that teaching sportsmanship is the responsibility of parents. With 80 percent of parents responding to the survey claiming to play an active role in their child’s youth sports experience, the challenge isn’t parental involvement; it’s taking the time to instill the value
of sportsmanship in their children.

“Growing up as a youth athlete, my coaches and parents were constantly using examples of poor behavior on the field as an opportunity to teach me about the importance of sportsmanship,” said actor Chris O’Donnell, a father of five and the Liberty Mutual Insurance Responsible Sports ambassador. “Those lessons have stuck with me over the years, and now as a father of children involved in youth sports, I know the opportunity lies with us as parents to have the conversation and reinforce this important life lesson.”

Liberty Mutual Insurance Responsible Sports provides just the types of resources that parents need to have a meaningful discussion with their children about sportsmanship and other aspects of the youth sports experience that extend into everyday life:

- Start with a simple question, “What Is Sportsmanship?” – focus conversation on abiding by rules and respecting opponents and officials and teammates
- Explain that sportsmanship doesn’t have an off switch – reinforce that sportsmanship is important win or lose, even on the practice fields
- Commit to Mom and Dad’s role in sportsmanship – express that your child’s effort and learning is more important than wins and losses and that leading by example is the best way to exhibit sportsmanship

“The value of sportsmanship is an essential part of developing youth athletes into responsible adults,” said Anthony Storm, senior vice president and Chief Marketing Officer, Liberty Mutual Personal Insurance.

“Through this survey, we have pinpointed that sportsmanship is on the decline and there is a greater need for parents to reinforce this important life lesson. Our Responsible Sports program provides the resources and tips to properly arm parents for this discussion.”

More results from the survey, as well as the wide range of resources, tools and information that Liberty Mutual Insurance Responsible Sports offers to support youth sports parents and coaches who help children succeed both on and off the field, can be found at ResponsibleSports.com. Parents and coaches can join the conversation by visiting the Responsible Sports Facebook page.

ABOUT THE STUDY

As a leading resource in youth sports, Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports program commissioned ORC International to conduct a national survey to uncover attitudes and perspectives towards youth sportsmanship in both parents and youth coaches. 2,000 parents and coaches of 7-12 year olds who participate in organized youth sports participated in the survey, resulting in a margin of error +/- 1.99%.

At Liberty Mutual Insurance, we constantly look for ways to celebrate the countless acts of responsibility and integrity shown by people every day. We created Responsible Sports, powered by Positive Coaching Alliance, as part of this belief to help ensure that our kids experience the best that sports have to offer in environments that promote and display good sportsmanship. We believe kids can learn valuable life lessons when coaches and parents come together to support winning on and off the field.

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At Liberty Mutual Insurance, we aim to achieve our personal best. Youth sports taught us valuable life lessons like dedication, teamwork and sportsmanship. And those same lessons influence our business today. We’re committed to doing our best – for our policyholders and their communities.

We created the Responsible Sports™ program to celebrate and champion responsibility in youth sports. And to teach those same life lessons to today’s kids.

**THEN**

.424 on-base percentage for the season

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At ResponsibleSports.com, you’ll find:

- Expert advice and resources for parents
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- Insight from softball players & coaches on their youth sports experience
- Videos, podcasts, downloadable handouts
- Much more!

*Figure reflects average national savings for customers who switched to Liberty Mutual. Based on data collected between 1/1/12 and 6/30/12. Individual premiums and savings will vary.

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OREGON ASA TO HOST 2015 GOLD NATIONALS

ASA/USA Softball recently announced that the 2015 Girls’ 18-Under and 16-Under Fast Pitch GOLD National Championships will be hosted by the Oregon ASA. The 18-Under division will take place in Hillsboro, Ore. and the 16-Under division in Salem, Ore. Both are slated for July 19-25, 2015.

“What an exciting year to have both of our top ASA/USA JO National Championships in the state of Oregon,” said Oregon ASA Commissioner Mike Wells. “The Hillsboro and Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation, along with the Washington County Visitors Association worked hard to secure the 18U GOLD while the city of Salem has run several successful ASA/USA National Championships. Thank you to all parties involved for all of their hard work and the Oregon ASA is confident both sites will do an excellent job hosting both prestigious events.”

