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CLASSICS TIMELESS

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Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame inducts 10; honors two 'Ambassadors'

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Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Class of 2015 inducted Sunday night: From left, Gary Dover, Don Booth, Marty Stanczyk, Warren Clark, Mike Murphey, Denny Brown, Randy Moselle, Dave Cooper, Clyde Jones and Kevin Marden.

By GLENN MILLER
Roy Hobbs Baseball

The Roy Hobbs Hall Fame inducted its 2015 class of 10 members on Sunday night at a ceremony at Pinchers Crab Shack in Fort Myers.

The event also introduced the inaugural recipients of the Brian Mullen Ambassador of Baseball Award.

Roy Hobbs President Tom Giffen reminded the audience in a large dining hall that the organization is about more than the game and those honored were selected for more than playing ability.

"We're about character," Giffen said. "We're about people who believe in what can baseball can do."

That theme resonated throughout the evening as inductees, friends, families and teammates spoke.

Giffen quote Major League Baseball Hall of Fame executive Branch Rickey when the evening began and when it ended.

"It is not the honor that you take with you, but the heritage you leave behind," Giffen said before the 10 inductees were introduced.

They talked about family, friendship, competition and camaraderie in their acceptance speeches.

Hall of Famer Marty Stanczyk spoke of one of the things that make traveling to the Roy Hobbs World Series every year special.

"Now I know 3,900, 4,000 guys who love baseball as much as I do," said Stanczyk.

Hall of Famer Mike Murphey also talked about his love of the game.

"It will humiliate you and break your heart," Murphey said. "But it offers great rewards."

One of the rewards of the game is friendship forged through the crucible of competition. Murphey also talked about

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CLASSICS/TIMELESS RESULTS

Sunday — Classics 60+

Toledo MudDogs/Dan Rodgers	15	Livingston Dodgers	8
Comox Valley Cubs	8	Cleveland Spiders	7
Minnesota Bees	8	Houston Colt 45s	1
NorCal Giants	11	Massachusetts Chiefs	0
DC Dodgers	8	PSOF Rangers	6
Kent Mudhens	9	Baltimore Baseball	5
Philadelphia Brewers	15	San Antonio Texans	1
DC Mets	21	Cecil's Margin Service	3
Long Island Braves	13	Classic Thunder	11
Bahama Breeze Bandits	14	Rhode Island Rockies	8
Michigan Stars	7	Atlanta Heat	3
Washington Titans	6	Bronx Cardinals	3
Cincinnati Colt 45s	9	Minnesota Goats	8
MidAtlantic Nationals	11	Midwest Nine	8
Nova Scotia Monarchs	19	St. Louis Dodgers	3
Kansas City Blues	7	Dupage Lugnuts	3
Asheville Sox	12	Kenmore Eastern Brewers	2
Youngstown Astros	7	Rhode Island Rockies	6
Long Island Yankees	7	Tampa Sharks	4
Blues Classics	15	Wrinkles	2
All Star Baseball Academy	15	Philadelphia Cutters	0
Ohio Classics	11	Team Sport Pro	1

Sunday — Timeless 70+

Minnesota Saints	4	American National Wildcats	3
Avengers	10	National Spirit	0
Terre Haute Volkers Group	11	New England Red Sox	1
South Dakota Rushmores	5	San Diego Padres	3
Boston Braves	14	Key West All Stars	11
South Dakota Rushmores	14	New Jersey Wonderboys	2
Toledo Dan Rodgers Sports	14	Chicago Spirit	4

Bronx Cardinals starting pitcher at "Fenway South" vs. the Washington Titans.

