



MINNESOTA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME
NOMINATION FORM



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- ☐ Superior Performance
☒ Meritorious Service
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- ☒ Player ☒ Manager/Coach
☐ Promoter ☐ Administrator
☒ Umpire ☐ Sponsor

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- ☒ Fastpitch
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☒ Slowpitch

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Stephen Pieterick

I) NOMINEE'S PERSONAL STATS:

I have been involved in fast pitch softball since I was 12 years old. My father, Stanley Pieterick, who is currently a Hall of Fame member organized and directed Harris softball for over 30 years. He had me involved at a very young age, playing on youth teams and also involved with the local baseball team. When the Harris kids merged with North Branch, we basically took over the program. I began playing organized men's fast pitch when I was 16 years old. I played in numerous leagues over the years before retiring at the age of 55.

There are no statistics available any longer from my playing days. I assume my career batting average was probably around .280 during my playing days. I had the privilege of playing fast pitch softball during the area when fast pitch was at its height and there were some great teams during that time.

I moved from the infield in my early days to the outfield where I became a pretty good outfielder. Mr. Alexander, our manager at Harris, moved me from shortstop to center field where I excelled at. Was a good move for me. Later in my career I played other positions from outfield to catcher and first base, a nice position when you cannot run anymore. In my thirties we probably played close to a 100 games per year. I also played a couple nights of slow pitch during this era, which I think really improved my outfield skills. I also played on a mixed couple team during this time also.

In addition to playing, I also helped coach some girls fast pitch and did some instruction camps also. I also have coached basketball at Mounds View High School for 37 years under Zig Kauls. I wish we had kept track of our stats during this time but there was no one doing it in those days. I was glad I had an understanding wife during those days, which helped a lot because of the demanding time our softball commitment took. Softball was king in Harris and a great time for fast pitch.

II) NOMINEES PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I began my playing career playing for the Harris Tigers, Harris, Mn. Harris softball came into its own when Bill Mobeck, our pitcher moved to town, and overnight we became a pretty good small town team. While with Mobeck as our pitcher we entered better leagues. Our hometown Harris league at that time was the Land of Pines league. We also began playing in the Stillwater

League, the Coon Rapids League, the New Brighton League and Robbinsdale. After leaving Harris, I played on the teams Tom Lofboom organized. We played under a couple different sponsors, Burnett Realty, Daperna Jewelers, and Pure Gold in the Harris league. With Tom as our player, coach, and manager we played in the prestigious leagues of Lake Elmo, Stillwater and Harris. Later we played in the West St Paul League and the ISC on weekends. In the ISC League we played teams such as All-American Bar, Mankato, Oden, and Scandia to name a few.

During the years with Tom, I was the center fielder, first base and sometimes I was the catcher. I was the MVP at two different tournaments. I probably averaged around 10 home runs per year, batted between 280 and 300 for the season. Played on two all star teams and was a rather good outfielder. I also coached some girl fast pitch teams and helped with instructional clinics at Coon Rapids. I played high school baseball for North Branch High School, lettering 5 years, all conference 2 years and had a 750 batting average my senior year. During my high school years, I was also playing fast pitch for Harris two to three nights per week. Most personal accomplishments are made possible because of your teammates. Without good teammates and understanding coaches individual accomplishments would be hard to come by. I was fortunate to have great teammates during my playing years.

III) NOMINEE'S TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Our team accomplishments were many. While playing for Harris, we played almost every weekend at some tournament. We played in the Alexandria Tournament, Fargo Tournaments, Detroit Lakes Grand Forks, Rochester, Eau Clair, Mankato, Lake Lillian, Duluth, Coon Rapids, Austin, Robbinsdale, Sioux Falls, Cloquet, and the Harris tournaments. We were also in numerous State Tournament. We won the Alexandria, Fargo, Coon Rapids, Detroit Lakes, and Harris Tournaments. We were runner up 2 years in the Alexandria and Fargo tournaments. We were runner up in two state tournaments also. While playing for Depot Bar in St Paul, we won the St Paul Classic League but lost in the regional tournament in North Dakota.

While playing for Tom Lofboom, we were the 1978 Minnesota Class B Fast Pitch State Champions. We won the 1990 Harris Old Timers Tournament and were the 1993 Men's Fast Pitch over 40 State Champions. We also won the Waverly tournament also. During our hay day we played 100 to 120 games per summer. We

had many league championships also. We were in Lake Elmo and Stillwater, and Harris league. Plus playing in the ISC League on weekends. We won the West St Paul league three times and the Lake Elmo league two times and finished with a winning record in the ISC league and won the Harris tournament twice.

I also played some mixed couples' softball with Tom Lofboom during this time, and we were the State Champions the one year we played.

We played Scandia, Whitaker Buick and the All-American Bar over the years also. One of the best leagues we played in, was the Stillwater League with Scandia, Grain Belt, Lake Elmo and two other Stillwater Teams and one from Hudson.

There were some great pitchers during this era also, Wayne Erickson, Hugh Rose, Al Dewald, Dutch Elbers, Bill Mobeck, Bo Johnson, Brad Ramberg, Dave Meyers, BoBo Johnson, Jim Lindberg and Ron Witsell to name a few.

I was able to play fast pitch during its hay day. I would like to thank the Softball Hall of Fame for the opportunity to be considered for the Hall of Fame. It would be a great honor to be admitted. Would also love to join my father Stanley Pieterick in the hall. Thank you for considering me.