OGE ENERGY CORP. SECURES NAMING RIGHTS TO ASA HALL OF FAME FIELD

OGE Energy Corp. (NYSE: OGE) recently announced that it has entered into a 20-year agreement with the Oklahoma City All Sports Association and the Amateur Softball Association (ASA)/USA Softball for naming rights to the stadium field at the ASA Hall of Fame Softball Complex.

“On behalf of the entire ASA/USA Softball community, we want to thank OGE for stepping up to the plate to support our venue and all levels of softball played here,” said ASA/USA Softball Executive Director Craig Cress. “The current and future improvements at the facility are due to OGE’s support, the City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma City All Sports, along with several other community entities and leaders. The vision of all parties for the future of our sport is exceptional.”
Clearwater, FL to Host 2017 ISF Junior Women Worlds

International Softball Federation (ISF) executives recently announced that Clearwater, Florida will host the top event in 19-and-under female fast pitch softball in 2017. The XII ISF Junior Women’s World Championship will take place July 24-30, 2017 and will mark the first time that Clearwater has ever hosted an ISF World Championship.

“Clearwater and Pinellas County is becoming the softball capital in the southeastern United States and is recognized throughout the country as a premier location for softball tournaments,” said City of Clearwater Mayor George Cretekos. “The city is honored to have been chosen to host the XII Junior Women’s World Championship. All of us look forward to welcoming these world-class athletes and hopefully future Olympic champions to Clearwater’s sugar sand beaches and to the United States.”

ASA/USA Softball Partners with GameChanger to Provide Stats and Live Game Updates

The ASA and USA Softball has partnered with GameChanger to provide live stats and game updates for all USA Softball National Team events as well as the 2014 18-Under and 16-Under GOLD Nationals. The application will provide fans instant access to stats, spray charts and much more. Visit USASoftball.com throughout the summer for links to in-game updates for all USA Softball National Teams as well as the 18-Under and 16-Under GOLD Nationals.
Tairia Flowers (Tucson, Ariz./ head coach at Cal State Northridge) has been selected as the Head Coach for the 2015 USA Softball Junior Women’s National Team that will compete at the ISF Junior Women’s World Championship (19-Under) in August of 2015 in Oklahoma City, Okla. This will be Flowers second stint as the head coach for the Junior Women’s National Team.

“It’s an honor anytime you are selected to be involved with a USA Softball National Team,” said Flowers. “I’ve had the privilege to participate as a player on the Women’s National Team, an assistant coach on the Women’s National Team and now for the second time as the Head Coach with the Junior Women’s National Team and it’s a thrill every time. Our goal will be to take Gold at the 2015 Junior World Championships and we look forward to going after that goal on home soil with the tournament being held in Oklahoma City.”
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YOU TWEETED IT!

Here’s a collection of our favorite tweets that we have received from our followers over the past few weeks.

My family and I got to see @jtraina33 @D_Martinez00 @RavenChavanne and @LGibby27 play for @ASAUSASoftball this weekend! #honored #USA

—@68_fury

Gators Gold is the 1st team from FL to QUALIFY for #ASAGoldNationals 4 times is a row 2011,2012,2013& 2014 @ASAUSASoftball #makinghistory

—@amanda99xo

@ASAUSASoftball When I started this sport I never realized how much it would change my life by becoming my life #WorldSoftballDay

—@bre_kelley

2 full seasons just wasn't quite enough! So glad I get to have @jtraina33 by my side for even longer

—@hayliemac8

16U Fury-Higdon @furyfastpitch97 qualify for @ASAUSASoftball 16U Gold Nationals today

—Jeremy_P_Higdon

So I’m pitching against the USA National Team on July 3rd! What an honor to play on the same field as them! @ASAUSASoftball

—@vrcek13

Congrats to @FSU_Softball pitcher Lacey Waldrop for winning @ASAUSASoftball National Player of the Year! #awesome #enjoyit

—@lanricketts10

Tweet at us for a chance to see your tweet in the next issue! @ASAUSASoftball
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### 2014 MANUFACTURES CUP STANDINGS

*(each team will get 180 total swings)*

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### INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

*(each individual will get 90 total swings)*

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*Donavan Pokraka hit for Brungardt in Houston*
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ASA/USA Softball, along with Worth Fastpitch StudentSports.com, has created a Player of the Week award aimed at recognizing outstanding play by ASA players playing in ASA sanctioned events. Players, male or female, 18 year and young are eligible to be nominated for the weekly award. Athletes must be registered with their local ASA/USA Softball association and must have participated in an ASA/USA Softball sanctioned event or tournament during the week nominated.

