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Hello everyone!

Thanks for reading the December issue of Balls and Strikes. My name is Warren Jones and I was just installed as the President of ASA/USA Softball at the Annual Meeting in Louisville last month. It is hard to put into words how excited and humbled I am to be serving as the President of this organization for the next two years. ASA/USA Softball holds a special place in my heart and has since I was a young man growing up in Ohio, where I played fast pitch softball for many years.

I’ve been fortunate enough to be around ASA/USA Softball in a variety of roles and it’s undeniable the impact that softball has made in the lives of myself and my family. We all know that ASA/USA Softball is the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States. There is no doubt that we are the leader in the sport of softball, however, in order to grow and take this organization to the next level, we must continue at the grassroots level. The grassroots level is where this organization’s heart lies through fast pitch and slow pitch softball, for adult and youth play. Our grassroots level not only supports our six national teams, but also provides those teams with exceptional athletes. Without our 70 local associations hard work and dedication, none of it is possible.

Many challenges lie ahead to help take this organization to the next level. It is vital that we concentrate on keeping the teams and umpires that we do have registered currently, while going out there and recruiting people to umpire or join a team. Softball is a game for everybody and anyone can play. It’s our role to share with them why they should play ASA/USA Softball. As a membership based organization, we must continue to get out there and recruit new umpires and teams to be a part of our organization. After we recruit new umpires and teams, it is up to us to show them why ASA/USA Softball is the leader in the sport of softball. Our organization listens to coaches, teams, local administrators and anyone else with an opinion on how to make this game better. It shows each year at
the Annual Meeting, where almost 300 council members travel from every corner of the United States to vote on new rule and code changes.

In Ohio, when people talk about softball, ASA/USA Softball is the only organization that comes to their mind. It is up to us to make that train of thought happen in every town all over the United States. Again, thank you for the honor of serving as President of ASA/USA Softball. I will do everything I can to make our council members, local organizations, teams and umpires proud to be a part of ASA/USA Softball.

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The 2015 National Softball Hall of Fame Class (L to R): John Davide (Slow Pitch Player), Andy Dooley (Commissioner), Mark Ingrao (Umpire), Charles Moss, Sr. (Meritorious Service), Karen Meats (on behalf of Bonnie Anderson), Sue Enquist (Meritorious Service), Mike White (Fast Pitch Player) and Steve Padilla (Fast Pitch Player).
THE LEAD OFF:

Ten ASA/USA National Umpire Schools will take place across the U.S. next year starting in January!
Find a list of schools on page 30 of this issue!
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HER START
I started playing when I was six years old. I loved playing wiffle ball with my dad in the backyard and softball followed.

PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT
When I was in seventh grade I was called up to my high school varsity team. I started at first base and was the number two pitcher. We won the state title that year and I was the game winning run in the bottom of the seventh with two outs.

HOW SHE’S MAKING A DIFFERENCE
When I played 10-Under with my best friend Ema, I found out that her little brother suffers from Cystic Fibrosis. I started a fundraiser called “Striking Out Cystic Fibrosis” and asked for people to donate money towards my first 30 strike-outs. I was able to strike out 30 batters in a row and raise over $2,500.

GOAL
My goal is to play someday in college.

TOUGHEST OBSTACLE
I was a very weak hitter when I was young with some very bad habits. I have had lessons every Tuesday for four years. As a 7th grader, I hit .286. After a LOT of hard work as an 8th grader, I hit .446 and .477 for my ASA team. Overcoming bad habits took a lot of practice, hitting with my ASA team and my father every week.
FACES ON THE FIELD

ALYSSA, 14
West Chester, Ohio
Cincy Static Neon
Girls’ 14-Under Fast Pitch
Third Base

HER START
I wanted to be just like my older sister, so I began playing softball at age eight

ROLE MODELS
I look up to many people, one of them being my sister. My sister was a great softball player and was a beast on the field. She always did her best and worked hard, so that’s how I wanted to be. I also look up to University of Alabama’s center fielder, Haylie McCleney. I realize this might sound strange, considering I usually play third base, but I look up to her because she is a fantastic player. Haylie is always giving everything she’s got and pushes harder every day. Also, the summer Haylie was going to be a junior, she played for Team USA! Now that’s amazing!

BEST EXPERIENCE PLAYING
The best experience I’ve ever had in softball was going to my first nationals. It was only this previous summer, and we didn’t win, but the competition was amazing. Every team fought for every last point. I felt that it was a great event to be a part of and it was awesome to have the opportunity.

GOAL
My goal in softball is to make the varsity softball team at my high school, then eventually play at a Big Ten college, all while inspiring others to do what they love.

