The History of the Lee's Summit Baseball Association

The re-dedication of Lea McKeighan Park South is to honor the rich history of our community and its founders. It will also serve to pay tribute to all the youth who learned many of life's skills as a result of their participation in youth baseball and to honor the past presidents, board members, coaches and volunteers with the Lee's Summit Baseball Association, who worked tirelessly to promote baseball and teach good sportsmanship and the value of teamwork through the many years that it was home to youth baseball. While the use of the park has changed from baseball it will continue to serve youth and their families for years to come.

The renovations of the park are the result of the extraordinary efforts and support of the 1996 and 2005 citizen led Visionary Task Forces, and the support of our Lee's Summit Citizens.

The strategic plan they developed called 'Legacy for Tomorrow' and 'Legacy for Tomorrow and Beyond' addressed open space, neighborhood parks, greenways, and other community recreation needs including the redevelopment of this park.

LSBA Presidents

The Lee's Summit Baseball Association was established in 1961. For over 50 years this collection of volunteers has provided over 100,000 youth and their families memories for a lifetime. Good leadership is an important part of the success of this organization and includes Presidents Lloyd Thompson, Jerry R. Roller, Sr., Mel D. Toler, Tom Bennett, Mike Grassley, John O'Bryant, Tom Schelp, Garrett Crews, John Ulrich, and Kent Lauer.

The Blue Darter Trophy

The Blue Darter Trophy is awarded annually to one player in each division. The purpose is to recognize players who demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship, hustle, enthusiasm and commitment. Baseball skills are not a criteria. The trophy was created by Mr. Jim Shoot and has been awarded annually since 1971. Mr. Shoot coached for many years and personally presented the trophy until his passing in 1998. The following list includes recipients presented with the award through the rededication of this park. Awardees since the rededication are listed at Legacy Park where our baseball traditions continue.

