



EASTERN SHORE BASEBALL FOUNDATION, INC.

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COVERING THE BASES

JANUARY 2017

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Happy New Year from the Eastern Shore Baseball Foundation's Board of Directors! It's been yet another busy off-season for the Foundation's Board. The Foundation inducted eleven new members into the Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame. After the new inductees were selected in September, the Board worked hard to honor them at the annual induction banquet, which was held in November at Salisbury University. By all accounts, it was a success and we were thankful for the sizable attendance. While the banquet preparations were going on, the board of directors was undergoing a makeover. Newly-inducted Hall of Famer Dickie Moore took over as treasurer, replacing Julianne Murray, while Marty Payne and Kim Hudson also joined the board. While we look forward to Marty and Kim's involvement, we would like to thank Julianne and Patrick Murray for their contributions to the board over the past few years. Lastly, Charlie Silcott has re-assumed the Curator position. As always, I encourage Foundation members to give us feedback or suggestions to improve YOUR organization – whether it's regarding the museum, the website, the membership, the Board, etc.

HALL OF FAMER SPOTLIGHT - JANUARY 2017

Robert "Ducky" Detweiler – Player (Inducted 1995)



Robert "Ducky" Detweiler (Player) - He was one of many promising young ballplayers whose careers were interrupted by military service during World War II. In 1939, Ducky moved to Federalsburg, Maryland, where he became a well known sports figure in an area that involved baseball, basketball, and football, while serving as an official, umpire, and assignor of games. During that year he signed a contract with the Philadelphia Athletics and played for their affiliate team, the Federalsburg Athletics of the Eastern Shore League. In that season, Ducky had a .292 batting average, with 10 home runs in 98 games as a second baseman/outfielder, while helping the team clinch the league pennant.

Ducky was promoted in 1940 to the Wilmington Blue Rocks of the Class B Interstate League. He played third base and batted .313 with a .472 slugging percentage in 93 games. In 1941 he was traded to the Boston Bees and started the season with the Bradford Bees before joining the Bridgeport Bees of the Interstate League during the midseason, batting a combined .310 average and a slugging of .448 in 106 games.

In 1942, Ducky went on a hitting rampage with the Evansville Bees. He hit safely during 40 consecutive games in the Three-I League to lead Evansville with a .341 average, also leading the team in hits (149), home runs (16), runs batted in (106), extra bases (46), total bases (237), slugging (.520) and games played (120). The Boston Braves called up Ducky where he made his Major League debut in late September. He appeared in 12 games and batted .318 (14-for-44), including two doubles and one triple, while driving in five runs and scoring three times.

In 1943 Ducky was drafted to military service, where he served in the US Army from 1943 to 1945. He then returned to the Braves in 1946, but went hitless in one pinch-hitting appearance. In the midseason he was dealt to the St. Louis Cardinals and finished the year with Rochester of the International League, batting a combined .230 in 99 games.

In 1947, Ducky returned to Federalsburg of the Eastern Shore League, and posted a .352 average with 29 home runs and 133 RBIs. He played and managed in the minors until 1952, compiling a .316 batting average and a .502 slugging percentage in 11 minor league seasons. He finished with a managing record of 207-290 (.416) in a span of four seasons between 1948 and 1952.

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.)

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!



MEMBERSHIP

2017 membership invoices have been mailed! We hope that all of you continue supporting our museum as the museum 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 did not receive an invoice, please detach the bottom on the insert to renew your membership.

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.



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**

If you have already renewed your membership by returning a January 2016 invoice with payment, there is NO NEED for you to complete the form below. If you didn't receive an invoice and wish to renew your membership, please complete the form below and return to us. If you know someone that may also enjoy being a member, please pass this form along. Thank you!

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- Annual Single Membership \$25
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