TOUGHEST OBSTACLE
The toughest obstacle I ever had to overcome was fracturing my back. In the summer going into eighth grade, I fractured my lower back in the middle of a softball game while I was catching. I was in a back brace for over three months! The hardest part was not only not being able to play the sport I love, but getting back to it. I overcame that challenge by working hard and never giving up and also with the help of my parents and dedicated coaches!
FACES ON THE FIELD

JORDYN, 16
Mashpee, Mass. • Cape Cod Dugout Dawgs
Girls’ 16-Under Fast Pitch • Third Base

HER START
I began playing softball at three years old beginning in recreational town leagues, but my family has literally been throwing and hitting things at me since probably the moment I learned to walk. My dad is big into softball and has taught me much of what I know and I am so thankful he is the one who could introduce me to the sport I love.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SOFTBALL
Everything about the sport is my favorite. I love the feeling of the dirt every time you dive, the noise your bat makes when you get a good piece of the ball, the feeling of making a great play and the relationships with your teammates that are unlike any other, but most of all, I love the way you can just let everything go once you step on the field like a whole new person.

GOALS
My goals in softball are to be the best player and overall person I can be, to play at a competitive collegiate level, and to be a good role model for younger players growing up in the sport.

ROLE MODELS
My role models in the game have to be Raven Chavanne (Third Base, Team USA), Haylie McCleney (Center Field, Team USA) and Sierra Romero (Shortstop, Team USA).

TOUGhest OBSTACLE
The toughest obstacle I have had and continue to overcome in this sport is probably my size. I am a very small third baseman, 5’0 feet tall. Judgment is expected when competing against others who are much bigger than me, but I refuse to back down to the competition and stick with it to give it all you got. Most of the time, it is seen that I can come in at the top of the competition. Don’t ever give up on yourself, believe in what you can do and just let your glove and your bat speak for itself!
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RAQUEL
Hutchinson, MN • Minnesota ASA/USA Umpire
Umpires: Youth and Adult Fast Pitch • Started Umpiring: 2005

GOAL
My goal is to obtain my Elite status (need one more major) and to then apply for my WBSC umpire status. My dream is to work a game with Team USA.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT UMPIRING ASA/USA SOFTBALL
Being on the field and seeing the players develop over the years. I also really enjoy the friendships that I have built with my fellow umpires around the country.

BEST EXPERIENCE IN UMPIRING SO FAR
As an ASA/USA umpire my best experience was working the championship of the ASA/USA 18A Girls’ Fast Pitch National Championship. The game was played very well and was low scoring. I had two amazing partners and we worked well together.

PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT
I am very proud of seeing young umpires that I have had the honor of training getting big games. It is so exciting to see them on the field succeeding as umpires.

TOUGHEST OBSTACLE
As an umpire my toughest obstacle has been to balance being a mom of young children and still being able to work towards my goal as an Elite umpire. They are very understanding and also carry the passion for the game like I do. It can get difficult when they have their own commitments as travel ball players.
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASA TO HOST 2019 WBSC JWWC

The U.S. will hold its third-consecutive World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) Junior Women’s World Championship (JWWC) following the selection of Southern California ASA/USA as the host of the 2019 WBSC JWWC. Played in Irvine, Calif. at Bill Barber Park, the area is no stranger to international softball as the facility was the site of the World Cup of Softball in 2014 and 2015.

ATHLETES ACCEPT INVITES FOR 2016 WOMEN’S NATIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS

Thirty-nine athletes will head west to Irvine, Calif. as they vie for a spot on the 2016 USA Softball Women’s National Team. Attendees will compete for a chance to represent the U.S. next summer at the World Cup of Softball, the WBSC Women’s World Championship and the Japan Cup.

CLICK HERE TO SEE THE LIST OF ATHLETES ATTENDING THE 2016 SELECTION CAMP

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ASPNation.com/A&A Utility/KV Weld (Longview, TX)
Men’s Class D Slow Pitch Champions – Oklahoma City, Okla. –
Classick Sports/Monsta Athletics (San Bernardino, CA)
Women’s Open Champions – Oklahoma City, Okla. –
All Armed Forces (Sam Houston, TX)

TYGER RIVER PARK SELECTED AS 2015 ASA COMPLEX OF THE YEAR

After hosting several ASA/USA events throughout the 2015 season, Tyger River Park out of Duncan, S.C. was selected as the 2015 ASA/USA Softball Complex of the Year. Built in 2012, Tyger River Park is South Carolina’s premier baseball and softball tournament facility. Read more about the award on page 60 of this issue.

2016 JUNIOR MEN’S NATIONAL TEAM NAMED

Nineteen athletes were selected as a member of the 2016 USA Softball Junior Men’s National Team (JMNT) that will compete at the WBSC Junior Men’s World Championship (JMWC) in Midland, Mich. next summer. This marks the first time in over 30 years that a WBSC JMWC will be held on American soil.

