

## Carrol Forbes, Greeley, CO

Founder and Executive Director



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1909-1982

Displeased with what he believed to be oppressive and suffocating rules, a young and energetic Greeley, Colorado tire merchant, Carrol Forbes, who promoted softball as a sideline, decided to bolt from the Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA) and form another governing body for the sport.

The National Softball Congress was founded in 1947 by LARRY WALKER, of Phoenix, Arizona, and others, including CARROL FORBES.

In December of 1950, Forbes, a former president of the NSC, split with Walker and formed a new organization, the International Softball League, for men only. The ISL held championships from 1951 through 1957. The NSC ceased operations after 1957 and Forbes brought some of the NSC's administrators into his group and renamed it the INTERNATIONAL SOFTBALL CONGRESS.

In the late 1940s, while traveling North America at his own expense to promote the sport and his new organization, he was also busy building a ballpark on his own land with his money in Greeley. The new Forbes Field was the site of the next three World Tournaments.

Known as "The Finest Little Park in the West," Forbes Field housed crowds in excess of 5,000 numerous times during the three-year span and helped put his new organization on its financial feet. Forbes was the mastermind and the ramrod of the ISC for 35 years. He devoted his life to his wife Vera, their family, his church and softball. His "by the book" leadership has become the foundation of the International Softball Congress.

Today, the ISC World Tournament Championship Trophy is named in honor of Carrol Forbes. In addition, the Carrol Forbes Foundation provides funding for pitching training and youth development in boys and men's fastpitch softball.