

## Keith Erbenbrack, Deer Park, WA



Keith started playing in 1970 with the Ichabod's Tavern in the Seattle Metro League. He was instrumental in securing sponsorship for his team and started managing the team in 1974. Keith managed the team from 1974 to 1976 in the Seattle Metro League, from 1977 to 1982 in the Seattle Cascade League, 1983-1986 and 1990-1991 played in Ft Dent League. The team played in the Norwest Travel League as

well in 1981 - 1983 and 1986 -1988. In 1993 they rejoined the Norwest Travel League. Keith was Norwest Travel League Director from 1979 -1992. League consisted of major fast pitch teams in British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

The league was one of the strongest in USA / Canada; several ISC WT, Canadian and ASA titles. Keith was Cascade League Man of the Year in 1980. Inducted into Seattle Metro Hall of Fame in 2000. 1980 Carrol Forbes meet in Seattle with Tim O'Hara, ISC Area Director, Westside Federal Managers, Bob Beyers / Jim Dean and Keith to make the 1980 Seattle Invitational an ISC WT Qualifier and to approve the Norwest League an ISC Travel League with berth given to league champion starting in 1981. Keith was appointed as ISC Travel League Commissioner, which he did for two years.

He stepped down at the end of 1982 and then was asked to rejoin from 1999 to 2008. In 2013 he was asked to rejoin and still with the ISC to this day, for a total of 25 years of service. He has been a member of the ISC Executive Committee as ISC US Vice President since 2022, Keith was appointed as the Director of ISC Legends Tournament in 2016 and continues to fulfill that role. The ISC Legends Tournament is part of ISC WT and has been big success for fastpitch players aged 50 plus.

In 2002 Keith and Craig Donaldson reorganized the Norwest League after a four-year period of inactivity, with strong field of six teams for ISC sanctioned play. The champion goes on to represent the Norwest League at the ISC WT. They designated an ISC Qualifying Tournament in Vancouver, BC for a berth as well.

Keith has been involved in men's fast pitch since 1970 as a player, manager, league administration, ISC Commissioner continuously for this the 54th year. He looks forward to going to the ISC WT each year; seeing fellow commissioners, working on committees, attending board meetings, renewing friendships, enjoying the tournament competition and helping with testing the bat compression for team players prior to playing their first games. The three-day Legends Tournament starts mid-week at

the ISC World Tournament. Players from all over come to relive their former glory and renew long time relationships. From start to finish, the whole process of organizing and overseeing the pool play, the playoffs, up to awarding a champion is Keith's highlight.