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Time to Turn off the Hot Stove and Play Ball!

Although there may be snow on the ground and a chill in the air, the familiar and welcome signs of baseball's return are unmistakable, as professional teams report to spring training. Meanwhile, on Delmarva, colleges begin play this week, followed next month by the high schools. Similarly, we are conducting our own spring training as we prepare your Hall of Fame museum for the upcoming season with new and enhanced exhibits and events. In many ways, the pace of our progress is resource-dependent. Since Directors serve as unpaid volunteers, all funds received go directly toward museum operations, improvements, and maintenance. The vast majority of our funds come from memberships and contributions. Therefore, to help us to continue moving forward, please consider renewing or becoming a member, and of course, any contribution, large or small, is greatly appreciated.

Membership

Both annual and lifetime memberships are available and your membership card will entitle you to several benefits including Delmarva Shorebirds' ticket discounts. The cost of a single annual membership is \$25. Cost savings are available by purchasing a double membership (2 memberships) for \$35 or a home run membership (4 memberships) for \$50. Similar savings are available for lifetime memberships. Hall of Fame inductees are not required to pay membership dues and have been issued a lifetime membership card. If you are a Hall of Fame inductee and do not have a membership card, please contact us. A membership form is enclosed and can also be downloaded from the website. Renew or join now, so you will have your membership card in time for the Shorebirds' home opener on April 10th. *Membership is a great gift for baseball or Eastern Shore enthusiasts – both rookies and seasoned veterans!*

Contributions

In the past, we have received generous contributions from various individuals which have helped tremendously in museum improvements and operations. Begun last year, our Contributions program is designed to more formally recognize significant individual contributions as well as to encourage corporate and group sponsorship. Details on the program are enclosed. You can help us with corporate or group sponsorship by passing the information to those with whom you may have contact with.

Curator

Unfortunately, our Curator, Bob Hollamon had to resign due to health reasons. Although we are investigating several possibilities for a replacement, we are currently without a Curator. If you are interested in being our Curator, please contact us. The position has exceptional flexibility, as you can determine how much and when you work. Plus, additional help is now available with the arrival of our first intern, Mark Hess, through a program with Wor-Wic Community College.

Board of Directors

With Kenny Green stepping down as Chairperson for health reasons, Craig Shreeves, who had been Vice-Chairperson, was elected as his replacement. A new Vice-Chairperson will be elected next month. Dave Johnson was reelected for another two year term as Treasurer.

Monthly Events

Again, this season in conjunction with the Shorebirds, we will have a monthly Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame event to showcase the museum and/or celebrate our baseball legacy. Each monthly event will include a reception in the museum one hour before the game followed by pre-game activities on the field. A reminder card with dates and more information will be provided in a newsletter next month.

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 at http://www.esbhalloffame.org and feel free to send us suggestions. The email address to contact us is info@esbhalloffame.org.

We continue to be open to any suggestions for making our ESBF a better operation and encourage any and all to contact us with new ideas.



EASTERN SHORE BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

Membership Form

The Eastern Shore Baseball Foundation, Inc. is a tax-exempt, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization operating the Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame museum. Both annual and lifetime memberships in the Foundation are available as follows:

Annual Memberships

Single \$25 – one membership card Double \$35 – two membership cards Home Run \$50 – four membership cards

Lifetime Memberships

Single \$250 – one membership card Double \$350 – two membership cards Home Run \$500 – four membership cards

All memberships include:

- Personalized membership card
- \$1 discount on all Delmarva Shorebirds general admission game tickets
- Additional discount on Delmarva Shorebirds general admission game tickets on monthly Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame nights
- Invitations to member only events
- Invitation to the annual induction banquet
- Discount on all items sold in the museum

Send completed form, along with payment to:

Eastern Shore Baseball Foundation P.O. Box 2071 Salisbury, MD 21802-2071

Please consider helping us with an extra cash donation. Thank you!

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Name – Member 1	Name -	- Member 2 (if applicable)	Name – Member 3 (if applicable	e)	Name – Member 4 (if applicable)
Street Address					
City, State, Zip Code					
Phone			E-Mail		



Charging no admission, the Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame museum depends heavily on the generous support of contributors for the funds necessary to operate and improve your museum. Since its opening in 1997, the museum has honored more than 300 players, coaches, and contributors to the history of Delmarva baseball from the 19th century to the present and showcasing memorabilia. The museum has received extensive regional and national media coverage and recognition from the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY and the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, MO, while attracting over 1000 visitors annually.

Please consider supporting the Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame museum with an annual contribution. Eastern Shore Baseball Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization operating the Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame museum, and therefore your contribution is tax-deductible.

While any level of contribution would be greatly appreciated, the following annual contribution levels for individuals and corporations/groups will receive special recognition as noted below.

Individuals

\$500 - Gold Glove

- Engraved Gold Glove award
- Recognition in the museum, on the website, and in the annual banquet program
- Four complimentary tickets to Member's Night or the annual banquet

\$250 – Silver Slugger

- Engraved Silver Slugger award
- Recognition in the museum, on the website, and in the annual banquet program
- Two complimentary tickets to Member's Night or the annual banquet

\$100 - All-Star

- Framed All-Star certificate
- Recognition in the museum, on the website, and in the annual banquet program

Corporations/Groups

\$1000 - Gold Glove

- Engraved Gold Glove award
- Recognition in the museum, on the website, and in the annual banquet program
- Complimentary full page annual banquet ad

\$500 – Silver Slugger

- Engraved Silver Slugger award
- Recognition in the museum, on the website, and in the annual banquet program
- Complimentary half page annual banquet ad

\$250 - All-Star

- Framed All-Star certificate
- Recognition in the museum, on the website, and in the annual banquet program
- Complimentary quarter page annual banquet ad

Corporations contributing services of indeterminate value or as needed on a continuing basis by the Foundation, will be a **MVP** contributor, and will receive a framed certificate and recognition in the museum, on the website, and in the annual banquet program.