1971	Mike Hatfield
1972	Mark Hirt
1972	Lee Brummett
1972	Chris Grey
1972	Pat Nill
1972	Larry Finley
1972	Jeff Hawkins
1972	Darrell Arends
1973	Donald Warner
1973	Jeff White
1973	Billy Conkling
1973	Gary Meier
1973	Eddie Neale
1973	Jeff Diekmann
1973	George Abbot
1973	Steve Eager
1974	David Hix
1974	Mike Nill
1974	George Lord
1974	Jeff White
1974	Tim Sharp
1974	Mike Johnson & Pat Nill
1974	Bob Reiman
1974	Roger Fender
1975	Bryan Smith
1975	Timmy King
1975	Junior Hernandez
1975	Mike Griffin
1975	Brad White
1975	Terry Taylor
1975	Gary Meier
1975	Ed Bruce
1976	Chris McCoy
1976	Brian Riggs
1976	Kevin Hart
1976	Herb Dempsey
1976	Terry Mountain
1976	Troy Robinson
1976	Brad Parrish
1976	Scotty Bell
1976	Team Award
1977	Erid Martin
1977	Marty Baslee
1977	Mike Comisky
1977	Danny Doyel
1977	Junior Hernandez
1977	Brett Parrish
1977	Doug Bock
1977	Ron Griesel
1977	Team Award
1978	Todd More
1978	Dennis May
1978	Chuck Graham
1978	Robert Tye
1978	Chuck Ulrich
1978	Lon Johnson
1978	Chris Wood
1978	Jeff Phillips
1978	Mark Lowderman
1978	Sam Russo
1979	Roy Martin
1979	Jeff Rozier
1979	Randy Cates
1979	Tim Doherty
1979	Shawn Dulohery
1979	Donnie Warner
1979	Monte Johnson
1979	Goeff Arbuckle
1979	Freddie Whitson
1980	Eric Emerson
1980	Brian Stickland
1980	Jim Leach
1980	Brig Spurck
1980	Jeff Brockman
1980	Danny Doyel
1980	Mike Ruth
1981	Lantz Hurlock
1981	Todd Phillips
1981	Chad Holland
1981	Eric Martin
1981	Tim Doherty
1981	DE Dang
1981	David Hix
1981	Brad White
1982	Stewart Bradley
1982	Steven Parker
1982	Mike Grassley
1982	Tim Connors
1982	Chris Arbuckle
1982	Jeff Wood
1982	Kyle Guenther
1983	Randy Greer
1983	Brian & Jeff Zoller
1983	Rick Brewer
1983	Tim Hunt
1983	Jim Ed Underwood
1983	Shawn Abrahamson
1983	Tim Bell
1984	Scott Stuckey
1984	Patrick Win
1984	Joey Croft
1984	Justin Turentine
1984	Steve Sprague
1984	Chris Arbuckle
1984	Robert Tye
1985	Mike Nichols
1985	Scott Stuckey
1985	Michael Finney
1985	Buddy Spurck
1985	Tim Hunt
1985	Geoff Arbuckle
1985	Mike Spurck
1986	Daniel Robinson
1986	Terrance White
1986	Nate Flint
1986	Steve Parker
1986	Roy Martin
1986	Mike Hilbert
1986	Jarrod Titus
1987	John Chambers
1987	Bryan Fulkerson
1987	Ryan Apgar
1987	Jeff Hardin
1987	Kurt Blixt
1987	Chad Morehead
1987	Mike Hilbert
1988	Jared Parker
1988	Dusty Butler
1988	Bobby Waight
1988	Mike Foster
1988	Scott Stuckey
1988	Chris Evans
1988	Rick Green
1988	Chad Morehead
1989	Scott Ditzler
1989	Scott Richards
1989	Bret Rohan
1989	Eric Howell
1989	Michael Nichols
1989	Ryan Apgar
1989	John Lovell
1989	Chris Meisburger
1989	Jason Sievers
1990	Paul Milosovich
1990	Jared Kyle
1990	Doug Bracken
1990	Tim Bracken
1990	Josh Wilson
1990	Marc Moore
1990	Mike Foster
1990	Travis Nichols
1990	Geoff Robinson
1990	Scott Liles
1991	Adam Shrout
1991	Matt Holmes
1991	Ryan Doherty
1991	Jeff Gorden
1991	Kristopher Gross
1991	Tim Stuckey
1991	Matt Musselman
1991	Andy Bond
1991	Brad Frazee
1991	Chris Wiltfong
1992	Lindsay Snyder
1992	Tim Anderson
1992	Joshua Luck
1992	Matthew Denniston
1992	Jeff Little
1992	Tim Denker
1992	Travis Ebert
1992	David Speaks
1992	Aaron Custer
1992	Rob Stutzman
1993	John Spiegel
1993	Mitchell Hays
1993	Tyler Graffeo
1993	Adam Noteis
1993	Jarrod Gravatt
1993	Matt Haug
1993	Kitt Mellem
1993	Brant Hammons
1993	Andy Bond
1993	Brad Frazee
1994	Kyle Wilkerson
1994	Matthew Turpin
1994	Ryan Martens
1994	Matthew Landess
1994	Craig Seidelman
1994	Brandon Summers
1994	Terry Burgess
1994	Pat Maloney
1994	Matt Decker
1994	Todd Templeton
1995	Skyler Nickols
1995	Kevin Shrout
1995	Tyler Koonce
1995	Mathew Cassity
1995	Nick Wienel
1995	Darin Meyers
1995	Freddie Demoro
