

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

**Jimmy Dean - Manager/Contributor - 2013**



Jimmy was the driving force with the ISC coming to the Northwest in 1980. He contacted Carrol Forbes who came up to the Seattle Invitational that year.

Mr. Forbes told Jimmy Dean and Bob Beyers if their ball club was competitive in the tourney he would award a berth to them for the 1980 ISC World Tournament in Arizona. Westside Federal won the tournament and they went to the world tournament. This was the beginning of the Norwest Area (WA/OR/ID & BC) sending teams to the world tournament and hosting two world tournaments in Victoria, BC.

Jimmy took Westside Federal to the world tournament for the next 3 years before

joining Pay n Pak in 1983. He convinced the organization to go to the world tournament in 1985. He was the operations manager with the team that went every year through 1996, winning the title in 1985, 1986 and 1990.

He introduced Tim O'Hara to Carrol Forbes in 1980 and Carrol appointed him area commissioner. Jimmy requested the Norwest Major Fastpitch league to become an ISC Travel League in 1981. His tireless work getting the best competition for his organizations to play in Seattle and working with Norwest league was unsurpassed.

Jimmy has been with teams at the ISC world tournament over 15 times, won the championship three times. He worked behind the scenes to help Victoria with their successful bids to host the tournament in 1990 and 1997. He promoted the game and was involved as a committee member with the 1980 ISF tournament held in Tacoma, WA. He was the president of the Greater Seattle Fastpitch Assoc. for 3 years.

At the initial meeting with Carrol Forbes in 1980, Jimmy laid the groundwork for our area with him, got the travel league status for the Norwest league and got an area tournament qualifier for the 1981. Now this doesn't look like much these days, but there were many leagues wanting travel league status for entry to the ISC world tournament. The Norwest league had some of the finest teams in the world playing in it Canadian National Champions, ASA National Champions and ISC Champion teams.

It is hard to put a specific item as his glory, as like a player, but without leadership and organization with the ball clubs, these teams would have never made their appearances. Jimmy was a tireless organizer and a person of his word. He was inducted into the Greater Seattle Fastpitch Hall of Fame in 1999. Whenever Jimmy attended any fast pitch event everyone knew him and enjoyed his stories. There was no better administrator and organizer in the game in the 1980s to mid 1990s.