So far seven JO athletes have been selected as the ASA/USA Softball Player of the Week. Each player received a new bat courtesy of Worth Fastpitch and was recognized on ASASoftball.com, USASoftball.com and StudentSports.com.

Nominate your youth softball star for ASA/USA Softball JO Player of the Week! Nominations are accepted at http://www.studentsports.com/softball/2014/02/12/asa-player-week-form/ until noon ET every Tuesday.
As an infant, Chandler Hoagland contracted RSV creating serve problems with her lungs resulting in multiple lengthy hospital stays, and asthma that is still present. Chandler is now a thriving and active junior in high school and following in the footsteps of her older sister by playing softball. During her second season of play, Chandler was injured and as one injury healed, another one would occur... a broken arm, a broken elbow, a broken wrist, etc. In the last game of the season, Chandler came off the field complaining about her ankle hurting. She hadn't been hit, hadn't slid into a base, nothing occurred that would create the pain she felt. She just thought it was a muscle issue. That night, the pain increased to the extent it required a visit to the emergency room.

Chandler had both ankles surgically repaired, and spent a year in a wheelchair recovering, forgoing an entire season of softball. Once released, her doctors recommended swimming instead of heading back to the softball field. Chandler begged us to let her play softball. Finally success! Chandler was able to take the playing field and although she was fighting severe pain and swelling after almost every game, with the help of ice packs and her passion for the game, she was able to play again. Her doctor was amazed at her progress, to say the least.

During a game, Chandler went in hard to third base, pushing one of the pins placed in her ankle for support through the skin, breaking her ankle which appeared to end her softball career. Once again, she was determined to win not only the battle, but the war. She fought back in record time, rehabbed her ankle and took the field again to complete the season, and finishing with amazing statistics, which was frosting on the cake.

Chandler’s goal was to play at the college level, but with her injuries and surgeries, it was going a long shot for a college coach to take a chance on her. While her stats were amazing, batting average of .506, RBI’s 44, OBP .788, there were still many doubts; however, Chandler believed she could do it, and that’s all it took for her to succeed. Chandler has been offered a scholarship and has committed to play collegiate softball at a NCAA Division 1 school in San Antonio, TX!

Chandler said, “Most people think that obstacles are just a part of life. I think we are actually blessed with obstacles that we face in our life. They are put there not to knock us down, but to make us stronger from the struggle to capture success.”

Chandler is a shining example for all of us on how true passion and determination can overcome adversity. •
At every Nike Elite Softball Camp, campers get exposure to 25 - 75 different colleges giving instruction at one facility. An amazing opportunity to get noticed by these top programs and make a lasting impression. Many camps are run in conjunction with USA Prep’s Tournaments, 11 tournament locations nationwide.
2014 WOMEN’S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES RECAP
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## Championship Finals

*(Best 2-of-3)*

- June 2 Game 1 - 5-0 Florida
- June 3 Game 2 - 6-3 Florida
- June 3 Game 3 - 3-0 Florida

*Florida - Champion*
Lacey Waldrop joined the ranks of softballs best when she was named USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year for the 2014 season after leading her Florida State Seminoles to the Women’s College World Series (WCWS) for the first time in ten seasons. ASA/USA Softball Executive Director Craig Cress presented Lacey with the award during the WCWS team banquet in May. Along with Waldrop, Michigan sophomore Sierra Romero and UCLA junior Ally Carda were the three finalists for the award.

“This is really hard to believe,” said Waldrop during her acceptance speech. “I want to thank everyone and recognize the other finalists. They are amazing players. To be a part of this is incredible. There’s so much talent in this room and in college softball so to even be considered a finalist is amazing in and of itself.”

By winning this award Waldrop joins a list that includes softball greats such as Cat Osterman, Stacey Nuveman, Monica Abbott and Keilani Ricketts, just to name a few.