The team will be no stranger to the international stage as four athletes will serve as veteran leaders, having playing experience at the 2014 WBSC JMWC. Visit page 57 of this issue for the complete roster and schedule for the 2016 Junior Men!
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If there's one thing we love at ASA/USA Softball, it's interacting with softball fans from around the world! With a strong following on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, here's a collection of some of our favorite comments we have received from our followers!

On what they're asking for this holiday season:
That my daughters softball work out partner and biggest fan (her father) gets through his chemo treatments and can get back to working out more with his favorite fan as well.

—Toni Abbott

My dream has always been to play for team USA and I might have a chance since I'm class of 2021 for high school. I really hope I get too!

@gracie.griffith

Behind EVERY softball girl is a supporting family. It took over 5 years to get my backyard "back" after my daughter stopped playing.

-Joe Richards

Congrats to the Windmills 12U team for winning an @ASAUSASoftball Nationals bid at the Hawks Qualifier in Joliet!

@WindmillsCoach

Thanks @ASAUSASoftball for the coolest snowman around 😍 Excited to speak at the Rec Ball Luncheon here in Irvine

@Leah20USA

On Warren Jones serving as the new President of ASA/USA Softball: We love Warren here in Ohio. He is amazing.

@sundogscoach

NCAA WCWS tickets have always been a dream of mine!

@beautifuljourney

On a photo of OGE Energy Field: Perfect field like oh my gosh yes

@iron_woman1224

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To say that softball has been a lifelong passion for Warren Jones (Ashland, Ohio) would be an understatement. The sport of fast pitch softball took an immediate hold on Jones starting at an early age, a hold that would span across the decades and eventually lead to his announcement as President for the National Governing Body of Softball in the U.S. this past November.

Beginning at age 12, Jones playing career got off to a pretty big start and would span a little over 13 years before taking on the role of manager. He would earn a spot at an ASA/USA National Championship twice as a player, once at the 1983 Men’s Major National Championship and then at the 1987 Men’s Class ‘A’ National Championship. As a manager, Jones led his team to the 1990 Men’s Major Nationals and he would play/manage at his final National Championships in 1993 and 1994 at the Men’s 40-Over Fast Pitch Nationals. “If I wasn’t playing in an ASA/USA National Championship, I went on my own to support,” said Jones. “I’ve attended almost every ASA/USA Men’s Major Fast Pitch National Tournament since my first one in 1976 and only missed a few here and there due to work commitments.”

Needless to say, as Jones continued to grow as a player and coach, he furthered his career with ASA/USA Softball when he was appointed the at-large player rep for Ohio in 1986. “Once I got started, I never looked back,” said Jones. Attending every ASA/USA Annual Meeting since his first in 1986, Jones quickly rose through the ranks of his local association. His knowledge of the game and the respect of his fellow administrators helped land him the title of Ohio ASA/USA Commissioner in 2006.

His leadership also extends into the international softball world after Hall of Fame umpire and former Director of Umpires Bill Humphrey selected Jones to serve on the USA Softball Men’s National Team Selection Committee (MNTSC). Jones has held a position on that committee every year since 1994, a role in which he takes great pride in serving. In the role, Jones and Committee Members work tirelessly throughout the year scouting events across the country in search of the top athletes for the Men’s National Team.

We caught up with Warren Jones to ask him a few questions about his new role.

**What does it mean for you to be the President for ASA/USA Softball?**

Words can’t express how humbled I am being selected to lead the National Governing Body of Softball the next two years. It’s an honor and a privilege to be the President.

**What are some goals that you are working towards during your time as President?**

Maintain and grow the sport of softball at the grass roots levels while being visible and promoting ASA/USA Softball. I think we can have a lot more ASA/USA Clinics, whether for players/coaches or umpires. I want to be the leader by keeping our people and members informed. Also another big goal is to get our sport back into the Olympics.

**How do you think your long history with ASA/USA Softball will impact the decisions that you will be making during your time as President?**

For one when I’m talking about ASA/USA Softball I am sincere. This is the only organization that I’ve ever played or coached in, so when I’m talking about softball people know that I’m loyal to ASA/USA Softball only. I also only want the best for our organization. With my experiences as a player, coach, umpire, tournament director and ASA/USA Representative, hopefully I will better understand what is going on in the world of softball.

**What are you looking forward to the most about being President?**

Meeting new people and getting better aqua-tinted with the people I already know. I also want to pass on the passion that I have for ASA/USA Softball while helping to promote our game.

**Picture us two years from now at the Annual Meeting in North Carolina ... what are some of the accomplishments from your two-year term as President?**

I’d say that we maintained or grew the number of umpires and teams that we have now and that we increased the number of teams that play in our tournaments. Also that our Women’s National Team Selection Committee had a team picked for the 2020 Olympics or at least have a core of players identified for the Olympic Team.

A big celebration would be that we were able to get more males to play ASA/USA Softball at a more competitive level. When we talk about ASA/USA Softball being the best in the world, we are talking female and male.
Get to know President-Elect (and new Northern California ASA/USA Commissioner) John Gouveia!

