

# **BOB WELBY MEMORIAL RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AWARD**

## **Glenn Verge - Sponsor - 2014**

Glenn Verge, Newmarket ON



For close to half a century Glenn Verge has coached, managed and sponsored fastball teams in Ontario, notably in Newmarket and Owen Sound.

In the late 1970s, with encouragement from ISC founder Carrol Forbes and Owen Sound's Lloyd Simpson, Glenn's Newmarket ON Rays team became interested in the International Softball Congress.

In 1980, the Rays and Grimsby ON Peach Kings competed at the ISC World Tourney in Tempe AZ. Both teams were competitive (Grimsby finished 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Aurora IL and Phoenix AZ), and their participation created controversy in

Canada, specifically in Ontario.

Fastball administrators deemed that players who competed in the ISC would not be allowed to play in OASA (Ontario) and Canadian Championships.

Glenn lobbied and led opposition to the ruling, and through judicial courts was able to get the suspensions lifted.

Glenn's efforts were instrumental in Ontario-based teams competing in the ISC and provided the current opportunity for Ontario teams to claim the title for the last six years (2008-2013).