“This is an incredible and deserving honor for Lacey and a big achievement for our program,” said Florida State Head Coach Lonni Alameda. “Her competitive drive is incredible and after last season she really set out to try and be one of the nation’s best pitchers. She has been our leader in the circle all year, and more than just being a great player, she is a great person. She’s extremely coachable and is always trying to get better, which sums up our entire team. I’m so proud of Lacey for receiving the USA Softball National Collegiate Player of the Year – It’s a product of her hard work and dedication.”

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All of Central California ASA’s Umpire staff recognized the potential of a young umpire named Alexandra Newsom. Many saw her work at the local league levels and several Umpire Staff members trained, evaluated, and “fine-tuned” her abilities. Once they felt she was ready, they had her attend the 2013 ASA National Umpire School in Clovis, California. The National Umpire Staff Instructors took real interest in her and recognized her abilities. Region 15 Umpire-In-Chief, “Wild” Bill Silves noticed Alex’s abilities during the school and suggested she be sent to the 10UA & 12UA GFP Western National Championship in Medford, Oregon that year. Not wanting to pass up such an invitation, Central California ASA began the process of getting Alex to the Championship. Commissioner Tom Dowd was extremely supportive of assigning Alex and made many options available to her and her family.

Many issues surrounded the event outside of just the softball festivities. There was a huge forest fire nearby that threatened to cancel the championship. Fortunately, with several schedule modifications, the Championship proceeded on.

As it turned-out, Alex also made quite an impression on the Championship UIC and
staff, and through her abilities earned the assignment of Plate Umpire for the 10-Under Class A Championship Game.

Following the event, Alex recounted her experience...

“THe second day was the start of the tournament. I had been assigned two mid-afternoon games. This was interesting because the smoke was so thick that you almost couldn’t see the other side of the field at times. I actually wondered a few times if they would be canceling or postponing the tournament due to the conditions.

The third day was more games. It was even smokier than the previous days. Early that morning they decided to shorten all games

“My experience at Western Nationals in Medford, Oregon, was spectacular. I couldn’t have been able to go without the help and training of my superiors. They helped me achieve the opportunity to be able to go.

The first day I arrived, Harlow Kibby and John Graham, the two in charge of umpires at Western Nationals greeted me. They started to introduce me to other umpires that were there and I quickly made friends. I met two other umpires my similar age. After that, we had a meeting to prep us for the week ahead, and received our official shirts for Opening Ceremonies that evening. Another thing I got to experience for the first time was how thick smoke can get from converging forest fires in all directions.

“I am 16 years old and a Junior at Atascadero High School in Atascadero, CA. I was 15 at the time of the tournament. I started umpiring 8-Under rec. games at the age 10 and started doing all-star tournaments 3 years ago. My goals in the future are to graduate college with a business and civil engineering degree, hopefully from Cal Poly.”
to 45 minute time limits due to the conditions and they did not want the girls to be in the smoke more than they had to be. They were also assessing if they should cancel the tournament. By the end of the day the smoke started to clear a little, and it was decided to keep the tournament going and go back to normal game times.

Toward the end of the week as teams were starting to be eliminated, I was given a night game. My partner for this game was a wonderful umpire from the state of Alaska who was very easy to work with, completely stood behind my decisions even though I was ‘just a kid’, and together we worked well as a team. I was on the plate, and he was in the field. This game was against two teams that apparently knew each other since they were both from the same area in Northern California. It was a close game, and as the game went on, it was obvious that these teams didn’t like each other. During this game, one of the coaches started getting dramatic and mouthy, and at one point I almost threw this guy out. This was the closest I came to throwing a coach out! After the game was over, my partner commended me on how well I kept my head and was amazed that I was able to keep my cool enough to logically think through the situation with the coach.

The next day, I had a game, and wouldn’t you know it was the same coach as the previous night. Before the game started, I told my partner about the previous game with this coach and that he had already received his warning from me for the tournament from the night before. Since I was in the field today and my partner on the plate, during the pre-game meeting he proceeded to let this coach know that he would be on a very short leash today and that he better behave himself or he wouldn’t be at the games anymore. (I later heard that he had been warned by other umpires also.) The coach agreed and didn’t argue the whole game. At the end of the game, this coach approached me while I was walking back to camp with my partner and apologized for his behavior the night before. I was very happy that he could see how he behaved.

