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The 36th Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on Saturday evening, October 24 at the Bloomington Doubletree Airport Hotel near the Mall of America. The Hall of Fame biennially recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the sport of softball.

Softball is the largest adult and youth team participant sport in Minnesota and the nation with over 4,000 teams participating in the local program.

A total of 20 individuals in the player, manager, umpire, sponsor, promoter, administrator, organizer, volunteer or media category have been selected for induction this year. Included are:

Name	Category	Softball Hometown(s)
Gary Bjur	Player	Lake Lillian
Roger Cheyne	Umpire	Scandia/Forest Lake
Allan Curry	Player/Manager/Sponsor	Redwood Falls
Brad Emanuel	Player	Duluth
Mitch Grossell	Player	St. Charles/Lewiston/Rochester
Paul Heers Jr*	Player	Owatonna/Geneva/New Ulm
Randy Hill	Player/Manager/Sponsor	Duluth
Greg Isaacson	Player	Scandia
Robert "Bob" Kuehlwein	Umpire	Woodbury/South St. Paul
Debra "Puffer" Mayhew	Player	Duluth/Superior
Blake Meshke	Manager/Player/Sponsor/Admin	Lake Crystal
Jim Olson	Manager/Player/Sponsor/Admin	Duluth
Kirk Parsons	Player/Coach	Vernon Center/Lake Crystal
Rich Pohlmeier	Umpire	Brownton
Richard Quigley	Manager/Player/Sponsor/Admin	Scandia
Kevin Rogers	Coach/Organizer/Sponsor	Okabena
John Schaust	Player	Hollywood
Steve Schmid	Player	St. Paul
Jeff Swenson	Manager/Player	Minneapolis
Tim Wabbe	Player	Hollywood

* = inducted posthumously

2025's banquet was attended by more than 350 people and an equal or greater number is expected this year.

The average age of this year's inductee is 70.

The cost of the banquet is $72.50. Tickets may be obtained from the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame: 118 12th Ave N. • South St. Paul, MN 55075 or online at https://msf1.org/?p=23719.
Phone (651) 451-3140. Deadline for tickets is Wednesday, October 14.

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