

Wes Haymond Salt Lake City, UT



Bill Hillhouse, who left high school to travel cross country to Utah to be groomed as a member of the US Youth Team, emphatically stated that “Wes Haymond has done everything in softball for every kind of team – managed, coached, organized.”

That is well documented as Haymond has coached in 57 championship tournaments at all levels of the sport, for both male and female players. As well, he has served as an administrator for more than 30 years as a tournament director, president of the Valley Sports Association and administrator for Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation, as well as lead roles in pitching clinics.

Haymond shared “I was taught the administrative aspect of the game by ISC Executive Director Ken Hackmeister and enjoyed working with him. Mostly, I enjoyed the games and the parks. From Seattle to Tampa, Victoria, BC to Summerside, PEI, from Montgomery, AL to Kimberly, WI, I would arrive a day early for the tournaments. Whoever had the opportunity to be with me, we would head to the ball park the night before, when the parks were empty, but I could hear the ‘voices’. The voices were the spirit of softball that endures.”

In deference to the ISC, he indicated that his grandson’s name has a certain irony to it. The audience responded heartily when he said “My grandson’s name is Asa”.

Hillhouse summarized “It’s appropriate that Wes’ wife Marnye, and their children and grandchildren are in attendance at the induction as they were certainly at the ball parks for years. Softball – from youth to national teams - owes a great deal to Wes.”