As the week went on, I continued to enjoy my experience but at the end of every day was very grateful to get out of the smoke. I also started to feel a bit sad knowing it was coming to a close sooner than I wanted it to.

On the last evening of the tournament, I was told I had been awarded the plate position of the 10-Under Championship game. I felt so honored! I woke up the last morning, the skies were suddenly clear, and I knew it was going to be an amazing day. I was able to work with two of my colleagues, (one from the state of Washington and the other from the state of Oregon), and together we had a great experience. The girls played awesome ball, everyone on and off the field had positive attitudes, and it was just all around good ball. At the conclusion of that game, I knew my experience at Western Nationals was over.

Looking back, had I not gone to this “little clinic” (later learning it was National Umpire School) I know I wouldn’t have been eligible to attend this level of tournament. I also am grateful that all of my superiors in the umpiring world have taken a special interest in me and my future in this field. I love this game. I love playing this game. I love umpiring this game. I am honored and grateful that I have been given the ability and opportunity to continue being on the ball field in an umpiring capacity long after I graduate high school and college.”
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Faron APAUTY JR
Pitcher/Infield
Anadarko, Okla.
B/T: R/R

8
RYAN BARNES
Catcher
Lehi, Utah
B/T: R/R

35
TYLER BOULEY
Catcher
Champlin, Min.
B/T: L/R

26
DANIAL CENTENO JR.
First Base
Salem, Utah
B/T: L/R

21
CARSON CRINER
Third Base/Left Field
Stockton, Calif.
B/T: R/R

13
ZANE CHASON
Pitcher
Alma, Ga.
B/T: R/R

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Medford, Oregon
Larry Standley Field

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Salem, Oregon
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July 6  |  1 P.M.
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USA vs Denmark
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USA vs New Zealand
Coverage: Live Stats

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USA vs Czech Republic
Coverage: Live Stats

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USA vs Canada
Coverage: Live Stats

July 14 | 3:30 P.M.
USA vs Mexico
Coverage: Live Stats

July 15 | 6:30 P.M.
USA vs Japan
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2014 USA SOFTBALL JUNIOR MEN’S NATIONAL TEAM

2 TAYLOR NIELSON
Outfield
Lehi, Utah
B/T: R/R

34 JUSTIN PEREZ
Shortstop/Outfield
North East, Pa.
B/T: R/R

12 JAMES (JIMBO) PERNETTI
Third Base/Shortstop
Ceres, Calif.
B/T: R/R

14 TRISTAN SENSENIG
Outfield
Denver, Pa.
B/T: L/L

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SEVEN ASA/USA UMPIRES SELECTED TO WORK INTERNATIONAL EVENTS THIS SUMMER

ASA/USA UMPIRES will be covering the globe this summer as seven of the associations best have been selected to work international events. Four Americans will be among the eight working the General Tire World Cup of Softball in Irvine, Calif., July 7-13. The list includes Laura Head (Signal Hill, Calif.), Sue Sawyer (Orange, Calif.), Bobby Shelton (Henderson, Nev.) and Branda Terpstra (Lynden, Wash.). These umpires, along with others representing Canada, Japan and Mexico, will work 32 international softball games that feature Canada, Chinese Taipei, Japan, Mexico, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Venezuela and the 2014 USA Softball Women’s National Team.

In addition to the World Cup, umpires for two ISF World Championships this summer were recently announced and five ASA/USA Umpires are included. David Hardage (Southern California ASA), Larry Tait (Michigan ASA) and Casey Waite (Idaho ASA) have been selected to work the ISF Junior Men’s World Championships July 11-20 in Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada and in addition to working the World Cup, Sawyer and Terpstra have also been selected to umpire at the ISF Women’s World Championships in Haarlem, Netherlands August 15-24.

“To be selected to work a world class international tournament is one of the highest honors an umpire can receive,” said ASA Director of Umpires Kevin Ryan. “These umpires have earned the right to work at this level through their hard work and dedication to the game. Having this many umpires selected to work international events in one summer just goes to show the quality of the ASA/USA Umpire program.”