- Commissioner for Oakland ASA/USA: 1991-present
- Regional Vice-President/ASA Board of Directors: 1995-1999
- Territory Vice-President/ASA Board of Directors: 2008-2015
- Committee Chairs: Tournament Programs, Finance
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119 Total runs that the USA Softball Junior Women’s National Team scored en route to the gold medal at the WBSC Junior World Championship in Oklahoma City.

28,126 Over 150,000 spectators watched a game at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 2015.

582 ACE (Achieve, Certify, Educate) Coaches certified through the Amateur Softball Association in 2015

24,096 Umpires registered with the Amateur Softball Association/USA Softball in 2015 (as of Nov. 30)

83,758 Junior Olympic teams qualified and competed in one of the ASA/USA “Big Seven” National Championships in 2015

38 Coaches and support staff were background checked through the Amateur Softball Association in 2015

150,000 ASA National Championships received an overall rating of 95% or greater in 2015
NATIONAL TEAM HOLIDAY “IT” LIST

It’s the most wonderful time of the year! Balls and Strikes Online caught up with members of Team USA to ask them about their favorite Holiday memories and what they’re asking Santa for this year...

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<td>MICHELLE MOULTRE, USA Softball Women’s National Team</td>
<td>My family decorating the tree and listening to Christmas music</td>
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The 2015 season wrapped up as over 600 council members, exhibitors, equipment manufacturers, guests and national office staff headed to Louisville, Kentucky, for the ASA/USA Annual Meeting. It was a week full of meetings, presentations, discussions and training sessions while several hot topics in the softball world were addressed.

Kicking off the week-long event this year was the 2015 National Softball Hall of Fame induction ceremony, where Bonnie Anderson (posthumous), John Davide, Andy Dooley, Sue Enquist, Mark Ingrao, Charles Moss, Sr., Steve Padilla and Mike White were honored. Fans can watch the induction ceremony at USAsoftball.com.

On Sunday, the General Council met for the first time at the opening session. Addresses from ASA/USA President Phil Gutierrez and Executive Director Craig Cress were followed by the presentation of the 2015 Bright Light Award, presented by Musco Lighting, to Utah ASA/USA Commissioner Steve Rollins on behalf of the Utah Liberty.

Throughout the rest of the week, several committee and territory meetings took place to discuss important pieces of legislation and elect representatives. Council members were also offered several training sessions that covered topics such as Social Media, Bat Testing, CVB and Local Association Partnerships and Handling Hazards at ASA/USA Events.

On Wednesday afternoon, over 100 individuals/associations received awards at the Wilson Sports Goods Awards luncheon. In the service award category, 63 members were honored for their five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 years of service to the organization.

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Another five were given benchmark awards for increases in the registering of adult and youth teams and umpires while over 35 received a James Farrell Award of Excellence. For a complete list of honors, click here.

The annual trade show capped off Wednesday evening with over 70 exhibitors in attendance. Exhibits ranged from cities bidding for the ASA/USA National Championships, equipment manufacturers, softball suppliers and the ASA/USA Softball national office staff. More than 600 council, association delegates and visitors attended the trade show.

Thursday marked the last day of the Council Meeting as the General Council voted on the host cities for the 2017 ASA/USA National Championships and territory meetings voted on their host cities for the 2017 territorial National Championships. ASA/USA also saw a change in leadership, as Warren Jones assumed the role of President following Past-President Phil Gutierrez’s two-year term. John Gouveia of Northern California ASA/USA was also announced as the President-Elect.

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August 22 will go down in the books as a great day for umpires from across the state of Washington as crews came together for the ASA Umpire Battle of Washington. An idea that stemmed from Shani Neamen, umpires and their families from across the state headed to Russell Road Field in Kent, Wash. to participate in the battle royale. On the line: bragging rights for an entire year.

There were some special rules enforced by the umpire crew made up of four ASA Elite Umpires, two from each association. A dollar for each out made, a dollar for each complaint about a call by the Elite Umpiring crew and special fines just for the heck of it. It was a hard played game with some amazing and not so amazing plays made. There was even an epic play made by one of the umpire crew, for which they were fined for interference.

It was a hard fought game as Seattle Metro was leading at the top of the seventh inning. Down to their final at-bat, Washington came through and tied the score at 22 to 22. For the sake of civility (and because there was a delicious meal from Wild Bill Silves waiting to be eaten), the umpire crew called the game with both teams walking away victorious.

