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# COVERING THE BASES

## JULY 2017

### FROM THE CHAIRMAN

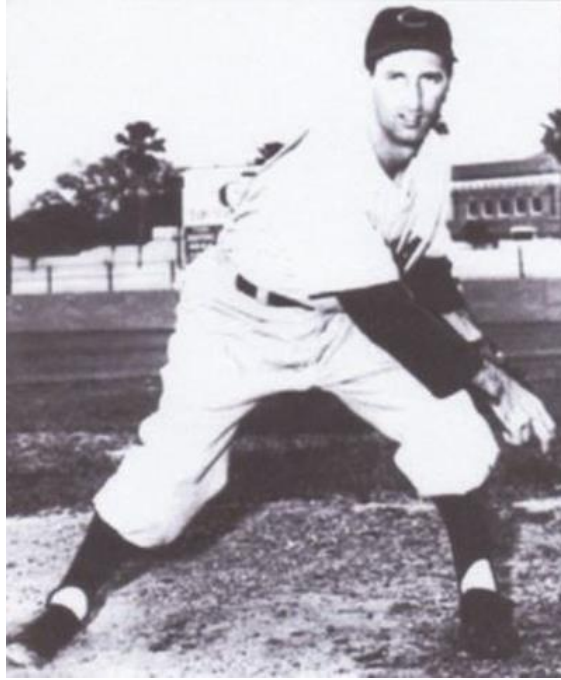
As this summer is quickly moving along, I would like to remind everyone that the deadline to receive nominations for induction into the Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame is July 15. All nominations must be received or postmarked by that date in order to be considered for this year's class. The complete rules for hall of fame induction are posted on our website and in the museum.

Also, we recently sent out a membership form to those who receive the quarterly newsletter but are not current members. If you fall in that category, please consider becoming a member.

Lastly, I encourage our Eastern Shore Baseball Foundation members to get out to Arthur W. Perdue Stadium to take in a few Delmarva Shorebirds games before the season ends and visit the Hall of Fame Museum. As a reminder, I encourage Foundation members to give us feedback or suggestions to improve YOUR organization – whether it's regarding the museum, the website or the membership. I look forward to seeing you at the museum soon!

# HALL OF FAMER SPOTLIGHT - JULY 2017

## GEORGE MCPHAIL - PLAYER (INDUCTED 1983)



George McPhail - (Player)

George signed his first professional baseball contract in 1947 with the Seaford Eagles Baseball team as a pitcher. George played with the Seaford Eagles of the Eastern Shore League in 1948 and 1949. In 1949, he was considered to be the team's Most Valuable Player coming in second in the Eastern Shore League in wins with a 17-10 record and fourth in ERA with 2.72. During his five years of playing professional baseball, George won a total of 69 games. In 1951, he won 24 games pitching for the Pittsfield Phillies of the class "C" Canadian American League. In 1952, he played for the class "AA" Texas League Tulsa Oilers. While playing for the Oilers, he had the privilege of watching his teammate Johnny Vander Meer make baseball history throwing back-to-back no-hitters. From 1953 to 1959, George played with the Hebron Baseball team in the Central Shore League. In 1954, he set a record of 134 strikeouts in 163 innings pitched and a record of 13 complete games. In 1959, when the Central Shore League folded, George hung up his baseball spikes and played softball as a third baseman for many years.

George's love for baseball never died. In 1982, George along with Don Jones established the Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame. He served as Chairman of the Board of Directors until 1991.

## **HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS**

Go to our website to get the nomination form and the rules for induction into the Hall of Fame. While we encourage people to submit nominations using the form, we suggest that the nominator include MORE than the form. The more information the better. Here are some suggestions:

- Be SPECIFIC about what the person did
- Give as much DETAIL as possible
- Provide as much DOCUMENTATION as possible (newspaper articles, etc.)

Remember the deadline for nominations is July 15.

## **MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

If you recently became a member and haven't received your membership card or if you lost your card, please send us a message so that we can mail you one promptly.

## **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. We are continually adding biographies and photos to the Inductees section of the website. Many people have helped with the process by sending us information and/or photos of inductees listed on the site. We hope this continues!

## **DATE SET FOR HALL OF FAME INDUCTION BANQUET**

The Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Banquet will take place Saturday, November 11 at Salisbury University's "The Commons". The venue is a great setting to pay honor to this year's inductees, so please mark your calendars for this special night.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

We hope that all of you continue supporting our museum as it depends heavily on membership and the generous support of contributors for the funds necessary to continue to operate and improve the museum – all without charging admission. If you're currently not a member, please visit our website for the membership form and send it in today!

## **2017 DONATIONS**

Here's a list of 2017 Donors to date:

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