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The Amateur Softball Association (ASA) of America takes pride in having the most knowledgeable trained umpires in the business so it should be no surprise to find one of our own working the NCAA Women’s College World Series (WCWS). Southern California ASA At-Large Player Rep Chris Drumm (Oceanside, Calif.) recently took the field with college softball’s best when she was selected to work the WCWS. Not only did Chris earn her way to OKC for the week-long event, she was even selected to work third base in game one of the Championship Series. We sat down to ask Chris a few questions following her WCWS assignment. Here’s what she had to say about her experience.

ASA  When did you find out you had been selected to work the Women’s College World Series and what was the process like for being selected and how were you notified?

DRUMM  WCWS umpires are notified by the National Coordinator (Donna Vavrinec) the Monday right after regional play has been completed.

The selection process for post season, including the WCWS, starts with being recommended at the beginning of the season. Umpires are observed at preseason tournaments by the national supervisor staff, our game evaluations are reviewed throughout the season and our regional performance all play a part in the final selection process.

ASA  How did umpiring within ASA prepare you for reaching the WCWS level?

DRUMM  ASA has given me my foundation as an umpire. I was able to gain the training and experience while rising through the ranks in ASA. ASA and Southern California ASA provided me with numerous training opportunities and mentorships that have allowed me to reach my goals of umpiring the highest level of ASA, ISF and NCAA.

ASA  Is there more pressure when you’re calling a game with 9,000+ fans in the stands?

DRUMM  I feel the pressure is the same with 500 fans or 9000+ fans. The expectations of being in the right place, making the right calls, and being consistent are exactly the same to the players and the coaches on the field regardless of the amount of fans. The increase in fans does bring a different excitement and energy to the games though.
ASA Did you get any messages from friends or fellow umps that saw you on TV?

DRUMM Yes, the umpiring community gives a lot of support to each other. There is a great amount of camaraderie within the NCAA and ASA softball community. Everyone is pretty positive and supportive. It’s great to get your peer’s impressions of what they saw on TV.

ASA What advice would you give to young umpires who aspire to reach that level of umpiring?

DRUMM Umpiring is a craft, a profession that takes time to develop. I suggest umpires who want to reach high levels of umpiring in ASA, ISF and or NCAA should work with a local association that has credible and consistent training along with follow-up.

Be realistic, 18-U GOLD and D1 players take years of training and hundreds of games to get to that level. It’s no different for an umpire. You reach high levels of umpiring by attending training camps and umpiring hundreds of games at different levels. It’s a building block process and that process can take longer for some compared to others. Umpires should be OK with that, we all grow and improve differently. Set realistic goals and have a mentor that you trust and that has the ability to assist you in you achieving your high level goals.

There are no quick solutions to learning how to umpire at the highest levels. That is achieved by lots training hours and field experience which is irreplaceable.

If you are a college umpire and trying to move up the ranks, I would suggest umpiring during the summer with a local ASA association that can give you additional training and experience. Learning and working different codes/organizations can be helpful to your umpiring. You are able to learn different mechanics, rules and philosophy.

ASA Please feel free to add anything else you think would be interesting to fellow umpires about your experience.

DRUMM Enjoy the journey, this is the part that allows for the big assignment, memorable moments and lots of great times with amazing people. Take time for yourself so you can keep fresh, invigorated and keep that competitive edge through the long seasons.
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June 13
USA 10 – CENTRAL VA. ALL-STARS 2
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USA 6 – CENTRAL VA. ALL-STARS 0
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June 17
USA 3 – OHIO ALL-STARS 0
Box Score
USA 5 – OHIO ALL-STARS 0
Box Score

June 19
USA 12 – VA. ALL-STARS 0
Box Score
USA 4 – VA ALL-STARS 1
Box Score
2014 USA SOFTBALL WOMEN’S NATIONAL TEAM