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CLASSICS/TIMELESS STANDINGS

Classics Division

Team	W	L	PCT	RA
All Star Baseball Academy	1	0	1.000	0
NorCal Giants	1	0	1.000	0
Minnesota Bees	1	0	1.000	1
Ohio Classics	1	0	1.000	1
Philadelphia Brewers	1	0	1.000	1
San Antonio Texans	1	0	1.000	1
Asheville Sox	1	0	1.000	2
Blues Classics	1	0	1.000	2
DC Mets	1	0	1.000	3
Kansas City Blues	1	0	1.000	3
Michigan Stars	1	0	1.000	3
Nova Scotia Monarchs	1	0	1.000	3
Washington Titans	1	0	1.000	3
Long Island Yankees	1	0	1.000	4
Kent Mudhens	1	0	1.000	5
DC Dodgers	1	0	1.000	6
Youngstown Astros	1	0	1.000	6
Comox Valley Cubs	1	0	1.000	7
Bahama Breeze Bandits	1	0	1.000	8
Cincinnati Colt .45s	1	0	1.000	8
Midatlantic Nationals	1	0	1.000	8
Toledo Mud Dogs/Dan Rodgers	1	0	1.000	8
Long Island Braves	1	0	1.000	11
Bronx Cardinals	0	1	0.000	6
Atlanta Heat	0	1	0.000	7
DuPage Lugnuts	0	1	0.000	7
Tampa Sharks	0	1	0.000	7
Cleveland Spiders	0	1	0.000	8
Houston Colt .45s	0	1	0.000	8

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CLASSICS/TIMELESS STANDINGS

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Team	W	L	PCT	RA
PSOF Rangers	0	1	0.000	8
Baltimore Baseball Club	0	1	0.000	9
Minnesota Goats	0	1	0.000	9
Massachusetts Chiefs	0	1	0.000	11
Midwest Nine	0	1	0.000	11
Team Sports Pro	0	1	0.000	11
Kenmore Eastern Brewers	0	1	0.000	12
Classic Thunder	0	1	0.000	13
Livingston Dodgers	0	1	0.000	15
Philadelphia Cutters	0	1	0.000	15
Wrinkles	0	1	0.000	17
St Louis Dodgers	0	1	0.000	19
Cecil's Margin Service	0	1	0.000	21
Rhode Island Rockies	0	2	0.000	21

Timeless Division

Team	W	L	PCT	RA
Avengers	1	0	1.000	0
Terre Haute Volkers	1	0	1.000	1
Minnesota Saints	1	0	1.000	3
Toledo Dan Rodgers	1	0	1.000	4
South Dakota Rushmores	2	0	1.000	5
Boston Braves	1	0	1.000	11
American National Wildcats	0	1	0.000	4
San Diego Padres	0	1	0.000	5
National Spirit	0	1	0.000	10
New England Red Sox	0	1	0.000	11
Chicago Spirit	0	1	0.000	14
Key West All Stars	0	1	0.000	14
New Jersey Wonderboys	0	1	0.000	14

From his knees: Boston Braves 2nd baseman forces the Key West All-Stars baserunner at 2nd.

photo by Greg Wagner

CLASSICS/TIMELESS SCHEDULE

Monday — Classics 60+

Away	@	Home	Time	Site
Kent Mudhens		PSOF Rangers	10:00 AM	CP-S
Massachusetts Chiefs		Kansas City Blues	10:00 AM	LC-S
Long Island Yankees		Blues Classics	10:00 AM	PDC2
Atlanta Heat		Bronx Cardinals	10:00 AM	PDC3
DC Mets		Michigan Stars	10:00 AM	PDC4
Kenmore Eastern Brewers		DC Dodgers	10:00 AM	TP-S
MidAtlantic Nationals		Minnesota Goats	10:00 AM	TP2
Tampa Sharks		Wrinkles	10:00 AM	TP3
Livingston Dodgers		Nova Scotia Monarchs	10:00 AM	TP4
Youngstown Astros		Classic Thunder	10:00 AM	JB-S
Midwest Nine		Cincinnati Colt 45s	10:00 AM	PDC5
Long Island Braves		Rhode Island Rockies	01:45 PM	JB-S
Team Sport Pro		All Star Baseball Academy	01:45 PM	PDC4
St. Louis Dodgers		Toledo MudDogs/Dan Rodgers	01:45 PM	JB4
Philadelphia Cutters		Ohio Classics	01:45 PM	JB5
Dupage Lugnuts		NorCal Giants	01:45 PM	LC-S
Washington Titans		Minnesota Bees	01:45 PM	PDC2
PSOF Rangers		Cecil's Margin Service	01:45 PM	PDC5
Houston Colt 45s		Asheville Sox	01:45 PM	TP-S
Comox Valley Cubs		San Antonio Texans	01:45 PM	TP2
Baltimore Baseball		Cleveland Spiders	05:30 PM	CP-S
Philadelphia Brewers		Bahama Breeze Bandits	05:30 PM	LC-S

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To view your Roy Hobbs photos go to:
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Kent Mudhens
starting pitcher
on Sunday
vs.
Baltimore Baseball.

