



TWINS CAMP 2010 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS PRESENTED

Thirty-seven players Nominated for Recognition!

Thirty-seven different participants were nominated for nine 2010 Minnesota Twins Fantasy Camp Awards. The 2010 Awards were presented at the camp awards ceremony held Saturday, January 16th at the Holiday Inn Ft Myers Airport in Ft Myers. Again this year, Over 50 and Under 50 awards were recognized for camp Cy Young, Gold Glove, Rookie of the Year and Most Valuable Player, as well as the coveted "Kirby Puckett Award". All Award nominations and selections are made by the members of the Pro Staff on Friday morning, following the conclusion of the camp's seven games of pool play.

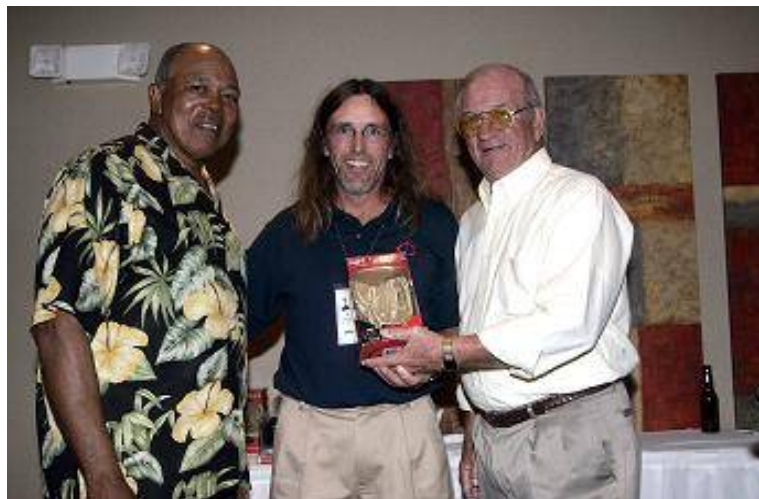


Over 50 Cy Young Winner Paul Smith with coaches Ron Coomer (L) and Dick Stigman (R).



Under 50 Cy Young Winner Craig McMacken with Frank Viola. Not pictured, Tim Laudner

In the "Over 50" Cy Young category, six campers were nominated and included: Ralph Groont, Jim Lundeen, Gerry Sohmer, Paul Smith, Dick Bremer and Dennis Damschroder. This year's award went to Chaska, Minnesota's Paul Smith. The "Under 50" Cy Young slate was equally impressive with Craig McMacken, Will McMacken, Paul Bennett, Dave Hinnenkamp and Joe Ciola all receiving nominations. The 2010 "Under 50" Cy Young went to Craig McMacken of Brookings, South Dakota. Winners of the Cy Young Award received Twins Mini Helmets signed by 1988 American League Cy Young winner and Camp Pro Staff member, Frank Viola.



Over 50 Gold Glove Recipient, John Moore with Tony Oliva (L) and Lee Stange (R)



Under 50 Gold Glove Winner - Chris Trela with Juan Berenguer (L) and Bill Campbell (R)

The "Over 50" Gold Glove nominees this past year included: Matt Galewski, Dan Ciola, Lloyd Pallansch, John Moore, Paul Smith and Mark Lilledahl, with the award going to John Moore of Lino Lakes, Minnesota. Nominees in the "Under 50" Gold Glove category were: Lou Gangemi, Matt Macera, Chris Trela, Jeremy Robbins, Dave Hinnenkamp and Joe Ciola. Chicago's Chris Trela was the winner. This year's Gold Glove Award winners received Rawlings Mini Gold Glove Awards autographed by Twins perennial Gold Glove winner, catcher Joe Mauer.



2020 "Kirby Puckett Award" Winner Dave Litman with Milt Cuyler (L) & Tom Burnansky (R)

The "Kirby Puckett Award" is presented each year to that camper that most exemplifies the passion for the game and positive attitude that Twins Hall of Famer and fan favorite, Kirby Puckett brought to the ballpark each day. This year's award was presented to Charlotte, North Carolina resident, Dave Litman. Dave received his award from his coaches for the week, Milt Cuyler and Tom Brunansky.



Over 50 Rookie of the Year - Charles Crutchfield with Tony Oliva (L) & Lee Stange (R)



Under 50 Rookie of the Year - Will McMacken with Frank Viola, not pictured, Tim Laudner

Mark Lilledahl, Charles Crutchfield, Ken Sczublewski and Ken Murray were the nominees for this year's "Over 50" Rookie of the Year Award. This year's ROY was Dr. Charles Crutchfield of St. Paul, Minnesota. The "Under 50" Rookie race was equally loaded with talent and the nominees included: Will McMacken, Ed Litman, Paul Bennett, Mark Westphal, Dain Charbonneau, Nicole Charbonneau and Matt Macera, with the award going to Brookings, South Dakota native, Will McMacken. Will and Charles both received Twins Mini Helmets signed by 1964 American League Rookie of the Year, Tony Oliva.



