

FLOYD HAZELBAKER'S RESUME FOR IOWA HOF

From: fnjhazelb@live.com
To: linderw@ihs.org
Subject: iowa hall of fame resume'
Date: Sun, 25 Sep 2011 12:01:23 -0500

To whom it may concern:

I started volunteer umpiring in 1970 for Highland Park Little League Baseball. i enjoyed it so much that in 1978, i joined the Des Moines Umpires Association. During the following 25 years, I concentrated on doing men's fast-pitch softball and had the privilege to work the plate for many talented and well recognized pitchers from both iowa and other states and countries.

Some of them are now Hall of Fame members like Al Rebling, Tom Bakey, Al Rausch, Gregg Bosch, Denny Linderbaum, Phil Wilkinson, Michael White, Lance Dreesman (who was also a very fine hitter!), Dean & Gene Olson, Peter Sandman, Peter Brown, and Joe Wedeking just to mention a few. During those 25 years, I worked 18 Iowa State Men's Major Open Fast-pitch Tourneys, doing the plate in the championship game 15 times.

As a rookie umpire, I was picked to work a Men's Major Fast-Pitch Tourney at Bomber Park in Des Moines and did three plates in that series. From that first year through the rest of my career, I worked many major men's softball tournies across Iowa and umpired for many of Iowa's and the Midwest's finest teams. On the national stage, I worked my first national men's fast-pitch tourney at St. Joseph, MO. in 1988. In 1989, I went back to St. Joe to work the men's ASA Major Regionals. In both those tourneys, I was chosen to umpire the championship games. in 1990 I went to Omaha Neb. for my second ASA National. In 1991, I went to Springfield, MO. for my third national and was selected to work the championship game. In 1992, I went to Grand Island, Neb. for my fourth national and was picked for the plate on the if game. In 1995 I again went to Springfield to work my fifth ASA National and was again picked for the championship game. In 1996, I went to Sioux City for the men's " A " slow pitch tourney. In four of my six nationals, I was picked for the championship game for which I am very grateful.

I also worked 100 or more regional tourneys in j.o., men's and women's fast pitch and slow pitch divisions. I belonged to the IHSAA and IGHSAU in baseball, softball and basketball for more than 20 years, and worked the Central Iowa Metro League and other leagues as well. I was also an alternate umpire for the AAA Iowa Cubs and worked many times at both the old Sec Taylor and new Principal Parks in Des Moines.

After retiring from the Des Moines Umpires Association, I kept active in Little League youth ball, and in 2010 at the age of 72, I worked 16 plates in the 13-

15 age boys baseball tourney, thus ending my 40 yr. career as an umpire. As the old saying goes," a kid in sports stays out of courts. " It worked for me.

Respectfully,

Floyd Hazelbaker