



## Arizona Softball Foundation Diamond Highlights Banquet Special Edition

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# CELEBRATE ARIZONA FAST PITCH SOFTBALL BANQUET

Please join Arizona Softball Foundation at this year's celebration on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at the DoubleTree by Hilton and welcome our new Softball Hall of Fame members. After nearly three years, we are back and ready to see our softball family. Hotel information and detail for this year's banquet on page 2.

## 2020-2022 ARIZONA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



**Contributor Jeff Oscarson:** Jeff coached softball at the varsity level for 21 years at Chapparral High School. During his career, he accumulated 450 wins with only 122 loses and 3 ties. His teams had 14 regional titles and a 62-game win streak. In his career, he also had 5 State Championships and two State Runner-up Championship. 35 of his former student athletes received athletic scholarships to various Universities and Colleges. He was selected Regional Coach of the Year 1980-84, 5A Coach of the Year 1992-1993. He was a two-time Coach for the Arizona Coach's Association All-Star Softball Team. 1967-97 All-Around Coach of the Year and 1997-98 Arizona Coach of the Year. In 2018, he was inducted into the Arizona Sports Hall of Fame.



**Women's Player Becky Lemke:** Becky was a dominant pitcher for all four years at Horizon High School. She lettered in each of her four years, was twice a first team All-State Selection, capped off her career with the Arizona Player of the Year Award to go along with the 5A State Championship in 1997. From 1998-2001, she pitched for the University of Arizona. She was a Third-Team All-American in 1999 and helped pitch the Wildcats to the 2001 National Championship. She was twice selected to the PAC-10 All-Conference Team. She is a 20 plus year member of Mike Candrea's Southwest Softball Camp Staff. Becky continues her softball career by giving private pitching lessons.



**Veteran Player Bonnie (Allum) Johns:** Bonnie started her softball career on various Elementary School, High School and Women's Majors Softball Teams. One of the first competitive teams she played for was the Vito-Gro Chicks and then the Blakely Rockets Team. She was a member of the 1952 Rockets National Softball Congress, National Championship Team. She was also selected to the N.S.C. All-Star Team that year. From the Rockets Team she went on to play for the PBSW Ramblers. As a Rambler, she participated in 5 National A.S.A. Tournaments from 1953-1957. She was a member of the A.S.A. 1955 and 1957 PBSW Ramblers National- Runner-Up Championship Teams. She was selected multiple times to Arizona All-State Teams.



**Player Ralph Silva:** Played fastpitch softball for over 15 years during the peak of Men's Fastpitch softball in Arizona. Ralph played in multiple ISC and ASA Major Tournaments around the United States. He also played in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual USA Pan American Games in Indianapolis, Indiana on the US National team. His play on the field earned him the name "Greyhound". Ralph also has earned several Tournament All-Star and MVP selections. Played on the Kellan's Warriors and C.B. Sun Sox both teams from the Yuma area, and N.S.S.I. from Phoenix. Arizona State Travel League Champions and attended the I.S.C. World Tournament in Saginaw, Michigan. Following Ralph's playing, he began coaching.

## CELEBRATION OF ARIZONA'S FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

Arizona Softball Foundation is proud to announce, "Celebration of Arizona's Fast Pitch Softball" featuring four new Arizona Softball Hall of Fame inductees, softball memorabilia, special display from the Arizona Softball Hall of Fame, and celebrating Arizona's rich history of Fast Pitch Softball. Come and join us Saturday, August 13, 2022, at the Double Tree Phoenix North. The event will showcase the 2022 Arizona Softball Hall of Fame inductees: Bonnie (Allun) Johns - Veteran Player, - Beck Lemke - Player, Jeff Oscarson - Contributor and Ralph Silva - Veteran Player. This year's celebration includes, special softball memorabilia display, Arizona Softball Hall of Fame display, announcement of the ASF Scholarships recipients for 2022-2023 school year, dinner, and more. Registration for "Celebration of Arizona's Fast Pitch Softball" event: cost is \$55 per person and \$20 for 10 years and under. You won't want to miss the Silent Auction featuring, sports tickets, wine baskets, golf packages and gift baskets plus a 50/50 Raffle. Please bring your check book or cash and support the ASF Scholarship Program and the Arizona Softball Hall of Fame.

## HOST HOTEL DOUBLETREE BY HILTON PHOENIX NORTH



### "Celebration of Arizona's Fast Pitch Softball"

#### PROGRAM

RECEPTION 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Special Reception Video, displays & memorabilia

SILENT AUCTION 4:30 PM - 6:45 PM

Bring your check and check only.

DINNER 6:00 - 6:45 PM

WELCOME 6:45 PM - 7:00 PM

Nation Anthem, introductions, silent auction winners, 50/50 drawing, and 2022 ASF Golf Tourney.

INDUCTION PROGRAM - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Special video for each of our new inductees will be shown featuring their story.

CLOSING COMMENTS - 8:30 PM

Following the Program all inductees meet for photos.



Host Hotel: Double Tree Phoenix North

10220 N. Metro Parkway East

Phoenix, AZ 85051

Special room rates have been set up for anyone attending the banquet. The ASF room rate is \$109 per night not including tax. To reserve your room, use this link: [www.PhoenixNorth.DoubleTreebyHilton.com](http://www.PhoenixNorth.DoubleTreebyHilton.com)

Deadline for booking is August 5th.

The event invitation will be mailed or emailed to our members. Check us out on:

Web page: [arizonasoftballfoundation.org](http://arizonasoftballfoundation.org)

Facebook page: [arizonasoftballfoundation.org](http://arizonasoftballfoundation.org)

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Lifetime Member \$150.00

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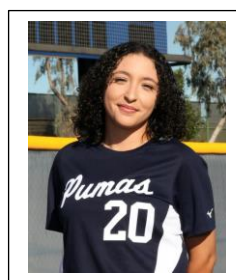
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Monika Rodriguez  
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Estevanne Rojas  
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### ARIZONA SOFTBALL BOARD WANTS YOU!

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Arizona Softball Foundation Web Page: [arizonasoftballfoundation.org](http://arizonasoftballfoundation.org)

Visit Arizona Softball Foundation on our Facebook page: *Arizona Softball Foundation*

Visit the Hall of Fame: 824 E. Gurley St. Prescott, AZ 86301 M-F 8:00am - 4:00pm

(Go in the Grace Sparks Activity Center, Parks & Rec Office and ask a staff to open the Hall of Fame).