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**COVERING THE BASES
OCTOBER 2014**

FROM THE CHAIR

With the baseball season winding down and summer turning to fall, the Eastern Shore Baseball Foundation's Board of Directors is gearing up for a busy off-season. First of all, the Board is preparing for this year's Hall of Fame induction banquet. The five inductees that were selected from a pool of 29 nominations will be honored on Saturday, November 8 at Salisbury University's "The Commons." The Board is excited about moving the banquet to a more upscale setting, which will surely make for a memorable night. As Foundation members, we encourage you and your families to join us in celebrating the lifelong accomplishments of the five new inductees. The Board and I look forward to seeing you at the banquet so please reserve your tickets today. In addition to the banquet, our Curator, Gary Fries, and our historian, Donnie Davidson, are making significant improvements to the museum displays. These improvements will be complete by the Shorebird's opening night so be sure to stop in early next season.

INTRODUCING....THE ESBF HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CLASS OF 2014

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| Doug Fleetwood | Mike Shockley |
| Butch Waller | Donald Walls |
| Devin J. Warwick | |

Museum Logo Merchandise

One way to support the Eastern Shore Baseball Foundation is by purchasing Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame logo merchandise. Whether it's polo-style shirts, wind shirts, tee shirts, or other museum souvenirs, your purchase directly supports the ESBF and helps get the word out about our organization. The merchandise can be purchased at the museum and can be viewed on the ESBF website. The following are the items currently available with Member's prices. All prices include Maryland Sales Tax.

- Wind Jacket (L, XL, 2XL) \$35
- ESBF Old-Style Jacket (M, L) \$25
- Polo Shirt – Navy Blue (M, L, XL, 2XL) \$25
- Polo Shirt – Light Blue (M, L, XL, 2XL) \$25
- T-Shirt – White (S, M, L, XL) \$12
- T-Shirt – White (2XL)..... \$16
- T-Shirt – Gray (S, M, L, XL) \$12
- T-Shirt – Gray (2XL)..... \$16
- Hat \$15
- 18" Mini-Bat..... \$10
- Baseball \$8
- Bat Key Chain \$3
- Bat Ink Pen \$3
- 2x2 Logo Magnet \$1
- Lanyard..... \$3



2014 HOF Inductees

Doug Fleetwood

Doug Fleetwood is one of the top baseball coaches at both the high school and college levels. He has been consistently producing excellent baseball teams for 26 years. He recently completed 14 years as a member of the Salisbury coaching staff, with a winning percentage of .761 and three World Series appearances.

Mike Shockley

Mike Shockley was an All-star player at Wicomico High School, Cecil Community College and Salisbury University. He played 13 years on Peaky's in the ESBL and 4 years in the Wilmington Wood Bat League for the Cecil Braves. In addition he coached little league for 12 years and travel baseball for 9 years. Most recently he coached at James M. Bennett High School who were 2011 and 2012 3A State Champions and won a Maryland state record 54 straight games.

Butch Waller

In addition to being an icon in Eastern Shore high school basketball for decades, Butch Waller has umpired little league, high school, collegiate, and Eastern Shore Baseball League games for over forty years. Butch also coached high school baseball for many years before turning to umpiring.

Donald Walls

Donald Walls was coached by Hall of Fame Inductee John Selby in high school. He was offered a minor league contract with the Washington Senators. An unfortunate injury in 1954 to his pitching arm while playing for the Orlando Baseball Association ended a professional career in baseball. In the following years, he became an ESBL player

playing for Bi-State, Mar-Del and Ken-Mar-Del.

Devin J. Warwick

Devin Warwick is one of the best players on the Eastern Shore in the era of 1984-1999. He began his baseball career in little league, then pony league and then Parkside High School. He played 4 years at Salisbury State College, serving as team co-captain and team MVP in 1987. Finally, he played 17 years in ESBL for the Perdue Chicks.

Carryovers for 2015

Edward Athey, Mike Butler, James Fratino, Lloyd Gates, Henry Giddins, W. Leroy Jones, George Kissner, Mike Lambert

A Word from our Curator

Since coming to the Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame in May, I have been learning about the history of the players, teams, managers, umpires, and other contributors who dedicated their time, energy and resources to make baseball on the Eastern Shore a success. The best way to accomplish this task was to start working on the biographies of all the inductees in the Hall of Fame. The men and women who have been inducted have the love for baseball, special talents or skills that stand out in the leagues they played, or contributed time and resources to help other young men to play the game of baseball.

Some good examples of these inductees are Jimmie Foxx and Frank "Homerun" Baker. They are players that were not only outstanding baseball players on the Eastern Shore, but were also outstanding players in the Major League. Both players were inducted into the Major League Hall of Fame as well as ours.

Another way I have been learning the history is by documenting the picture the team photos on the walls of the Eastern Shore League. We are telling the story about the teams and players who helped contribute to the league success as well as the team's success. These were professional baseball players who didn't play for the few dollars they received, but played for the love of the game of baseball. Their success was not only seen in the minor league teams in the Eastern Shore League, but also in the Major League.

During the next couple months we will be remodeling the museum so we can show how important baseball is on the Eastern Shore. More details will come in the next newsletter.

Contributions Needed!

All these remodeling plans require money and we are ramping up the fundraising! Please consider making an individual donation or if you own a company or work for a company that is looking for tax deductible corporate donation – please contact us at info@esbhalloffame.org. It's not too late for the 2014 tax year!

Website

For the most up-to-date information on museum news and events, please check out the Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame Museum's website and feel free to send us suggestions. Gary Fries, our museum curator, is adding biographies and photos to the Inductees section of the website. With over 300 inductees this will be a long and tedious process. However, this information greatly enhances the website. Please help Gary in this process by sending us any information and/or photos of any inductees listed on the site.

Find the Members of the Hall of Fame Class of 1982!



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