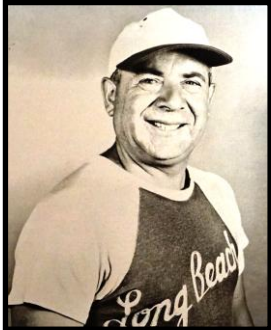




Joe Rogers - HoF - 1970



As founder, owner, manager and shortstop of the Long Beach Nitehawks, Joe Rodgers is solely responsible for putting Long Beach on the map in the fastpitch softball scene.

He brought Friday night softball to Long Beach and saw his teams play to standing room only crowds. Under Joe Rodgers' direction, the Nitehawks won seven ISC World Titles.

He also served as Vice President of the ISC from 1952 to 1967. Joe Rodgers was inducted to the ISC Hall of Fame in 1970 and he has also been inducted into the Helms Hall of Fame.

As the original owner of what is now Joe Rodgers Field, he donated the land to the City of Long Beach for recreational softball play.