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Oscars
Men's D1 FP
Specialized Physical Therapy
Men's D2 FP
Palmyra Aces
Women's FP 18-Over
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Men's D SP
Leth's Tree Service
Men's D1 SP
Carmichael Construction/Rivals
Men's E SP
Omaha Sun Devils (OSD)
Men's E1 SP
Whis's
Men's F SP
Village Inn
Men's 35-Over SP
Complete Nutrition
Men's 40-Over SP
Complete Nutrition
Men's 50-Over SP
Maher Custom Homes
Men's 55-Over SP
Integrity Builders
Men's 60-Over SP
Omaha Bad Boys
Women's C SP
Damage Ink Sportswear
Women's D SP
Ice Cold Pitches
Coed D SP
Harris Plumbing
Coed E SP
VAJJ's
Coed F SP
S&J
Coed F1 SP
Cornfield Crushers

OKLAHOMA
Youth
Girls' 12-Under FP
Tulsa Elite 02
Girls' 14-Under FP
Tulsa Elite 00 - Jacks
Girls' 16-Under FP
Oklahoma Athletics - Madden
Girls' 18-Under FP
Oklahoma Athletics - White
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Men's C SP
T.B. Trucking
Men's D SP
Man Down
Men's E SP
BOB
Women's D SP
Wolfpack
Coed C SP
Renegades
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Avengers
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Pizza Bella Dallas
Girls' 12-Under B FP
PA Venom
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PA Strikers 14U
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North Penn Eclipse
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Newtown Rock Futures
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Northeast Gators
Girls' 18-Under A FP
Team PA
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Play It Again Sports
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The Special Olympics North America Softball Invitational Tournament was held in Wichita, September 24-27. This was the first time this international tournament has been held in Kansas. More than 430 Special Olympics athletes, representing 30 teams from 14 U.S. and Canadian Special Olympics programs, competed. Kansas was represented by three teams: the Wichita Storm, the Newhope Bulldogs (Pittsburgh), and the Topeka Stars.

The event kicked off at Lawrence Dumont Stadium with an Opening Ceremony featuring a parade of athletes, dignitaries, inspiring remarks by Chief Richard LaMunyon (retired, Wichita PD), the founder of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, fireworks and a dance. The Softball Invitational happened to occur during Special Olympics’ annual “Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day” on Saturday, September 26 – a global day of celebration to mark the legacy, vision, and continuing work of Special Olympics’ Founder – and ceremony attendees saw a special video message from Tim Shriver, Chairman, Special Olympics and son of Eunice Kennedy Shriver.

A Wichita Storm athlete on base during the SONA Softball Invitational Tournament
Competition was held at South Lakes Softball Complex for three days, with medal rounds held on Sunday, September 27. Both traditional Special Olympics teams (comprised entirely of athletes with intellectual disabilities) and Special Olympics Unified Sports teams (where people with and without intellectual disabilities play on the same team, as teammates) competed.

Each year, ASA/USA Softball officials and umpires from across the country volunteer their time and expertise to officiate the tournament, as part of Special Olympics’ commitment to providing high quality competitive experiences to its athletes. Each year, scores of officials apply to ASA/USA Softball in hopes of landing one of only 24 officiating roles available. As umpire Lisa DiLullo of Connecticut said, “Most Special Olympics sports officials get hooked with the first game and return many times, drawn by deep appreciation for the program and love for the athletes. We umpires pay our own expenses for the tournament, and receive no game fees. And the hundreds of volunteers who staff these events aren’t paid either. Is it worth it? Yes, yes, a thousand times yes.”

Special Olympics Kansas President and CEO Chris Hahn said, “Special Olympics is a global movement with more than 4.4 million athletes globally, and more than 5,400 of them are right here in Kansas. This was an extremely rare opportunity for Kansans to see Special Olympics athletes from an array of states and nations compete at the highest levels and be inspired by the power and pure joy of sport.”

The tournament was made possible due to the generosity of presenting sponsor Moose International, as well as ASA/USA Softball, High Touch Technologies, Special Olympics Kansas, the Coca-Cola Company, and the many local volunteers who helped support the event.

The 2016 Special Olympics North America Softball Invitational Tournament is slated to be held in Pennsylvania.

Photos and results from the Special Olympics North America Softball Invitational are available on facebook.com/sonainvitationals.

Softball emphasizes teamwork, physical fitness and strategic thinking - benefits and skills found on the playing field that Special Olympics athletes use as part of being active, contributing members of their communities. Currently, more than 94,000 Special Olympics athletes are participating in the sport globally, 65,000 of who participate in North America. Special Olympics is always in need of qualified coaches, so if you love softball and would like to learn more about volunteering where you live, find your local Special Olympics Program by visiting www.specialolympics.org.
Mya Bartlett, of Las Vegas, NV was 1 of 12 girls to advance to the 2015 Scotts Major League Baseball Pitch Hit & Run (PHR) National Finals. PHR is the official skills competition of MLB and is designed for youth ages 7-14 to showcase their baseball and softball skills. Bartlett competed locally with her ASA league, attended the Team Championship at PETCO Park, and represented the Padres at the MLB All-Star Game. Bartlett took some time to answer a few questions about her experience with Pitch Hit & Run!

