



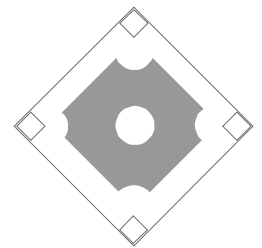
JON T. MARSHMAN -- ELBA/ROCHESTER

Nominated by Joe Jennison Rochester Softball Association

In 1978 at the age of 20 Jon Marshman purchased and started his business of Jonny's Saloon. At the time, there were no softball leagues in the area. There was a softball field with a snow fence, which doubled as a home run fence on which Jon organized a four-team league that played twice a week. Down the road Jon would develop the field into his own "field of dreams". Putting up a ten-foot home run fence, dugouts, backstops and red brick lime on the infield.

Now Jon sponsors ten teams each year throughout the Rochester area. Teams he sponsors have won nearly 30 league championships over the years.

The team that is best known to the softball community is Jonny's Saloon Co-Ed team. This team has won 12 state championships and has qualified for nationals every year since 1994, winning the title in 2002.



In 2003 Jon was presented with an Outstanding Sponsor Award from the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame.

In 1996, Jonny's was honored by being named "ASA Co-ed Team of the Year" after being named "Team of the Month for September". This award was given to Jonny's for their contribution in the community of softball based on outstanding team sportsmanship, dedication, spirit, performance and achievement. "Jonny's Saloon is a class act on and off the field", stated USA Softball Magazine.

According to team member Becky Macken, the Jonny's Saloon Co-ed team has "compiled a record of 350-95. Jonny has been with the team every step of the way making sure we have everything we need. Jonny has done more for the game of softball as a player and sponsor than you can even imagine. Elba may be a small town in Southeastern, MN, but Jonny's Saloon Softball is known all across the state and even the country."

Jon has also coached and umpired for 28 years. His generosity during these years has been truly outstanding. His athletic past speaks for itself, but in even a larger voice, his willingness to provide opportunities for others is monumental. Jon truly loves the game of softball; so many have benefited from Jonny's commitment, sponsorship and passion for this game.

It is my honor to introduce and welcome to the Hall of Fame, Jon Marshman.