20 VALERIE ARIOTO
First Base
Pleasanton, Calif.
B/T: R/R

88 RAVEN CHAVANNE
Infield
Thousand Oaks, Calif.
B/T: L/R

19 AMANDA CHIDESTER
Infield
Allen Park, Mich.
B/T: R/R

52 SAMANTHA FISCHER
Infield
Simi Valley, Calif.
B/T: R/R

29 KELLIE FOX
Infield
San Diego, Calif.
B/T: R/R

27 LAUREN GIBSON
Second Base
Pasadena, Md.
B/T: L/R

54 JOLENE HENDERSON
Pitcher
Elk Grove, Calif.
B/T: R/R

6 TAYLOR HOAGLAND
Infield
Flower Mound, Texas
B/T: R/R

30 DESTINEE MARTINEZ
Outfield
Corona, Calif.
B/T: R/R

18 HAYLIE MCCLENEY
Outfield
Morris, Ala.
B/T: L/L
2014 USA SOFTBALL WOMEN’S NATIONAL TEAM

12 JESSICA MOORE
Pitcher
Sutter, Calif.
B/T: R/R

16 MICHELLE MOULTRIE
Outfield
Jacksonville, Fla.
B/T: L/R

32 SARA NEVINS
Pitcher
Pinellas Park, Fla.
B/T: L/L

22 JESSICA PLAZA
Catcher
Huntington Beach, Calif.
B/T: R/R

7 KELSEY STEWART
Infield
Wichita, Kan.
B/T: L/R

33 JACLYN TRAINA
Pitcher
Naples, Fla.
B/T: R/R

5 HALLIE WILSON
Utility
Santa Ana, Calif.
B/T: L/L

KEN ERIKSEN
Head Coach
Tampa, Fla.,
South Florida

LAURA BERG
Assistant Coach
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The ASA/USA Slow Pitch Advance Camp was held in Clackamas, Oregon June 6-9, 2014. This year’s camp was attended by 53 Slow Pitch Umpires with the desire to become the best umpires they could possibly be, then to share the information they received with the umpires in their ASA/USA Umpire Association after the Advanced Camp. Instructors for the Advanced Camp were among the best, not only at teaching but also at umpiring when they were on the field.

The Advanced Camp was a mix of lectures and on-field training. Students were allowed to work games in Coed and Men’s D Slow Pitch Softball. After each game each student had the opportunity to receive individual evaluations by the instructors. This year’s camp included an International Softball Federation (ISF) Certification Seminar for nine of our ASA/USA Elite umpires desiring to become ISF certified. The ISF portion of the Camp was under the instruction of Bob Stanton, ISF Director of Umpires. The nine ISF Certification candidates went through a classroom seminar and on-field reviews while calling games at the highest level of ASA/USA Softball.

The 53 Slow Pitch Camp students attended interactive lectures on Angles and Distances, Plate Mechanics and the Three Umpire System to mention a few. The students were in the classroom long into Thursday night and out on the drill field early Friday morning for a long day of drills to reinforce the lectures from Thursday night. They closed out Friday by umpiring ball games and receiving instructor evaluations before finally calling it a day. With the ratio of about 10 students to one instructor, the face time with the instructors was most effective. Malcolm Boyles, Western Territory Deputy Director of Umpires stated, “the first night of games was a learning experience for all of us. The umpires got better and better after the games started and they began putting into place what they had been taught.”

Students ranging from 2 to 30 years of experience felt that they walked away with better knowledge of what it takes to be a great umpire. Many umpires comments were made on how they learned more at this one weekend than they have learned in a long time. This was attributed to the excellent training provided by National Staff Members, Larry Montgomery, Malcolm Boyles, Steve Riswold, Steve Nelson, Jimmy Derrick and Steve Roscia.

After completion of games on Saturday night the Camp had a graduation ceremony for the 53 students. All students were congratulated on a job well done and presented with a National Slow Pitch Camp Certificate and Coin. A special award was given by Oregon ASA in honor of former Oregon Umpire Scott Kelly. Scott was noted for attending all of the clinics, schools and camps. He was full of desire to learn and he always asked questions. He loved umpiring and always wanted to get better at his trade. He put forth maximum effort on the field and off to be a better umpire no matter how many times he attended a camp. Scott passed away two years ago and will never be forgotten in the ranks of Oregon ASA.

At this year’s camp Oregon ASA wanted to honor a student like Scott Kelly, one that put forth their best effort on the field and in the class room. After day one there was no real standout. At the end of day two, it didn’t take too long for the group to have a unanimous choice. This umpire was asking many more questions than anyone else, working very hard at getting to all the newly found mechanic positions, helping in any way possible and constantly smiling during the process. That person is Kelley Kaloi from Richland, Washington. Kelley was awarded the first ever Slow Pitch Camp “Scott Kelly” Award, sponsored by Oregon ASA, by Malcolm Boyles. Congratulations Kelly.

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