There is still time to take part in the photo plan for this week. Call Greg today at 239-898-8677

It Seams You Need to Update Your Collection

See our display in the Pro Shop in Lee County Stadium
during the World Series

CLASSICS/TIMELESS SCHEDULE

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Monday — Timeless 70+

Away	@	Home	Time	Site
San Diego Padres		Toledo Dan Rodgers Sports	10:00 AM	JB3
New England Red Sox		National Spirit	10:00 AM	JB4
Key West All Stars		Terre Haute Volkers Group	10:00 AM	JB5
Avengers		Boston Braves	10:00 AM	PDC1
South Dakota Rushmores		Minnesota Saints	10:00 AM	JB6
New Jersey Wonderboys		American National Wildcats	10:00 AM	PDC3
Chicago Spirit		San Diego Padres	01:45 PM	JB3

Boston Braves hitter's bat appears to be suspended in mid-air after a single up the middle

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NOTEBOOK

Picking up T-shirts…

The tournament T-shirt is available **through Friday only** for all registered players outside the Roy Hobbs Store in the screened in patio at the Player Development Complex. **No Shirts will be given out on Saturdays.**

Hours to pick up the Tournament T-shirt are from Noon to 6 p.m. With the shirt, each player will get a tournament patch.

Players will need their RHWS ID card to get their shirts, no exceptions – No drivers licenses needed.

Pitching

For the record, here is a recap on the rules on pitching eligibility for the playoffs.

Roy Hobbs requirement is that all pitchers who will be starters or closers in save situations (3-run or less difference in the 8th and 9th innings) qualify for the playoffs by pitching at least 2 innings – 6 outs or 10 hitters – during pool play.

This is a reminder to all managers that all pitching statistics need to be updated through the first 4 games by noon Thursday.

Finally, in the playoffs, those "non-qualified" middle-inning pitchers will come to the mound from their normal defensive positions where they started the game. That is as important as the "spirit of the rule" that these *non-qualified* pitchers who are used as "inning-eaters" are players who ordinarily are playing other positions.

Results corrections

Please check the posted results and standings each day.

Managers should contact Rob at the Tournament Headquarters (239.533.7694) with corrections to scores.

That's the best way to make sure that playoff seedings and pairings are as accurate as we can make them.

Please help with dugouts

Roy Hobbs Baseball and the grounds crews need your help in the dugouts.

When your games are over and you are leaving the dugout, please police it for trash and cups, etc. Your assistance in cleaning up the dugouts each day will be greatly appreciated.

50/50 raffle

50/50 raffle tickets, to benefit the Roy Hobbs Foundation, are available each day at the Player Development Complex. Tickets are $1 apiece or 6 for $5. The drawing will be held in the patio area at the Player Development Complex at 5 PM Friday.

The Roy Hobbs Foundation was established to raise monies for research on finding a cure for Leukemia and to assist our Challenged Athlete friends.

photo by Greg Wagner

Washington Titans runner slides in safely with a stolen base against the Bronx Cardinals.

'Big Boys Project'

Washington Titans manager Mic Stump has retired (from his real job) and is working on a book about adult baseball people, who we are, how we are and what we do … good, ugly and funny!

"I want to compile stories from our fellow ball players spanning the over 20 years we've been able to enjoy playing the wonderful pastime called baseball," Mic said.

"As you know whenever we ball players get together we exchange tales and lies of our exploits and our teammates – mostly lies coiffured in 'exaggeration'. It's always amazed me the tales we tell on each other. And I want to compile these and share them."

This project – he's calling it the 'Big Boys Project' – was a dream of Bob Wagner, who helped bring Roy Hobbs to Lee County in 1993. Bob had just started compiling stories when he passed away in 2001. And Roy Hobbs Baseball is committed to helping see that such a project gets completed… as there's lots of funny, poignant and heart-warming material available.