1995	Brandon Elliott
1995	Chad Cross
1995	Shawn Vaughn
1996	Bradley Phillips
1996	Kyle Wineiger
1996	Chance Hilt
1996	Nathan Gartin
1996	Ryan Pinkston
1996	Drew Bellah
1996	Mika Thomas
1996	Kyle Ramage
1996	Chris Wallace
1996	Ethan Cole
1997	Todd Hocker
1997	Mitchell Stagle
1997	Mike Goodman
1997	Chris Coussens
1997	Kevin Sehnert
1997	Chris Veit
1997	Adam Scrogham
1997	Dustin Lassiter
1997	John Eads
1997	Brandon Freeborn
1998	Jacob Morgan
1998	Jeff Grote
1998	Justin McIntyre
1998	Jeremy Cunningham
1998	Eric Ulrich
1998	Jim Cooper
1998	Kris Haddock
1998	Richard Sweeney
1998	Nick Bell
1998	Pat Thomas
1999	Jon Foley
1999	Tate Caldarello
1999	Kerry Williams
1999	Matt Norris
1999	Aaron Bryant
1999	Chris Coussens
1999	Bo Forrester
1999	Alec Vemmer
1999	Adam Camey
1999	Adam West
1999	Brad Heineman
1999	Curt Harrelson
2000	Quinton Conyers
2000	Alex Cusimano
2000	Austin Reed
2000	Andrew Holt
2000	Luke Warner
2000	Diego Posten
2000	Kevin Denny
2000	Jeff Gann
2000	John Bird
2000	Keith Carter
2000	Chad Barr
2000	Justin Staggs
2001	Kyle McLagan
2001	Keith Herman
2001	Brian Moraine
2001	Charles Chen
2001	Jordan Clapp
2001	Josh Kennedy
2001	Keith Robertson
2001	Reed Russel
2001	Stephen Dysart
2001	Danny Brummel
2001	James Asher
2001	Travis Culp
2002	Shawn Van Beacelare
2002	Conor Tierney
2002	Michael Doherty
2002	Christian Binger
2002	Gavin Moore
2002	Matt Ryan
2002	Sam Honomichl
2002	Kyle Bass
2002	Tanner Pap
2002	Paul Rader
2002	Sal Bechina
2003	Jack Roberts
2003	Jack Rosine
2003	T J Taylor
2003	Andrew Spellman
2003	Brian Hallis
2003	Michael Riordan
2003	Nick Langsdale
2003	Brian Jochem
2003	Donny Thomas
2003	Jeff Eiskina
2004	Ethan Frostestad
2004	Trevor Wright
2004	John Paul Krawczyk
2004	Will Marko
2004	Jordan Ruby
2004	Nick Lyman
2004	Zach May
2004	Josh Howard
2004	David Puckett
2004	Chris Rose
2005	Jackson Sell
2005	Caleb Riley
2005	Davis Perry
2005	Mary Kate Cronin
2005	Christian Quijas
2005	Logan Drake
2005	Austin Eden
2005	Michael Benter
2005	Matt Ryan
2005	Sam Haggard
2006	Zachary Wilhite
2006	Corey Pepers
2006	Jacob Bamesberger
2006	Devin Scott
2006	Nick Gavin
2006	Scott C. Lutz
2006	Bradford Peace
2006	John Duffy
2006	Blake Bodenhamer
2006	Andrew Jundt
2007	Cooper Davis
2007	Willie Trafton
2007	Gavin Curless
2007	Jacob Hillbrand
2007	Tuff Hicks
2007	Jackson Marsac
2007	Jeremy Koenig
2007	Elijah Bradshaw
2007	Clint Ott
2007	Tanner Boman
2008	Thalen Wright
2008	Jackson Wells
2008	Christopher Santos
2008	Colton Tracy
2008	Connor Young
2008	Caleb Rowold
2008	Micheal Morrow
2008	Daniel Verschelden
2008	Stan Dujakovich
2008	Brock Fergerson
2009	Thomas Clapp
2009	Landon DeVille
2009	Cooper Lennard
2009	Christian Lynne
2009	Mitch Ross
2009	Charlie Schwepker
2009	Ian Dinkins
2009	Charles Spitsnogle
2009	Lucas Tichota
2009	Tanner McGee
2010	Nick Gerding
2010	Brycen LaRue
2010	Connor Brummett
2010	Brandon Hardy
2010	Boe Hoffman
2010	Avi Serig
2010	Karl Martin
2010	Jonathan Riddle
2010	Cody Brown
2010	T.J. Bray
2011	Paul Johnson
2011	Jake Bookbinder
2011	Alex Kochman
2011	Jeremy Moore
2011	Max Horseman
2011	Jason Weidenhofer
2011	Dustin Alexander
2011	Gavin Snow
2011	Andrew Crance
2011	Kenton Burgess
2012	Dominic Mitchell
2012	Adam Todd
2012	Nathan Callaway
2012	Colin Crowell
2012	Hunter Elliott
2012	Brett Dujakovich
2012	Kevin Marshall
2012	John Molt
2012	Jonas Borchert
2012	Zach Kudlinski
2013	Ezra Walton
2013	Jack McSpurren
2013	Gabe Browning
2013	Michael Gassen
2013	Jude Carter
2013	John Stribling
2013	Gunnar Covinsky
2013	Tristan Garcia
2013	Caleb Walz
2013	Josh Hill

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