1. How did you find out about the Pitch Hit & Run competition/who encouraged you to try PHR?
I was 6 years old and playing at Northwest Girls Softball when I heard about the competition. I went to try out, but I found out I had to be 7 years old. So I had to wait a whole year. My mom and dad thought it would be really fun and so did I.

2. What was your favorite element about PHR: Pitching, Hitting or Running? Did you practice a lot?
My favorite element is running because I think it is fun and I like running really fast.

3. What do you remember about the first time you stepped on to a Major League Field at the Team Championship (Petco Park)?
I felt like a whole new person just being at the stadium. I couldn’t believe that I was going to get to play on the field at Petco Park.

4. Looking back at your PHR National Finals experience during All-Star Week, what was your favorite memory?
My favorite memory was shagging balls at the Home Run Derby because it was amazing to shag for MLB players. One of my favorite players is Joc Pederson and I was able to shag two of the balls he hit.

5. How did you feel being announced with the rest of the PHR National Finalists in front of the crowd during the Home Run Derby?
I felt proud and amazed about how well I had done. It was very exciting to be on the field in front of such a huge crowd.

6. What was it like when you got home after the All-Star Game with peers, classmates, teammates, reporters, etc.?
I felt sad to leave the experience, but I was happy to be back home. Everyone was so excited for me and I even received a proclamation from the City of Las Vegas and all of Clark County stating that August 4, 2015 was Mya Bartlett Day! I was also on several news channels, newspapers, and websites. It has all been so much fun.

7. What advice would you give to other girls planning to compete in their local PHR competition?
To try your best, have lots of fun, and believe that you can do it.

8. Who are your softball idols?
Kellie Fox on the USA Women’s National Team. I like how she is always playing hard, is a great infielder like me, and always comes up with big hits.

9. What are your goals for the next couple years?
To make it back to the PHR finals as a 9-10 year old and also to work hard on my pitching and hitting to become the best player I can be.

10. Are you planning to participate in PHR next spring and if so, how will you practice to return as a repeat National Finalist?
Yes I am! I will practice pitching, hitting, and running as much as I can. Now that I know exactly what it takes, I know how to train for each event.
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The Olympic Dream for millions of softball athletes across the world is one step closer to realization as the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games announced five new sports, including baseball/softball, for inclusion in the Games in 2020 in late September. The decision helps pave the way for the sport of softball to be included on the Olympic program for the first time since 2008.

The top sport in Japan, baseball/softball is the biggest sport not currently featured at the Olympic Games -- particularly in terms of youth participation in actual organized competition, as the vast majority of baseball/softball’s estimated 65 million athletes in over 140 countries are between the ages of 5 to 21.

Tokyo 2020's proposal for additional events must be reviewed, voted upon and formally approved by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil next August ahead of the 2016 Games.

WBSC’s previous Olympic bid, which proposed baseball and softball for the 2020 and 2024 Olympic Games, earned the second-highest amount of votes at the 2013 IOC Session in Buenos Aires, Argentina, finishing behind wrestling.

In four Olympic Games appearances, the USA Softball Women’s National Team claimed three gold medals and one silver medal finish while setting numerous international records and are one of only two women’s sports involved in the Olympic movement to capture three consecutive gold medals. In 2012, three-time Olympic gold medalist Lisa Fernandez and the 2004 U.S. Olympic Softball Team were honored for their accolades with induction into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame. Members of the 2004 U.S. Olympic softball team set 18 Olympic records in Athens. Among the team records set were the most hits (73), highest team batting average (.343) and highest slugging percentage (.559). Fernandez set the individual record for batting average with .545 while Crystl Bustos’ 10 RBI and five home runs were also records.

"Tokyo 2020’s decision to propose our sport is a 'home run' and giant leap forward for baseball and softball."
- WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari
FOUR TEAMS CROWNED CHAMPIONS DURING SLOW PITCH CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES WEEKEND

Four teams held up their respective ASA/USA National Championship trophies in the air in late September as the Men’s Class A, Class D, Super’s and Women’s Open Divisions took to the dirt to determine a new national champ.

For the first time since 2012, there was a new national champion in the Men’s Super Slow Pitch division as BBS/Mr. Ds/Rip City defeated Long Haul/H. Auto/Easton in a close 28-26 game. ASPNation.com/A&A Utility/KV Weld was crowned the Men’s Class A Slow Pitch National Champion, the Armed Forces walked away with the Women’s Open Championship and ClasSick Sports/Monsta Athletics took home the Men’s D Championship.

Members of ASPNation.com celebrate after claiming the Men’s A Slow Pitch Championship.

