



**Doug Hilton** 2009 Inductee

Doug grew up in Michigan and hitch hiked 7 miles to Lansing from his grandparents' farm to play baseball. He played four years of varsity baseball for Mason High School, where the team had a record of 15-1

and 16-0 his last two years. Doug pitched a no-hitter in the last year of his high school career, and was invited for a tryout with the Detroit Tigers. He played one year of college baseball as a relief pitcher at Sonoma State University. In 1986, Doug saw Jerry Karnow and the Phillies playing baseball in Hagen Park at Sullivan Field and joined them a year later. He as been a Phillie each year since then and experienced a new love for the game. Doug was a member of the first Sacramento team to play in the MSBL World Series in Phoenix, AZ placing second to our neighbor league Woodland-Davis. Doug has been playing in the MSBL World Series nearly every year since, and has accumulated 9 championship rings from the Phoenix World Series and one Championship from the MSBL Fall Classic held in Clearwater, FL. Doug has truly been an outstanding athlete and teammate throughout his SMSBL career.