

Dr. Bob Nydick, Miami Beach, FL



Dr. Robert Nydick was born on March 28, 1956 and his softball journey has been lengthy, but well worth the significant effort.

At age 17, Bob started playing fastpitch in his local Whitemarsh League in Pennsylvania and during a teaching stint in Australia in the mid-nineties, played on a local team that qualified for a national championship.

That taste of success embedded a goal of competing at the highest level in the ISC World Tournament. The journey commenced in earnest when Bob retired from playing and concentrated on managing a team. In 2004 Bob brought his Quaker Riversharks to the ISC Worlds

in Fargo, ND compiling a 4-2 record and tying for 9th overall. That season launched a lengthy string at ISC World Tourneys as the Philadelphia, PA Quaker Riversharks (2004-05), Orillia, ON Riversharks (2006-07), joining forces to form the Kitchener, ON Rivershark Twins (2008-2010) and then collaborating with the New York, NY Gremlins from 2012 to present day.

Since 2008, teams for which Dr. Bob had a role as sponsor, coach, talent co-ordinator, team builder or master recruiter, have all been in the Final Four, winning four ISC World Championships (2008-09 Kitchener, ON Rivershark Twins and 2018-19 New York, NY Gremlins) and four runner-up finishes.

Gremlins GM / Head Coach Gregg Leather affirms that “Bob is generous with his time, wisdom and guidance with all the individuals that have made up his teams. I have never been involved with someone who has such close relationships with so many of his players including past players who are now opponents.”

Larry Lynch (ISC HoF 2007) shares “Bob has given his life to the enhancement of the game of softball as a major sponsor, trusted critic and a knowledgeable addition to world champion coaching strategists.... he surrounds himself with quality peers who make the game even better when delivered at the highest level of the ISC.”

Nick McCurry (ISC HoF 2015) states that Bob “brings a level of competitiveness to teams, but also makes sure his players represent the uniform and sport with class.”

It has been a long journey, the potholes have been few and the successes abundant.