**IF Chente Granados**  West Coast Monsta/The Scene
**IF Orlando Castillo**  BBS/Mr. Ds/Rip City
**IF Brad Reckart**  Longhaul/H. Auto/Easton
**IF Dennis Rulli**  BBS/Mr. Ds/Rip City
**IF Bubba Mack**  ASPNation.com/A&A Utility/KV Weld
**OF Andrew Collins**  BBS/Mr. Ds/Rip City
**OF Jeremy Yates**  BBS/Mr. Ds/Rip City
**OF Ryan Parfitt**  Long Haul/ H. Auto/Easton
**OF Mike Umscheid**  Long Haul/ H. Auto/Easton
**UT Chris Larsen**  Ts 13/ DeMarini
**UT Ryan Harvey**  West Coast Monsta/The Scene
**UT Brett Helmer**  Long Haul/H. Auto/Easton
**UT Greg Connell**  BBS/Mr. Ds/Rip City
**UT Dale Brungardt**  Long Haul/H. Auto/Easton
**P Travis Clark**  Long Haul/H. Auto/Easton

**Batting Champion**  Andrew Collins, BBS/Mr. Ds/Rip City (.905)

**Home Run Champions**  Andrew Collins, BBS/Mr. Ds/Rip City and Ryan Parfitt, Long Haul/H. Auto/Easton

**Tournament MVP**  Andrew Collins, BBS/Mr. Ds/Rip City
### ASA Women’s Open Division All-Americans

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**Batting Champion**: Mike Brown, All American Athletics (.813)

**Home Run Champion**: Chris Greinert, Team Combat (10)

**Tournament MVP**: Kyle Pearson, ASPNation.com

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**Batting Champion**: April Ortenzo, U.S. Armed Forces

**Home Run Champion**: Christian Dowling, Derby Girls/Combat (3)

**Tournament MVP**: April Ortenzo, U.S. Armed Forces

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Quick Facts/By the Numbers
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- Head Coach of USA Softball Women’s National Team since 2011
- Won Pan American Games silver medal for Men’s Fast Pitch in 1991

JENNIE FINCH  
La Mirada, Calif.  
Fast Pitch Player

Quick Facts/By the Numbers
- Two-time Olympian
- Two-time Pan American gold medalist
- Three-time World Champion
- Was named a member of Team USA every year since 1998

HARRY HAROIAN  
Melvindale, Mich.  
Fast Pitch Player

Quick Facts/By the Numbers
- Three-time ASA All-American
- Considered one of the premier men’s fast pitch players in the ‘60’s and ‘70’s

PETER MEREDITH  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
Fast Pitch Player

Quick Facts/By the Numbers
- Twelve-time ASA All-American
- Four-time member of Team USA
- Pitched the U.S. to a silver medal at 1998 World Championship
- Won silver at 1995 Pan American Games
- Holds record for most wins in ASA/USA Championship play (55-27)
JOHN NELSON
Dalton, Ga.
Umpire

Quick Facts/By the Numbers
• Over 45 years of officiating experience
• Has umpired in 14 ASA/USA National Championships
• A member of the Elite Umpire Program
• Became WBSC certified in 1998
• Silver status in the ASA Umpire Medals Program

TOM PENDERS
Narragansett, R.I.
Fast Pitch Player

Quick Facts/By the Numbers
• Two-time ASA All-American
• Five-time ASA Men’s Major FP Champion
• Started a one-out, four-run rally at the 1983 National Tournament to lead his team to victory
• Retired head coach of University of Houston men’s basketball team

MICK RENNESIEN
Bloomington, Ind.
Meritorious Service

Quick Facts/By the Numbers
• Indiana ASA/USA Commissioner since 2011
• Served on ASA/USA Board of Directors from 2005-2013
• Served as Tournament Director for eight ASA/USA National Championships
• Has served as chairman of Long Range Planning and Tournament Organizing Committees
• Played Slow Pitch softball for over 25 years

TERRY PETERSEN
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CHAMPIONS
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Tiffany’s
Key City Juniors
County Materials #1
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Wisconsin Lightning
Fresno Force 10
Team Long Island 2020
Midland Magic
Fury OZ Sargent
Hawaii Titans DeMarini
Wizards Elite 2000
Phoenix Softball
Wichita Mustangs
Snoco Express Zachary
CT Outlaws Black
Indy Dreams GOLD
Tampa Mustangs Bell
Utah Bullets

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Frankemuth, MI
Lake City, MN
Marathon, WI
Beacon Falls, CT
Spring Grove, IL
Fresno, CA
East Meadow, NY
Glen Carbon, IL
Murfreesboro, TN
Honolulu, HI
Perrysburg, OH
Valparaiso, IN
Wichita, KS
Pacific, WA
Connecticut
Shelbyville, IN
Tampa, FL
South Jordan, UT

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ASA Men’s Major Fast Pitch
ASA Men’s C Fast Pitch East
ASA Men’s C Fast Pitch West
ASA Men’s Masters 40-Over
ASA Men’s Senior 50-Over Fast Pitch
ASA Men’s Senior 60-Over Fast Pitch