Over 50 Most Valuable Player - Mark Lilledahl with Milt Cuyler (L) and Tom Brunansky (R)



Under 50 Most Valuable Player Dave Lukrich with Coach Eric Rasmussen - Not Pictured, Gene Larkin.

There were five nominees for the "Over 50" Camp Most Valuable Player Award in 2010. They were: Mark Lilledahl, Paul Smith, Paul Sampson, Dan Ciola and Mike Atlas. This year's Award was presented to camp rookie, Mark Lilledahl of Howard Lake, Minnesota. The "Under 50" MVP race had seven nominees and included: Dave Lukrich, Will McMacken, Lou Gangemi, Tim Hasse, Paul Bennett, Jeremy Robbins, and Jason Coffel. The MVP Award went to Dave Lukrich of San Francisco, California. Dave and Mark received Twins Mini Helmets autographed by 2007 American League Most Valuable Player, Justin Morneau.

In addition to the awards presented at the the banquet, each of the category winners will receive a wood plaque commemorating this year's recognition. The Pro and Camp staff, wishes to congratulate everyone on a great week of baseball. We also wish to congratulate all of the nominees and award winners for their outstanding play throughout the week!

RON DEGNAN IS "BIG WINNER" AT 2010

CAMP

Ron Surprises Everyone - Including Sandy - With Kangaroo Court Proposal

Among the highlights of any Fantasy Camp are the "Kangaroo Court" sessions held as part of the Tuesday and Friday evening banquets. This year's court sessions were no exception, with Bert Blyleven, Jim "Mudcat" Grant and Frank Quilici again serving as Judges. However, one of this year's court sessions did have a truly unique aspect to it.



Veteran Twins Camper, Ron Degnan pops "the big question" to Sandy Weiden!

During the Friday night Kangaroo Court, a historic camp first took place. On Thursday, Sandy Weiden arrived in Ft Myers to share the conclusion of camp week with her significant other, Ron Degnan. This wasn't Sandy's first trip to camp, having joined Ron during camp week in 2008. In fact, it was at the 2008 camp that Sandy got her first taste of Kangaroo Court justice, when both she and Ron were cited by Judge Blyleven for the egregious offense of "Public Display of Affection" when Sandy was seen giving Ron a kiss following a camp game.

On Friday, January 15th, Ron had approached Bert and Stan with a favor that he wanted from the "court". So as part of the evenings court proceedings, Ron was asked to approach the bench where he was again cited for "Public Affection" and fined \$5.00. Judge Blyleven then asked Sandy to join them on stage, where she was admonished for her "second offense" of "Public Affection", which according to the court required a more serious reprimand, and a \$50.00 fine was levied. Sandy was then asked by Judge Blyleven as to whether or not she had the \$50, to which Sandy replied, "no". Judge Blyleven then turned to Ron to see if he could assist. It was at this point that Ron pulled an engagement ring from his pocket and asked the court "will this work"? Judge Blyleven then suggested that Ron ask Sandy - which he did! Dropping to one knee, Ron proposed to Sandy in front of the nearly 150 campers and friends that had assembled.

The room erupted in applause and there was more than a few wet eyes in the crowd. In discussing Ron's proposal, long time Pro Staff member, Dave Boswell commented, "In all of the years that I've been part of the camp, I don't recall any other marriage proposals. It's safe to say that the camp may have contributed to a few marital disagreements - but never a marriage proposal. I've been fortunate to be Ron's coach at several camps and wish he and Sandy as much happiness as Lou and I have had in our marriage".



Ron & Sandy Celebrate

(Ron & Sandy Photos Courtesy of Dave Litman)

By the way, Sandy did of course say "Yes"! On behalf of the extended camp family, we wish Sandy and Ron all of the best and a lifetime of happiness - Congratulations and thanks for allowing us to be part of this monumental event!

CAMP CHEF GEORGE SERRA MAKES TWIN CITIES FOX 9 APPEARANCE

Internationally Recognized Chef Promotes Charity Event - Twins Camp

The Minnesota Twins Baseball Fantasy Camp's Executive Chef, George Serra, recently appeared on a segment of FOX 9's morning program. Chef George was on hand to share a recipe and to promote an annual wild-game, fund raising banquet hosted by Augustana Health Services.



Chef George Serra

During his interview, Chef George discusses cooking for Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Herbert Walker Bush, among other celebrities.

To view the entire segment, please click on the following link: [Chef George](#)

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

From all of us at the