Mic is looking for stories that he can work with to ensure the meaning and descriptions "bring forth the joy we've all felt following our avocation – baseball."

Contact Mic at zehndorfer@comcast.net to share your ideas and stories.

HALL of FAME

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something he mentions to his teams before games

"We're old men and we get to play baseball," Murphey said.

Before Hall of Famer Denny Brown spoke, his brother rattled off a list of Denny's attributes. They include but are not limited to honesty, tolerance, humility, enthusiasm, confidence and cheerfulness.

Denny Brown talked about his father, who played baseball until he was 45 and fast pitch softball until he was 55. That was before the invention of Roy Hobbs Baseball.

"I'm really grateful to play baseball at the ages we're getting to," the 69-year-old Brown said.

That theme was echoed by Clyde Jones of Fairfield, Calif. "I still can't believe being 68 and still playing this game," he said.

Randy Moselle referred to his photograph in the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame program, which showed him smiling broadly.

"That's a smile because we're at Roy Hobbs," Moselle said.

After the Hall of Famers were introduced and spoke, Giffen introduced Brian Mullen, the first recipient of the Brian Mullen Ambassador of Baseball Award.

When the beloved Mullen was introduced the crowd gave him a standing ovation.

"This isn't even like a job," Mullen said of his duties for Roy Hobbs, which includes just about everything except playing.

He talked about how every year he sees players from all over the country who he hasn't seen in a year.

"To me it's like a big family reunion," Mullen said.

The evening closed with friends talking about the other recipient of the Ambassador of Baseball Award – Chuck Nave.

Nave is gravely ill now with ALS and at his home on Sanibel Island, where he grew up

"I can't imagine a better person for this award," said former Roy Hobbs teammate Mike Shevlin, who played baseball with Nave at Cypress Lake High School in Fort Myers in the 1960s.

Shevlin was followed by Roger Tabor. Tabor grew up with Nave on Sanibel and played with him at Cypress Lake High School.

He evoked lines from an old sports movie, "Brian's Song," which was about a friendship between two Chicago Bears, Gale Sayers and Brian Piccolo. Piccolo was gravely ill at the time.

"Tonight I love Chuck Nave," Tabor said. "And I want all of you to love Chuck Nave too."

Doc Manos . . . a Catcher for Life

By TOM MOORE
Roy Hobbs Baseball

Ted Manos is a catcher on and off the baseball field.

An avid fan and player until an accident put him on the sidelines, he was a catcher and a fixture in his baseball uniform.

And off the field in his chosen profession he figures he's "caught" 10,000 babies. Ted's civilian life has been spent as an OB-GYN until he retired in 2014.

Somewhere along the line he wrote a book about his life and it's mostly about his baseball experiences.

And he titled it: *"Baseball and Babies – My Life as a Catcher."*

And even though he injured himself 20 years ago playing racket ball and hasn't played baseball for 10 years, he still show up at the Roy Hobbs World Series to cheer on his team, Bahama Breeze and all the friends he has made.

"I come down to see guys I've played with and against in the past."

Doc's life has been filled with baseball, starting at age 3 when he was hitting balls thrown by his dad. His dad at one time aspired to be a pro-player, but settled into becoming a New York policeman.

Doc grew up in Brooklyn when there were 3 major league teams in the area, the Yankees, Giants and Dodgers. As a youngster he played a lot of sandlot games.

When he began college at Wesleyan University he was a catcher for the team, but filling in as a pitcher when needed. He loves to attend fantasy camps where he met Baseball great Carl Erskine and many more top name players.

His best camp was the Ultimate Fantasy Camp in 1986. Among the instructors: Bob Feller, Ernie Banks and Sandy Koufax.

Doc played ball in Orlando and attended the Roy Hobbs Series when it was moved to Ft. Myers. He credits long-time Hobbs player and booster Fran Podraza with his decision.

"I found Ft. Myers was a nice location without distractions."

In 1991, he and his college team had a reunion—by playing in the Roy Hobbs Series as the Wesleyan Cardinals.