ADULT SLOW PITCH
ASA Coed D Slow Pitch
ASA Men’s A 16-Inch Slow Pitch
Men’s Super Slow Pitch
ASA Men’s A Slow Pitch
ASA Men’s B Slow Pitch
ASA Men’s C Slow Pitch
ASA Men’s D Slow Pitch
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ASA Men’s D Slow Pitch Western
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ASA Men’s E/Rec Slow Pitch Western
ASA Men’s Senior 50 AA Slow Pitch East
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ASA Men’s Senior 70 AAA Slow Pitch East
ASA Men’s Senior 75 AA Slow Pitch East
ASA Women’s D Slow Pitch
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USA SOFTBALL JUNIOR MEN’S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER ANNOUNCED

For the first time in over 30 years, the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) Junior Men’s World Championship (JMWC) returns to American soil as 19 athletes have earned a spot on the 2016 USA Softball Junior Men’s National team. These athletes will face the top 19-Under international Junior Men’s teams in Midland, Mich. where they will seek the program’s first medal since the 1985 WBSC JMWC in Fargo, North Dakota.

2016 JUNIOR MEN’S NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

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Head Coach: Tim Lyon
Assistant Coaches: Scott Standerfer, Tyron McKinney, Dan Nessler

"We have a nice mix of returning and new players. This should be the deepest group we have had in some time. Given the fact we have four players who gained a lot of experience at the last World Championship, we expect big things out of this group."

- Head Coach Tim Lyon (South Jordan, Utah)
The chance to represent the United States at the WBSC Women’s World Championship next summer will come next January as over 40 athletes have accepted an invitation to try out for the Women’s National Team. Slated to be held January 2-8 at Bill Barber Park in Irvine, Calif., athletes will vie for a spot on the 17-athlete roster.

In addition to the WBSC Women’s World Championship, the 2016 USA Softball Women’s National Team will compete at the World Cup of Softball XI, a USA vs. Japan series in Tokyo and the 2016 Japan Cup.

Additional athletes may be invited to the USA Softball WNT Selection Camp at a later date. During the 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). The complete 2016 schedule for the WNT, including exhibition games, will be announced at a later date.
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After hosting numerous ASA/USA events during the 2015 season, Tyger River Park in Duncan, S.C. was selected as the 2015 ASA/USA Softball Complex of the Year presented by Stabilizer Solutions, Inc. For the award, Tyger River Park, operated by Spartanburg Parks and Recreation Department, received a plaque at the 84th ASA/USA Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. They also received approximately $2,000 in field maintenance products from Stabilizer Solutions.

Built in 2012, Tyger River Park is South Carolina’s premier baseball and softball tournament facility. The complex sits on 137 acres and features a disc-golf course, a ‘splash pad’ to escape the summer heat, four picnic shelters, over 10 acres of playground equipment and fitness trails that have outdoor fitness equipment. Inside the ballpark, there are 12 baseball/softball fields, a championship stadium field and batting cages. The 12 fields are clustered in groups of four in an overall park layout resembling a four-leaf clover. Each field offers covered spectator seating, spacious covered dugouts with major league style benches and 14-foot scoreboards with countdown game timers. The championship stadium has stadium seating for a capacity of 600 and showcases 300-foot fences to give teams and fans the ultimate championship experience. Each cluster of fields has a “scorers tower” that serves all four fields while a park-wide sound system allows staff to keep communication with fans in case of an emergency. At the heart of Tyger River Park is an observation tower, located right next to the clubhouse, which overlooks the entire park.

"This a tremendous achievement for South Carolina ASA/USA and the County of Spartanburg," said South Carolina ASA/USA Softball Commissioner Chad Greene. "I have personally traveled the country with ASA/USA Softball and Tyger River Park is definitely one of the top complexes in North America and I have the luxury of having it in my backyard. This award is truly an honor and we are thrilled to accept it."

Most recently, Tyger River Park hosted the 2015 ASA/USA Girls’ 18U Class A National Championship, which was held at the end of July. For more information on Tyger River Park, please visit tygerriverpark.com.
From the Vault

Bob Follonsbee is ready to play! Just put him in coach!

B.E. Martin (left) is pictured in front of the official car of the 1968 Men’s Major Fast Pitch National Championship.

Olga Hanchor takes in a game, demonstrating that sometimes all you need is an open field.

The entrance of the ASA/USA National Office in Oklahoma City in 1995.

Larry Hale lays down the perfect bunt during a men’s fast pitch game.
BALLS AND STRIKES

TRIVIA

1. What association is current ASA/USA President Warren Jones commissioner of?

2. Name one of the locations of a 2016 National Umpire School.

3. Who won the ASA/USA Women’s Open Slow Pitch National Championship?

4. How many athletes are returning to the 2016 Junior Men’s National Team?

5. What event did Tyger River Park host this year?